

Sullivan West Central School District

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2020-2021 Proposed Budget

Summary Points

- Unprecedented Time for School Districts
 - Likelihood of reduced State Aid, both for next year and years to follow
 - District relies heavily on State Aid – it is over 40% of our annual funding
- Proposed Budget
 - Adds new electives for High School Students
 - Cybersecurity
 - Natural Resources (first Agriculture elective in Sullivan West)
 - AP and College-level courses (Math, English, Spanish)
 - Creates new structure for our 7th and 8th Grade students
 - Supports students as Middle Schoolers, in a HS building
 - Provides for removal and replacement of Elementary School's 1994 Gym Floor
 - Recent discovery of mercury leaching from floor
 - Plan to replace old rubber floor with new wood floor
 - State Education Department requires voter approval before project can move forward
 - Eliminates 7 Full-Time Staff Positions
 - 6 of these 7 reductions occur through attrition (not re-hiring staff to replace retiring staff)
 - Include 3 Teacher Aide Positions, 2 Teaching Assistant Positions, 1 Teacher Position, 1 Cleaner Position
 - Impact on Taxpayers
 - 1.98% tax levy increase
 - \$126,002 below Sullivan West's tax levy cap for 2020-2021
 - Lowest tax levy increase in Sullivan West in last 3 years
 - Means \$3 - \$6/month for the average taxpayer
- This budget will allow Sullivan West to be well positioned, if reductions in State Aid occur during the school year, to minimize further reductions in faculty and staff
- Vote will occur by absentee ballot this year, on June 9, by order of the Governor
 - Ballots must be received by the District by 5:00 pm on June 9 in order to be counted
 - Ballots should arrive by the end of the week, and can be mailed back, or dropped off at the Elementary School or High School. Dates and Times for ballot drop-off are available on the District website at www.swcsd.org

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