

Cortland

Enlarged City School District

Proposed Budget
2014-2015



COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE



Barry Elementary School



Junior/Senior High School

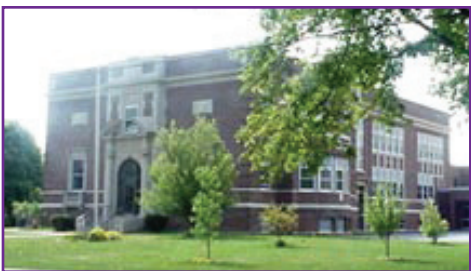


Parker Elementary School

BUDGET REPORT

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Randall Elementary School



Smith Elementary School



Virgil Elementary School



INTRODUCTION

Proposed 2014/15 School Budget for Voter Approval on May 20, 2014

As you are aware, the school budget process has become more and more difficult due to a number of factors that have affected the local, state, and national fiscal economies. At the local level we are dealing with spiraling costs and mandates. Although New York State is in the midst of a slow economic recovery, our state aid is still decreasing and Albany continues to shift the tax burden to the local level.

We began this budget process with increases in health care, pension plans, and the normal inflation factors causing a budget-to-budget difference of over \$3 million. In addition to these increasing costs, our State Aid has been reduced by over \$9 million in the last five years. We were able to close this budget gap by reducing costs where possible, implementing a lease program for buses and technology hardware, and the use of reserve funds. These reserves are similar to your own savings account and should be used sparingly as they are finite resources. As we reduced costs, we were mindful of student needs and maintained our current educational programs. We are, after all, here to educate our children in the most fiscally responsible manner possible.

The budget proposal being presented to the voters has a budget-to-budget increase of \$2,174,703 or 4.8%. While the current Allowable Tax Levy Limit (Tax Cap) for Cortland Enlarged City School District is 6.58%, the Board of Education is proposing a tax levy increase of 2.9%. This would result in an estimated increase of \$51.28 per year (or \$1.00/week) on a home valued at \$100,000.00.

I would like to thank the Board of Education, staff, and community members for their creative efforts and input during this year's budget process. You should be commended for keeping the best interests of our students as your compass and staying true to Cortland's Mission Statement.

Michael J. Hoose, Superintendent



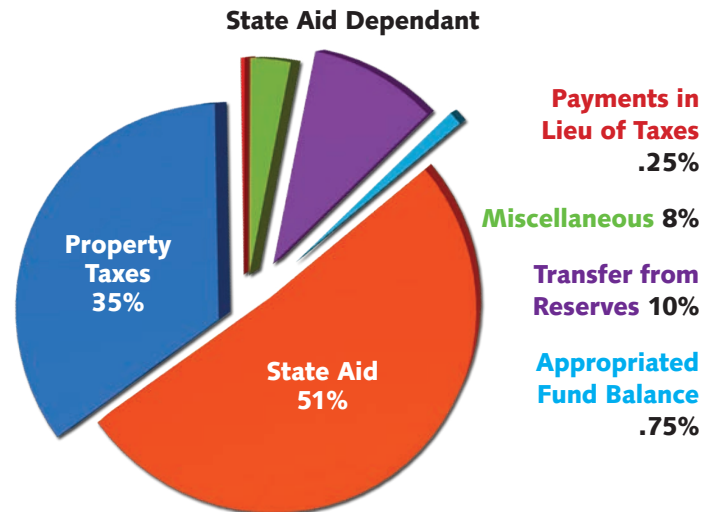
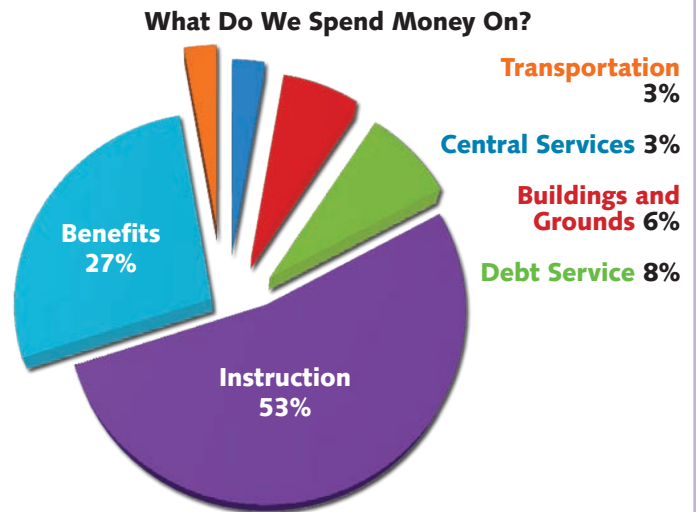
Board of Education: (Seated, left to right) Melissa Davis-Howard, President; Alane M. Van Donsel; Janet Griffin, Vice President. (Standing, left to right) Donald A. Colongeli, John A. Natoli, Jr., Michael Hoose, Daniel R. Sidebottom and Judith E. Murphy.

District Mission Statement

The Cortland Enlarged City School District will value all community members as partners in creating a positive learning environment for all students. This will prepare them to reach their fullest potential in becoming life-long learners, and successful, contributing members of the society in which they live.

BUDGET SUMMARY

	2013-2014	2014-2015
Total Budget	\$45,329,626	\$ 47,504,329
Dollar Increase		\$2,174,703
Percent Increase		4.8%
Central Services	3%	\$ 1,300,432
Buildings & Grounds	7%	\$ 3,104,500
Debt Service	8%	\$ 3,736,992
Instruction	53%	\$ 25,111,226
Benefits	27%	\$ 12,934,535
Transportation	3%	\$ 1,316,645
Total	100%	\$ 47,504,329



REVENUE

	2013-2014	2014-2015
Property Taxes	\$16,162,674	\$16,631,392
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$150,000	\$150,000
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$1,139,039	\$1,439,038
Transfer from Reserves	\$2,833,635	\$4,500,000
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$500,000	\$500,000
State Aid	\$24,544,278	\$24,283,899
Total Revenues	\$45,329,626	\$47,504,329

PROGRAM BUDGET 2014-15

Description	2013-14 Program	2014-15 Program
Total Curriculum Development	\$ 302,396	\$ 302,815
Total Inservice Training		\$ 178,630
Total Teaching Regular School	\$ 12,166,676	\$ 12,412,177
Total Students w/disabilities	\$ 5,500,290	\$ 5,643,140
Total Occupational Education	\$ 541,397	\$ 628,053
Total Summer School/Special School	\$ 102,297	\$ 202,032
Total Library	\$ 634,734	\$ 566,192
Total Educational Television	\$ 68,000	\$ 71,572
Total Computer Assisted Instruction	\$ 924,059	\$ 1,255,549
Total Attendance	\$ 108,292	\$ 111,526
Total Guidance	\$ 376,608	\$ 417,084
Total Health Services	\$ 223,847	\$ 247,150
Total Psychologist Services	\$ 297,509	\$ 308,150
Total Social Work Services	\$ 328,939	\$ 362,054
Total Co-Curricular	\$ 199,000	\$ 205,700
Total Interscholastic Athletic	\$ 581,530	\$ 613,510
Total District Transportation	\$ 1,124,105	\$ 1,145,835
Total Garage Building	\$ 160,000	\$ 167,233
Total Contract Transportation	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,577
NYS Employee Retirement System	\$ 660,810	\$ 770,665
NYS Teacher's Retirement System	\$ 2,426,328	\$ 2,752,857
FICA	\$ 1,360,059	\$ 1,438,264
Workers Compensation	\$ 209,757	\$ 20,278
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 37,858	\$ 39,298
Health and Dental Insurance	\$ 5,748,984	\$ 6,052,509
Other Employee Benefits	\$ 100,000	
Interfund Transfers	\$ 16,148	
Totals	\$ 34,203,123	\$ 35,915,849
Percent of Overall Budget	75.45%	75.61%



CAPITAL BUDGET 2014-15



Description	2013-14 Capital	2014-15 Capital
Total Operation of Plant	\$2,398,866	\$ 2,468,100
Total Maintenance of Plant	\$ 612,000	\$ 636,400
Total Judgement & Claims	\$ 1,500	
Total Refund of Property Taxes	\$ 1,500	
NYS Employee Retirement System	\$ 260,033	\$ 198,898
FICA	\$ 92,523	\$ 81,130
Workers Compensation	\$ 14,325	\$ 228,620
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 2,586	\$ 2,217
Health and Dental Insurance	\$ 280,000	\$ 341,411
Total Debt Service	\$ 3,019,649	\$ 3,636,992
Interfund Transfers		\$ 100,000
Totals	\$ 6,683,002	\$ 7,693,768
Percent of Overall Budget	14.74%	16.20%

The district will be starting an exciting and beneficial energy savings program in 2014-15. The state allows for under \$100,000 capital projects to be performed on an annual basis. The district sent out Requests for Proposals in December and awarded C&S Companies as the firm that will implement the energy savings program. The district will be focusing on improving lighting through LED installation in the High School Gymnasiums during the 2014-15 fiscal year. The projects are termed "Net Zero" because the state will reimburse the district 89% of the \$100,000 expense and the additional 11% cost will be made up in energy reduction savings.

ADMINISTRATION BUDGET 2014-15

Description	2013-14 Admin	2014-15 Admin
Total Board of Education	\$ 11,473	\$ 28,500
Total District Clerk	\$ 3,010	\$ 3,371
Total District Meeting	\$ 5,035	\$ 5,200
Total Superintendent's Office	\$ 241,963	\$ 257,156
Total Business Administration	\$ 325,295	\$ 361,050
Total Auditing	\$ 52,316	\$ 54,059
Total Treasurer		\$ 74,000
Total Tax Collector	\$ 32,262	\$ 11,700
Total Legal	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Total Personnel	\$ 156,400	\$ 101,516
Total Unallocated Insurance	\$ 187,337	\$ 196,704
Total Central Processing	\$ 400,543	
Total School Association Dues	\$ 19,800	
Total Judgement & Claims		\$ 1,500
Total Refund of Property Taxes		\$1,500
Total BOCES Admin Costs	\$ 181,900	\$ 189,176
Total Instructional Supervision	\$ 1,671,083	\$ 1,585,893
NYS Employee Retirement System	\$ 174,133	\$ 127,262
NYS Teacher's Retirement System	\$ 199,976	\$ 200,319
FICA	\$ 157,755	\$ 127,573
Workers Compensation	\$ 25,246	\$ 12,896
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 4,556	\$ 3,486
Health and Dental Insurance	\$ 578,418	\$ 536,852
Totals	\$ 4,443,501	\$ 3,984,712
Percent of Overall Budget	9.80%	8.20%



REVENUES

State Aid Category	2013-2014	2014-2015
Foundation Aid	\$18,379,898	\$18,640,142
UPK	\$468,206	\$468,206
BOCES	\$1,565,531	\$1,650,000
High Cost Excess	\$619,210	\$549,198
Private Excess Cost	\$259,730	\$156,590
Hardware & Technology	\$54,085	\$53,282
Software, Library, Textbook	\$229,256	\$222,914
Transportation	\$1,174,637	\$1,079,384
GEA	(\$1,126,675)	(\$536,288)
Subtotal Operation Aids	\$21,623,878	\$22,283,428
Building/Other	\$3,388,606	\$2,468,677
Total	\$24,544,278	\$24,283,899
Percent Change		-1.06%
\$ Value Change		\$(260,379)

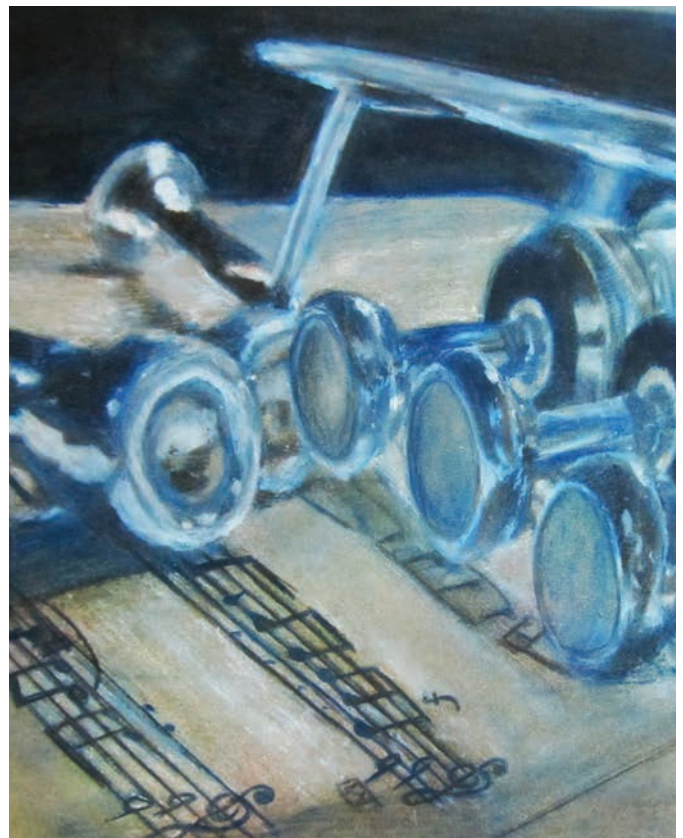
School Year	Gap Elimination Adjustment
2009-10	\$1,946,951
2010-11	\$1,844,175
2011-12	\$2,415,099
2012-13	\$1,811,325
2013-14	\$1,126,675
2014-15	\$536,288
Total	\$9,680,513

What Is the GEA?

For the past five school budgets, New York State has taken back from the Cortland Enlarged City School District \$9,144,225 in state aid in the form of Gap Elimination Adjustment. The state is using the GEA, to take money it would have allocated to school districts in order to close its own budget gap.

Based on the final Legislative budget for 2014-15, Cortland will lose another \$536,288 under the GEA. That will bring the total money lost to \$9,680,513 over the past six school budgets.

Cortland Enlarged City School District will always strive to maximize revenues to provide the best educational opportunities to all students. The district is always looking for ways to maximize state aid revenues that are expense based. For example, purchasing items from our local BOCES rather than direct from a vendor will increase our BOCES State Aid. This is just one example that the district is doing to spend taxpayer money in a smarter way.



TAX LEVY • TAX RATES • TAX BILLS

Estimated Property Tax Impact of Tax Levy per Town, based on 13-14 Equalization and Assessment Rates

	2013-2014	2.9% 2014-2015
Levy	\$16,162,674	\$ 16,631,392
\$ Increase		\$ 468,718
Cortland	\$ 17.55	\$ 18.06
Cortlandville	\$ 17.55	\$ 18.06
Harford	\$ 17.91	\$ 18.43
Lapeer	\$ 19.08	\$ 19.63
Virgil	\$ 18.33	\$ 18.86
Dryden	\$ 17.55	\$ 18.06
District	\$.69	\$ 18.20
Increase		\$ 0.51

"Tax Cap" Law Is Not a Two Percent Limit

New York's property tax levy "cap," signed into law in June 2011 has often been referred to as a "2 percent cap" on taxes by some people.

However, the new law does not restrict any school district's proposed tax levy increase to 2 percent—or any other amount. Instead, the legislation requires each district in the state to calculate its own tax levy limit to determine what level of voter support is necessary for budget approval.

The figure "2 percent" (or the rate of inflation, if less) is just one of eight variables that factor into each district's calculation of what is called a "tax levy limit." Districts then add to that amount portions of the tax levy that are not subject to the "cap." These include taxes levied to cover capital expenditures and a small portion of pension costs. What has been referred to as a cap is really a "tax levy limit plus exclusions."

For Cortland, the tax levy limit plus exclusions for 2014-15 is \$17,226,435, a 6.582% increase compared to the current year tax levy. Based on the law, this represents the maximum allowable tax levy Cortland can propose while requiring the support of a simple majority of voters (50 percent +1) for budget approval.

The district's maximum allowable tax levy limit for 2014-15 is greater than the 2013-14 limit in part because of the district's variance between capital project costs and building aid from the state. This allows for \$1,184,208 in additional exemptions, creating a larger levy limit than in previous years.

After much consideration, district official's opted to propose a budget with a tax levy increase of 2.9%, \$595,043 lower than the allowable levy limit.

What Does It All Mean?

A *tax levy* represents the total amount of money the school district will collect from local property owners to support the budget. It is calculated after taking into account all other revenues, including financial support from local, state and federal governments. The Cortland Enlarged City School proposed 2014-15 Levy is \$16,631,392, an increase of \$468,718 compared to the current school year.

The *tax rate* — or the amount to be charged per \$1,000 of assessed property value — is figured by dividing the tax levy into the total assessed value of a school district. The tax rate is finalized in July, after towns finalize their assessments and the state sets equalization rates which equalize the tax burden between towns. Then the Board of Education sets the final tax rates for each of the six municipalities that make up the school district. The rate publicized now is an estimate and may change due to assessments and equalization rates.

Tax bills — the final amount that each homeowner pays — can vary depending on individual assessments and each town's final tax rate. Taxpayers may now see their bills go up by more than the estimated figure that is released now while others may see their tax bills go up by less. In that situation, the school district is not collecting more taxes. Rather, the town is redistributing the tax burden to take into account shifting property values.

The district can only control the tax levy increase, so \$468,718, or 2.9 percent, remains the most accurate figure for the amount the district is increasing property taxes next year.

2014-15 Estimated Tax Bills

	No Star	Basic Star	Enhanced Star	Basic Savings	Enhanced Savings
\$40,000	\$728.02	\$182.00	\$-	\$546.01	\$728.02
\$50,000	\$910.02	\$364.01	\$-	\$546.01	\$910.02
\$60,000	\$1,092.03	\$546.01	\$-	\$546.01	\$1,092.03
\$70,000	\$1,274.03	\$728.02	\$121.94	\$546.01	\$1,152.09
\$80,000	\$1,456.04	\$910.02	\$303.95	\$546.01	\$1,152.09
\$90,000	\$1,638.04	\$1,092.03	\$485.95	\$546.01	\$1,152.09
\$100,000	\$1,820.05	\$1,274.03	\$667.96	\$546.01	\$1,152.09

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Janet Griffin

Term Expires, June 30, 2014

I am seeking re-election to the Cortland School District Board of Education. I am completing my first three-year term.

During this time we, as a board, have hired a new superintendent. We also filled the position of the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, which was much needed while working with the new NYS Common Core Curriculum. We have secured new people in the positions of Business Manager and Treasurer. There is still work I'd like to accomplish to insure that the students of the Cortland Schools receive the best education possible. We are now examining our Special Education Program and beginning to initiate Project-based Instruction, which will better prepare students for college and careers.

I previously taught in the Cortland City School District for 33 years at Randall School and then 3 years at Cortland High School. I am very familiar with this district, its programs and its employees. I am dedicated to serving this district and am asking for your vote on May 20th. I will be your voice on the Board of Education.

John Natoli

Term Expires, June 30, 2014

Having completed my first term on the Cortland Enlarged City School District Board of Education, I am asking for your support for another three-year term. During my first three years we have hired a new Superintendent, a Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Business Services, and Treasurer.

The members of the Board of Education are a good team and I would like to see the good work we have done continued.



Reminders:

- ◇ Board Candidate Petitions are due to the Board Clerk by 5:00 PM on April 30, 2014 at the Kaufman Center
- ◇ May 12, 2014 (tentative) is Meet the Candidates Night, 7:00 PM at the Cortland Junior Senior High School Auditorium

PROPOSITIONS

Please vote for any two candidates listed below or write in:

Janet Griffin

John Natoli

Proposition 1: 2014-2015 Budget

That the Board of Education of the Cortland Enlarged City School District be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the amount of \$47,504,329 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Proposition 2:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to lease from the lowest responsible bidder four (4) school buses capable of transporting sixty six passengers and one (1) wheelchair accessible thirty passenger school bus for a five year term at a maximum cost of Four Hundred Twenty five Thousand Dollars (\$425,000), including the costs of leasing, the financing of the leases and other related costs?

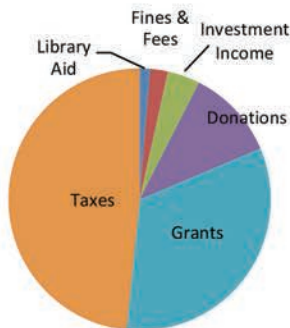
LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Thank you for supporting your Cortland Free Library

32 Church Street, Cortland, NY 13045
Cortlandfreelibrary.org
607-753-1042

Open Monday – Saturday year round

2014 Income



2014 Expenses



The Summer Reading Program for youth and adults runs from June 26 to August 21.

Youth Events

Arts, Parks & Books in Court House Park on Thursdays in July at 10:30 a.m.

- July 1: *Moreland the Magician*
- July 8: *Animal Encounters*
- July 15: *Professor Womboggle*
- July 22: *Nate & Kate*
- July 29: *Merry-Go-Round Theater*

Adult Events

- *Book Talk with Dr. Otto Janke*
- *3D Printing Demo with Amanda Sharpsteen*
- *Pinterest Craft Club*
- *& Prizes for completing reading challenges!*



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No increase in Library Levy for 2014-15! Thank you for your continued support!

SALARY DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

Chapter 474 of the Laws of 1996 included a provision requiring the publication of the Superintendent and certain other administrators' salaries as part of the annual school district budget process. This information is being appended to the proposed 2013-14 budget document in satisfaction of this requirement.

DISTRICT PROFILE

The Superintendent of Schools is the Chief Executive Officer of the Cortland Enlarged City School District. In short, the Superintendent is the CEO of a business with a proposed budget of \$47,505,329 serving over 2,700 students with approximately 475 employees in six school buildings.

SUPERINTENDENT'S QUALIFICATIONS

Pursuant to Education Law, Superintendents must hold a certificate from the Commissioner of Education certifying their qualifications including a minimum of 60 credit hours of post-graduate work and three years of teaching experience. Mr. Michael J. Hoose, Superintendent of the Cortland Enlarged City School District, holds a Bachelor's degree from the State University at Oswego, a Master's degree from Canisius College and has been certified by the Commissioner of Education to be a Superintendent of Schools. Prior to coming to Cortland, Mr. Hoose spent time as a classroom teacher, an Assistant Principal, a Special Education Director, and a K-12 Principal.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

Statutory Responsibilities

1711. Appointment of the Superintendent of Schools. Subdivision 5:

The Education Law charges the Superintendent with the following duties:

- a) To be the Chief Executive Officer of the school district and the educational system, and to have the right to speak on all matters before the Board, but not to vote.
- b) To enforce all provisions of law and all rules and regulations relating to the management of the school and other education, social and recreational activities under the direction of the Board of Education.
- c) To prepare the content of each course of study authorized by the Board of Education.
- d) To recommend suitable lists of textbooks to be used in the schools.
- e) To have supervision and direction of associates, assistant superintendents, directors, supervisors, principals, teachers, lecturers, medical inspectors, nurses, auditors, attendance officers, janitors and other persons employed in the management of the schools or the other educational activities of the district authorized by (Education Law) and under the direction and management of the Board of Education.

3012. The Superintendent has the power to recommend teachers and supervisors to the Board for tenure.

The Superintendency does not fit the traditional work week. In addition to office responsibilities, the Superintendent is expected to attend every board meeting, parent and teacher meetings, and some shared decision making committee meetings which are often held in the evenings as well as attend school athletic events. A 60 to 70 hour work week should not be considered unusual.

SUPERINTENDENT'S COMPENSATION

The Superintendent's compensation is broken into 3 parts: salary, benefits and other considerations.

\$156,443 Annual Salary (est.)

2014-15 Salary for the Superintendent

\$57,049 Annualized Cost of Benefits (est.)

The position of Superintendent has the same ancillary benefits provided to all employees. Many of these benefits such as employer contribution to Social Security, Medicaid and retirement are required by law. Additional benefits include family health insurance and family dental insurance.

OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE COMPENSATION

\$128,384 Annual Salary (est.)

2014-15 Salary for the Assistant Superintendent for Pupil & Personnel Services

\$49,993 Annualized Cost of Benefits (est.)

BUDGET NOTICE

	Budget Adopted for the 2013-14 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2014-15 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2014-15 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount	\$45,329,626	\$47,724,468	\$47,255,750
Increase/Decrease for the 2014-2015 School Year		\$2,394,842	\$1,926,124
Percentage Increase in Each Proposed Budget		5.28%	4.25%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.46%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$16,162,674	\$16,631,392	\$16,162,674
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$753,161	\$1,184,208	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, NOT Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$15,409,513	\$15,447,184	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, NOT Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$15,698,823	\$16,042,277	
Propositions	(\$289,310)	(\$595,043)	
Administrative Component	\$4,443,501	\$3,929,942	\$3,891,345
Program Component	\$34,203,123	\$36,090,758	\$35,736,299
Capital Component	\$6,683,002	\$7,703,768	\$7,628,106

The contingency budget is based upon the following assumptions: The required Tax Levy will default to the previous year's tax levy allowing for reductions in appropriations to allow for some expenses such as, legally prohibited expenses for the purchase of equipment, confidential employee salary increases, public use of facilities, allocations to the repair reserve fund are excluded. The actual changes in appropriations under a contingency budget would be determined by the Board of Education should this be necessary.

Description

Amount

List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements)

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to lease from the lowest responsible bidder four (4) school buses capable of transporting sixty six passengers and one (1) wheelchair accessible thirty passenger school bus for a five year term at a maximum cost of four hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$425,000), including the costs of leasing, the financing of the leases and other related costs.

\$ 425,000

	Budget Proposed for the 2014-2015 School Year
Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$546

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2014-2015 by the qualified voters of the Cortland Enlarged City School District, Cortland County, New York, will be held at the Kaufman Center, Cortlandville Town Hall, and Virgil Elementary School in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2014, between the hours of Noon and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Cortland Enlarged City School District, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine. ¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	Budgeted 2013-14 (A)	Proposed Budget 2014-15 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Proposed Spending	45,329,626	47,504,329	4.80%
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Tax Levy to Support Library Debt¹	16,162,674	16,631,392	2.90%
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	753,161	1,184,208	
Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	15,409,513	15,447,184	
School Tax Levy Limit, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions²	15,698,823	16,042,227	
Difference: (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	(289,310)	(595,043)	
Public School Enrollment	2,746	2,802	2.04%
Consumer Price Index			1.46%

	Actual 2013-14 (D)	Estimated 2104-15 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	11,676,226	10,676,226
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	500,000	500,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	1,520,715	1,900,173
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	3.35%	4.00%

FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY SUMMARY

Commissioner's Regulations require that certain expenditure ratios for general education and special education students be reported and compared with ratios for similar districts and all public schools. The required ratios for this district are reported below.

The numbers used to compute the statistics on this page were collected on the State Aid Form A, the State Aid Form F, the School District Annual Financial Report (ST-3), and from the Student Information Repository System (SIRS). These data are from the 2011 - 12 school year.

This School District	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$23,742,098	\$9,937,663
Pupils	2,646	332
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,973	\$29,933
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Similar District Group (High Need/ Resource Capacity Urban or Suburban)	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$2,347,665,567	\$974,933,490
Pupils	204,823	32,423
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,462	\$30,069
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All School Districts	General Education	Special Education
Instructional Expenditures	\$31,088,294,986	\$12,418,610,168
Pupils	2,676,495	411,123
Expenditures Per Pupil	\$11,615	\$30,207

Instructional Expenditures for General Education are K-12 expenditures for classroom instruction (excluding Special Education) plus a proration of building level administrative and instructional support expenditures. These expenditures include amounts for instruction of students with disabilities in a general education setting. District expenditures, such as transportation, debt service and district-wide administration are not included.

The pupil count for General Education is K-12 average daily membership plus K-12 pupils for whom the district pays tuition to another school district. This number represents all pupils, including those classified as having disabilities and those not classified, excluding only students with disabilities placed out of district. Pupils resident in the district but attending a charter school are included. For districts in which a county jail is located, this number includes incarcerated youth to whom the district must provide an education program.

Instructional Expenditures for Special Education are K-12 expenditures for students with disabilities (including summer special education expenditures) plus a proration of building-level administrative and instructional support expenditures. District expenditures, such as transportation, debt service and district-wide administration are not included.

The pupil count for Special Education is a count of K-12 students with disabilities for the 2011-12 school year plus students for whom the district receives tuition from another district plus students for whom the district pays tuition to another district. Students attending the State schools at Rome and Batavia, private placements and out-of-state placements are included.

Instructional Expenditures Per Pupil is the simple arithmetic ratio of Instructional Expenditures to Pupils. The total cost of instruction for students with disabilities may include both general- and special-education expenditures. Special-education services provided in the general education classroom may benefit students not classified as having disabilities.

Total Expenditures Per Pupil		
This School District	Similar District Group	NY State
\$15,798	\$20,045	\$20,906

Total Expenditures Per Pupil is the simple arithmetic ratio of Total Expenditures to Pupils. Total Expenditures include district expenditures for classroom instruction, as well as expenditures for transportation, debt service, community service and district-wide administration that are not included in the Instructional Expenditure values for General Education and Special Education. As such, the sum of General Education and Special Education Instructional Expenditures does not equal the Total Expenditures.

INFORMATION ABOUT STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

(2012-13) Commissioner's Regulations require reporting students with disabilities by the percent of time they are in general education classrooms and the classification rate of students with disabilities. These data are to be compared with percentages for similar districts and all public schools. The required percentages for this district are reported below.

Total Expenditures Per Pupil

Student Placement (Percent of Time Inside Regular Classroom)	This School District		Similar District Group (High Need/Resource Capacity Urban or Suburban)	NY State
	Number of Students	Percent of Students	Percent of Students	Percent of Students
80% or more	221	75.9%	48.8%	57.8%
40% - 79%	21	7.2%	17.5%	11.7%
Less than 40%	45	15.5%	24.7%	21.4%
Separate Settings	3	1.0%	5.9%	6.2%
Other Settings	1	0.3%	3.1%	2.9%

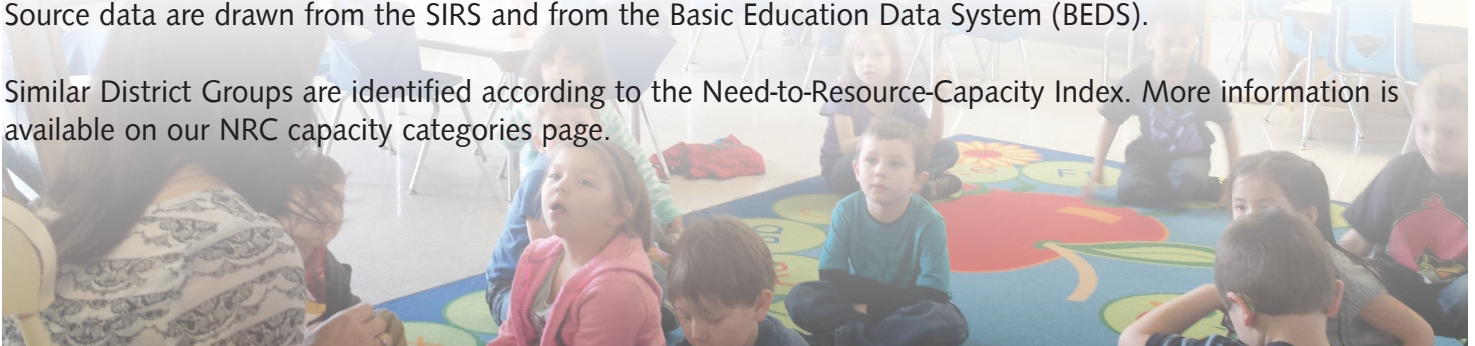
The source data for the statistics in this table were reported through the Student Information Repository System (SIRS) and verified in Verification Report 5. The counts are numbers of students reported in the least restrictive environment categories for school-age programs (ages 6-21) on October 3, 2012. The percentages represent the amount of time students with disabilities are in general-education classrooms, regardless of the amount and cost of special education services they receive. Rounding of percentage values may cause them to sum to a number slightly different from 100%.

School-Age Students with Disabilities Classification Rate

This School District	Similar District Group	NY State
9.5%	12.6%	13.1%

This rate is a ratio of the count of school-age students with disabilities (ages 4-21) to the total enrollment of all school-age students in the school district, including students who are parentally placed in non-public schools located in the school district. The numerator includes all school-age students for whom a district has Committee on Special Education (CSE) responsibility to ensure the provision of special education services. The denominator includes all school-age students who reside in the district. In the case of parentally placed students in non-public schools, it includes the number of students who attend the non-public schools located in the school district. Source data are drawn from the SIRS and from the Basic Education Data System (BEDS).

Similar District Groups are identified according to the Need-to-Resource-Capacity Index. More information is available on our NRC capacity categories page.



DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

Alex Reynolds, grade 11 at the Jr.-Sr. High School was recognized for representing the Cortland Enlarged City School District during the annual NYSSMA Winter Conference. He is a member of the Concert Choir, Mixed Chorus, Dynamic Paws and Chamber Orchestra.

Tess Engst-Mansilla was one of three local finalists to participate in the 2014 Post-Standard/WCNY written spelling contest. As a result of the contest she qualified to compete in the February 1 Oral Spelling Bee. She was one of four who remained in the 9th round.

Mrs. Abbey Albright, Mrs. Carol Brafman, Ms. Karen Krichbaum-Stenger, and Mr. James Ulrich were selected as New York State Master Teachers. All four teach at the Jr.-Sr. High School.

Austin Perelka, grade 11 at the Jr.-Sr. High School, was selected to attend the Food Prize Global Youth Institute in October. He was accompanied by his teacher-mentor, Ms. Stephanie Passeri-Densmore.

The 2013 Varsity Baseball Team members were recognized for an outstanding 2013 season. This was the school's first OHSL American Division League Championship and Section III Class Championship.

We had four students from the Jr.-Sr. High School who attended the Ithaca College Math Exploration Day Math Contest. Brooke Campbell, David Kalytyuk, Danielle Lynch and Nisarga Paul tied for First Place among the 10 competing schools.

Miss Margaret Hoeschele, a senior at Cortland Jr.-Sr. High School, who performed in Nashville Tennessee in October as a member of the National Association of Music Education's All-National Honor Chorus. Margaret was selected among the nation's most elite high school singers who were first named "best-of-the-best" of about 2.5 million students nationwide at local, district, and state music festivals.

2013-14 Winter Season Top Section III Scholar Athlete Team - Cortland Jr.-Sr. High School's Varsity Volleyball Team was among the 2013-14 Winter Season top Section III scholar athlete teams. The team had the highest academic ranking of all volleyball teams in Section 3 with an overall team average of 95.92%



VOTING REQUIREMENTS

All voters must meet the following requirements

- 1.) At least 18 years of age
- 2.) A citizen of the United States
- 3.) A resident of the District for at least 30 days preceding the vote
- 4.) Listed on the County Board of Education Lists or voted in the school district at least once in the last four years or personally registered on the Cortland Enlarged City School District election list.

Unregistered qualified voters can register in person Tuesday, May 6th, 2014, between the hours of 3PM and 8 PM at the Kaufman Center, 1 Valley View Drive, Cortland, New York.

The polling locations are as follows:

- 1.) All residents of the City of Cortland vote at the Kaufman Center on Valley View Drive
- 2.) Virgil residents vote at the Virgil Elementary School
- 3.) Cortlandville residents vote at the Cortlandville Town Hall on Terrace Road