



Training Jack

This picture will give you paws -- err pause.

Scotia-Glenville junior **Macy Drouin** and her classmates and teachers at the Capital Region BOCES Career and Technical School Pet Tech program have worked many hours to train Jack.

The year-old black lab is cared for by teacher's aide Helen Wos and is a frequent customer of the program that provides not only grooming services, but pet training.

Drouin aspires to a career as a canine trainer. "I like working with animals and training dogs. It's the best part of the school day," said Drouin.

Launched in 2018, Pet Tech students learn basic care skills for animals, including grooming, washing and best practices for boarding.

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Aid boost reduces proposed tax increase to 0.13%; less than \$5 per year for typical homeowner

Previous budget proposal would have increased taxes by 2.02% and required a 60% voter approval

Thanks to a nearly \$600,000 boost in state aid, the tax impact on the proposed 2021-22 budget has dropped to 0.13% – the state's maximum tax levy amount for Scotia-Glenville.

When the Board of Education approved the budget on March 29, the tax impact was set at 2.02% and the budget would have required a 60% majority for approval.

"We are very pleased we were able to provide a budget proposal that is at the state's maximum tax levy cap, provides student services and programs and included minimal reductions," said Superintendent Susan Swartz.

Before the board adopted the budget, Swartz had proposed not replacing two retiring teachers in

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What will I see on the May 18 ballot?

Scotia-Glenville residents will vote on these proposals from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, in the high school B-wing gym (Sacandaga Road, Route 147):

- ▶ **\$59,127,425 budget for 2021-22** – a \$966,542 or 1.66% spending increase with a 0.13% tax levy increase. The tax bill on a \$160,000 home would increase by an estimated 0.13% or \$4.94 per year (41 cents per month).
- ▶ **\$493,000 to purchase four 72-passenger school buses** (see page 6). There is no tax impact for this purchase in the 2021-22 budget.
- ▶ **\$12.8 million capital project** to replace furnaces and roofs, reconstruct parking lots and bus loops, add new public address systems, replace lead water lines and a host of other issues (see page 3).
- ▶ **Select TWO candidates for the Board of Education** (see page 6).

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2021-22 SCHOOL BUDGET
RAISES THE TAX LEVY BY
0.13%, FROM PAGE 1

kindergarten and grade 2 at Glendaal because of lower enrollment. Those reductions remain in the budget. All other parts of the academic program were left in place.

The community will consider the proposed 2021-22 budget during voting from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 in the B-wing gym at the high school.

At the 0.13% tax levy increase level, a home with a typical assessment of \$160,000 would see an approximate annual tax increase of \$4.94, or 41 cents per month.

The school district can expect to receive an additional \$589,234 in state aid in the 2021-22 school year, including a \$391,866 increase in state Foundation Aid.

The state Legislature has pledged to increase Foundation Aid to the level called for in the state formula over the next three years. The formula has not been fully funded by the state since the 2007-08 school year.

S-G was already receiving 95% of the full formula reimbursement, which is why the school district's increase in Foundation Aid is less than at other area school districts for next year.

The \$2.5 million in federal stimulus funding was not factored into this school budget. That money must be spent by June 2024. The federal government has not yet released guidance on how that money must be spent. However, it is designed to help school districts bridge budget shortfalls over the next few years. **\$f**

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ABOUT THE 2021-22 BUDGET

▸ Who can vote on May 18?

Community members who are U.S. citizens may vote in the Tuesday, May 18 school elections if they:

- have been a resident of the district for at least 30 days and
- are at least 18 years old.

The district uses registration records from the Schenectady County Board of Elections. The vote will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the B-wing gymnasium at the high school. **\$f**

▸ How do I request an absentee ballot to vote?

Absentee ballot applications can be obtained by calling (518) 347-3600 ext. 73102 or emailing bdelong@sgcsd.net. You must complete the application before a ballot is mailed to you.

Community members with COVID-19 concerns who want to vote by absentee ballot are asked to check off reason #1 on the application.

Ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 in order to be counted. **\$f**

▸ Does the 2021-22 budget plan stay within Scotia-Glenville's property tax levy cap?

Yes. The state-mandated maximum tax levy cap for Scotia-Glenville in 2021-22 is 0.13%, according to the state's eight-step formula. Because of an increase in state aid, the Board of Education was able to keep the tax levy increase to that level. **\$f**

▸ What if the budget were defeated on May 18?

In the case of a budget defeat, school districts typically can put up the same budget or a revised budget for a second community vote.

A contingent budget would require a \$40,308 reduction in the tax levy and school expenditures. The school district would not be able to exceed the 2020-21 tax levy. **\$f**

▸ What is the difference between the tax LEVY and the tax RATE?

The tax levy is the total amount of money the district raises in taxes each year from all property owners.

Tax rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of the levy by the total taxable assessed value in a community. The tax rate is used to calculate individual tax bills.

Under the proposed 2021-22 budget, the Glenville/Scotia tax rate would increase by 0.13% to an estimated \$23.80 per \$1,000 (from the current \$23.77 per \$1,000) of assessed value. A home with an assessment of \$160,000 would see an estimated tax bill increase of \$4.94 per year, or 41 cents per month.

The tax levy and tax rate increases are the same at this point since final assessment figures are not known. The Board of Education adopts the 2021-22 final tax rates in August. **\$f**

▸ How does the state's STAR program affect my tax bill?

The New York State School Tax Relief Program (STAR) is paid by the state to the school district and is not administered by Scotia-Glenville.

The STAR program in 2021-22 will reduce school tax bills in Glenville by these amounts:

▸ Estimated \$599 for Basic STAR

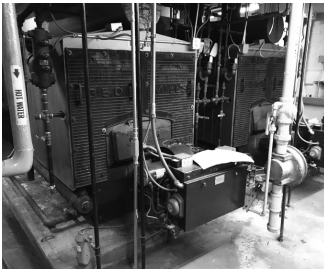
recipients. Property owners with incomes below \$250,000 are eligible.

▸ Estimated \$1,199 for Enhanced STAR

recipients. Enhanced STAR is for property owners over age 65 with incomes of less than \$90,550.

These amounts are subtracted from the school tax bill before the final total is calculated. **\$f**

These areas will be addressed by the May 18 capital project



Boiler repairs



Masonry repairs



Parking lot reconstruction



Railing replacement



Roof replacement



Sidewalk upgrades

Community to consider \$12.8 million capital project on May 18

Proposal will not impact taxes; older debt is being retired

Furnace and roof replacements, reconstruction of parking lots and bus loops, new public address systems, replacement of lead water lines and a host of other renovations and upgrades at all six schools and other buildings are part of the \$12.8 million capital project to be considered by the community on Tuesday, May 18.

This work will not have an impact on the tax levy. The district retires debt every year and this would replace that retiring debt.

Voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on May 18 in the B-wing gymnasium at the high school. Absentee ballots are available by calling (518) 347-3600 ext. 73102 or emailing bdelong@sgcsd.net.

Project Design

Scotia-Glenville's architects, district and building and grounds officials and the construction manager surveyed the school district last summer for potential areas in need of improvement. They also included areas that were not included in the 2018 capital project. Those proposals were brought to the Board of Education twice last fall. The next state-required building condition survey is scheduled for 2024.

Project Cost

Based on the state building aid ratio, 76.5% of the cost of the project will be returned to Scotia-Glenville, which is typically not altered in state budgets. It is estimated that 99 percent of the project will be eligible for building aid. According to state regulations, the project would be repaid over a 15-year since it is a reconstruction. **\$6**

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Major Scope of Work:

Glen-Worden Elementary – \$3,542,510

- Roof replacement
- Heating system conversion from steam to hot water/boiler replacement
- Canopy improvements
- Sidewalk, ramps, railing replacements
- Masonry repairs
- PA System replacement

High School – \$3,002,950

- Replace galvanized domestic water piping and recirculation pumps
- Replacement of aging mechanical units
- PA System replacement
- Area 'C' sidewalk replacement/stormwater catch basin repair

Glendaal Elementary – \$2,542,669

- Roof replacement
- Exterior door replacements
- Parking lot reconstruction, sidewalk repair, ramp railing repair
- Masonry repairs
- PA system replacement

Sacandaga Elementary – \$1,728,452

- Sidewalk, steps, ramps, railing replacement
- Replacement of aging mechanical units and upgrade controls
- PA system replacement

Middle School – \$1,580,817

- Parking lot reconstruction, sidewalk replacement, bus drive improvements
- Small gym rooftop mechanical unit replacement
- PA system replacement

Lincoln Elementary – \$253,962

- Sidewalk repair
- PA system replacement

Field House – \$76,382

- Abatement of pipes in ceiling
- Exterior door replacement

District Office – \$39,051

- Sidewalk install

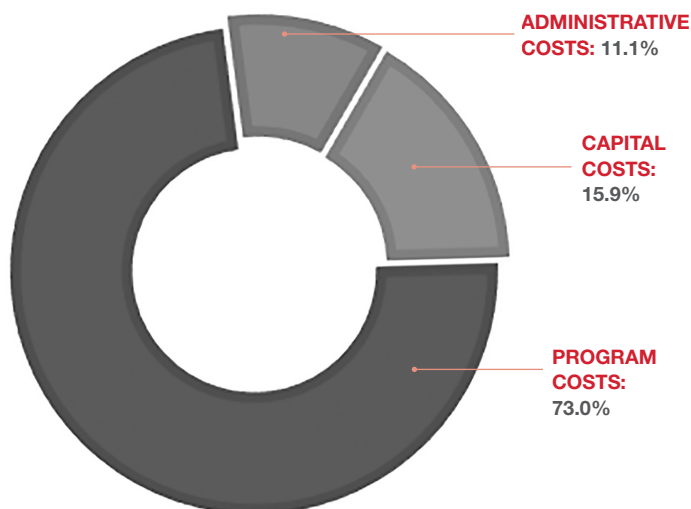
Maintenance Building – \$33,207

- Chimney repair



Scotia-Glenville's three-part budget: 2021-22

New York state requires school districts to show their proposed annual budgets divided into three categories: Program, Capital and Administrative.



Program

73.0% of the proposed 2021-22 budget

This part of the budget includes the salaries and benefits of teachers, teaching assistants, teacher aides and supervisors who spend a majority of their time teaching; instructional costs such as supplies, equipment and textbooks; and transportation operating costs.

2020-21 costs	2021-22 proposed costs
\$42,698,743 (73.4%)	\$43,166,741 (73.0%)

Capital

15.9% of the proposed 2021-22 budget

This part of the budget includes all purchases of buses; legal judgments and settled claims; salary and benefits for custodial and maintenance staff; all facilities costs, including service contracts, supplies, utilities, maintenance, repairs, construction, renovation and debt; leasing costs; and capital transfers.

2020-21 costs	2021-22 proposed costs
\$9,418,559 (16.2%)	\$9,413,007 (15.9%)

Administrative

11.1% of the proposed 2021-22 budget

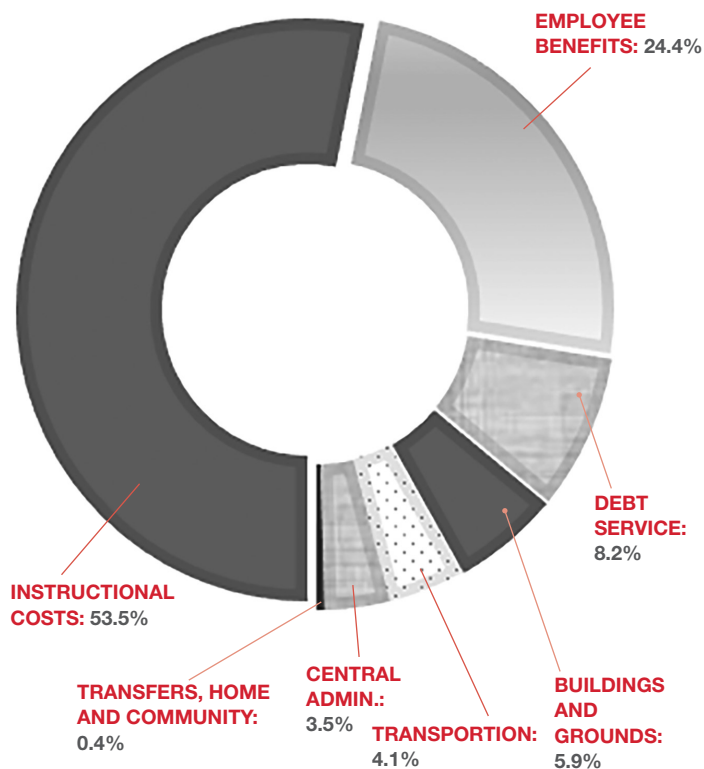
This part of the budget includes office and central administrative costs; salaries and benefits for certified and non-certified administrators who spend 50 percent or more of their time performing supervisory duties; data processing; supplies; legal fees; property insurance; and school board expenses.

2020-21 costs	2021-22 proposed costs
\$6,043,581 (10.4%)	\$6,547,677 (11.1%)

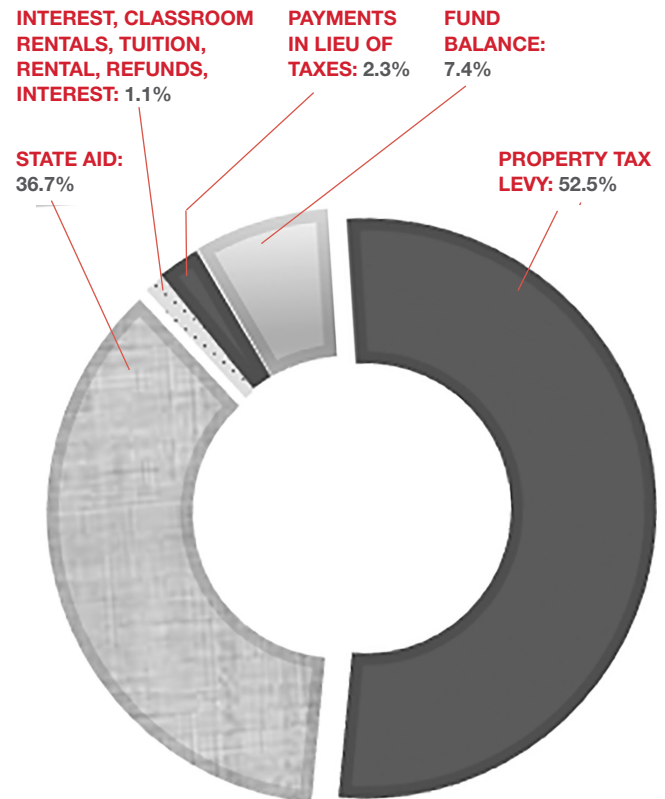
PROJECTED EXPENDITURES: 2021-22

<i>Projected Expenditures</i>	<i>2020-21 Adopted</i>	<i>2021-22 Proposed</i>	<i>% of 2021-22 Budget</i>	<i>\$/% Change from 20-21 to 21-22</i>
Instructional costs	\$30,910,946	\$31,618,305	53.5%	\$707,359 (2.3%)
Employee benefits	\$14,194,929	\$14,443,901	24.4%	\$248,972 (1.8%)
Buildings and grounds	\$3,408,694	\$3,474,487	5.9%	\$65,793 (1.9%)
Debt service	\$4,942,979	\$4,835,019	8.2%	-\$107,960 (-2.2%)
Pupil transportation	\$2,440,710	\$2,451,593	4.1%	\$10,883 (.45%)
Central administrative functions	\$2,042,766	\$2,084,261	3.5%	\$41,495 (2.0%)
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	0.19%	\$0 (0%)
Transfer to School Lunch Fund	\$8,000	\$8,000	0.01%	\$0 (0%)
Transfer to special aid	\$99,000	\$99,000	0.18%	\$0 (0%)
Home and community	\$12,859	\$12,859	0.02%	\$0 (0%)
Total expenditures	\$58,160,883	\$59,127,425	100.0%	\$966,542 (1.66%)

Expenditures: 2021-22 ↓



Revenues: 2021-22 ↓



PROJECTED REVENUES: 2021-22 ↓

<i>Projected revenues</i>	<i>2020-21 Adopted</i>	<i>2021-22 Proposed</i>	<i>% of 2021-22 Budget</i>	<i>\$/% Change from 20-21 to 21-22</i>
Foundation aid	\$13,544,155	\$13,936,021	23.6%	\$391,866 (2.9%)
Building aid	\$2,903,370	\$2,910,188	4.9%	\$6,818 (0.23%)
Transportation aid*	\$1,829,278	\$1,904,725	3.2%	\$75,447 (4.1%)
BOCES aid*	\$1,519,187	\$1,508,889	2.6%	-\$10,298 (-0.68%)
High cost special ed. aid*	\$1,018,109	\$1,152,905	2.0%	\$134,796 (13.2%)
Software, computer, textbook, library aid*	\$247,224	\$237,829	0.4%	-\$9,395 (-3.8%)
Total New York State aid	\$21,061,323	\$21,650,557	36.7%	\$589,234 (2.8%)
Payments in lieu of taxes (PILOT)	\$1,020,000	\$1,382,000	2.3%	\$362,000 (35.5%)
BOCES rental, refunds, misc..	\$150,000	\$200,000	0.3%	\$50,000 (33.3%)
Interest, Medicaid, Medicare aid	\$305,000	\$230,000	0.4%	-\$75,000 (-24.6%)
Tuition, admissions, etc.	\$247,676	\$247,676	0.4%	\$0 (0%)
Fund balance	\$4,369,504	\$4,369,504	7.4%	\$0 (0%)
Property tax levy	\$31,007,380	\$31,047,688	52.5%	\$40,308 (0.13%)
Total revenues	\$58,160,883	\$59,127,425	100.0%	\$966,542 (1.66%)

* These are for reimbursement of services that S-G has already paid for.



Two seeking two seats on the BOE

Two candidates – incumbent board members David Massaro and Hal Talbot – are running unopposed to retain their Board of Education seats at the May 18 vote. The seats each carry three-year terms and are unpaid. Candidates will be in this order on the ballot.

David M. Massaro, of 29 Marion Boulevard, is seeking a second term.

Massaro works as a captain in the City of Schenectady Fire Department and a code enforcement officer for the town of Glenville.

He holds associate's degrees in emergency management and fire protection technology from SUNY Schenectady and an associate's degree in emergency medicine from Hudson Valley Community College.

Massaro has coached several youth athletic groups such as Little League Baseball, SG Girls Softball and Tartan Youth Lacrosse. He is the assistant scoutmaster for Scout Troop 3062 at Sacandaga Elementary and is the county coordinator for the Capital Region Toys for Tots Campaign.

He received the S-G Founders Day award in 2020.

He and his wife, Sherry, have two children: Ayla, in grade 9, and Jacob, in grade 7, both at Scotia-Glenville.



David Massaro

Massaro has lived in the community for 16 years.

Harold M. "Hal" Talbot, of 497 Church Road, is seeking a second term.

He is the general sales manager at Fogg's Automotive in Burnt Hills.

He is a 1989 graduate of Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake High School, holds an associate's degree from Schenectady County Community College and studied at SUNY Albany.

Talbot is the director of football for SG Junior Tartans and is a head coach for SG Junior Tartans.

He has received several business certifications.

He and his wife, Jodi, have two children: Dylan, a grade 12 student, and Austin "AT," a grade 8 student. Both students attend Scotia-Glenville.

He has lived in Scotia-Glenville for more than 40 years. **SG**



Harold "Hal" Talbot

Bus purchase proposal on the May 18 ballot

Four buses to be purchased for \$493,000

The Scotia-Glenville community will be asked to consider the purchase of school buses on Tuesday, May 18.

The \$493,000 proposition calls for buying four 72-passenger buses.

The school district has historically replaced buses with deteriorating body condition. However, the school district is now taking into consideration bus repairs and high maintenance costs as well as down time as part of its bus replacement plan.

Four buses being replaced

The current buses being replaced are: #192, #195, #196 and #198. The mileage on the buses ranges from 77,560 to 92,336. However, they have been greatly affected by rusting and corrosion. The district expects that the buses have an \$8,000 trade-in value.

It is expected that the new buses would be delivered in September.

The debt for this purchase will not affect the budget until the 2022-23 school year. The district will pay the bond off over five years.

After transportation aid reimbursement from the state, the

net effect of this total purchase will be \$30,081 each year from 2022-23 to 2026-27. **SG**



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NYS REQUIRED BUDGET NOTICE - 2021-22

	Budget adopted for the 2020-21 school year	Budget proposed for the 2021-22 school year	Contingent budget for the 2021-22 school year*
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$58,160,883	\$59,127,425	\$59,087,117
Increase/decrease for the 2021-22 school year		\$966,542	\$926,234
Percentage increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		1.66%	1.59%
Change in the consumer price index		1.23%	
A. Proposed levy to support the total budgeted amount	\$31,007,380	\$31,047,688	
B. Levy to support library debt, if applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for non-excludable propositions, if applicable**	\$0	\$0	
D. Total tax cap reserve amount used to reduce current year levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total proposed school year tax levy (A+B+C+D)	\$31,007,380	\$31,047,688	\$31,007,380
F. Total permissible exclusions	\$1,444,452	\$1,266,799	
G. School tax levy limit, <u>excluding</u> levy for permissible exclusions	\$29,563,832	\$29,781,465	
H. Total proposed school year tax levy, <u>excluding</u> levy to support library debt and/or permissible exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$29,562,928	\$29,780,889	
I. Difference: (G-H); negative value requires 60% voter approval – See note below regarding separate propositions**	\$904	\$576	
Administrative component	\$6,043,581	\$6,547,677	\$6,542,369
Program component	\$42,698,743	\$43,166,741	\$43,131,741
Capital component	\$9,418,559	\$9,413,007	\$9,413,007

*Under state law, boards of education typically may submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. The Board of Education may adopt a contingent budget and set the tax levy at the 2020-21 levy amount. That would require \$40,308 in reductions in staffing, materials, supplies, equipment, public use of the buildings and other expenditures.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Purchase four 72-passenger buses	\$493,000
Capital project for roofs, furnaces, lead water lines, PA systems, district-wide	\$12,800,000

Basic and Enhanced STAR Exemption Impact

The state's STAR program reduces a home's assessment before computing individual school tax bills. The Basic STAR program is available to primary homeowners earning less than \$250,000; the Enhanced STAR program provides a larger savings for those over age 65 with qualifying incomes. Applications are available from the town assessor's office in each town. The application deadline is March 1. Call your town assessor. The Glenville town assessor can be reached at (518) 688-1200, ext. 6.

	Budget proposed 2021-22
Maximum Basic STAR tax savings (2021-22 full-value reduction of \$26,700):	\$599
Maximum Enhanced STAR tax savings (2021-22 full-value reduction of \$61,140):	\$1,199

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Scotia-Glenville Central School District, Schenectady, Montgomery and Saratoga counties, New York, will be held in said district on **Tuesday, May 18, 2021. Voting will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the B-wing gymnasium at the High School, Sacandaga Road, Scotia, NY. Absentee ballots must be returned by 5 p.m. on May 18.** Voters must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age and a resident of Scotia-Glenville for 30 days.

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2021-22 BUDGET

A six-year history of school budgets, spending and taxes at Scotia-Glenville

School Year	Budget total*	Budget spending increase/decrease*	Total net NY state aid	Glenville tax rate per \$1,000 assessed (change)*	Tax bill for \$160,000 home assessment*
2021-22 (Proposed)	\$59.1 million	\$966,542	\$21.6 million	\$23.80	\$3,808
2020-21	\$58.1 million	\$1,205,143	\$21.0 million	\$23.77	\$3,803
2019-20	\$56.9 million	\$966,044	\$20.7 million	\$23.36	\$3,738
2018-19	\$55.9 million	\$2,582,710	\$21.2 million	\$22.74	\$3,638
2017-18	\$53.4 million	\$1,358,419	\$20.1 million	\$22.16	\$3,546
2016-17	\$52.0 million	\$696,545	\$19.7 million	\$21.49	\$3,438

If the proposed 2021-22 budget is approved by the community on May 18:

- ▶ Spending will have increased by \$7.1 million or 13.6% since July 2016 (2.3% per year on average).
- ▶ Typical tax bills will have increased by 10.8% or \$370 since September 2016 (1.8% per year on average).

* Final tax rates are set by the Board of Education in August. Percentages and dollar amounts are rounded.

Typical tax bills are BEFORE savings from the state's STAR school tax reduction exemption, veterans' and income exemptions.

What will I see on the May 18 ballot?

The Scotia-Glenville community will vote from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18 in the B-wing gymnasium at the High School. The community will consider these proposals:

- ▶ **\$59,127,425 budget for 2021-22** – carrying an estimated 0.13% tax levy increase (see pages 1-2).
- ▶ **\$493,000 maximum cost for four, 72-passenger buses** (see page 6).
- ▶ **\$12.8 million capital project** for roofs, furnaces, lead water line remediation and public address systems at all six schools (see page 3).
- ▶ **Selection of two Board of Education candidates** (see page 6).

Need an absentee ballot? See page 2 for information about how to obtain one.