

## State-Mandated Budget Notice

	Budget Adopted for the 2010 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2011 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2011 School Year*
<b>Total budgeted amount</b>	<b>\$18,281,716</b>	<b>\$ 18,281,716</b>	<b>\$18,188,673</b>
<b>Increase/decrease for the 2009 school year</b>		<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ -93,043</b>
<b>Percentage increase/decrease in each proposed budget</b>		<b>0%</b>	<b>-.51%</b>
<b>Change in the consumer price index</b>		<b>0%</b>	
<b>Resulting est. property tax levy for the 2009 school year</b>		<b>0%</b>	
<b>Administrative component</b>	<b>\$ 1,575,931</b>	<b>\$1,470,333</b>	<b>\$ 1,470,333</b>
<b>Program component</b>	<b>\$14,456,482</b>	<b>\$14,507,646</b>	<b>\$14,444,675</b>
<b>Capital component</b>	<b>\$2,249,304</b>	<b>\$2,303,739</b>	<b>\$2,273,665</b>
* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2010-11 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated. <sup>1</sup>			
<b>Reduction of planned equipment purchase not deemed health and safety items.</b>			

### Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR<sup>2</sup> Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)

	Budget Proposed for the 2011 School Year
Basic STAR tax savings	\$ 432.00

## THE 2010-2011 BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District is hereby authorized to expend a sum, not to exceed **\$18,281,716**, in the 2010-2011 school year, and to levy the necessary tax therefore on taxable property of the district for the tax year beginning July 1, 2010.

● *The Budget Hearing will take place at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, June 8 at the Berlin Elementary School.*

● *Voting will take place from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm on June 15 at the Berlin Fire Hall.*

● *The regular monthly meeting will take place at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, June 16 at the Berlin Elementary School.*

## PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) school bus; a 58-passenger/ 3WC track seating school bus and is further authorized to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$138,000.00, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

## PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, is hereby authorized to reconstruct, and construct improvements to district buildings, including all original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, site improvement, and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and is further authorized to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$100,000, to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District may be issued.

The budget vote for the fiscal year 2010-2011 by the qualified voters of the Berlin Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, will be held at Berlin Fire Hall in said district on Tuesday, June 15, 2010 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Berlin Fire Hall, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine.

## Berlin Central School District—\$18.2 million school budget

On Friday, May 28, 2010, the Board of Education of the Berlin Central School District adopted a budget of \$18,281,716 to put before the voters and will hold a **Budget Hearing** on **Tuesday, June 8** at 7:00 PM at the **Berlin Elementary School**. One week later, on **Tuesday, June 15**, Berlin Central School District residents will **vote** on this proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year at the **Berlin Fire Hall** on Community Avenue in Berlin.

There is no increase in the proposed budget from the current year. This represents a 0% increase in the budget and also a 0% increase on the tax levy. The proposed budget of \$18,281,716 being put forth to voters is less than the amount allowed for BCSD by law under a contingent budget. The contingent level, by law for BCSD is \$18,349,860. However, if the \$18.2 budget at 0% is defeated, the District would be forced to operate on a contingency budget of \$18,188,673 with the possibility of an additional \$93,043 in cuts to equipment not deemed necessary for health and safety reasons; custodial equipment, furniture, computer hardware equipment, health office equipment.

In March 2010 the Board of Education voted to close Grafton Elementary School on June 30th of this year. This decision was reiterated at the meeting on May 28. In addition, a decision was made to relocate the District Offices to the Middle School/High School creating additional space for special area classes in the modular units already at Berlin Elementary School. Should this budget be defeated and the District was to adopt a contingency budget, the decision to close Grafton Elementary School and relocate the District Offices would remain in effect.

The Berlin Central School District is proposing the purchase of one 58 passenger/3 wheelchair track seating school bus not to exceed \$138,000. The seating configuration of the bus can be changed to accommodate between 1 and 3 wheelchairs depending on the needs of the district and allow for the consolidation of two bus routes into one for next year.

Debt service payments will begin the school year following the bus purchase. So, in this case, the payment would begin in 2011-2012. Because the district is aided on bus purchases at the current rate of 77%, the new purchase would result in a minimal increase on that debt.

The District began presenting to the voters an annual Capital Project of \$100,000 in 2008. By proposing a Capital Project not to exceed \$100,000 on an annual basis the District receives the revenue of 75% in the form of building aid in the following fiscal year. The result of the annual project cycle started in 2008 means that each year the District can perform \$100,000 of repairs which results in a local cost of \$25,000.

Information about the budget is available online at [www.berlincentral.org](http://www.berlincentral.org). A complete copy of the proposed budget can be viewed at the Berlin Elementary School, Grafton Elementary School, the Middle School/High School or the district office. Anyone with questions about the budget can call the district offices at 658-2690 or 658-2684.



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# Budget Vote



June 15, 2010