#### Rush-Henrietta Central School District

# Community Budget Forum

April 7, 2021



# **Budget Goals**

- ✓ Educationally Sound
- ✓ Equitable
- ✓ Fiscally Responsible



# **Budget Highlights**

- ✓ Maintains scope and quality of effective programs and services
- ✓ Advances school improvement priorities including:
  - > Equity & Inclusion
  - Mental Wellness
  - Special Education
- ✓ Tax cap compliant (levy increase under the tax cap limit)
- ✓ Reflects PILOT reduction for Marketplace Mall
- ✓ Provides flexibility for pandemic costs and return to school
- ✓ Continues development of reserves, including capital reserves



## Recommended Budget

✓ Total Expenditures: \$139,593,300

✓ Budget Increase: \$ 4,288,300 (+ 3.2%)

✓ Tax Rate Increase: Less than 1.7%

✓ Tax Levy Increase: Under the Cap (+4.5%)



# Factors Driving Base Budget Increase (3.2% - \$4.3M)

- **✓ Employee Benefits (Health Ins., etc.)** + \$1,840,596 (5.4%)
- √ Wage/Salary Obligations + \$ 616,452 (1.0%)
- ✓ Interfund Transfers (Capital, ESY) + \$ 581,866 (7.8%)
- **✓ BOCES Special Ed Services** + \$ 574,391 (3.3%)
- ✓ Pandemic Costs (Supplies, RLA) + \$ 426,221 (new)



# **Budget Cuts to Achieve 3.2% Increase**

- **✓ Eliminate Two Administrative Positions\***
- **✓ Staff Turnover Savings**
- ✓ Reduce Two TOSA Positions\*

#### **Total Budget Reductions**

\* Already implemented through attrition

- \$ 250,000

- \$ 300,000

<u>- \$ 150,000</u>

<u>- \$700,000</u>



#### Sources of Revenue

- ✓ Property Taxes (Tax Levy)
- ✓ State Aid
- ✓ Sales Tax
- **✓ PILOTs**
- **✓ Fund Balance & Reserves**
- ✓ Other (Fees, Rent, Refunds)

**Total Revenue** 

| \$86,61 | 2 7777 | 62%   |
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**\$139,593,300 100%** 

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## **Property Tax Levy Cap**

✓ Allowable Inflation Factor (Cap) +1.23%

✓ Adjustment for Real Growth +2.67%

✓ Reduction in PILOTs -\$400,000

**✓ Tax Cap Exemptions:** 

a) Pension Costs Over 2% No

b) Personal Liability Awards No

c) Taxes for Capital Projects No

✓ Adjusted Tax Levy Cap +4.48%



#### Recommended Tax Rate Increase

✓ Tax Levy Cap +4.48%

√ Tax Rate Increase Allowed by Cap +1.70%

✓ Tax Levy Increase \$3.71M

✓ Inflation Index +1.23%

✓ Social Security COLA +1.30%

✓ Projected Monroe County Tax Rates TBD



#### State Aid Breakdown

\$20,812,524 Foundation Aid + 0.0%\$ 2,121,757 +16.7% High Excess Cost Private Excess Cost \$ 633,688 + 4.5% **BOCES** \$ 3,284,746 + 7.9% **Transportation** \$ 6,146,274 **-** 3.5% **Building Aid** \$ 5,714,228 +12.4%+0.0%**Instructional Aids** 538,044 \$39,251,261 **Total State Aid** 5.6%

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## Foundation Aid Gap from Formula

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✓ 2021-22 -$11,625,382
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Five Year Loss of Aid: -\$40,703,106



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## Prior Year Comparison

- Budget-to-Budget Changes -

**✓** 2021-22

3.2%

**✓** 2020-21

2.5%

**2019-20** 

4.0%

**2018-19** 

1.9%

**2017-18** 

4.0%



# Prior Year Comparison

- True Value Tax Rate Changes -

|                  | <b>Proposed</b> | <b><u>Actual</u></b> |
|------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| <b>√</b> 2021-22 | 1.70%           | ***                  |
| <b>√</b> 2020-21 | 1.98%           | -3.71%               |
| <b>√</b> 2019-20 | 1.98%           | -1.28%               |
| <b>√</b> 2018-19 | 1.92%           | 0.21%                |
| <b>✓</b> 2017-18 | 1.98%           | 1.83%                |



#### Tax Increase Per Home

| Assessed Value | <b>Annual Cost*</b> |
|----------------|---------------------|
| \$100,000      | \$32                |
| \$150,000      | \$48                |
| \$200,000      | \$64                |
| \$250,000      | \$81                |

<sup>\*</sup> Gov. Cuomo has proposed to eliminate the NYS Tax Relief Rebate program that had provided rebates that partially offset the increases.



# Monroe County School Tax Rates - Current Year (Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)

| <b>District</b> | Tax Rate | <u>District</u> | Tax Rate | <u>District</u> | Tax Rate     |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|----------|-----------------|--------------|
| 1               | 28.20    | 7               | 24.58    | 13              | 22.99        |
| 2               | 27.34    | 8               | 23.75    | 14              | 22.93        |
| 3               | 26.77    | 9               | 23.51    | 15              | 21.91        |
| 4               | 25.99    | 10              | 23.37    | 16              | 19.39        |
| 5               | 25.35    | 11              | 23.31    | R-H             | 19.09        |
| 6               | 24.87    | 12              | 23.23    |                 | The state of |



#### **Proposition 1 - Budget Proposition**

#### SHALL THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION BE ADOPTED?

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the estimate of amount of money required for school purposes during the fiscal year 2021–2022 in the total amount of \$139,593,300 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.



#### **Proposition 2 – Bus Expenditures**

#### SHALL THE FOLLOWING PROPOSITION BE ADOPTED?

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Rush-Henrietta Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of up to \$2,400,000 to be funded from the 2016 Bus Purchase Reserve, the balance in existing Capital Fund bus purchase funds, and the General Fund Transfer for the purchase and replacement of vehicles for the transportation of district students.



#### 2021-22 Bus Purchase Plan

| Bus Type                               | <b>Unit Cost</b> | Qty. | <b>Total Cost</b>  |
|--|------------------|------|--------------------|
| Large – Propane (68 Passenger, 3/seat) | \$179,934        | 10   | \$1,799,340        |
| Mid-size (20 passenger, 2/seat)        | \$ 87,768        | 6    | \$ 526,608         |
| Mini-vans                              | \$ 34,000        | 1    | \$ 34,000          |
| Total Cost of Buses                    |                  |      | <u>\$2,359,948</u> |

- 1. Propane fueling station constructed Fall 2018 utilizing Senator Gallivan \$400K grant
- 2. Large buses are replaced every 10 years, mid-sized buses replaced every 6-7 years
- 3. Propane bus purchases will increase the propane bus fleet to 68, out of 95 large buses





#### **Vote Location**

#### Meet the Candidates

Thursday, April 22, 2021

Webster Learning Center 2000 Lehigh Station Road 6:30 PM

Livestream will be available





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Tuesday, May 18, 2021

Vote at the Senior High School Gymnasium 1799 Lehigh Station Road 6 AM - 9 PM

