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Our Mission

The Carmel Central School District educates the whole student through partnerships to become lifelong learners in an ever-changing world.

Our Vision

We embrace individuality, provide opportunities for students to discover and pursue their passions, and ignite a desire to learn.

Our Core Values

We believe:

- Students are the priority
- Individuals thrive when they feel safe, supported and respected
- Community partnerships are essential
- Trust is fundamental
- Every person has intrinsic value

Budget Vote: June 15, 2021, 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Registration Information & Dates

If registered for general elections in the county where you reside (Putnam or Dutchess), you are eligible to vote on June 15. You may register with the County Board of Elections by mail or remotely through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website. The County Board of Elections will accept registrations for this election until June 10, 2021.

Please direct any questions to Joanne Stevens, district clerk, at 845-878-2094, ext. 210.

Voting Locations

Registered voters must vote at their designated polling place based on address. If you are unsure of your polling place, please call Joanne Stevens, District Clerk, at 845-878-2094, ext. 210:



Patterson Residents: CCSD Administrative Office,
81 South Street, Patterson



Kent/East Fishkill Residents: Kent Elementary School,
Route 52, Carmel



Carmel/Putnam Valley/Southeast Residents: Carmel High School,
30 Fair Street, Carmel

Absentee Ballots

Application for an absentee ballot is available on our website, www.carmelschools.org, or by contacting Joanne Stevens, district clerk, at 845-878-2094, ext. 210, or jstevens@carmelschools.org. No absentee ballots can be provided without completion of this New York State Board of Elections application.

If an application is requested due to concern of contracting COVID, select the option of "Temporary Illness" on the application. After confirmation of the applicant's registration status, a ballot will be issued.

Application Deadlines

- By mail: Application must be received by the District Clerk by June 9, 2021.
- In-person: Application must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on June 14, 2021.

Completed ballots must be received at the District Office by 5 p.m. on June 15, 2021.

The Carmel Schoolhouse News

Revised Budget Edition



What You Will See on the Ballot

Voters will be asked to consider the proposed school budget for 2021-2022.

This is how it will appear on the ballot:

Proposition #1: Basic Budget

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of \$132,507,952 during the 2021-2022 school year as a basic budget?

Proposed Budget Changes

How is this different from the previous proposed budget?

The proposed 2021-2022 school budget that was voted on in May 2021 included a 1.69% tax levy increase. This proposed 2021-2022 school budget for a revote on June 15, 2021, includes a tax levy increase of 0.6% or an increase of \$591,566. This new proposed budget includes an additional \$1,073,414 in reductions from the proposed budget in May

School District reductions included in this proposed budget:

1. Curriculum work, travel, and conferences not related to federal grants
2. Facilities improvements
3. Lower Hudson Regional Information Center support
4. Seven teacher assistant positions, two teacher positions, one office assistant position
5. Fewer buses purchased for our replacement schedule
6. Equipment and supplies

School Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 130,541,386	\$132,507,952	\$131,916,386
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$1,966,566	\$1,375,000
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.51%	1.05%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$98,594,386	\$99,185,952	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$	\$	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$	\$	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$	\$	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$98,594,386	\$99,185,952	\$
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$2,315,066	\$2,071,575	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$96,297,774	\$97,905,363	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$96,279,320	\$97,114,377	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$18,454	\$790,986	
Administrative Component	\$10,433,459	\$10,494,358	\$10,494,358
Program Component	\$105,560,040	\$106,836,349	\$106,694,416
Capital Component	\$14,547,887	\$15,177,245	\$14,727,612
Under a contingent budget, the district must continue to honor all contracts, all state-mandated items, and all items necessary for the educational program, health and safety of students and staff and the preservation of district property. In the event Carmel must adopt a contingent budget, the district may not purchase equipment, buses, or capital items. In addition, staff and other items would be considered for reduction and/or elimination.			
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings: Towns of Carmel, Patterson, Putnam Valley and Southeast*			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year
			\$1,211
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Carmel Central School District, Putnam County, New York, will be held in said district on Tuesday, June 15, 2021.			
1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law. 2. Town of Kent: \$1210 Town of East Fishkill: \$999			

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What Happens if Budget is Not Approved?

In the event the proposed 2021-22 school budget does not receive voter approval, by law, the Board of Education must adopt a contingency budget that carries a 0% tax levy increase.

Contingency Budget

New York State requires that school districts establish a contingency spending plan in the event the Board of Education's proposed budget does not receive voter approval. The law is very specific regarding the limit of the contingent budget-to-budget increase. Should Carmel be required to adopt a contingency budget for the 2021-22 school year, it would carry a tax levy increase of 0%. For 2021-22 the amount of the contingent budget would be \$131,916,386. To meet the contingent budget, it would require an additional \$591,566 in reductions to the proposed budget.

Under a contingent budget, the District must continue to honor all contracts, all state-mandated items and all items necessary for the educational program, health and safety of students and staff, and the preservation of District property. In the event that CCSD must adopt a contingency budget, the District may not purchase equipment, buses or capital items. Additionally, the District will make other reductions that could include staffing.