



### Budget facts:

0.05%  
Proposed tax levy increase

\$46,504,866  
Total spending proposal for 2020-21 school year at GFSD

4.38%  
Budget-to-budget spending increase, or \$1,951,016

June 9  
School budget vote and Board of Education elections, held by absentee ballot only. Ballots must be received by 5 p.m.

*The mission of the Glens Falls City School District is to provide a safe, positive and stimulating environment — one that fosters self-growth, a passion for continuous learning, confidence, and the ability to succeed in a changing world.*

## Vote by universal absentee ballot by June 9, 2020

# Proposed budget keeps tax levy nearly flat, maintains educational program

A strategic debt pre-payment and use of the district’s fund balance savings has enabled the Glens Falls Board of Education to adopt a \$46.5 million budget proposal for the 2020-21 school year. The plan preserves the full educational program, prepares for possible new learning parameters in light of COVID-19, and keeps the tax levy virtually flat, remaining sensitive to what our community can support in this economic time.

“Fortunately, we’re in a good position to continue our program and staffing,” says Superintendent Paul Jenkins.

“We’ve anticipated funding cuts and new social-distancing requirements from the State within this budget,” he continues. “With these changes happening so quickly, it didn’t make sense to us to make widespread cuts, not knowing what September and a very different-looking school year may bring.”

The proposed budget uses \$3.6 million in savings from the district’s fund balance, along with pre-payment of a 2012 serial bond to balance the spending plan for next year. If approved by voters’ absentee ballots, it would increase the tax levy by 0.05 percent over current year.

“Our guiding principle was, how can we be as responsible as possible to the taxpayer, knowing that we are all in this unprecedented situation,” says Asst. Superintendent for Business Bobby Yusko. “Given the circumstances, this is the most fiscally prudent decision we



*Big Cross teachers and staff spell out a special message to their students during an online Google Meet video conference: “We miss our Big Cross family and can’t wait to be together in our school again! Please reach out if you need us! Staying in touch keeps us connected.”*

could make for our community.”

Additional budget details are available online at [www.gfsd.org](http://www.gfsd.org), under “About Us -> School Budget.”

### HOW TO VOTE THIS YEAR

The 2020-21 School Budget and Board of Education elections must be held by absentee ballot this year, per the Governor’s Executive Order. There will be **no in-person voting**.

Qualified voters will automatically receive an absentee ballot in the mail to cast their vote and send back to the district, postage paid. **Ballots must be received in the district office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.**

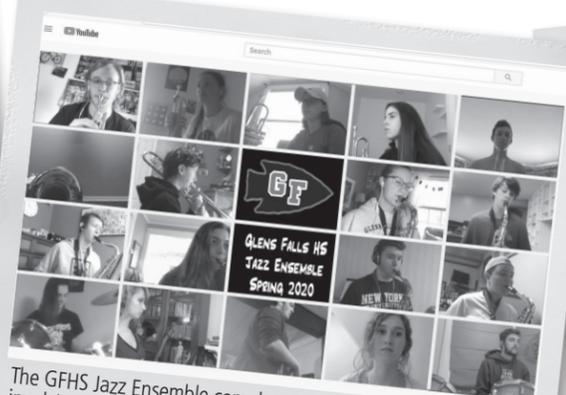
The district office, at 15 Quade Street, is open from 10 a.m.—2 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, & Friday during NY on PAUSE.



Our GF Nation Tech Team keeps spreading the love for our local heroes, 3D-printing face shields for staff at Glens Falls Hospital and the Renal Center.



Three outstanding GFHS seniors received the Post Star's Teen Excellence Award before social-distancing: Taylor Stone, Katie Culliton, and Grace Gohn!



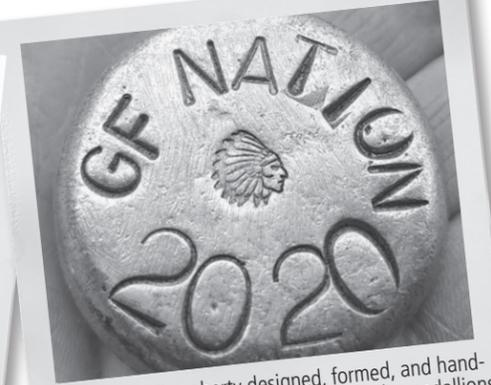
The GFHS Jazz Ensemble completed a virtual jazz band project, involving 18 students recording themselves playing their instruments, and Mr. Bouteiller editing the videos together.



Our GFSD staff and volunteers work to get about 7,100 meals made, packaged, and delivered to nearly 900 students each Tuesday and Friday.



Teachers across the district have been hosting and recording virtual read-alouds, sharing their favorite books with students.



Teacher Fran Dougherty designed, formed, and hand-stamped special GF Nation 2020 keepsake medallions from home to honor students' achievements.

## Board of Education candidate profiles

*Two seats open; two candidates; 5-year terms*

The Board of Education of the Glens Falls City School District is made up of nine members who are elected by qualified voters of the district. They serve without pay for five-year terms. The Board encourages all citizens to take an active role in the development of our schools. It is the philosophy of the Board that the schools are the responsibility of the entire community if the schools are to continue and provide a program of quality education for the young people of our district. There are two candidates running for two open seats on the Board of Education, with terms beginning July 1, 2020.



**Mrs. Kelly M. Culliton** of 38 Lincoln Avenue is seeking her second term on the Board of Education. She is a Teacher at Bluebirds' Nest Preschool.

"I am seeking election to continue to advocate for the students, staff, parents and community members of the Glens Falls School District.

As a School Board member, I have worked collaboratively with my fellow board members and school administration to set district goals, to adopt school policies and to approve annual budgets that support those goals.

I have had a special interest in the mental health of our students and staff and have attended many workshops on that topic.

For the past 16 years, the Glens Falls School District has been a huge part of my life as a parent, a PTA member and officer and as a school board member.

While my two children have graduated now, it is my hope that the children of this District have as wonderful an educational experience as they have had."



**Mr. Timothy J. Graham** of 4 Elizabeth Street is seeking his second term on the Board of Education. He is retired from Glens Falls City Schools.

"Glens Falls City School District was a major part of my life over 32 years as a teacher, parent of 3 well educated children, and taxpayer.

I have an understanding of the day to day workings of a school. I feel that I can still have a positive effect on the school and our community in remaining on the board.

I am aware of the importance of our school as a focal point in our community. I feel that I can help meet the needs of our students for the future."

### Summary of Proposed Revenues

	Adopted 2019-20	Projected 2020-21	Dollar Variance	Budget Variance
State Aid	\$19,217,428	\$17,963,276	(\$1,254,152)	(6.53%)
School Taxes	21,593,522	21,603,964	\$10,442	0.05%
Other	2,743,023	2,792,083	\$49,060	1.79%
Appropriated Fund Balance				
Debt Service	495,000	---	(495,000)	(100%)
ERS Reserve	504,877	525,619	20,742	4.11%
Unassigned Fund Balance	---	3,619,924	\$3,619,924	---
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$44,553,850</b>	<b>\$46,504,866</b>	<b>\$1,951,016</b>	<b>4.38%</b>

### Summary of Proposed Expenditures

	Adopted 2019-20	Proposed 2020-21	Dollar Variance	Budget Variance
Salaries	\$21,377,060	22,184,650	\$807,590	3.78%
Equipment	580,252	614,175	33,923	5.85%
Contractual	2,959,031	3,034,997	75,966	2.57%
BOCES	4,277,361	4,565,824	288,463	6.74%
Materials & Supplies	1,103,833	1,125,842	22,009	1.99%
Debt Service	3,596,198	3,883,759	287,561	8.00%
Employee Benefits	10,650,115	10,995,619	435,504	4.12%
Interfund Transfers	100,000	100,000	---	0%
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$44,553,850</b>	<b>\$46,504,866</b>	<b>\$1,951,016</b>	<b>4.38%</b>

## The 2020-21 budget proposal in 3-part format

### THE PROGRAM BUDGET INCLUDES:

The salaries and benefits of all teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, psychologists, nurses, social workers, and speech therapists. Also included are textbooks and equipment, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

**PROGRAM BUDGET 2020-21: \$35,116,826 PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BUDGET: 75.51%**

### THE CAPITAL BUDGET INCLUDES:

Operations and maintenance costs, including salaries and benefits for custodial staff, debt service on buildings, utilities, cleaning supplies, tax certiorari, and court-ordered costs.

**CAPITAL BUDGET 2020-21: \$7,643,053 PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BUDGET: 16.44%**

### THE ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET INCLUDES:

The salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff, public information and printing, curriculum and staff development, school board-related costs, tax collection, and legal services.

**ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET 2020-21: \$3,744,987 PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL BUDGET: 8.05%**

## Where can I find more details on the proposed budget?

Budget books—which include detailed information on the District's NYSED Report Card, Required Budget Notice, Property Tax Report Card, Salary Disclosure Notice, and Exemption Reporting for Taxing Jurisdictions—are available to any district resident at Crandall Public Library, all school buildings, and the district office.

Each item in the budget books is also available online at [www.gfsd.org](http://www.gfsd.org), under "About Us -> School Budget."

**Board of Education**

Timothy Graham, Pres.  
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## State-required School District Budget Notice

### GLENS FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.26, the budget vote and election of Board of Education members of the Glens Falls City School District, City of Glens Falls, County of Warren, New York, will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020. The Executive Order directs that the budget vote and election be conducted by an absentee ballot process in lieu of in-person voting. The District will mail absentee ballots with a postage paid return envelope to qualified voters. In order to be counted, absentee ballots must be received in the office of the clerk by 5:00 pm on June 9, 2020.

	Budget adopted for the 2019-20 school year	Budget proposed for the 2020-21 school year	Contingency budget for the 2020-21 school year*
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$44,553,850	\$46,504,866	\$46,292,366
Increase (decrease) for the 2020-21 school year		\$1,951,016	\$1,738,516
Percentage increase (decrease) in proposed budget		4.38%	3.90%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.81%	
<b>A. Proposed levy to support the total budgeted amount</b>	<b>\$21,593,522</b>	<b>\$21,603,694</b>	
B. Levy to support library debt, if applicable	N/A	N/A	
C. Levy for non-excludable propositions, if applicable	N/A	N/A	
D. Total tax cap reserve amount used to reduce current year levy	N/A	N/A	
<b>E. Total proposed school year tax levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	<b>\$21,593,522</b>	<b>\$21,603,964</b>	<b>\$21,593,522</b>
F. Total permissible exclusions	\$652,800	\$126,934	
G. School tax levy limit, excluding levy for permissible exclusions	\$20,972,623	\$21,477,030	
H. Total proposed school year tax levy, excluding levy to support library debt and/or permissible exclusions	\$20,940,722	\$21,477,030	
I. Difference: G-H (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)	\$30,901	\$0	
<b>Administrative Component</b>	<b>\$3,416,491</b>	<b>\$3,744,987</b>	<b>\$3,532,487</b>
<b>Program Component</b>	<b>\$33,978,402</b>	<b>\$35,116,826</b>	<b>\$35,116,826</b>
<b>Capital Component</b>	<b>\$7,158,957</b>	<b>\$7,643,053</b>	<b>\$7,643,053</b>

\* The contingency budget is based on the following projected assumptions:  
 1. The tax levy cannot increase from the prior year.  
 2. Non-contingent expenses such as equipment are excluded.  
 3. The ratio of the administrative component to the sum of the administrative and the program component cannot exceed certain parameters.

The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

### Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings **\$547**

### Under the budget proposed for the 2020-21 school year

**\$547**