

Voters will note below the May 21 ballot will include two bus-related propositions. Arkport proposes to continue using reserve funds to purchase handicapped-accessible vehicles, but to start leasing buses for its regular transportation route.

By leasing brand-new buses on a five-year cycle, the district will save money on maintenance and repair costs, while maintaining a fleet whose vehicles are never more than 5 years old.

## Proposition 1: 2019-20 Budget

- Voters will consider the Arkport Central School District's proposed 2019-20 budget of \$11,609,527, which calls for a 6.6% increase in spending and a 1.8% increase in the local property tax levy.

## Proposition 2: Five-year BOE term

- Voters will elect one member of the Arkport Board of Education to serve a five-year term starting July 1, 2019.

## Proposition 3: Four-year BOE term

- Voters will elect one member of the Arkport Board of Education to serve a four-year term starting July 1, 2019.

## Proposition 4: Bus purchase

- Voters will decide on a separate proposition to purchase a 35-passenger, wheelchair-accessible school bus and two six-passenger Dodge Grand Caravans at a combined cost not to exceed \$150,000. If approved, funds would be used from the district's existing bus reserve fund to purchase the buses.
- Approximately 90% percent of the cost would be returned to the district in the form of future state aid. The cost is already included in the debt service calculation for the 2019-20 proposed budget.

## Proposition 5: Bus lease

- Voters will consider if the district should enter a five-year lease for two 66-passenger school buses at a cost not to exceed \$260,000.

## School District Budget Notice

The information provided below is the "School District Budget Notice" as required by state law. School districts must distribute this notice, as prescribed, to all district residents.

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$10,895,722	\$11,609,527	\$11,545,364
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$713,805	\$649,642
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.55%	5.96%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$3,564,588	\$3,628,751	
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)	\$3,564,588	\$3,628,751	\$3,564,588
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$58,875	\$56,223	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,556,705	\$3,596,033	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$3,564,588	\$3,572,528	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$1,081	\$23,506	
Administrative Component	\$1,330,363	\$1,473,976	\$1,473,976
Program Component	\$8,003,120	\$8,126,119	\$8,061,956
Capital Component	\$1,562,239	\$2,009,432	\$2,009,432
* If a contingent budget is enacted, several things will happen: The district will have to charge for the use of school facilities by outside groups and eliminate certain salary increases and purchases of equipment, band instruments and athletic uniforms. In addition, field trips and student school supply purchases will be reduced. (Section 2023 of the Education Law.)			
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements.)			
		<b>Description</b>	<b>Amount</b>
		Bus Purchase Prop.	\$150,000
		Bus Lease Prop.	\$260,000
		<b>Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year</b>	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup> (average for five townships in district)			\$628

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Arkport Central School District, Steuben County, New York, will be held at Arkport Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.