



# REBEL ALLIANCE

Spring/Budget 2021

ALTMAR-PARISH-WILLIAMSTOWN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Budget Dates to Remember

# May 11

**MEET THE  
CANDIDATE AND  
PUBLIC BUDGET  
HEARING**

6 p.m.  
APW District Office

# May 18

**BUDGET VOTE AND  
BOE ELECTION**

12 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
APW JSHS Auditorium  
Use Athletics Entrance

## The Crayola Experience



*APW Elementary student Chase Woolson proudly displays his Crayola Experience packet.*

The entire elementary school of Altmar-Parish-Williamstown was able to experience the magic of the Crayola factory recently and received a Crayola packet of goodies to take home with them.

The virtual Crayola Experience is a new offering for youngsters everywhere that provides three hours of fun, instructions and supplies. Every student, including virtual students, at APW Elementary received a packet full of markers, crayons, coloring sheets and more, thanks to the collaboration with the APW Transportation Department which helped deliver packets home.

"Being in charge of field trips here, we've worked hard to find virtual opportunities for the kids this year," said APW Elementary Assistant Principal Dawn Cooley. "What I really liked about this one was how interactive it was and that the students received materials they could use and take home."

Art teachers in the school were able to incorporate learning experiences such as "how a crayon is made" into the curriculum, adapting activities to grade levels.

"It was just so fun to see the kids light up as they pulled items out of the packet, saying 'look at this, we get to keep this!'" said Cooley.

## A message from the APW Board President

It is that time of the year when the days start to become longer, the sun is slowly getting higher in the sky, the birds are chirping, the grass is growing; all clear signs that spring is in the air. With the arrival of spring, it also means it is that time of the year when the APW Central School District presents to voters the budget for the 2021-2022 school year.

The past year has been an unprecedented year. We have all had to navigate our way through a global pandemic while still trying to provide an education for our children. I believe we can all agree that this has not been an easy task for any of us. The district has worked very hard during these times to try and provide the best possible education for our children while following guidelines that we are provided. Things have not been perfect along the way, and we have made mistakes, but we learn from our imperfections, and we correct our mistakes in an effort to move forward.

I am excited as I write this article to our community to talk about our proposed budget for the upcoming May vote. While we were uncertain throughout the year as to what the state aid numbers were going to look like, in the end, it appears that state aid monies will flow our way. The board adopted the budget during our April meeting, and we are proposing the exact same budget number as last year of \$33,166,285. Once again, we will not be asking taxpayers for any additional tax increase, that's right, \$0 TAX INCREASE from the district!

While I am excited that we can propose a budget with no tax increase, what I am even more excited about is the opportunity to create additional programming for our students in the district. We will be adding STEM at the elementary school, a business teacher to offer business courses, physical education teacher, more courses through our technology department in an effort to provide career exploration for our ninth- and 10th-graders geared toward different skill-type professions, and some life skills courses with our family and consumer science teacher. All of these additions come from the survey that was put out to the community asking for your input on what types of additional courses we could be offering. You spoke, and we listened. There is also some additional new monies that will be coming our way from the state and federal government to help us

in recovering from the pandemic. This money will help us build programming to address mental health and social-emotional impact this pandemic has had on children, along with additional programming to help close the learning gaps children have suffered throughout this past year. We have a long road ahead, but this is a step in the right direction in adding these supports for our kids.

We will also be asking for your approval to purchase some new busses that will keep our transportation fleet up-to-date and in-line with our bus replacement schedule. Once again, this year we will be using money that was put in reserves for bus purchases. This allows us to pay cash for these busses with no current impact to our taxpayers.

This past year has been like no other, and we are fortunate to have a lot of great staff who are working tirelessly in the best interest of our students. On behalf of the board, I would like to thank all of our staff for all that they have done. I believe we are on the right track in making APW a great district and in-line with our vision: "EVERY LEARNER PREPARED FOR THEIR INDIVIDUAL CHOSEN PATH." As we have done in this past year in asking for your input on back to school plans, the district's vision, mission and core values, capital project stakeholder meetings and upcoming strategic plan stakeholder meetings, I encourage each and every one of you to stay involved with the district and keep us on this path to success.

We look forward to seeing you on May 18 between the hours of 12 p.m. and 9 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School auditorium to vote on the annual budget. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to the district office at (315) 625-5251 and ask to speak to our superintendent, Lynn Rhone, or school business administrator Lorrie Burrows.

Proud to be a Rebel!

*Thank you,*

Mark Mattison  
President, Board of Education



## Superintendent's Message

Hello Rebels! Spring is here! There is new life all around us, even in our schools! We are happy to bring our students new opportunities next year. We've listened to you. You told us what types of experiences you wanted your children to have, and we have many of those opportunities in place for September 2021. With your help, we began this year with setting our district core values, mission and vision.

**CORE VALUES:** Achievement, Care and Compassion, Integrity, Continuous Growth, Safety for All

**VISION:** Every Learner Prepared for Their Individual Chosen Path - College, Work, Trade School, Military

**MISSION:** Because we believe in the potential of every student, we provide an innovative, dependable, competitive education for all learners and their life decisions.

With the addition of several programs and opportunities for our students next year, we are following through with promises made in our mission and vision. It won't stop here! We will continue to grow, change and add programming that will offer all students an innovative, dependable, competitive education, as we have promised.

Can you help? You bet you can! We now look forward to setting the district's strategic plan: where we are going and how we are going to get there. Please consider joining a committee in the district; we have several right now. The Capital Project Committee and Strategic Plan Committee are both beginning right now and will take only a few hours of your time over the next few months. Or consider attending one or more of our monthly committee meetings, where you can get involved with policy, athletics, student achievement, long-range planning and finance. All of these committees have board members and staff serving on them, and they are all open to the public. We want and need your input and help! For more information on our committee involvement and commitments, please call me at (315) 625-5252.

*Sincerely,*

Lynn Rhone  
APW Superintendent





## Understanding Tax Levy and Tax Rate

### How is the tax levy different from the tax rate?

The tax levy is the total amount that a school district raises each year in taxes from all property owners. The tax rate is the amount of tax paid for each \$1,000 of assessed value of property.

### How does the tax levy cap work?

Under New York State tax cap rules, school districts must use a complex formula to calculate their own unique tax levy limit, then apply exclusions set forth by law to determine the maximum allowable tax levy for a simple majority vote.

### Is the tax levy within the tax cap?

Yes, in fact, the proposed tax levy is below the district's maximum allowable tax levy limit. This will allow residents who are eligible for STAR rebates to receive them from the state.

## APW 2021-2022 Proposed Levy

Proposed Budget:	\$33,166,285
Estimated State Aid:	\$25,850,706
Other Revenue:	\$1,077,316
APW Proposed Levy for 2021-2022:	\$6,238,263 or 0%

**Maximum  
Allowable Levy:**  
**+1.88%**

**Proposed Levy**  
**0.00%**

APW's proposed 2021-2022 levy is below the maximum allowable levy. Voter approval requires a simple majority vote (50% +1)

## APW School Tax Levy

Understanding the tax levy limit as it applies to APWCSD. The NYS formula calculates the maximum allowable tax levy for the 2021-2022 school year.

### NEW YORK STATE TAX LEVY LIMIT FORMULA

Tax Levy (for school year ending 6/30/21).....	\$6,238,263
	x
Tax Base Growth Factor .....	1.0077
	+
PILOTS (receivable for school year ending 6/30/21) .....	\$38,761
	-
Tax Levy to Pay for Court Orders/Judgements .....	\$0
	-
Capital Tax Levy (for school year ending 6/30/21).....	\$11,066
	x
Allowable Levy Growth Factor.....	1.0123
	-
PILOTS (receivable for school year ending 6/30/22) .....	\$46,904
	-
<b>Total Tax Levy Limit Before Exclusions.....</b>	<b>\$6,344,751</b>
Exclusions .....	+
(2021-22 Capital Tax Levy & Pension Contribution Costs) .....	\$10,744

**APW's Maximum Allowable Levy  
for the 2021-2022 School Year** **\$6,355,495**

## Voting Information

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-2022 by the qualified voters of the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District, Oswego County, New York, will be held at the APW Junior-Senior High School in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of noon and 9 p.m., prevailing time in the APW Junior-Senior High School auditorium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

## Absentee Ballots

Eligible voters may submit absentee ballots. For information, contact the District Office at 315-625-5251. Ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on May 18, 2021.

# Propositions on the Ballot

Voters will be asked to decide upon two propositions and to elect three (3) Board of Education members.

## Proposition 1 - Budget

To vote upon the adoption of a budget for said school district for the school year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022. Shall the proposed budget of \$33,166,285 for the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District as recommended by the Board of Education for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022, be adopted and shall the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary taxes therefor?

## Proposition 2 - Transportation

Shall the Board of be authorized to purchase three (3) student transportation vehicles, including related furnishings and equipment incidental thereto, expend therefore a total sum not to exceed \$236,000 which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for such buses by using \$236,000 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund-Buses?

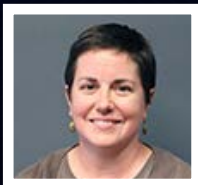
## School Board Members

To elect three members of the Board of Education for the terms of three (3) years, expiring on June 30, 2024.

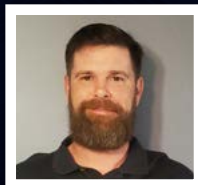
**CANDIDATES ARE: (Vote for three)**

- Oakes
- Tanner
- Hale
- Britton

Karen  
**OAKES**



Brad  
**TANNER**



Michael  
**HALE**



John  
**BRITTON**



**Meet the Candidates | May 11 @ 6 p.m. | APW JSHS Auditorium**



## Budget Comparison

	2020-2021 Adopted Budget	2021-2022 Proposed Budget
Central Administration and Board of Education	\$239,766	\$258,594
Business Administration	\$645,659	\$662,259
Personnel	\$205,660	\$213,613
Instructional and Program	\$9,826,559	\$10,210,602
BOCES Administration and Insurance	\$834,842	\$833,088
Supervision and Curriculum Development	\$1,208,891	\$1,146,607
Students with Disabilities	\$5,442,258	\$4,754,264
Athletics	\$372,465	\$408,990
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$1,908,580	\$1,983,085
Transportation	\$2,166,199	\$2,101,816
Employee Benefits	\$7,483,348	\$7,618,111
Debt Service	\$2,832,058	\$2,496,256
Interfund Transfers	\$0	\$100,000
Transfers	\$0	\$379,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$33,166,285</b>	<b>\$33,166,285</b>

## BASIC STAR EXEMPTION IMPACT

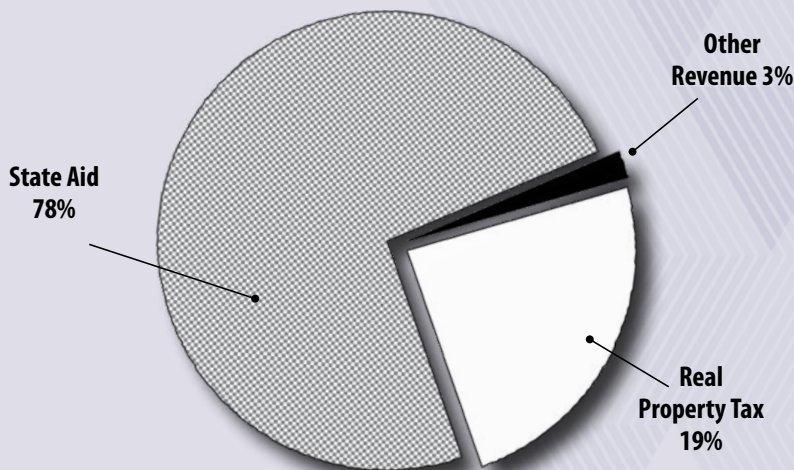
Three factors that determine the tax rate on your home include tax levy, equalization rates and property assessment. The tax levy is set by the school district in May; equalization rates are established by the New York State Office of Real Property Services in August, and each respective town establishes assessments and equalization rates, but these are just estimates. Therefore, tax rates are not finalized until late August, at which time school tax bills are printed and mailed. Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). Not all townships located within the Altmar-Parish-Williamstown District are at full valuation.

Estimated Basic STAR exemption Savings based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). Not all of Altmar, Parish and Williamstown municipalities are at full valuation.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-2022 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$415 - \$432 Based on Town

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

## 2021-2022 Revenue



## VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Eighteen (18) years of age or older.

A citizen of the United States.

A legal resident of the APW Central School District for at least thirty (30) days prior to the vote.

Voters may be required to show proof of eligibility before casting their vote. The following forms of proof may be accepted (not limited to): birth certificate, driver's license, non-driver ID card, utility bill, voter registration card or passport. Any person not qualified to register or vote under the provisions of Sections 5-100 and 5-106 of the Election Law shall not have the right to register for or vote in an election.

## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 33,166,285	\$33,166,285	\$33,014,785
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$0	\$(151,500)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0%	(0.45%)
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount		\$6,238,263	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$65,000	\$65,000	
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)	\$6,303,263	\$6,303,263	\$6,303,263
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$11,066	\$10,744	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,463,138	\$6,344,752	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$6,227,197	\$6,227,519	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$235,941	\$117,233	
Administrative Component	\$3,824,673	\$3,795,318	\$3,784,818
Program Component	\$24,149,069	\$24,086,250	\$23,853,250
Capital Component	\$5,192,543	\$5,284,717	\$5,376,717
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-22 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p>The 2021-2022 contingency budget includes \$151,500 in reductions for non-contingent equipment items and any other expenses as legally required to keep the tax levy at the same amount as the prior year. The responsibility for determining which items in a school district budget fall under the concept of “ordinary contingent expenses” rests with the board of education.</p>			
** 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)	Description		Amount
	NA		
			\$
			\$
			\$

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmgts@nysed.gov](mailto:emscmgts@nysed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup> <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/sd35.htm>

\$415 - 432 based on town

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



# EARTH DAY

# DOMINO RALLY



**Mrs. Spack and Ms. Huebner's class work hard on creating Earth Day poetry and an embedded a STEM activity, where students used recycled materials to create robots!**



**APW Elementary collected 687 boxes of food as donations for the APW Backpack program, providing food for students and families in need.**



**Dr. Teri Mitchell**  
**CLASS OF 1999**  
**APRN CNM IBCLC**

Dr. Teri Mitchell graduated from APW in 1999 and attended college at the University of Baylor. Mitchell earned a Doctorate of Nursing Practice degree, majoring in midwifery. Mitchell now owns one of the most successful midwifery practices in Texas. She was honored in 2017 as the "Best Midwife in Dallas" and was called "The Face of Midwifery" in Frisco, Texas in 2019.

Want us to feature an APW alum that you know?

**Email [pr@apw.cnyric.org](mailto:pr@apw.cnyric.org).**

What is the Alumni Spotlight? The Alumni Spotlight was designed with the intention of showcasing the amazing students who have walked the halls of Altmar-Parish-Williamstown Central School District. We wanted to show that students have been and will continually be successful after graduating from APW. **#ProudToBeARebel**

## GET YOUR APW SENIOR TRADING CARD



**2021 SENIORS!**

**WE WANT TO CELEBRATE YOU!**

**APW Senior**

**WHAT'S NEXT?**

Tell Us!

**CAREER GOAL:**

We can't wait to hear!

**HOBBIES:**

What are things that you love to do?!

**MOST IMPACTFUL TEACHER:**

What teacher has made the most impact on you?  
Just the name please!



**Email us your details and preferred photo to [PR@apw.cnyric.org](mailto:PR@apw.cnyric.org)**



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