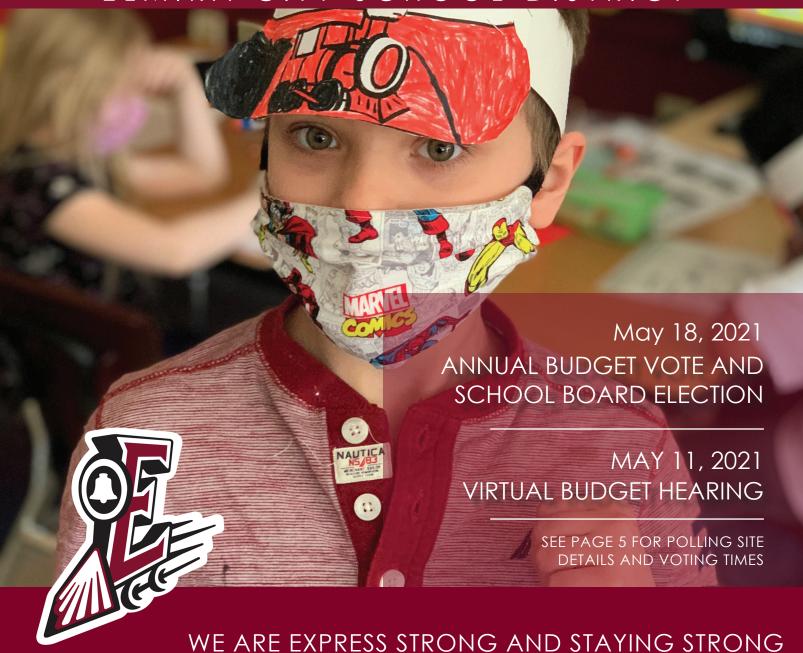


ELMIRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



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A Letter from our Superintendent

Dear Friends,

First, I want to start by thanking our community for supporting the school district, staff, parents, and students throughout this unprecedented and unique year. At every turn and corner of change, our community has shown up time and time again. From community organizations helping to engage our families, to health agencies, financial foundations and more donating the necessary resources to deliver virtual education, I have an enormous amount of respect for the people of Elmira. Repeatedly, I've witnessed the willfulness of our city over and over again.

It's been a unique but important year for our District planning. If there has been any silver lining throughout this pandemic, it's been the time granted to question, ideate and discuss possible improvements to our school systems. COVID has shaken our worlds, but we are grateful for the insight, knowledge and forethought gained throughout our time. We've learned how to think outside of the box in order to continue delivering high quality education, and while not under ideal circumstances, we have been tasked with creative problem solving. I'm pleased to report, that because of the fortitude of our staff and students, many improvements have been made that I foresee 'sticking' to the way we do things in the future. Virtual school has been a welcomed reality for many of our secondary students juggling a mix of life's obstacles, smaller class sizes have allowed more 1:1 connection, a focus on our mental health and physical well-being has allowed us to hyper-focus on solutions to perpetual issues that prevent our students from succeeding, and we have spent a large majority of our time reconnecting with not just our students but their families as well. Family engagement is critical to student success.

On the capital improvement side of the District, the pandemic has actually expedited many improvements, facility upgrades, technology advances and overall building maintenance projects. We are now at least three years ahead of schedule for air filtration system upgrades, our 1:1 device program is nearly fully implemented with students in grades 2-12 now using technology as part of their every day in-person and virtual learning, and we've been able to perfect our disinfecting schedules to almost an every 2-hour daily routine paired with a weekly deep cleansing routine.

Somewhat surreal feeling, we are now planning to mark the traditional senior celebrations in a COVID-friendly way. As we did with the class of 2020, we plan to recognize our resilient Senior Class of 2021 this spring. From prom to graduation, our Elmira High School team is working hard to ensure these traditions are maintained in a healthy and safe way. This class has been uniquely affected by the pandemic, having nearly two years of their high school experience altered in unimaginable ways. It's our responsibility and pleasure to celebrate their many successes.

As you read through this update, you'll find our 2021-2022 school year budget proposal, our annual vote proposition and important dates regarding the board member election process. We ask that you actively participate in this civic process in a responsible and inquisitive way. As a public educational system, it is not just our duty but it is our responsibility to ensure our voting members of the public are informed and knowledgeable. Our Business Management Office and District Administration are always happy to answer questions or help to clarify for you.

As always, we appreciate your ongoing support.

We are #ExpressStrong!

Hillary J. Austin

Superintendent of Schools Elmira City School District



DOUBLE-TIME FOR BUILDING AND FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

As always, student and staff safety are our top priority. Below, we've included some information about how our buildings and maintenance department has remained proactive throughout the pandemic to upgrade our facilities with state-of-the-art air filtration and disinfecting systems.

BUILDING UPGRADES, HEALTHY SCHOOLS

From staff training to new equipment purchases, our school environments have become healthier each day due to the new protocols, systems and cleaning programs set in place by our team.

- Our staff is disinfecting multiple times per day. All high touch surfaces in common areas like desks and tables are disinfected in the evenings. Our staff has completed critical training programs to learn the best ways to disinfect these surfaces in a safe and healthy way.
- Anti-microbial surface treatments have been applied on student desks and horizontal surfaces in order to fight infectious disease upon contact.
- Increased ventilation rates and durations are being monitored daily for improved air quality. Outdoor air exchange has increased which has improved ventilation.
- Merv 13 filters are now in place in mechanical units that serve multiple spaces in our school buildings.
- Bottle fill stations have been installed at various locations in each of our schools across the District to provide a safe way to deliver drinking water to our students and staff.

Now that the weather is changing, we can expect to open windows to further infuse learning spaces with fresh air. We look forward to a healthy start of spring with clean and hygienic school environments for all of our students.



PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

TOTAL

PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

ANTICIPATED REVENILIES

Administration
Instruction
Charter School
Physical Plant
Transportation
Benefits
Debt Service
Community Schools and Transfers

TOTAL

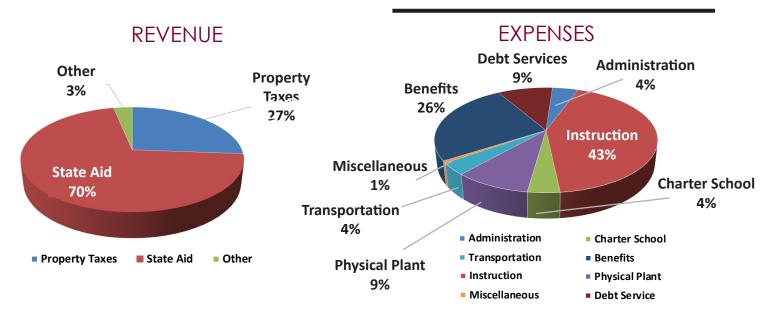
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\$133,322,023	\$134,480,427
2020-2021	2021-2022
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\$133,322,023	\$134,480,427

2020-2021

\$90,153,786

2021-2022

\$94,569,305



PROPERTY TAX INFORMATION

A proposed 0% tax levy increase is included in this year's budget due to the additional foundation aid provided by the State of New York and the due diligence of Elmira City School District. This proposed tax levy is under the calculated tax levy limit of 2.01%.

ANNUAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Broadway Academy

Maximum \$100,000

Mechanical Upgrades

• Auditorium dimming system, mechanical replacements

Classroom Renovations

Flooring

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION 1 | APPROVAL OF BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the proposed \$134,480,427 General Fund Budget of the Elmira City School District, Chemung County, New York for 2021-2022 be approved in accordance with Section 2022 of the Education Law and that the balance of said budget, after applying public monies thereto, be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of said district.

BOARD MEMBER ELECTION

Three (3) seats on the Board of Education are to be filled at the Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election to be held on May 18, 2021. The three (3) candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms commencing July 1, 2021 and expiring June 30, 2024.

MAY 18, 2021 | 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M. ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Locations: School District voters residing North of the Chemung River (including residents of the Lowman area) vote at Ernie Davis Academy located at 933 Hoffman Street.

Voters residing South of the Chemung River (including residents of the Golden Glow area) vote at Elmira High School located at 777 S. Main

MAY 11, 2021 | 5:00 P.M. VIRTUAL BUDGET HEARING

The Budget Hearing will be held virtually and will be live streamed at elmiracityschools.com.

2021-2022 BUDGET BOOK

The 2021-2022 Proposed Budget Book with extensive details about the budget is available at elmiracityschools.com

YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IF YOU ARE:

- Registered to vote in general elections
- A resident of the District for at least 30 days preceding the election
- At least 18 years old on the date of the election
- A U.S. Citizen

ABSENTEE BALLOTS | DUE BY 5 P.M. ON MAY 18, 2021

Questions?

Call the Deputy District Clerk at 607.735.3054

Eligible voters are permitted to obtain an absentee ballot for risk of contracting or spreading disease or illness to the voter or other community members. The current Executive Order from NYS does not include guidelines this year that would allow us to mail absentee ballots to the households of every eligible voter in Elmira.

The ECSD mails absentee ballots to voters listed as 'permanently disabled' by the Chemung County Board of Elections. Other registered voters who cannot get to the polls on May 18 due to illness or travel may also vote by using an absentee ballot.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATION PROCESS

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT PROCESS

Voters wishing to vote by Absentee Ballot must complete an Absentee Ballot application. Absentee Ballot applications can be picked up at District Administration Offices at 430 W. Washington Ave in Elmira, NY.

Applications must be received by the School District Clerk by May 11, 2021 for the Ballot to be mailed to the voter (7 days prior).

Voters who have completed and returned an application in exchange for an Absentee Ballot are required to return the completed ballot to the District Administration Offices by 5 p.m. on May 18, 2021. Voters can mail or drop-off their Ballots in the drop-box located on the front step of District Administration Building (430 W. Washington Ave., Elmira NY) or to the main office by ringing the front door bell.

PROGRAM FOR INCLUSION AND NEURODIVERSITY EDUCATION

As a District, our staff and faculty continue to advance our commitment to inclusive educational environments in our schools. Especially this year as the pandemic has changed the classrom landscape, we are making important strides in transforming our classrooms into inclusive communities that meet the needs of all students.

In our efforts to become a more inclusive and equitable educational community, we have partnered with The Program for Inclusion and Neurodiversity Education (PINE).

The Program for Inclusion and Neurodiversity Education (PINE) draws from the NYU Steinhardt ASD (Autistic Spectrum Disorder) Nest Support Project's 15+ years of experience in the NYC school system. ASD Nest is a school-based inclusion model in which autistic students are educated in their neighborhood school alongside their general education peers.

"This partnership is providing opportunities for professional development, coaching, and support to transform our educational community and create inclusive schools where all students can thrive because of the proven success PINE has witnessed in their work with educators, related service providers, and advocates for students with disabilities," says Dr. Joyce A. Carr, Ed. D., Supervisor of Special Education and Student Support Services for the Elmira City School District.



Beecher Elementary School, an intermediate building serving students in grades 3-6, is a proud launch partner to the PINE program. This display of certificates proves the knowledge learned by our staff through PINE's diversity training.

"Through this partnership we are creating a shift in mindset that focuses on students' strengths and assumes every student is capable of academic success when supported with the tools necessary to accommodate inclusive learning in neurodiverse schools. Elmira City School District believes our educators and staff truly want to give all our students the best possible education and we are supporting that principle through this work with PINE," continues Dr. Carr.



In partnership with PINE, we are recognizing and celebrating Neurodiversity and Autism Acceptance Month in April. The concept of neurodiversity means that brain differences are just that: differences and they are normal. So a disability such as autism isn't "abnormal." It is simply a variation of the human brain.

For autistic students, with learning and thinking differences, the idea of neurodiversity has real benefits. It can help kids (and their parents) frame their challenges as differences, rather than as deficits. It can also shed light on instructional approaches that might help to highlight particular strengths kids have.

PINE partners with schools and districts committed to better understanding and supporting their neurodiverse school communities.

#AUTISMACCEPTANCE



ELMIRA HIGH SCHOOL SENTOR





Jeremiah Adams Madigan Agan Jared Alford Ariel Allen Joshua Allington Robert Allison Damon Altieri Julia Andress Megan Andrews Adam Arnold Bryce Arnold Jhamir Ashford N'Kai Ashley Brooke Aston Jazmon Augustine Deion Austin Kayla Avery Tyler Avery Jordan Bailey Kaitlyn Bailey-Kelsey Adam Baker Andrew Baker Ariana Baker Emilee Baker Jacob Baker Makiya Baker Maria Balmer Shatavia Banks-Charles Amari Baptist-King Austin Barends DeQuez Barnes Keianna Barnes Alainna Barr Caroline Barr Ethan Bauman Nicholas Baxter Amareonia Beard Devin Beatty Gabriel Beeman Robert Beirne Madison Bellows Justyce Bennett Shyann Bentley Aleesa Berry Nasya Best Madeline Bieber Braden Blish Jacob Blye-McQuaid

Tyrone Boles

Makenzie Bonham Saphire Bonsianore Mara Bowes Kai Bradford Malachi Bradway Thomas Brennan Kyler Brenzo Jayden Brewer Samuel Briggs Ryan Briggs Maleah Brooks **Xzavier Brooks** Haley Brown Jonnathan Brown Matthew Brown Nazir Brown Jermazha Brown-Sutton Aden Buchholz Morgan Burgess Dylan Burlew Victoria Burns Jahmique Butler Damien Camann Jayden Campbell McKensey Cantando Adrianna Cantrell Clarisse Capawana Paige Carboni Ethan Card Mason Cardinale Erica Carnegie Seth Carrigan Natalie Cartwright Kenaniah Caruana Jordan Castle Ryan Cavanaugh Renata Chalk Ryan Champluvier Brandon Chapman Noah Chrisman Hailey Cicconi Khadijah Clayborn Jaden Clune Nathaniel Cone Nolan Cook Matthew Coon Sarah Coon Ethan Coppola Kristen Cress

FUTURE FORWARD

Dear Seniors,

You are at the finish line of what has been an extraordinary, and surely challenging, high school experience. As this chapter starts to close, another begins to open. We, at Elmira High School, wish you nothing but the best of luck as you enter the most exciting and uncertain chapter of your lives. Regardless of where you are headed from here, this part of your journey is one you will all share as the Elmira High School Class of 2021.

Mr. Chris Reger Principal, Elmira High School

Savanna Crowningshield Elizabeth Crump Spurdle Cupid Jr Jaihem Daniel-Quiles Chelsea Daum Garrett Davis Miranda Dawson Christopher Dean John Decker Brian Deitrick Marissa Deitrick Renee Delles Jason Dennison Colby Dense Brendan DeRenzo Dylan Derr Drake Dille Amiyah Dixon **Hunter Dobbs** Nerissa Dodson Leeann Donaldson Cole Donnelly Maranda Dove Hunter Drake Jonathan Drake Madison Drake Elana Drew Mari-Elizabeth Duryea Ashley Edkin Emileiah-Sue Edmister Jeremiah Edwards Hailey Edwards-Stilson Hannah Ellis Ayiana Evans Kyle Farnham Mario Feldmann Anecia Fernandez Naseam Fernandez Jared Ferriter Aimee Field Dezirae Filomeno Luca Firestine-Solometo Gavin Fisk Madelyn Flint Quinnlan Fontanez Joshua Friess Keaira Frost

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Mykaila Jessup Brooke Johnson Marie Johnson Damani Jones Jace Jones Nalia Jones Syairra Jones Morgaan Judson Brendan Kane Dakota Keister Alivia Kellev Natalya Kelly Crystal Kelly Jesse Kemmer Emma Ketter Carry Keyser Kassidy Kimball Jonah Kimble Niya King Tyrell King Logan Kinner Haven Knapp Ireland Krawczyk Dakota Kuczynski Zoey Kwasnik Elizabeth Lampman Serena Lawrence Keishaun Lee Jayson Lewis J'na Lewis Blaine Lewis Jacob Lopez Mikyla Loudenslager Akia Lovell ZacharyLowery Bridaet Lutz Kendra Mace John Maloney Marguerite Manning Kyla Manwaring Damien Marble Antonio Maria Jazmyn Martinez Kayle Mase Joseph Masker Taylor Matthews Savannah Matthews Jason Matthewson Justin Matthewson Haelie May Lauren May Taelor May Maximus Maynard Connor McCarthy Alexander McCartney Logan McKerrow Lacey McKibbin Darren McNaney Ross McNaney Shannon McNaney Monica McPherson Keria McRae Ethan Mickley Joseph Middaugh Abigail Miller Makhi Miller Micah Milo

Marshall Mingos

Yvette Montalvo Madison Morales Andrew Morgan Sariah Morgan Fred Morrison Isabella Morton Landon Morton Parker Moss Brynn Mullen Connor Murphy Matthew Murray Logan Nelson Shyra Newton Jamie Nichols Katie Nichols Lawrence Nickens Meghan Oakley **Brock Ohart** Isaia Osterhout Elizabeth Ostrander Zoie Owen ZacharyPack Moses Parker Aaron Patelunas Andrew Patelunas Talon Patrick Kenneth Paul Ryan Perrigo Olivia Perry Aaron Personius Alonte Peterson Andria Pfuntner Makayla Pharr Kailey Phetmoungkhoune Kiersten Phillips Kadee Potter Olivia Proudfoot Sarah Purvis **IyannahQuilez** Kiah Reaves Adrianna Reed Aiden Reese Jhaniah Reynolds Cameron Rhode Lucas Riley Chase Ripley Orlando Rivera Jeremy Rodriguez Daneishka Rodriguez-Esparra Rylee Roman Rebbecca Rose Adam Rosekrans Nyasiah Ross Cameron Rowley Skylar Rozell Takoda Sackett Joseph Santulli Jr MichaelSaufley Brianna Scott Jose' Servin Ianiya Shaw Olivia Shaw Riley Shaw Declan Sherwood

Anthony Simpson Jr

Taman Sinah

Miguel Smith

Shelby Smith

Sophie Smith Zaria Smith Johnay Smith Adam Soldo Liberty Somers Kristopher Spahalski Vincent Spallone Charles Spence Abagail Spencer Kaya Sproule Abbey Squires Christopher Stanton Caelin Steadman Patrick Stevens Zachary Stewart Christian Stickler Kytrell Stroman Nyzaiah Stroman Ashlee Strunk Aislinn Sullivan Kieran Sullivan Quinn Sullivan Aiden Sunquist Avella Swartwood Patrick Symonds Dillon Szerszen Madison Taft Christopher Talada Taylor Talada Jadyn Terkoski Tyrese Terkoski Ondrea Terrio Meghan Terwilliger Tresean Terwilliger **Justina Thaddies** Codey Thiel Julian Thompson Kesley Thompson Briana Tohafjian **Emily Tohafjian** ZacharyTomisman Carl Townsend Haley Townsend Vanessa Troccia Luke Tubbs Markcal Tyler Maya Tyler Amber Updike Jacob Valdez Don VanStrander Ana-Maria Vicioso Rosa Vicioso Kasey-Jo VonRapacki Sarah VonRapacki Ariyana Walborn ZacharyWalburn Meaghan Wallace Caden Wandell Alivia Ward William Washington Janiah Watkins Morgan Watson Lauren Weaver Maddison Weber Cristy-Lee Webster Atiera Wells Devon Wendela

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Madelynn Wheaton **Emily White** Jodee White Ian Wilcox Nathan Wilcox Nate Wilcox Jade Wildrick J'Sean Williams Nivek Williams Sharon Williams Tanava Williams II Chad Williamson Jacob Williamson Tianna Woodson Cody Wright Kaytlyn Wright Tahi Wright **Zachary Yerkes** Daniel York-Lepere Angel Young Daniel Young Olivia Zerbe ELMIRA HIGH SCHOOL
SENTOR Class of 20 CONGRATULATIONS!

CONGRATULATIONS

2021-22 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Contact Person: Melissa Mendolera	Budgeted	Proposed Budget
Telephone Number: 607-735-3000	2020-21	2021-22
	(A)	(B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	133,322,023	134,480,427
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ¹	34,849,948	34,849,948
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable		
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²		
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	34,849,948	34,849,948
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	1,170,730	1,351,112
G. School Tax Levy Limit , <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	33,684,948	34,198,144
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	33,679,218	33,498,836
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	5,730	699,308
Public School Enrollment	6,861	6,549
Consumer Price Index	1.81%	1.23%

	Actual 2020-21 (D)	Estimated 2021-22 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	19,637,500	24,944,700
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	500,000	5,819,122
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	5,332,881	5,379,217
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%

SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FUNDS

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/21 Actual Balance	6/30/21 Estimated Ending Balance	3/31/21 Actual 6/30/21 Estimated Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2021. Balance Ending Balance
Capital	Capital reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	3,756,420	7,000,000	Will be used during next capital project
Workers' Compensation	worker's compensation reserve	To pay for Workers' Compensation and benefits.	1,538,943	1,539,000	Pay for benefits, medical and admin costs for our self-insured Workers' Comp Plan - 2 claims for \$61,063 and \$36,453 in 20-21.
Unemployment Insurance	UNEMPLOYMENT RESERVE	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	750,430	000'152	Due to COVID, unemployment increased more than 10x in 20-21. \$72,236 was used in 20-21 for reserve.
Reserve for Tax Reduction	reserve for tax reduction	For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.	338,969	339,000	339,000 \$110,000 was used in 20-21
Insurance	Insurance reserve	To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	1,788,784	1,789,000	Pay for property damaged but not insured, i.e. Bus
Liability	reserve for liability	To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	364,567	365,000	Pay for liability claims.
Tax Certiorari	TAX CERTIORARI RESERVE	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	372,583	373,000	Pay judgement claims arising out of tax certiorari proceedings. \$191,918 will be paid out in 20-21.
EBALR – Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	reserve empl benefits/ACC liab	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	1,439,342	1,440,000	Employee reimbursement for unused sick, vacation and personal leave- claims paid totaled \$102,691
Retirement Contribution	RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	9,185,189	9,186,000	9,186,000 Not intended for 20-21
Other Reserve	TEACHERS' RETIREMENT RESERVE		1,438,336	2,162,700	Not intended for 20-21





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