

# Alden Central School District 2019-20 Budget



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Board of Education Meeting  
March 21, 2019

# Agenda

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- Board Member Questions from March 7<sup>th</sup> Presentation
- State Update
- Updated Budget
- Discussion

State Update

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# State Budget Process

## Funding Proposal Highlights

Governor	Assembly	Senate
\$1 billion overall increase	\$1.6 billion overall increase	\$1.6 billion overall increase
Includes \$338 million increase in Foundation Aid	Includes \$1.16 billion increase in Foundation Aid	Includes \$1.2 billion increase in Foundation Aid
Each district is guaranteed a 0.25% increase over the current year	Commitment to fully phase-in Foundation Aid by 2023. No minimum aid guaranteed	Full phase-in of Foundation Aid by 2022-23. No minimum aid guaranteed
Proposed redistributing Foundation Aid with a focus on wealth and student need	Rejects proposal	Rejects proposal
\$410 million increase in expenditure driven aids	Consistent	Consistent
\$157 million increase in Fiscal Stabilization Funds	No discussion	No discussion

# State Budget Process

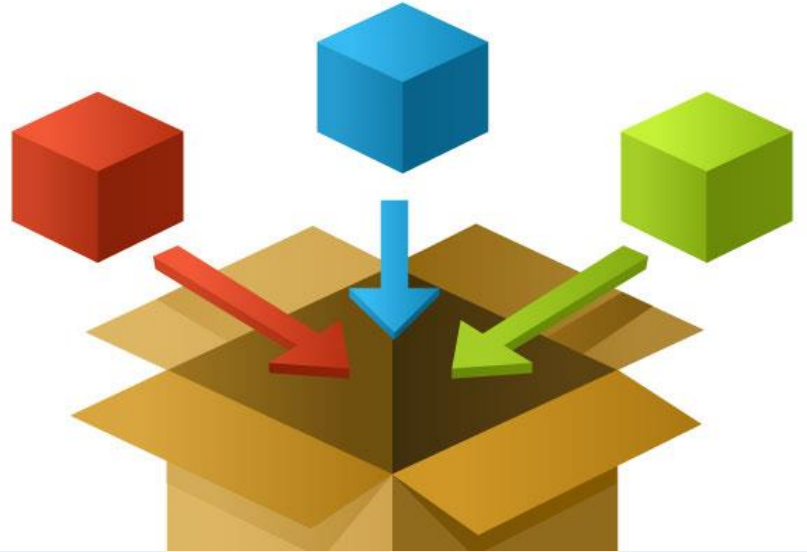
## Enhanced Mental Health Services

Governor	Assembly	Senate
Proposes an allocation of \$1.5 million to support enhanced mental health services, targeted to middle and junior high schools	Proposes \$4 million to support enhanced mental health services, targeted to middle and junior high schools	Accepts the Governor's proposal



# State Budget Process

## Consolidation of Reimbursement of Aid Categories

Governor	Assembly	Senate
Full funding of expense driven Aids in 2019-20	Rejects Governor's proposal	Rejects Governor's proposal
Proposes consolidation of multiple expense driven aids, including Transportation, BOCES, and Instructional Material Aids into a new single "Services Aid" starting in 2020-21.		
This new "Services Aid" would no longer be tied to actual expenditures, but would instead be capped annually, based on district enrollment and inflation.		
This approach would eliminate the reimbursement concept behind most school aids		

# State Budget Process

## Building Aid Adjustment

Governor	Assembly	Senate
Changes Building Aid for future school construction projects, which could mean lower reimbursement rates	Rejects Governor's proposal	Rejects Governor's proposal
The formula used to determine aidable costs would be adjusted to restrict the allowance for costs "incidental" to the actual construction		



# State Budget Process

## Annual Professional Performance Review

Governor	Assembly	Senate
Governor's proposal would eliminate the mandate to use 3-8 grade tests and other state exams and allow districts to select the state or an approved alternative assessment for use as a measure of student growth	Rejects the Governor's proposal to make changes to APPR as part of the budget, however, identical language was approved as a stand-alone bill	Rejects the Governor's proposal to make changes to APPR as part of the budget, however, identical language was approved as a stand-alone bill





# State Budget Process

## Property Tax Cap

Governor	Assembly	Senate
Proposes making the property tax cap permanent, which is currently set to expire at the end of the 2020-21 school year.	Rejects the Governor's proposal to make the Tax Cap permanent	Accepts the Governor's proposal to make the property tax cap permanent. No changes to cap are proposed by the Senate.



# State Budget Process

## STAR

Governor	Assembly	Senate
Executive proposal would cap the annual growth in the benefit from 2% to 0%	Rejects the Governor's proposal to cap the growth of STAR benefits for taxpayers and restrict the eligibility for taxpayers to qualify	Rejects the Governor's proposal to cap the growth of STAR benefits for taxpayers and restrict the eligibility for taxpayers to qualify
Income eligibility would be lowered from \$500,000 to \$250,000		
For homeowners receiving the newer STAR credit, the 2% benefit growth cap and \$500,000 income limit would remain unchanged		

# State Budget Process

## Student Busing

Governor	Assembly	Senate
<b>School Bus Stop Arm Cameras</b>		
Proposes allowing school districts to have stop arm cameras installed on buses and, after review by local law enforcement, issue tickets to violators who are photographed illegally passing school buses	Rejects the Governor's proposal	Accepts the Governor's proposal to allow school districts to have stop arm cameras installed on buses, and after review by local law enforcement, issue tickets to violators. Modifies proposal to make the purchase of the cameras eligible for Transportation Aid.
<b>Require the Use of Seatbelts on Buses</b>		
Requires students under the age of 16 to wear seatbelts on school buses.	Rejects proposal to require that students under the age of 16 to wear seatbelts on buses.	No language

# State Budget Process

## BOCES

Governor	Assembly	Senate
<b>BOCES District Superintendent</b>		
No proposal	Includes a proposal to increase the BOCES district superintendent salary cap	Includes a proposal to increase the BOCES district superintendent salary cap
<b>BOCES Salary Cap</b>		
No proposal	Proposes to increase the cap on BOCES salaries eligible for aid. Under the plan, the increase would phase-in over multiple years, reaching \$52,000 in 2022-23	Proposes to increase the aidable cap on BOCES salaries for career and technical educators to \$50,000 by 2023-24

# State Budget Process

## Miscellaneous Items

Governor	Assembly	Senate
<b>TRS Reserve</b>		
No proposal	Includes a proposal to allow school districts to create reserve funds for teachers' retirement system contributions	Includes a proposal to allow school districts to create reserve funds for teachers' retirement system contributions
<b>School Based Reporting</b>		
No proposal	No proposal	Proposes repealing the existing state requirement for school districts to submit school-based information to the Division of Budget

# Updated Budget

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# 2019-20 Projected Budget



## Preliminary Expenditure Budget as of February 7, 2019

**\$34,822,609**

### Adjustments:

Savings from a teacher retirement	03/07/19	(\$58,369)
Staffing adjustments due to student class selections and enrollment	03/07/19	(80,874)
Work Based Learning - Bulldog Manufacturing Initiative	03/07/19	2,964
Health Services - Additional services required	03/07/19	13,271
Additional unemployment costs	03/07/19	46,800
Library Furniture - High School	03/21/19	(25,000)
Library Furniture - Middle School	03/21/19	(16,542)
Library Furniture - Intermediate School	03/21/19	(19,775)
Maintenance Equipment - Scrubber	03/21/19	(10,000)
Lifeguards - Reduce costs to reflect closure of pool complex	03/21/19	(8,074)
Administrative reductions, including Board of Education trainings and conferences	03/21/19	(4,000)
		<b>(\$159,599)</b>

## Revised Expenditure Budget as of March 21, 2019

**\$34,663,010**

### Revenue:

Non-Property Tax Revenue	\$16,106,600
<b>Property Tax Levy - 3.23% Increase</b>	<b>15,364,610</b>
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$31,471,210</b>

### Use of Fund Balance:

Appropriated Fund Balance for Next Year's Taxes	\$3,000,000
Debt Service Reserve	100,000
Workers' Compensation Reserve	45,000
Unemployment Reserve	46,800
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,191,800</b>

## Total Revenue and Fund Balance

**\$34,663,010**

# Preliminary Expenditure Budget

## Breakdown of the 2019-20 Preliminary Budget by Expenditure Category

Category	2018-19 Budget	2019-20 Budget	Dollar Change
Salaries	\$17,311,436	\$17,854,182	\$542,746
Benefits	8,687,046	8,958,299	271,253
Equipment	142,351	141,210	(1,141)
Supplies/Books	1,088,229	1,046,622	(41,607)
Contractual	2,872,864	2,840,310	(32,554)
BOCES	2,636,689	2,494,516	(142,173)
Debt Service	1,133,765	1,227,871	94,106
Transfer to Capital	100,000	100,000	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,972,380</b>	<b>\$34,663,010</b>	<b>\$690,630</b>
<b>Increase over the current year</b>			<b>2.03%</b>



# Budget Unknowns

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The State budget process:

- State budget is due by April 1<sup>st</sup>
- Could positively or negatively impact the proposed budget

Tax Levy:

- Need to finalize the tax levy prior to adopting the budget, currently 3.23%
- Could be higher or lower depending on the State budget and other unknown expenditure factors



# Where do we go from here?

Proposed 2019-20 Expenditure Budget	Expenditure \$ Increase/ (Decrease)	Expenditure % Increase Decrease	Required Tax Levy To Support Budget	Tax Levy \$ Increase/ (Decrease)	Tax Levy % Increase/ (Decrease)	Comments
\$34,182,697	\$210,317	0.62%	\$14,884,297	\$0	0.00%	Would require 50% Voter approval to pass budget
\$34,257,118	\$284,738	0.84%	\$14,958,718	\$74,421	0.50%	
\$34,331,540	\$359,160	1.06%	\$15,033,140	\$148,843	1.00%	
\$34,405,961	\$433,581	1.28%	\$15,107,561	\$223,264	1.50%	
\$34,480,383	\$508,003	1.50%	\$15,181,983	\$297,686	2.00%	
\$34,554,804	\$582,424	1.71%	\$15,256,404	\$372,107	2.50%	
\$34,629,226	\$656,846	1.93%	\$15,330,826	\$446,529	3.00%	
\$34,663,010	\$690,630	2.03%	\$15,364,610	\$480,313	3.23%	Tax Cap Limit Amount Would require 60% Voter approval to pass budget
\$34,768,174	\$795,794	2.34%	\$15,469,774	\$585,477	3.93%	
\$34,869,409	\$897,029	2.64%	\$15,571,009	\$686,712	4.61%	

Rank	School District	2013-14 Tax Levy	2014-15 Tax Levy	2015-16 Tax Levy	2016-17 Tax Levy	2017-18 Tax Levy	2018-19 Tax Levy	Percent Change (from 2013-14 to 2018-19)	Average Annual Change
1	Jamestown City SD	14,641,567	14,641,567	14,860,842	14,641,567	14,641,567	14,641,567	0.00%	0.00%
2	Falconer CSD	6,856,116	6,957,882	7,108,753	7,008,316	7,081,464	7,006,464	2.19%	0.44%
3	<b>Alden CSD</b>	<b>14,551,328</b>	<b>14,554,604</b>	<b>14,554,604</b>	<b>14,554,604</b>	<b>14,554,604</b>	<b>14,884,297</b>	<b>2.29%</b>	<b>0.46%</b>
4	Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD	14,882,613	15,089,534	15,232,624	15,236,351	15,364,004	15,313,318	2.89%	0.58%
5	Cleveland Hill UFSD	12,189,370	12,278,352	12,155,568	12,060,755	12,299,558	12,544,319	2.91%	0.58%
6	Dunkirk City SD	9,614,516	9,705,854	9,361,295	9,548,521	9,771,218	9,966,642	3.66%	0.73%
7	Southwestern CSD	12,376,950	12,719,160	12,780,720	12,644,068	12,707,289	12,834,362	3.70%	0.74%
8	Akron CSD	9,324,438	9,435,800	9,525,000	9,595,000	9,690,000	9,779,800	4.88%	0.98%
9	Brocton CSD	4,486,946	4,552,172	4,495,650	4,558,742	4,649,917	4,742,915	5.70%	1.14%
10	Holland CSD	6,914,000	7,086,850	7,193,150	7,193,150	7,193,150	7,335,503	6.10%	1.22%
11	Gowanda CSD	4,844,036	4,890,814	4,970,045	4,976,507	5,045,762	5,145,785	6.23%	1.25%
12	Fredonia CSD	15,079,019	15,210,823	15,473,631	15,611,280	15,822,024	16,059,354	6.50%	1.30%
13	Depew UFSD	16,588,816	16,754,674	17,243,582	17,370,360	17,558,919	17,886,910	7.83%	1.57%
14	North Collins CSD	5,024,017	5,166,082	5,249,933	5,249,933	5,301,907	5,431,650	8.11%	1.62%
15	Tonawanda City SD	11,241,156	11,527,795	11,675,351	11,449,561	11,815,947	12,161,319	8.19%	1.64%
16	Frewsburg CSD	4,982,166	5,081,905	5,180,585	5,191,989	5,275,809	5,400,172	8.39%	1.68%
17	Sherman CSD	2,398,032	2,496,712	2,555,479	2,555,479	2,605,400	2,605,400	8.65%	1.73%
18	Silver Creek CSD	5,661,824	5,777,850	5,893,985	5,975,199	6,034,951	6,188,882	9.31%	1.86%
19	Hamburg CSD	33,519,094	34,936,619	36,974,654	35,324,513	34,946,164	36,711,029	9.52%	1.90%
20	Lackawanna City SD	8,590,000	8,933,600	9,112,272	9,294,517	9,480,408	9,409,441	9.54%	1.91%
21	Clarence CSD	43,592,709	42,439,977	44,068,450	45,286,097	46,074,075	47,870,000	9.81%	1.96%
22	Amherst CSD	32,559,006	33,234,186	34,153,763	33,990,163	34,921,929	35,808,996	9.98%	2.00%
23	Cheektowaga CSD	22,434,322	22,814,991	22,965,481	23,306,729	23,997,259	24,765,445	10.39%	2.08%
24	Cheektowaga-Maryvale UFSD	19,021,734	19,371,581	19,854,462	20,369,120	20,775,361	21,129,171	11.08%	2.22%
25	Williamsville CSD	110,505,254	113,384,600	115,922,080	117,227,512	120,353,000	123,050,851	11.35%	2.27%
26	Grand Island CSD	30,044,924	30,807,924	31,345,630	32,281,397	33,126,393	33,463,153	11.38%	2.28%
27	Eden CSD	13,045,189	13,276,679	13,571,363	13,697,708	14,275,945	14,561,463	11.62%	2.32%
28	Springville-Griffith Institute CSD	14,709,577	15,157,008	15,378,653	15,500,961	15,894,853	16,516,497	12.28%	2.46%
29	Kenmore-Tonawanda UFSD	75,249,941	77,321,512	79,236,785	82,390,409	82,390,409	84,862,121	12.77%	2.55%
30	Iroquois CSD	26,103,470	26,923,682	27,842,604	28,068,629	28,847,815	29,626,370	13.50%	2.70%
31	Frontier CSD	34,969,020	36,227,031	36,996,183	37,808,502	38,727,313	39,741,467	13.65%	2.73%
32	West Seneca CSD	54,084,762	55,151,920	58,390,170	58,942,391	59,879,144	61,495,793	13.70%	2.74%
33	Lancaster CSD	46,211,252	47,789,584	48,664,133	49,472,993	50,544,983	53,096,748	14.90%	2.98%
34	Clymer CSD	3,966,909	4,042,171	4,102,937	4,116,464	4,111,939	4,641,024	16.99%	3.40%
35	Orchard Park CSD	54,814,641	57,129,054	59,211,985	60,170,654	61,554,907	64,181,775	17.09%	3.42%
36	Sweet Home CSD	39,130,963	41,505,052	42,968,153	44,033,641	45,433,699	46,571,338	19.01%	3.80%
37	East Aurora UFSD	17,991,247	18,514,187	18,962,486	19,144,742	20,465,729	21,589,140	20.00%	4.00%

Alden had the 3rd lowest tax levy increase of the 37 component districts in Erie 1 and Erie 2 BOCES over the past 5 fiscal years

Data for all Erie 1 BOCES and Erie 2 BOCES Component Districts

Data Source:  
New York Property Tax Report Card Data

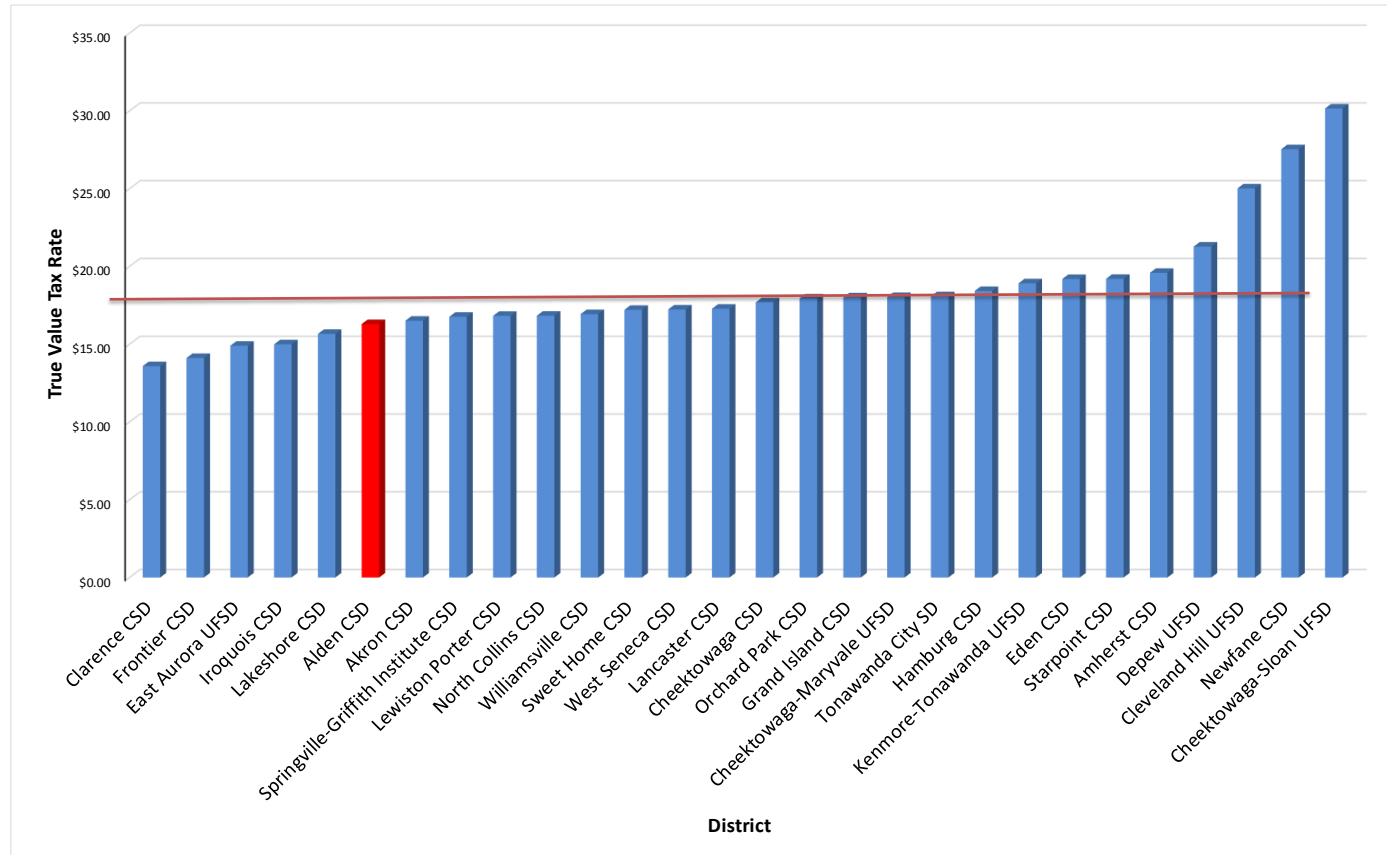
Available online at:  
<http://www.p12.nysed.gov/mgtser/propertytax/#Data>

# 2018-19 True Value Tax Rates by District

Rank	District	True Value Tax Rate
1	Clarence CSD	\$13.59
2	Frontier CSD	\$14.11
3	East Aurora UFSD	\$14.90
4	Iroquois CSD	\$14.99
5	Lakeshore CSD	\$15.66
6	<b>Alden CSD</b>	<b>\$16.29</b>
7	Akron CSD	\$16.51
8	Springville-Griffith Institut	\$16.76
9	Lewiston Porter CSD	\$16.82
10	North Collins CSD	\$16.83
11	Williamsville CSD	\$16.93
12	Sweet Home CSD	\$17.21
13	West Seneca CSD	\$17.23
14	Lancaster CSD	\$17.28
15	Cheektowaga CSD	\$17.69
16	Orchard Park CSD	\$17.94
17	Grand Island CSD	\$18.01
18	Cheektowaga-Maryvale	\$18.03
19	Tonawanda City SD	\$18.08
20	Hamburg CSD	\$18.42
21	Kenmore-Tonawanda	\$18.91
22	Eden CSD	\$19.19
23	Starpoint CSD	\$19.20
24	Amherst CSD	\$19.58
25	Depew UFSD	\$21.27
26	Cleveland Hill UFSD	\$25.01
27	Newfane CSD	\$27.53
28	Cheektowaga-Sloan UFSD	\$30.15

Average

\$18.36



Information obtained from the Erie County Association of School Boards, 2018-19 Facts and Figures Information

# Tax Levy and Additional Reductions Required

Tax Levy Increase	Additional Reductions Required	True Value Tax Impact with Basic STAR Exemption		
		100K Home	150K Home	200K Home
3.23%	N/A	\$36.83	\$63.13	\$89.44
3.00%	\$33,784	\$34.21	\$58.64	\$83.07
2.75%	\$70,995	\$31.35	\$53.75	\$76.15
2.50%	\$108,206	\$28.50	\$48.86	\$69.23
2.25%	\$145,416	\$25.65	\$43.98	\$62.30
2.00%	\$182,627	\$22.80	\$39.09	\$55.38
1.75%	\$219,838	\$19.95	\$34.21	\$48.46
1.50%	\$257,049	\$17.10	\$29.32	\$41.54
1.25%	\$294,259	\$14.25	\$24.43	\$34.61
1.00%	\$331,470	\$11.40	\$19.55	\$27.69

# Discussion

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