



HOMER
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget Hearing
May 26, 2020
6:30 PM

Please email any
Questions or Comments
during the Budget Hearing to

budgetvote@homercentral.org

Budget Guidelines

Develop financially responsible budget proposals that:

Continue to develop and execute options to maximize program impact.

Execute on our Strategic Planning Initiatives when making annual budget decisions.

Adopt the voice of the community as the budget is developed, continually seeking input to deliver a great education for our children.

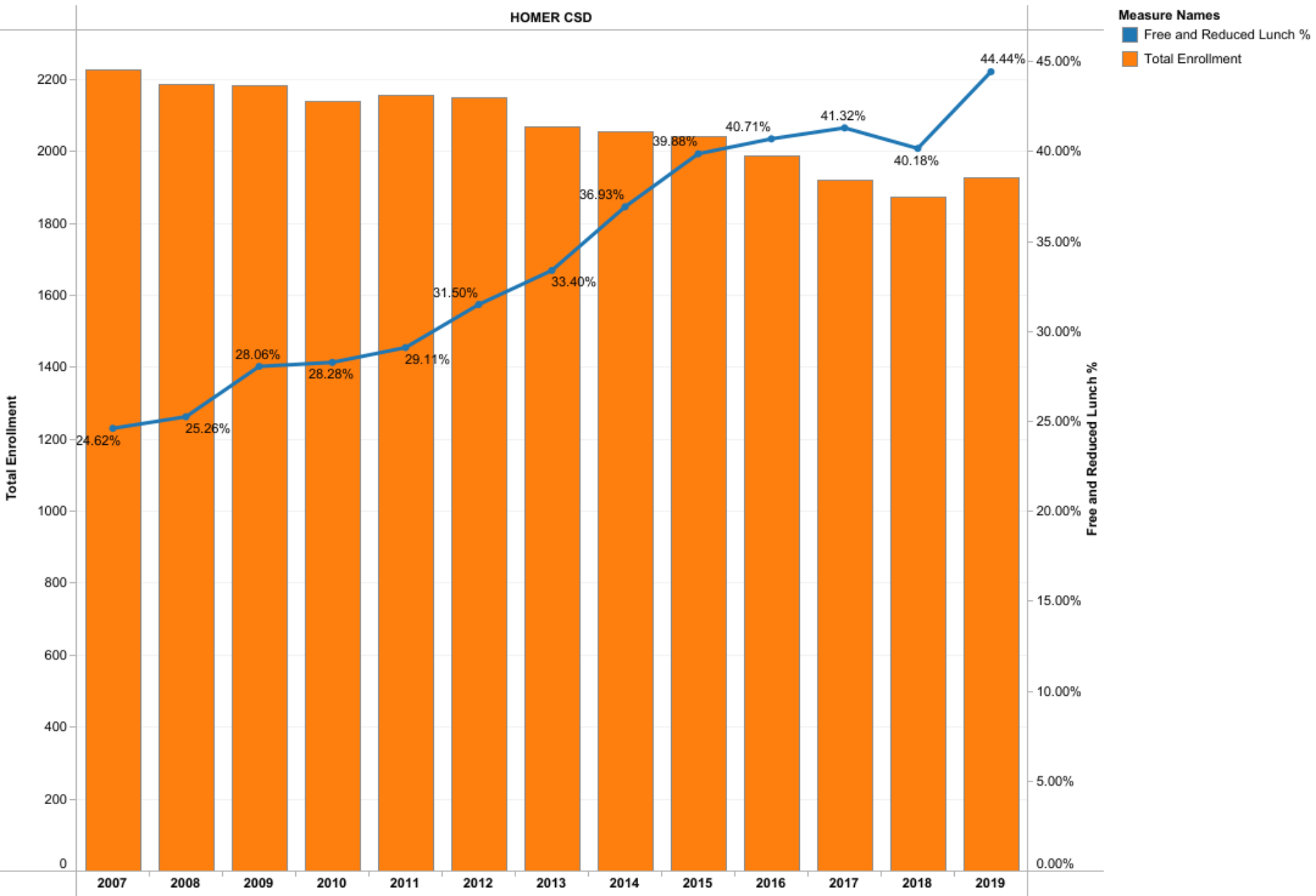
Develop the tax levy in compliance with the tax levy limit and tax levy process as defined by Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 of New York State.

Continue to proactively minimize the impact of withheld aid to Homer CSD taxpayers in an uncertain State & Federal aid environment.

Free and Reduced Enrollment

District: HOMER CSD

Source: NYSED School Enrollment Data



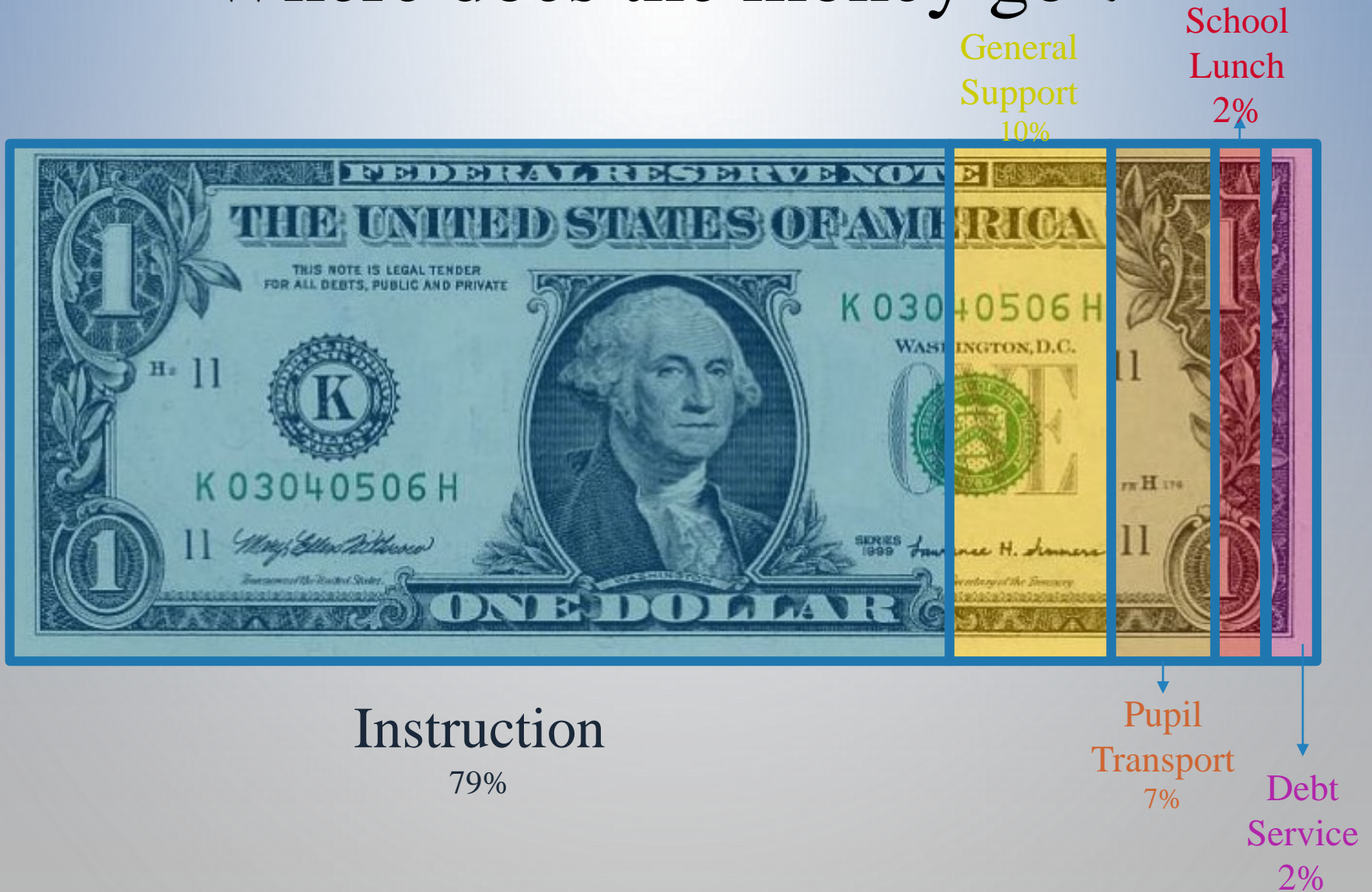
Total Proposed Expenditures

| Component Area | 2019-20 Budgeted | 2020-21 Proposed | Change |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Program | \$32,347,306.00 | \$33,465,645.00 | \$1,118,339.00 |
| Capital | \$7,325,666.00 | \$7,310,196.00 | (\$15,470.00) |
| Administration | \$3,547,678.00 | \$3,517,098.00 | (\$30,580.00) |
| Total | \$43,220,650.00 | \$44,292,939.00 | \$1,072,289.00 |

Total Proposed Revenues

| Revenue Sources | 2019-20 Budgeted | 2020-21 Proposed | Change |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| New York State Aid | \$25,082,077.00 | \$25,222,282.00 | \$140,205.00 |
| Local Sources/E-Rate/Misc. | \$606,000.00 | \$606,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Tax Levy/STAR | \$16,544,339.00 | \$16,858,679.00 | \$314,340.00 |
| Reserves | \$308,234.00 | \$925,978.00 | \$617,744.00 |
| Fund Balance | \$680,000.00 | \$680,000.00 | \$0.00 |
| Total | \$43,220,650.00 | \$44,292,939.00 | \$1,072,289.00 |

Where does the money go ?



Homer CSD "TAX CAP" & Actual Levy Comparison

| Year | Tax Levy Threshold | Actual Tax Levy Increase |
|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2013-14 | 4.49% \$684,310 | 3% \$457,223 |
| 2014-15 | 1.88% \$ 295,364 | 1.50% \$235,470 |
| 2015-16 | 1.76% \$280,806 | 0% \$0 |
| 2016-17 | .46 % \$73,287 | 0% \$0 |
| 2017-18 | 1.85% \$295,143 | 0% \$0 |
| 2018-19 | 4.08% \$650,538 | 1.90% \$302,396 |
| 2019-20 | 4.22% \$684,809 | 1.90% \$308,483 |
| 2020-21 | 3.89% \$643,043 | 1.90% \$314,340 |

Countywide Annual Change Taxable Full Value

Year Over Year Change By District

| District | Year | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|-------|------|
| | 2009 | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 |
| CINCINNATUS CSD | 6.9% | 4.1% | -0.5% | -0.6% | 1.8% | 0.5% | 2.9% | 0.1% | 3.1% | -0.1% | 3.0% |
| CORTLAND CITY SD | 5.2% | 4.5% | 3.0% | 1.7% | 0.1% | -1.2% | 0.2% | 0.5% | 1.4% | 1.2% | 2.7% |
| HOMER CSD | 4.8% | 8.6% | -1.5% | 0.7% | -0.2% | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.4% | 0.5% | 0.9% | 2.0% |
| MARATHON CSD | 7.0% | 5.7% | 1.0% | 5.6% | 3.5% | -0.1% | 12.7% | 0.4% | 1.7% | 1.1% | 0.7% |
| MCGRAW CSD | 3.9% | 3.2% | 2.6% | 1.8% | 0.6% | 0.3% | 1.6% | 0.4% | 0.4% | 0.0% | 1.6% |

How will a 1.90% Increase to the Tax Levy Affect My Tax Bill?

These figures are estimated based on 2019-20 Property Assessments and have been calculated without Exemptions (STAR, Agriculture, Clergy, etc.). Estimated increase to taxes is based on \$.39 per \$1,000 assessed.

| Assessed Value of Property | Estimated Increase To Taxes |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| \$100,000 | \$39.00 |
| \$200,000 | \$78.00 |
| \$300,000 | \$117.00 |
| \$400,000 | \$156.00 |
| \$500,000 | \$195.00 |

PROPOSITION I

2020-21 BUDGET

Shall the Board of Education of the Homer Central School District be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the same amount of \$44,292,939.00 to levy the necessary tax therefore.

PROPOSITION II

BUS LEASING AND PURCHASE OF VEHICLES

Shall the following resolution be adopted: resolved that, pursuant to chapter 472 of the session laws of 1998, the Board of Education of the Homer Central School District is hereby authorized to lease and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of eight hundred and twenty thousand dollars (\$ 820,000) and for a term not to exceed five (5) years, the following motor vehicles: seven (7) sixty-six (66) passenger school buses and one (1) fifty-four (54) passenger wheelchair bus.

and

The Board of Education of the Homer Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase and expend therefore, including costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of sixty thousand dollars (\$60,000) the following motor vehicles: two (2) vans; and, that such sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax collected in annual installments; and that in anticipation of such tax, obligations of the district shall be issued.

PROPOSITION III

LIBRARY FUNDING

Shall the Board of Education of the Homer Central School District be authorized to maintain the annual levy of taxes for the use of the Phillips Free Library at one hundred ninety-six thousand, one hundred sixty five dollars (\$196,165), and to pay over such monies annually to the trustees of the Phillips Free Library of Homer, New York.

As a courtesy to our local library, the Homer Central School District provides tax collection and voting day services, as well as space for library-provided information in the budget newsletter. The school district does not participate in the creation of the library budget.

Board of Education Candidates

The following seats are up for a vote on the Board of Education: Trustees for term of three (3) years,

Sonia Apker, Julie McChesney, Luke Morenus, names of last incumbents.

Running for these seats are as follows:

- Sonia Apker
- Julie McChesney
- Luke Morenus
- Emily Olsenwik

Absentee Ballot Vote

Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the 2020 Homer CSD School Budget Vote will be held remotely through Absentee Balloting on June 9, 2020.

Absentee Ballots, Ballot directions and Budget Flyers will be provided to all qualified voters along with a postage-paid envelope to return your completed ballot.

Only qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election.

A qualified voter is one who is

- (1) a citizen of the United States of America,
- (2) eighteen years of age or older, and
- (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election, and
- (4) who is not disqualified from voting per Election law § 5-106.

Absentee Ballot Vote Continued

If you need additional Absentee Ballots or if you fill in the ballot incorrectly, you may obtain a new ballot by contacting the District Clerk, Kelli Yacavone, at 607-749-7241 ext. 5022 or at budgetvote@homercentral.org. Please make sure to provide your name and address.

Returning Your Absentee Ballot

- 1) All Absentee Ballots must be returned to the Homer Central School District by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.
- 2) All Absentee Ballots must be returned in the district provided envelopes.
- 3) Voters must place their Absentee Ballot in the Certification Envelope and return it signed in the district provided Postage Paid Envelope.

Homer Central School District Absentee Ballot for 2020-2021 School Budget Vote

HOMER PROPOSITION NUMBER ONE

2020-21 Budget

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Yes No

HOMER PROPOSITION NUMBER TWO

Bus Leasing and Purchase of Vehicles

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Yes No

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER HOMER
(VOTE FOR ANY THREE)**

| | | | | |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|---|
| BOARD MEMBER | Sonia Apker <input type="radio"/> | Julie McChesney <input type="radio"/> | Luke Morenus <input type="radio"/> | Emily Olsenwik <input type="radio"/> |
| WRITE-IN | Write-In | Write-In | Write-In | Write-In |

Official Absentee Ballot for the Homer Central School District Election-June 9, 2020

Instructions:

1. Mark the ballot with Pen only.
2. To vote "yes" or "no" on any Proposition, fill in the oval that corresponds to your vote.
3. To vote for a candidate whose name is on the ballot, fill in the oval below the name of the candidate.
4. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write in their name in one of the boxes marked "write-in".
5. Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that public office.
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Questions ?