



The Future of Schenevus Central

SCHENEVUS CENTRAL SCHOOL CAN NOT CONTINUE AS A K-12 DISTRICT WITHOUT

1. ADDITIONAL PROGRAM AND STAFFING CUTS
2. LARGE ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASES
3. STATE AID INCREASES



Why Not Wait

1. Until after the results of the merger study vote in the Spring of 2021?

This would be 2 more school years of increased taxes and/or significant cuts

2. Until we try going out with a large tax increase to see if the vote passes?

If it doesn't pass, cuts would be significant for next year. Can't go back and try tuitioning will have to wait until 21-22

Large tax increases would not be just one time, they would be annual

How do we save money? Cut all expenses related to 7-12

Estimated 7-12 Expenses Based on the 2019-2020 Budget

Total Staff Estimated Expenses related to 7-12 Includes Core 7-12 Teaching Staff and Support Staff ½ Administration Cut – Proposed share of SPED Director with Worcester	ESTIMATED \$1,700,000
Staff cuts do not include specials teachers. All specials teachers are K-12 and will remain in the district to enrich the pre-k to 6 th grade students	
Non-salary Expenses (Supplies, conferences, online classes, etc.)	\$ 230,000
Revenue Anticipation Notes costs associated with lack of fund balance	<u>\$ 50,000</u>
Total Estimated Savings if tuition out 7-12 students based on 19-20 budget	\$1,980,000

How much will Schenevus have to pay Worcester for tuition in 20-21?

Based on the Seneca falls formula the maximum amount Worcester could charge for a 7-12 student, based on the 19-20 figure (subject to change in 20-21) is \$5500 per student. **(This is an estimate)**

Current **(As of 12/10/19)** 6-11 Schenevus student population (next years 7-12 population) is 156 students **(this is subject to change for 20-21)**

$\$5500 * 156 = \$858,000$. There may be some other costs associated with tuitioning which have not been determined as of yet so this number is an estimate and could be slightly higher.

What is the estimated total savings from tuition out in 20-21?

Estimated savings to Schenevus based on 19-20 costs of eliminating 7-12

\$1,980,000-Estimate

Less

Tuition to Worcester

(\$858,000) – Estimate

Total

\$1,122,000

This savings will be used to cover projected revenue shortfall from state aid, additional special ed costs, additions to fund balance and reserves, and elementary enrichment. It will also be used to avoid large tax increases.

WHAT IF WE TUITIONED 7-12 TO WORCESTER IN SEPTEMBER, 2020?

BENEFITS TO TUITION

- Ability to build fund balance and reserves to become a stronger merger partner
- Schenevus would be healthier financially to have the ability to do more with students
- Strengthen Elementary program
- More Enrichment for Elementary Program
- Funding to offer an after-school program
- Worcester may have the ability to offer more secondary programs, eventually, with tuition monies
- Will have a year with Worcester students before merger vote to “test the waters”
- Less risk of staff not returning in September – especially secondary
- Could look to rent out available space for other programs
- More stability in building without all the what-if’s
- If merger happens, already right-sized the 7-12 staff, won’t waste merger incentive on right-sizing
- Form a stronger bond with Worcester to encourage merger by showing the benefits of 7-12 working together
- By combining there will be stronger sports teams and extracurriculars such as theater and athletics.
- Increase Cash flow
- Eliminate the need for RAN and costs associated with RAN = More savings for the district
- Stabilize Schenevus taxes and avoid large tax increases.

What is the timeline if we tuition in 2020

- At December 17th BOE meeting adopt a resolution to Tuition to Worcester in future pending a positive community vote and negotiated contract with Worcester

- By January 15th BOE decides on length of contract with Worcester. If more than 2 years, announce vote to community need 45 days
- March 5th (Approximately) Community Votes on tuitioning out for 20-21 if contract is 2-5 years in length. If not, no vote is needed.
- If vote passes with 50% +1 vote, finish budget to include tuitioning out to Worcester.
- By April 1st both BOE will adopt contract and resolution to tuition in 20-21
- By May 1st, Worcester CSD will notify of teaching positions needed
- Schenevus staff who are laid off will be placed on a preferred eligibility list for 7 years. Worcester must hire from this list.



Schenevus Central School 2020-2021 **without** Tuitioning to Worcester

- Potential for a large tax increase, if approved by voters
 - Additional Cash Flow issues with less revenue from the state – Additional need for Revenue Anticipation Note
 - If tax increase is not approved, or tax increase not enough then potential for cuts that will effect Elementary and Secondary
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Potential Cuts at the Elementary Level (All are options, not definite)

- Elementary **could** see no Pre-K and or Kindergarten (Neither are mandated)
- RTI for math and ELA move back into the classrooms, with no pull out RTI program
- Elementary Band program eliminated
- Field trips, supplies and resources cut.
- Single sections at every grade level
- Classroom aides not mandated by special education eliminated
- 1 Administrator

Potential Cuts at the Secondary Level(All are options, not definite)

- 4th year science and math as well as all electives not needed for a diploma
- College Classes
- Band
- Athletics



Schenevus Central School 2020-2021 **with** Tuitioning to Worcester

Build Fund Balance with Savings

Stabilize Taxes with no large increases

Opportunity for students to experience Worcester before a potential merger.

Potential Enrichment at the Elementary Level (All are options, not definite)

- Enrichment in classes and clubs
- Full-time Band, Chorus and Art teacher for Pre-K to 6 students
- Opportunity for more STEAM (Science, Engineering, Arts, Technology and Math)
- Guidance Counselor will be dedicated to Pre-K to 6 to address social and emotional needs
- Elementary After-School program

Potential Enrichment at the Secondary Level(All are options, not definite)

- More Electives as students will now be able to take Worcester classes
- More opportunities overall in academics, clubs and athletics
- College Classes
- Students have a jump start on collaborating with Worcester students before merger.



Some Additional Information

- BOCES programs for CTE and Special Education out of district placements as well as Springbrook, Pathfinder, etc. will still be the responsibility of Schenevus and will not be included in tuition.
- Tuition for all students who attend Worcester will be paid for by the Schenevus Central School.
- Worcester will be the only choice for students unless parents chose another district, but then are still responsible for tuition
- Worcester and Schenevus teachers and administrators will work together to make transition as smooth as possible
- Activities will be planned to acclimate students. These activities will be planned for this Spring.
- Schenevus students will graduate with a Schenevus diploma. Students can decide if they want a separate ceremony at Schenevus or a combined graduation ceremony with Worcester.

