



## Prattsburgh Central School and Franklin Academy

Annual Budget Vote

School Board Election

Capital Project Referendum

Tuesday, June 9

**By ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY THIS YEAR – ALL BALLOTS DUE TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE BY 5:00 PM ON JUNE 9, 2020**

The operating budget proposal of \$10,313,306 represents a 1.62 % change from the current year budget.

For 2017-2018 school year, there was a tax levy decrease of \$50,000. For 2018-2019 school year, there was a 0% change in the tax levy, and for the 2019-2020 school year, the tax levy decreased by approximately \$12,000. **For the 2020-2021 school year, we are estimating a 0% tax levy increase. This means that the levy will be lower than it was in the 2013-2014 school year. We understand that our community has been hit hard by the COVID-10 pandemic and made it a priority to keep taxes flat for residents.**

The budget proposal maximizes our use of almost 65% BOCES aid for shared services and for almost 90% state aid on transportation costs. The budget allows the school district to meet state mandated programming requirements and provides for the necessary opportunities and services for our children.

PCS is also proposing a \$7,495,000 capital project. This project addresses needs that were outlined in the state required Building Condition Survey. Those needs include updates to our current HVAC systems, school health and safety improvements, updates to classrooms to meet Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives, and improvements to our athletic fields. **All these improvements can be done at no additional tax impact to our community. The use of \$150,000 out of our capital reserve and the utilization of state building aid make this all possible.**

Lots of people may be asking “why now?” for a capital project since we are in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. For one, this situation will get better and we have to continue to plan long range in order to maintain our facilities. Second, passing this referendum now allows us to “lock in” the current state aid formula that is governed by law. We will continue to share more information about the capital project on our website at [www.prattsburghcsd.org](http://www.prattsburghcsd.org).

*This is also a reminder that voting this year is by absentee ballot ONLY. Ballots are being mailed to all qualified voters (a citizen of the United States of America, eighteen years of age or older, and a resident of the School District for a period of thirty days preceding the annual vote and election). Included with the absentee ballot will be a self-addressed stamped envelope that needs to be returned to the school district by June 9, 2020 at 5:00 PM.*

**Anyone who feels they are a qualified voter and DOES NOT receive an absentee ballot can call Roxy Elward at 607-522-6211 to get one.**

**Board Members: Brian Robbins, Joel Sanford, Amy Dlugos, Mark Bristol, Stephanie Randall**

### SCHOOL DISTRICT TAX HISTORY

SCHOOL YEAR	TAX LEVY	TAX LEVY CHANGE	TAX RATE PER \$1,000 OF VALUE
2013-2014	\$2,636,219	\$92,519	\$14.95
2014-2015	\$2,636,219	\$0	\$14.88
2015-2016	\$2,652,026	\$15,807	\$14.38
2016-2017	\$2,656,960	\$4,934	\$14.32
2017-2018	\$2,606,960	-\$50,000	\$13.95
2018-2019	\$2,606,960	\$0	\$13.76
2019-2020	\$2,595,000	-\$11,960	\$13.44
2020-2021	\$2,595,000	\$0	\$12.89

Our **projected** tax rate for 2020-2021 is \$2.06 below the 2013-2014 rate. The significant drop in tax rate is due to the projected 4.3% increase in taxable property.

### STAR SAVINGS (May vary by township)

	2019-2020	2020-2021
<b>Basic STAR Tax Savings</b>	<b>\$413</b>	<b>\$396</b>
<b>For Senior Citizens: Enhanced STAR Savings</b>	<b>\$919</b>	<b>\$927</b>

### PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	2019-2020	2020-2021 Proposed	CHANGE
TOTAL SPENDING	\$10,148,783	\$10,313,306	\$164,523
TOTAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$0
PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	385	391	+6
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	2.44%	1.81%	
RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE	\$1,720,900	\$1,750,000	
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$367,708	\$540,992.00	
UNRESERVED UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$1,587,017	\$412,532	
UNRESERVED, UNAPPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE (% OF TOTAL BUDGET)	15.64%	4.00%	



## ANNUAL BUDGET NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Prattsburgh Central School District, Steuben and Yates County, Prattsburgh, New York will be held via Zoom technology (<https://E2CCB-GST.zoom.us/j/96713006659>, Meeting ID: 967 1300 6659, Password: 425303) on Monday, June 1, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Eastern DST for the presentation of the budget. The budget will be available for review on May 26, 2020 at the Business Office at Prattsburgh Central School and on the school website at [www.prattsburghcsd.org](http://www.prattsburghcsd.org).

The vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures or for any propositions involving the expenditure of money or the authorizing of levy of taxes, as well as the election of members of the Board of Education shall be held on Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at Prattsburgh Central School by 5:00 PM. **Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 202.26, Voting shall be by absentee ballot only.**

### Absentee Ballots

All eligible voters are entitled to an absentee ballot. You are an eligible voter if you are 1) a U.S. citizen, 2) eighteen years of age or older, 3) a resident of the school district for at least 30 days before the vote, and 4) not otherwise disqualified to vote by law. The District Clerk shall mail absentee ballots to qualified voters. Applications for absentee ballots may also be applied for at the District Office. Such applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote set in this notice if the ballot is to be mailed to the absentee voter or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the absentee voter. Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk of the District not later than 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020.

A list of all persons to whom absentee voters' ballots have been issued shall be available for public inspection during regular office hours which are between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Any qualified voter may upon examination of such list, file written challenge of qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such list, stating the reasons for the challenge. Such written challenge shall be transmitted by the Clerk or designee to the Inspectors of Election on election day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the School District's budget for 2020-2021, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the District during business hours beginning May 26, 2020 at the Prattsburgh Central School business office.

AND FUTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be filed with the Clerk of said School District at her office in the Prattsburgh Central School, not later than May 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. The following vacancy is to be filled:

To elect one (1) member to the Board of Education for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2020 and expiring on June 30, 2025, presently held by Joel Sanford.

The following propositions shall be voted upon at the same time as the vote upon the appropriation of monies and for Board members:

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this annual voter meeting, authorizing construction, reconstruction and equipping of school buildings and facilities, site and incidental improvements, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$7,495,000; with the expenditure of \$150,000 from the existing capital reserve fund for such costs, the issuance of not to exceed \$7,345,000 of debt obligations of the School District therefor, and the levy of a tax in annual installments therefor, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

The school district may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law Section 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons to provide their signature, printed name, and address.

### SCHOOL DISTRICT HONORS AND ACHIEVEMENTS, AND SCHOOL REPORT CARD DATA

- Prattsburgh Named in April of 2020 to the US News and World Report list of America's Top High Schools for the thirteenth consecutive year
- PCS class of 2020 (25 graduates) will graduate with 459 college credits through the Franklin Academy in partnership with Corning Community College and Finger Lakes Community College
- The K-12 Average Daily Attendance Rate for 2018-2019 = 96%
- The 4-year Graduation rate for June 2019 was 97%

For complete New York State School Report Card data go to: <https://data.nysed.gov/profile.php?instid=800000037917>



## 2020-2021 BUDGET SUMMARY

	2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET	2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET	2020-2021 CONTINGENCY BUDGET
TOTAL BUDGETED AMOUNT	\$10,148,783	\$10,313,306	\$10,195,806
CHANGE FOR 2019-2020		\$164,523	\$47,023
PERCENTAGE CHANGE		1.62%	0.005%
CHANGE IN THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX		1.81%	1.81%
Proposed Tax Levy	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	
Levy for Library Debt	\$0	\$0	
Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions	\$0	\$0	
Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used	\$0	\$0	
Total School Tax Year Levy	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
Tax Levy Limit Minus Permissible Exclusions	\$2,731,533	\$2,654,371	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$2,595,000	\$2,595,000	
Difference	\$136,533	\$59,371	
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	\$909,567	\$913,759	\$913,759
PROGRAM COMPONENT	\$7,103,071	\$7,058,427	\$7,048,427
CAPITAL COMPONENT	\$2,136,145	\$2,341,120	\$2,233,620

A complete copy of the 2020-2021 proposed school budget is available in the district office and on the district website at [www.prattsburghcsd.org](http://www.prattsburghcsd.org)

## 2020-2021 BUDGET PROPOSAL

BUDGET ACCOUNT	ACCOUNT	2019-2020	2020-2021	CHANGE
BOARD OF EDUCATION	A10	\$8,913	\$9,143	\$230
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	A12	\$134,128	\$136,703	\$2,575
FINANCE	A13	\$143,485	\$163,871	\$20,386
LEGAL AND PUBLIC INFORMATION	A14	\$14,550	\$15,500	\$950
OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	A16	\$629,445	\$639,705	\$10,260
SPECIAL ITEMS	A19	\$211,412	\$211,511	\$99
SUPERVISION REGULAR SCHOOL	A20	\$211,562	\$185,753	-\$25,809
TEACHING REGULAR SCHOOL	A21	\$2,546,678	\$2,646,757	\$100,079
PROGRAMS FOR HANDICAPPED CHILDREN	A2250	\$819,528	\$845,249	\$25,721
OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION	A2280	\$309,147	\$268,519	-\$40,628
SCHOOL LIBRARY SERVICES	A26	\$131,462	\$124,793	-\$6,669
PUPIL SERVICES	A28	\$358,276	\$360,496	\$2,220
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	A55	\$864,155	\$863,196	-\$959
CENSUS SERVICES	A80	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	A90	\$2,353,144	\$2,374,224	\$21,080
DEBT SERVICE	A97	\$1,311,898	\$1,366,886	\$54,988
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND (Renovations)	A99	\$100,000*	\$100,000*	\$0
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>		<b>\$10,148,783</b>	<b>\$10,313,306</b>	<b>\$164,523</b>

\* The \$100,00 district capital outlay project will be used to update the school locker rooms and update ventilation in the first floor. This money is eligible for state aid next year in the amount of \$88,100

## SOURCES OF REVENUE

SOURCES	2019-2020	Projected 2019-2020
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$367,708	\$540,992
Interest and Penalties	\$4,000	\$4,000
Property Taxes and STAR	\$2,659,119	\$2,595,000
Interest on Investments	\$40,000	\$25,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$140,000	\$160,000
State Aid and BOCES Aid	\$6,937,956	\$6,988,314
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$10,148,783</b>	<b>\$10,313,306</b>

## Candidate for the Board of Education

***One five-year term – from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2025 (One Candidate) Joel Sanford (Incumbent)***

### Board of Education Experience:

5 years

### Education:

Alfred-Almond Central School

Associates Applied Science at Alfred State College (Internal Combustion Engine Technology)

Bachelor of Science Mechanical Engineering at Alfred University

### Employment:

Siemens (formerly Dresser-Rand)

Senior Key Expert (Technology and Innovation group)

### Personal:

Married to Kammi for 35 years with 5 children (4 have graduated from Prattsburgh Central School, 1 still attending)

### Why do you want to be a member of the school board?

To continue to be involved with the improvement in the education of our children here at Prattsburgh Central School while being fiscally responsible to the community.