

Dear Members of the Board of Education and Community,

While we continue to navigate one of the most challenging times in our community due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis, I am pleased to recommend and present the 2020-2021 proposed budget, which supports a quality, well-rounded educational program for nearly 10,000 students.

The proposed \$199,199,730 budget represents a 2.06 percent spending increase driven mainly through contractual obligations for district employees and mandated expenses. I want to be upfront regarding the 2020-21 budget. Like many school districts throughout the state, we are facing revenue challenges due to this unprecedented global health crisis. The ongoing battle against COVID-19 has impacted state aid for Williamsville schools. Foundation Aid also continues to be at the forefront of the discussion and, with the District owed more than \$12.6 million from New York State in Foundation Aid, we encourage you to continue to advocate for our fair share of state aid for our schools. The District has letters available for you to send to state legislators on our District website and through WITS.

Our administrative team, together with the Board of Education, is guided by the fundamental principle that everything we do is done in the best interest of our students. Even as COVID-19 continues to impact our daily lives, I am proud that the 2020-2021 budget protects the existing level of quality educational programming that our community deserves.

The June ballot also includes a second proposition for the 2020 School Security Improvement Project, a \$43.2 million capital project that is designed to increase security at all 13 schools in the Williamsville Central School District. It is our duty as leaders and educators to ensure a safe and secure learning environment for students. The project, which does not increase local taxes, is funded through the existing debt service budget and also adds state aid to the District.

I am available to answer any questions about the proposed plan and encourage you to visit the district website at www.williamsvillek12.org to view all budget and capital project presentations.

Thank you for your continued support of the Williamsville Central School District.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Scott G. Martzloff".

Scott G. Martzloff, Ed. D
Superintendent of Schools