



PROPOSED BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS

2020-2021



BLIND BROOK-RYE UFSD

April 23, 2020



COVID-19 Impact on the 2020-2021 Budget

The COVID-19 pandemic has had an extraordinary global impact. There have been everyday life impacts and certainly austere economic impacts that have affected us all.

With respect to impacts on the 2020-2021 School District Budget, Blind Brook expects that there will be mid-year state aid cuts for school districts throughout NYS. Additionally, the economic downturn is negatively impacting Westchester County sales tax revenues and interest rates on school district investments.

It is imperative therefore, to adjust next year's School District Budget to address these emerging and extraordinary circumstances. Revenue and expenditure reductions are necessary and those recommended to the Board, are listed on the next several slides.



2020-2021 Revenue Adjustments

These are proposed reductions to the revenue side of the 2020-2021 Budget:

- Budgeted state aid reduced to \$2,999,764, a reduction of \$450,000 from Blind Brook's allocation reported in the Governor's 2020 NYS budget released in January.
- Budgeted County sales tax revenue line reduced to \$450,000 (a reduction of \$75,000).
- Budgeted interest earnings revenue line reduced to \$65,000 (a reduction of \$85,000).

Total proposed reduction in budgeted revenues = \$610,000



2020-2021 Expenditure Adjustments

These are proposed reductions to the expenditure side of the 2020-2021 Budget:

- Reduction of 2.8 teaching FTES and other salary budget line reductions totaling \$382,129.
- Reduced equipment, materials, supplies and textbooks budget lines totaling \$121,338.
- Reduced consultant and contractual budget lines totaling \$83,500.

Total proposed reduction in budgeted expenditures = \$586,967



2020-2021 Budget Reconciliation

With non-property tax revenues reduced by \$610,000 and expenditure reductions of \$586,967, there is a delta of \$23,033 that needs to be reconciled.

To make up this difference it is recommended that the tax levy be increased by \$23,033 to \$43,995,268. This results in a total proposed levy that is \$106,450 below the maximum allowable instead of the previously presented \$129,483.

Hence, this places the 2020-2021 School District Budget in balance as it must be. Total proposed expenditures are now \$50,409,032 or \$586,967 less than the Superintendent's Budget released in February.



Governor Cuomo's Executive Order

Pursuant to Executive Order 202.26, Governor Cuomo has established June 9, 2020 as the revised date for the 2020 annual budget vote and board election.

Voting will be exclusively by absentee ballot.

There will be no in-person voting.

If you are a registered voter, an absentee ballot will be sent to you automatically.



2020-2021 Budget – Important Dates

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| May 11th | Last Day to Submit Board Candidate Petitions |
| May 12th | First Budget Legal Notice to be Published in Newspapers |
| May 19th | Board Adoption of 2020-2021 Budget & Tax Report Card |
| May 22nd | District Transmits Property Tax Report Card to NYSED |
| May 25th | Paper Ballots Mailed Out via US Mail |
| May 26th | 2020-2021 Detailed Budget Book Available |
| June 2nd | Public Budget Hearing: Summary of 2020-2021 Budget |
| June 3rd | Six-Day Budget Notice Arrives via US Mail |
| June 9th | Ballots Due to District Clerk for Budget/Proposition Vote & Board Election |