

Dear Neighbors,

Even in a time of crisis, it is our duty as stewards of the community to continue to uphold the high standards of education you and your family deserve. While the Coronavirus (COVID-19) global pandemic has presented its share of challenges over the last few months, I am proud of the work the Williamsville Central School District and Board of Education have done to ensure a comprehensive budget for the 2020-2021 school year.

The proposed budget is a fiscally responsible budget that I am confident our community can support. It preserves current academic and extracurricular programming for students, maintains a focus on physical, mental, and emotional well-being of students at all levels, and continues to support a high level of professional development for all teachers and staff members so they have the resources necessary to help our students and community succeed. Additionally, as we continue to look toward the future and our community's success, it is also imperative we continue to advocate for Foundation Aid from New York State. This funding is critical in maintaining the resources, programs, and educational standards that help the District provide what many consider to be the best education in Western New York.

In addition to presenting a well-rounded budget, the District is also dedicated to ensuring the security of our schools. Following two independent security reviews in the Spring of 2019, District leadership identified several areas for improvement. The 2020 School Security Improvement Project, a capital project which does not increase local taxes, is a proactive approach by the Williamsville Central School District to protect the physical safety of students in all 13 schools. It also provides funding for vital infrastructure updates, such as roof replacements, that are essential to the continued safety and security of our schools, students, and community.

I encourage you to review the budget along with the capital project, and participate in the budget vote on June 9, 2020. Detailed information on the 2020-2021 proposed budget and the 2020 School Security Improvement Project is available on the district website at www.williamsvillek12.org.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Teresa A. Leatherbarrow". The signature is written in dark ink on a light-colored background.

Mrs. Teresa Anne Leatherbarrow
President, Board of Education