

# **Lyncourt Union Free School District 2019-2020 Proposed Budget**



## **Budget Hearing**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019 • 5:30 p.m.  
Lyncourt School • DeAngelis Auditorium

## **Budget Vote & Election**

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 • 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Lyncourt School • Donald Yurkonis District Conference Room

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# Message from the Board of Education

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Lyncourt School,

We are pleased to submit the 2019-2020 Lyncourt Union Free School District budget for voter approval. The Lyncourt Union Free School District Board of Education has a long-standing history of maintaining programs; while keeping the district financially stable. We strive to provide every student with an excellent educational journey and create a fiscally responsible school budget for our community. As always, with your continued partnership, we focus on our *Mission* and are committed to educating all learners to reach their full potential.

The 2019-2020 budget development process considered the following significant factors: 1) offering the highest quality education while managing our enrollment growth; 2) emerging bilingual students; 3) maintaining facilities that are safe and supportive of learning; and 4) rising costs of contractual obligations and state mandates. While there were significant factors in developing our budget, we are dedicated to offering exceptional services to all of our students. Our school will continue to be the hub of this community.

The Lyncourt district is growing and we continue to attract young and diverse families. This is a tremendous asset and continues to grow and drive our increasing student enrollment. Studies indicate that diversity among students has a positive effect on their performance. With this increase in enrollment, we will continue to offer small classroom sizes, exceptional remedial services, special education programs that are tailored to every student's needs, and state of the art technology and security. This is a tremendous challenge with state aid allocations not maintaining appropriate levels to assist districts, but the Lyncourt Board of Education remains committed to these non-negotiable standards.

This brochure will provide you with details of our proposed 2019-2020 school budget. The budget proposed is \$11,124,000 an increase from 2018-2019 to 2019-2020 of \$414,000. This represents a 3.87% increase in expenses. Increases result from growing enrollment, safety enhancements, contractual obligations, mandate implementation, essential technology updates, salaries and insurance. Our tax levy limit increase that is set forth by the state is 6.91% as a result of this years' growth factor. The proposed levy increase of 5.99% is below the allowable levy increase.

Although we are finally realizing an increase in state aid, the aid is still below the expenditure growth we have each year. State aid and tax limits still leave us with a revenue gap. To balance the budget, we again have taken the option of funding the budget deficit with reserves and fund balance. This will ensure our residents qualify for the proposed state tax rebate. Our priority is to continue to provide a solid education for our children in a safe and comfortable environment. Achieving our goals and sustaining a quality school will require a significant commitment from the Lyncourt community.

We sincerely appreciate the support we continue to receive from our Lyncourt community. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you have regarding the 2019-2020 school budget.

We encourage you to review the budget and we look forward to seeing you at the **Budget Hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in our auditorium.**

Please remember to **vote on the 2019-2020 School Budget Tuesday, May 21st between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.** at Lyncourt School.

Thank you for your continued support of our children,  
*The Lyncourt School Board of Education*

## **The Mission of Lyncourt School**

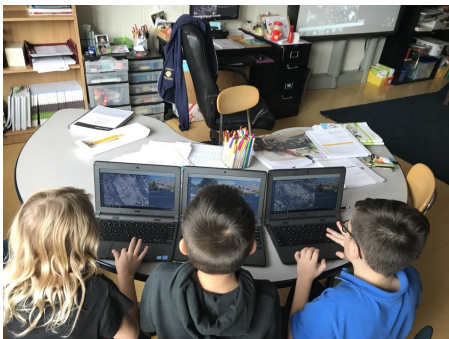
The Lyncourt Union Free School District, in partnership with the community,  
is committed to educating all learners to reach their full potential.





# Your School...Your Community

## Technology



- ◆ Chromebooks (425) grades 2-8
- ◆ New Promethean Boards
- ◆ (2) 3-D Printers
- ◆ Updated District Conference Room
- ◆ Computer-based testing building wide
- ◆ Instructional Technologist Specialist (2 days per week)
- ◆ 1-1 Chromebook Initiative
- ◆ Live Streaming Events
- ◆ Wireless Access Points
- ◆ Education Broadband-Take home broadband

## School Safety

- ◆ Full time School Resource Officer-Educate/Counsel/Foster Safe Learning Environment
- ◆ NaviGate Prepared-School Emergency Management System
- ◆ Twenty-five (25) Additional Security Cameras; Thirty-seven (37) Total
- ◆ School Patrol Officer Group
- ◆ Single point of entry-Main Foyer
- ◆ Raptor Security System
  - ⇒ Visitor Management System
  - ⇒ Checks ID against national sex offender database
  - ⇒ Checks against custody issues
  - ⇒ Single emergency button for hostile situations



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## Programming

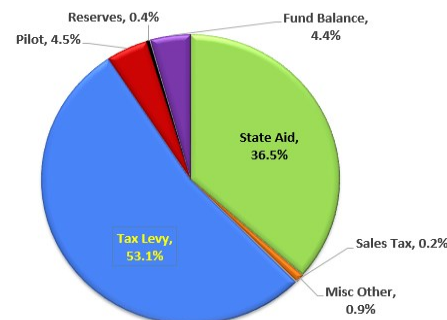


- ◆ Reading League 4 year Initiative
- ◆ UPK 3-year old program (applying 2019)
- ◆ ESM High School Choice Partnership
- ◆ Update Long Range Plan (2019-2024)
- ◆ Author Visit
- ◆ Positivity Project
- ◆ Google Classroom for Education
- ◆ 2 Full Time English as a New Language Teachers (ENL)
- ◆ BOCES Collaboration
- ◆ ARISE Counselor
- ◆ Salina Free Library Art Show
- ◆ Summer: Special Education
- ◆ Summer: Math/ELA 6th grade camp
- ◆ Summer: Open cafeteria for free lunch 5-18 year-olds
- ◆ Summer: Salina Free Library Presentations



## PROJECTED REVENUE SUMMARY and COMPARISON

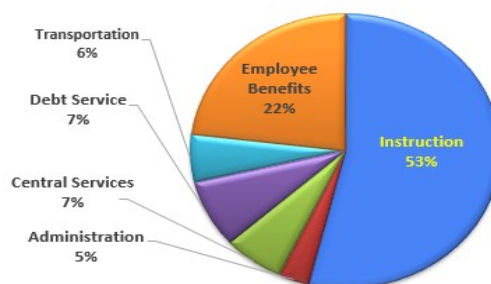
CATEGORY	2018-2019	2019-2020
State Aid including Building Aid	\$3,917,861	\$4,055,217
Other Income	\$ 101,471	\$ 101,110
Sales Tax	19,000	20,000
Property Tax Levy	5,583,344	5,917,786
PILOT-Southern Wine & Spirits	563,324	504,887
Reserves	40,000	40,000
Fund Balance	485,000	485,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,710,000</b>	<b>\$11,124,000</b>



Revenues for a public school budget come from two major sources: local property taxes (53.1%) and state aid (36.5%).  
The public vote on the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget is Tuesday, May 21, 2019 from 7am to 9 pm.

## PROJECTED EXPENDITURE SUMMARY and COMPARISON

BUDGET	2018-2019	2019-2020
Instruction	\$5,614,091	\$5,929,105
Administrative Support	477,600	505,900
Central Services	825,250	833,250
Debt Service	743,131	741,588
Transportation	629,800	615,475
Employee Benefits	2,420,128	2,498,682
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,710,000</b>	<b>\$11,124,000</b>



## Estimated Tax Bill Scenarios and STAR Information

Based on TAX LEVY:		\$5,917,786		
Taxable property:		\$176,821,211 (previous assessed value, updated after May 1st)		
Tax Rate per Thousand: \$		33.47		
Subject to your assessed property value, income qualification, maximum savings limits and NYS criteria. Actual bills will differ.				
Estimated Tax Bill Increase		2018-19	2019-20	Proposed Increase
Home Value \$		80,000.00		
School District's Estimated Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$	32.42	\$ 33.47	\$ 1.05
Est. Basic STAR Tax Bill	\$	1,621.00	\$ 1,673.50	\$ 52.50
Est. Enhanced STAR Tax Bill	\$	427.94	\$ 378.21	\$ (49.73)
Est. School Tax Bill	\$	2,593.60	\$ 2,677.60	\$ 84.00
Home Value \$		100,000.00		
School District's Estimated Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$	32.42	\$ 33.47	\$ 1.05
Est. Basic STAR Tax Bill	\$	2,269.40	\$ 2,342.90	\$ 73.50
Est. Enhanced STAR Tax Bill	\$	1,076.34	\$ 1,047.61	\$ (28.73)
Est. School Tax Bill	\$	3,242.00	\$ 3,347.00	\$ 105.00
Basic STAR ~ Exempts the first \$30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes, not more than \$968				
Available for owner-occupied, primary residences where the resident owners' and their spouses income is less than \$500,000				
Enhanced (Senior) STAR ~Exempts the first \$68,700 of the full value of a home from school taxes				
Provides an increased benefit for the primary residences of senior citizens (age 65 and older) with qualifying incomes (\$86,300 or less)				

### What is the difference between Tax Levy, Tax Rate, Tax Bill?

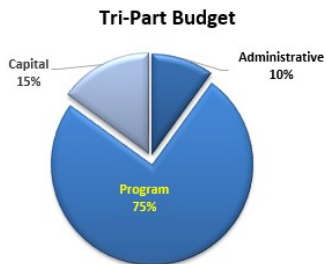
The **TAX LEVY** is the total amount of money the school district will collect through school taxes from local property owners to support the district budget. The **TAX RATE** is calculated by dividing the total tax levy into the total assessed value of all properties located within the district, coming up with a rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Property assessed values are determined by the Town Assessor. The **TAX BILL** is the homeowner's portion of local school funding. The bill is calculated by multiplying the property assessed value by the tax rate per thousand. A tax bill can fluctuate due to assessed value changes and exemptions an owner may qualify for. The school district does not have any control over the assessed values or redistribution caused by exemptions on properties.

### Does the tax levy, or tax rate examples, indicate how much my tax bill will change?

No. These are hypothetical examples. Individual bills vary depending on each property assessed value, value changes and exemptions an owner may qualify for. The school district sets the total levy. The property values are set by the town assessor. In 2018-19 we estimated a tax rate of \$32.42/thousand. Due to a difference on the Town Tax Roll the rate lowered to \$29.46/thousand for that one year. This does not include the Library Tax which also appears on your final bill.

# 2019-2020 Tri-Part Budget

Budget Account	Administrative	Program	Capital	TOTAL
Board of Education	\$ 20,500	\$	\$	\$ 20,500
Central Administration	195,000			195,000
Finance	162,700			162,700
Legal	8,000	18,000		26,000
Personnel	72,700			72,700
Central Services	144,000			144,000
Special Items	38,850			38,850
BOCES Admin, Rent, Capital	47,000			47,000
Curr Development/Supervision	71,900			71,900
Supervision	136,200			136,200
Research, Planning & Evaluation	1,500			1,500
Operation of Plant			548,400	548,400
Refund on Real Property Tax			2,000	2,000
Inservice Training		68,000		68,000
Regular Instruction		3,306,422		3,306,422
Special Educational Instruction		1,617,150		1,617,150
Occupational Education		80,000		80,000
Library and Media		100,119		100,119
Computer Aided Instruction		230,886		230,886
Guidance & Health Services		173,000		173,000
Co Curr Activities		18,850		18,850
Interscholastic Athletics		49,100		49,100
Transportation		615,475		615,475
Recreation		27,978		27,978
Transfer to Spec Aid Fund		30,000		30,000
Transfer to Capital Fund			100,000	100,000
Employee Benefits	186,984	2,108,316	203,382	2,498,682
Debt Service			741,588	741,588
<b>GRAND TOTAL.....</b>	<b>\$ 1,085,334</b>	<b>\$ 8,443,296</b>	<b>\$ 1,595,370</b>	<b>\$ 11,124,000</b>
Dollar change from 2018-2019	\$ 38,173	\$ 373,031	\$ 2,796	\$ 414,000
Percent change from 2018-2019	3.65%	4.62%	0.18%	3.87%
<b>PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>9.76%</b>	<b>75.90%</b>	<b>14.34%</b>	<b>100%</b>
<b>TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET .....</b>				<b>\$ 11,124,000</b>
<b>Previous Year Budget Total</b>				<b>\$ 10,710,000</b>
<b>Budget-To-Budget Increase</b>				<b>3.87% \$ 414,000</b>



## What happens if the budget does not pass?

If a school district vote fails, the school board may put the same or a revised budget up for a second vote, or adopt a contingency budget. If a school budget fails twice, the district must adopt a contingent budget. Under a contingent budget there can be no increase in the tax levy and by law it would prohibit the district from allowing free community use of the school building, non-essential equipment and supply purchases, and cap administrative expenditures.

**Capital Outlay Project:** The 2019-20 budget includes a \$100k capital project or "mini project" for work consisting of renovations to create additional instructional space, including, but not limited to finishes, millwork, lighting, technology and furniture, at a maximum cost of \$100,000.00 with building aid expected from the state in the following school year.



# School Board Candidates For Election

## Mr. Michael R. Leonardo, 110 Knoll Place (Resident 26 years)

**Education:** Onondaga Community College, A.S. in Applied Science; SUNY Empire State College, B.S. in Science

**Profession/Employment:** Employed by Key Bank, V.P./Regional Manager-Facilities

**Family:** Wife, Lisa; children, Maria (Onondaga Community College) and Richie (Senior at Solvay High School)

**School/Community Activities:** Former Lyncourt Little League Baseball Coach and Board Member; Former Lyncourt Recreation League Basketball Coach; Current Member, Lyncourt Board of Education, seeking his 5th term; Lyncourt UFSD Budget Committee 2014-present



## Dr. Lawrence Salamino, 509 Delmar Place (Resident 55 years)

**Education:** Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, B.S. in Biology; University at Buffalo, D.D.S. in Dentistry

**Profession/Employment:** Employed by Dental Arts Group where he has worked for 30 years

**Family:** Wife, Tracey; children, Angela (Teacher –West Genesee School District) and Alicia (Pharmacist-Walgreen's)

**School/Community Activities:** Member, Lyncourt Board Of Education, seeking his 8th term; Onondaga County Dental Society; 5th District Dental Society; New York State Dental Society; American Dental Association; The Reading League



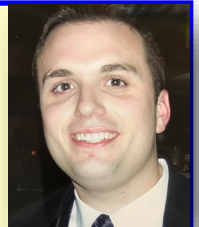
## Mr. Brian J. DeCarlo, 512 Pleasantview Avenue (Resident 12 years)

**Education:** Niagara University, B.A. in Accounting

**Profession/Employment:** Employed by Rapid Response Monitoring, Director of Customer Service; 21-year security professional; D.O.D. Civilian Clearance; F.D.N.Y. Certified dispatcher; Security Industry Association trained dispatcher/operator

**Family:** Wife, Jennifer (Pagano) DeCarlo; children, Francesco (first grade at Lyncourt UFSD) and Mea 3 years old

**School/Community Activities:** Member, Lyncourt Little League Board; Lyncourt Little League Baseball Coordinator; Lyncourt Little League Baseball Coach



### Budget Hearing

**Public is invited to attend**

Tuesday, May 14, 2019

5:30 p.m.

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### Detailed Budget

District residents may  
obtain a detailed budget at the  
District Office  
or online at

[www.lyncourtschool.org](http://www.lyncourtschool.org)

### Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 21, 2019



**Please  
remember  
to vote!**

### What is the role of the School Board?

One of the most important services any citizen can give to their community is to serve as a member of the local school board. The school board is a critical link between the community and the public school. Of their many duties, the school board sets policies, vision and goals for the district, and holds the district accountable for results. Decisions made by a board have long-lasting effects on the quality of life in a community and the development of skills and talents of its youth. Effective school board members contribute their unique talents while collaborating and working as a team with other board members.

School boards are the education watchdog for communities, ensuring students get the best possible education for the tax dollars spent.

# Sample Voter Ballot

## **PROPOSITION No. 1 ~ 2019-2020 BUDGET**

Shall the proposed 2019-2020 Budget for the Lyncourt Union Free School District at Salina in the amount of Eleven Million, One Hundred Twenty-Four Thousand dollars (\$11,124,000.00); approved by the Board of Education at a meeting of April 9, 2019, be adopted, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District?

## **PROPOSITION No. 2 ~ SALINA FREE LIBRARY PROPOSITION**

Shall the annual appropriation for the Salina Free Library within the Lyncourt Union Free School District be increased from the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand, Six hundred, Seventy-Seven dollars (\$66,677.00) annually to the sum of Sixty-Eight Thousand, Six hundred, Eleven dollars (\$68,611.00) to be appropriated annually for the Salina Free Library, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District located in the Town of Salina in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law?

## **PROPOSITION No. 3 ~ INSTRUCTIONAL CONTRACTS**

Shall the Lyncourt Union Free School District be authorized to extend the Instruction Contracts with the East Syracuse Minoa Central School District and the Solvay Union Free School District to continue to allow for the education of eligible Lyncourt students at East Syracuse Minoa High School and Solvay High School where eligible students shall include, for the 2020-2021 school year, Lyncourt students entering grades nine (9), ten (10) and eleven (11) who elect to attend either East Syracuse Minoa Central High School or Solvay High School; and for school years 2021-2022 through 2024-2025, Lyncourt students entering grades nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11) and twelve (12) who elect to attend either East Syracuse Minoa Central High School or Solvay High School?

## **MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION-VOTE FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO:**

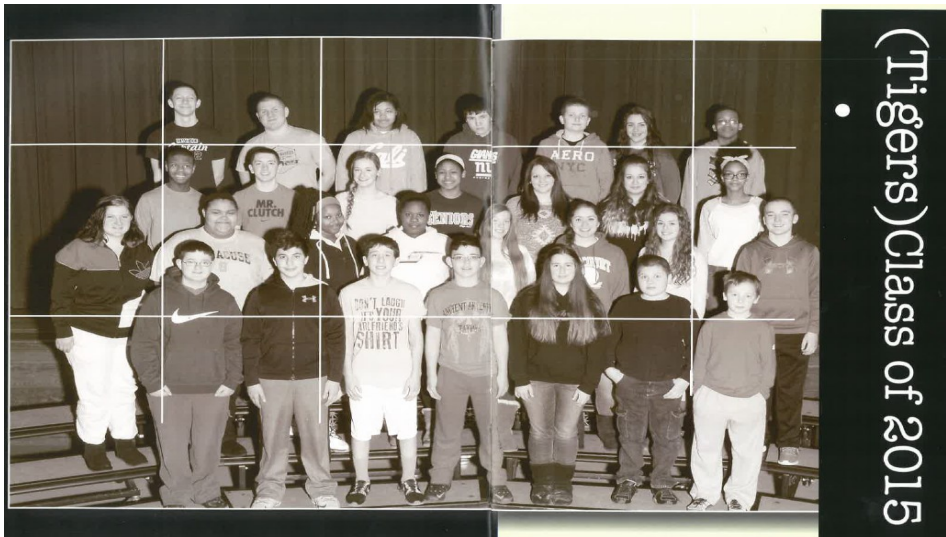
The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will serve a 3-year term as a Member to the Board of Education, commencing July 1, 2019 and ending June 30, 2022.

Mr. Michael Leonardo  
Dr. Lawrence Salamino  
Mr. Brian DeCarlo

### **High School Choice, Why is there a proposition on the ballot this year?**

The State Education Department (SED) approves our high school options and also requires the long term contract with high schools to be approved by our voters. Going forward you will see propositions for high school contracts at any time they are renewed or new.

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Lawrence Salamino, President  
David Florczyk, Vice-President  
Michael Leonardo, Trustee  
Anthony Maggi, Trustee  
Kimberly Vespi, Trustee  
  
James J. Austin, Superintendent

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## VOTER INFORMATION

### PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, May 14, 2019—5:30 p.m. DeAngelis Auditorium



Ask questions and discuss next year's proposed budget.

### BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 21, 2019  
7:00 A.M.—9:00 P.M.  
Lyncourt School



The opportunity to vote on the proposed budget.

### VOTER QUALIFICATIONS—WHO CAN VOTE?

If you meet the following New York State requirements you are eligible to vote:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You are at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- You are a resident of the school district for at least thirty (30) days prior to May 21, 2019.

**\*\*You can vote if you rent and live in the Lyncourt School District.**

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Individuals interested in obtaining an absentee ballot for the upcoming school budget vote on May 21, 2019 may do so at the District Office during business hours, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Qualified district voters must request in advance an application for an absentee ballot. The voter must complete the application and state the reason he/she will not be able to appear the day of the election. Requirements in order to obtain an absentee ballot are those involving an illness or physical disability, business responsibilities which require travel on the day of the vote, vacation, or students away at college.

If mailed, all applications must reach the District Clerk in the District Office no later than 5:00 p.m. May 14, 2019. If hand delivered, the application must be received by the District Clerk in the District Office by 4:00 p.m. on May 20, 2019. All Ballots must be received the District Clerk on the Budget Vote day before 5:00 p.m.

If you have any questions, you may contact the District Clerk at 315-455-7571, Option #7.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 21<sup>st</sup>**