A LETTER FROM YOUR SUPERINTENDENT AND BOARD PRESIDENT

Dear Community Members,

We are excited to share with you that all residents in the Dryden Central School District will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 in the auditorium at the MS/HS building. The polls open at 7:00 AM and close at 9:00 PM.

Throughout the Fall and Winter, the District's leadership team and the Dryden Board of Education have worked hard to develop a proposed budget that is fiscally responsible and representative of the commitment we have made to our students and their families in regard to staffing, programming, and opportunities that will educate and empower each learner to build a better world when they graduate from Dryden High School.

The tax levy for the proposed budget will be 2.67%. This is three tenths lower than last year's tax levy and within the allowable limits of the New York State Tax Cap.

In an effort to serve the many students and families that benefit from the Dryden Central School District, we are asking the community to consider a \$40,996,053.00 budget for the 2019-2020 school year. This represents a budget increase of 5.8% from the approved 2018-2019 budget. A large reason for the increase is due to some debt service. The District has been anticipating this expense. The District plans to offset this expense using reserves that it has been saving for this specific debt service.

We are proud of our community, our District and our #LionPride! If you should have any questions about the proposed budget there will be a public hearing on Monday, May 13, 2019 at 7:00 PM in the MS/HS Library. In addition, feel free to call (607) 844-5361 ext. 1 to speak with me or set up a time to meet.

Respectfully,

Joshua I. Bacigalupi Superintendent

Margie Malepe

Margie Malepe Board of Education President

ANNUAL Vote

BUDGET EDITION 2019-2020

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

DRYDEN Middle School/ High School Auditorium

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

Beverly Dodici Kelly Daley Edwin Dow Jr. Bridget Flanigan Margie Malepe

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PROPOSITIONS AS THEY APPEAR ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSITION 1:

2019-2020 SPENDING PLAN

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED: That the Dryden Central School District, as recommended by the Board of Education, adopt a spending plan for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$40,996,053 and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

PROPOSITION 2:

SCHOOL BUS BOND PROPOSITION

Shall the Bus Bond Proposition set forth in the legal notice of this meeting authorizing the purchase of school buses and other transportation vehicles at a maximum cost of \$400,000 and providing that such sum shall be raised by a tax collectable in annual installments with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?

PROPOSITION 3:

CERTAIN EXTERIOR DOOR REPLACEMENT, TRIM WORK AND PAINTING AT CASSAVANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSITION

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this meeting authorizing the expending up to \$100,000 for the "Replacement of Certain Exterior Doors, Trim Work and Painting at Cassavant Elementary School" as more fully described in said notice, be approved? The funding of this project will be up to \$20,000 expended from the District's existing building capital reserve fund and the balance of such costs will be from unassigned unrestricted fund balance transferred in from the general fund. The District will be reimbursed eligible costs based on the District building aid rate, currently 81.6%, upon the completion of the project.

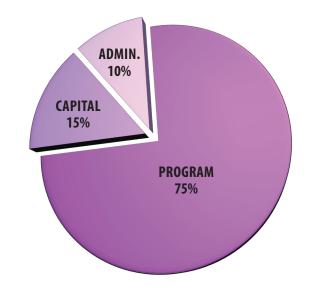
PROPOSED REVENUE

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REVENUE	2018-2019	2019-2020
State Aid	\$18,680,987	\$19,146,817
Local Non-Tax	\$1,144,500	\$2,140,736
Tax Levy	\$18,258,599	\$18,746,819
Transfer from Debt Service	\$0	\$400,000
Appropriated Reserves	\$280,650	\$295,000
Fund Balance	\$382,160	\$266,681
Total Budget	\$38,746,896	\$40,996,053

BUDGET COMPONENTS

BUDGET COMPONENTS	2018-2019	2019-2020	% of TOTAL BUDGET
Program	\$29,787,694	\$30,737,127	75%
Capital	\$4,813,058	\$5,981,737	15%
Administration	\$4,147,144	\$4,277,189	10%
Total Budget	\$38,747,896	\$40,996,053	100%







DRYDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

PROGRAM COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION	2018-2019	2019-2020	
Curriculum, Administration & Planning	Includes all costs associated with staff development and costs directly associated with instruction			
Regular School	All costs associated with Instruction, Library & Media, and Computer Technologies	\$10,890,295	\$11,450,514	
Special Education Programming	All costs associated with the Education of Students with disabilities/ handicapping conditions	\$6,600,515	\$6,761,075	
Special Schools	All costs associated with BOCES Occupational Education and Summer School	\$1,233,500	\$1,238,000	
Student Services	All costs associated with Guidance Services, Co-Curricular Activities, Interscholastic Sports, Transportation and Census	\$2,706,083	\$2,796,821	
Interfund Transfer	Interfund transfer to support Pre-K/Special Ed Summer School/ Food Service	\$180,000	\$360,000	
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above program component salaries	\$7,920,925	\$7,869,042	
TOTAL PROGRAM		\$29,787,694	\$30,737,127	
CAPITAL COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION	2018-2019	2019-2020	
Special Item	Refunds of Real Property Taxes - Prior Years	\$20,000	\$20,000	
Operation of Plant	All costs associated with operating district buildings, including cleaning and utilities costs	\$1,665,156	\$1,796,738	
Maintenance of Plant	All costs associated with maintaining district buildings and property	\$487,750	\$519,850	
Debt Service	Includes the principal and interest cost for the past capital project debt and fiscal agent fees	\$2,033,025	\$3,066,963	
Employee Benefits	All employees benefit costs associated with above capital component salaries	\$607,127	\$578,186	
TOTAL CAPITAL		\$4,813,058	\$5,981,737	
		2018-2019	2010-2020	

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	DESCRIPTION	2018-2019	2019-2020
Board of Education	All costs associated with the Board of Education, District Clerk, Elections, and School Association Dues	\$35,320	\$38,320
Central Administration	All costs associated with the Superintendents Office	\$209,300	\$216,000
Regular School Supervision	All costs associated with the Supervision of Curriculum, Principals, Super- vision of Handicap, and Computer Instruction	\$1,953,033	\$1,953,767
Finance	All costs associated with the Business Office, Auditing, District Treasurer, Tax Collection, and Liability Insurance	\$492,885	\$511,401
Legal	All costs associated with legal matters	\$31,500	\$105,000
Human Resources/Public Relations	All costs associated with Personnel and Public Information Services	\$319,139	\$325,640
BOCES Administrative Costs	BOCES administrative and capital budgets, printing and planning	\$525,000	\$531,000
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above program component salareis	\$580,967	\$596,061
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE		\$4,147,144	\$4,277,189





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YEAR	NO STAR	ENHANCED STAR	BASIC STAR	TAX RATE
2012	\$2,228.08	\$916.08	\$1,573.08	\$22.280800
2013	\$2,272.81	\$934.81	\$1,604.81	\$22.728100
2014	\$2,308.26	\$943.26	\$1,627.26	\$23.082600
2015	\$2,278.70	\$886.69	\$1,595.08	\$22.787000
2016	\$2,240.80	\$820.80	\$1,568.57	\$22.408000
2017	\$2,243.06	\$795.06	\$1,565.66	\$22.430596
2018	\$2,261.09	\$784.09	\$1,573.04	\$22.610936

Based on a \$100,000 assessed home value...

All years listed are since the 2% Tax Cap calculation took effect. Dryden has never exceeded what is allowed in the Tax Cap calculation.



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FIVE CANDIDATES SEEK THREE BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS



Beverly Dodici

ADDRESS: 362 Hunt Hill Rd. Ithaca, NY 14850 EMAIL: bjdodici@gmail.com PHONE #: 607-280-8108 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Two EDUCATION: BA – Stony Brook University, MA – Alfred University, PhD – Iowa State University

CIVIC, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: Current DCSD Board of Education Member 2016-Present; Member of St. Luke Lutheran Church; Secretary Church Council; Choir Member; Adaptive Ski Volunteer at Greek Peak; Special Olympic Coach – Alpine Ski

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR THE DRYDEN SCHOOL

BOARD: I was raised on a farm in a very small town in Western New York. I attended and graduated from a small, rural school, so my familiarity with small school issues began there. Since then, I attended college(s), and have lived and worked in 3 different states, giving me a various experiences and perspectives of the educational process.

Thirteen years ago, I moved to Dryden with my husband, Gian, and two small children, Mark and Emma. Needless to say, our kids have grown up as Lions! Gian is a Biologist and serves on various committees within the community. Our son, Mark graduated from Dryden last June, and continues to be involved in many extra-curricular activities as a Princeton University Freshman. Our daughter, Emma, a 9th grader, has Down syndrome. Academics are a struggle for her, but she's making her way through DHS, usually with a smile on her face. I love them both dearly and have learned much from each of them! They have both been involved in various extra-curricular activities at Dryden (and, therefore I have been as well), which has helped me understand more about the "ins-and-outs" of Dryden.

In addition to learning from, and through, my children, I have worked as a school psychologist, or in a similar capacity, since 1989. I began my career as a teacher of adults with autism and have since worked with families and their children, from infancy through adulthood, as an autism consultant, researcher, and professor. I have been the school psychologist at McGraw Schools for the past 12 ½ years and love the opportunity to work with students, educators, and parents, preschool through grade 12. I know the challenges of working in a school district; following and abiding by state regulations and laws; dealing with the poverty and other adversities faced by students; and struggling to do my best with less, due to fiscal constraints.

Every day, I strive to place "kids first". It's in my nature; my mind-set. My day-to-day work experiences, along with my life at home, afford me the opportunity to continue to learn about the educational process, and real life experiences, in a multifaceted way. I have often been told that listening and creative problem solving are two of my best attributes. I'd like to think this applies to my service on the BOE, as well.

I have had the honor, and privilege, of serving on Dryden's BOE for the past 3 years. Having been called a "voice of reason" by fellow board members, administration, teachers, staff, and parents, I will continue to listen and learn, and only then make decisions based on the needs of students. It's my belief that a BOE's first responsibility is the successful education of all students. This will continue to be my focus, if I have the privilege of representing the Dryden community as a BOE member for a second term. I promise to do my best to represent parents, teachers, support staff, administrators, community members, and most importantly students, and make the best decisions for our Dryden students.

Thank you for taking time to read my "bio". I would very much appreciate your support and vote on May 21. If you have any specific questions, please feel free to contact me via email (bjdodici@gmail.com).



Kelly Daley

ADDRESS: 24 Kimberly Dr. Dryden, NY 13053 EMAIL: Kellydaley66@gmail.com PHONE #: 607-745-8878 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Three EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts – SUNY Cortland 1988 al Science

Major – Spanish Language, Minor – Political Science

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE: Retired State Trooper (30 years); Trooper's Supervisor for 21 of the 30 years, Former Member of ECROC: Emergency Communications Review Oversight Committee of Tompkins Co.

CIVIC, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: member of Dryden School District Safety Committee for 5+ years, former Kiwanis coach, active Board Member of Cops, Kids, & Toys organization in Tompkins County, parent representative on two administrative hiring committees for the Dryden School District.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR THE DRYDEN SCHOOL BOARD:

My name is Kelly Daley and as an active community member, I would be honored to serve the Dryden Central School District as a member of the Board of Education. I have been an engaged community member for more than seventeen years. My husband John and I have raised three daughters in Dryden. Erin, age twenty-one, graduated in 2015 and will be attending Hofstra University Law School in the fall. Keri, age nineteen, graduated in 2018 and is currently attending Southern New Hampshire University. Our youngest daughter Katie is sixteen and is currently a sophomore at Dryden High School. Our girls have continually been active on athletic teams and with community organizations. I believe active parental involvement along with our school's teachers, coaches, and staff have positively contributed to the growth and success of all my daughters. As a school board member, I would continue to be an active and engaged parent.

Since 2001, when my first daughter started kindergarten, I have been an engaged parent in the district. I have volunteered my time both inside and outside the classroom, consistently and frequently over the years. I was an active member of the Dryden Middle School parent group, "Parents Promoting Positive Change" (PPPC). This group was founded to share concerns and improve communication between parents and our school district. I'm proud to say that by working with the school administration, PPPC parents initiated some positive results. Over the years, I have gained invaluable knowledge regarding New York State Education Department (NYSED) regulations particularly as they relate to special education. I have used this information to serve as a parent advocate at special education committee meetings. I find this particularly rewarding given my firsthand knowledge of how challenging it can be to navigate the education system in this regard. For more than five years I served on the school district's Safety Committee representing law enforcement. I have helped coordinate and implement many of the school lock down drills with other police and first responders. In order to stay informed, I attend Dryden Central School District Board of Education meetings. This has given me valuable insight regarding how the board meetings proceed as well as how a school board operates.

I recently retired after thirty years as a law enforcement officer and am prepared to do something meaningful with my free time. I believe I possess a unique yet realistic perspective as a potential Dryden School Board Member. I have good listening as well as communication skills and will work collaboratively with board members and the school administration to further the needs of the district and our community. I am acutely aware that an effective school board works best as part of a team and am prepared to contribute in a positive way. My contact information is 607-745-8878 or kellydaley66@gmail.com. It would be an honor to serve on the Dryden Central School District Board of Education and I would really appreciate your support.



FIVE CANDIDATES SEEK THREE BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS



Edwin Dow Jr.

ADDRESS: 30 Leisure Ln. Freeville, NY 13068 EMAIL: edow18@icloud.com PHONE #: 607-279-6530 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Two EDUCATION: Bachelor of Science Degree, majoring in finance from Gannon University

Masters of Education, Early Childhood Education grades 1-6 from SUNY Cortland.

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE: 10 years in banking industry working for CFCU and Alliance Bank 13 plus years in education, currently teaching business education to high school students.

CIVIC, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: Served 8 years as a youth coach for Dryden Recreation and Kiwanis.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR THE DRYDEN SCHOOL

BOARD: It is with great enthusiasm and honor that I enter myself as a candidate for the School Board of Dryden Central School. My wife Christine and I have lived in Dryden for the past 21 years, and have raised our two sons (Sam and Colton) in this wonderful community. My sons have been given wonderful opportunities to grow, learn and excel within the halls of Dryden Central School. I want to help make it an even better place for current and future students, as well as a destination for high quality teachers and administrators to establish their roots and have a long tenure as professionals.

I have always impressed upon my boys to get involved, and be an active participant whenever you can. Taking my own words to heart, and getting involved, I feel that I can be an integral part, and make a positive contribution to the betterment of our school district and community. With my professional background in banking, and the last 13 plus years that I have spent in education, I feel that I bring great insight and knowledge to the position of school board member. I will work hard to facilitate growth in our district, listen to concerns of students and community members, and be a conduit between everyone in the community.

Dryden Central School is a cornerstone to our community. It plays an important role in the development and education of our youth, along with being a symbol of pride to many. I want to facilitate growth within the Dryden Central School District, and help lead it down a path of success.

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Bridget Flanigan

NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Two EDUCATION: Bachelor's degree in Nursing BUSINESS EXPERIENCE: Manager at Cornell Health

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CIVIC, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: Looking to get more involved as my children are getting older.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR THE DRYDEN SCHOOL BOARD: I have a kindergartener and a preschooler in the district. I would be honored to represent the students of the Dryden School District. I am passionate about early education, individualized education plans, bullying, mental health, school safety and continuing to seek excellence in our district. I have been a registered nurse for 16 years. I spent most of my career working with children in oncology and the intensive care unit. I have been at Cornell Health for about 4 years and a nurse manager there for 3 years. My nursing career has taught me to really listen, critically think, to always put myself in someone else's situation before making a decision or plan, empathy, compassion and the importance of human connections. I thrive on change and improvement. I am always asking how we can do better and I take responsibility for my actions. I believe these qualities make me an ideal school board candidate.







ALL THREE SEATS ARE THREE YEAR TERMS 7/1/19 - 6/30/22



Margie Malepe

ADDRESS: 208 Gulf Hill Road, Freeville, NY 13068 EMAIL: mmalepe@ithaca.edu PHONE NUMBER: (607)327-2298 NUMBER OF CHILDREN: Two EDUCATION: Bachelor of Arts in Education -

State University of New York at Cortland.

BUSINESS EXPERIENCE: Over thirty years of varied experience in education, business management, conference and event planning; served on the Ithaca College Board of Trustees and the Tompkins County Strategic Tourism Planning Board; currently the Director of the Office of Conference & Event Services at Ithaca College.

CIVIC, COMMUNITY ACTIVITY: Dryden Central School District Board of Education (2016 – present); Dryden Central School District School Board President (2017 – present); Dryden Central School District Facilities Planning Committee, Safety Committee, Strategic Planning Committee, Audit Committee and Policy Committee; Special Olympics; Salvation Army; American Red Cross and Relay for Life.

WHY I WOULD LIKE TO BE CONSIDERED A CANDIDATE FOR THE DRYDEN SCHOOL

BOARD: I am currently a member of the board and would be honored to continue to serve the district and our community in this capacity. My husband, children and I have been active community members for many years. We all serve as volunteers and enjoy the opportunities provided to us through a number of local organizations. Both of my children have been fortunate enough to be part of the district family and have benefitted tremendously from their engagement in athletic, cultural, artistic and musical activities within the district and the community. My son is currently in 10th grade and my daughter is finding success in her first year at Ithaca College.

My professional and personal experiences have provided me with the transferable skills needed to succeed as a member of the Board of Education. My professional experience in education, business operations, budgeting and strategic planning, as well as my personal experience as an engaged parent and participant in several district, local and civic organizations have given me the foundation needed to be effective in this role.

In the last three years, I have been part of the board that has helped foster positive change in support of our teachers, staff, administrators, students and their families. Having said that, there is still much more to do. The work of the board is ever changing and dependent on the priorities established by the district's stakeholders. As a parent and member of the board, I will continue to encourage and vigorously promote policies and programs that strive for and support academic achievement in balance with positive social, cultural and personal development. I have a strong desire to continue our work toward a positive relationship between the district and the public it serves. I will proactively solicit the input of community members, parents, students, teachers and staff in making board decisions.

I have the courage and proven ability to successfully challenge the system – to think, speak and vote independently. At the same time, I am proud to be part of a very effective board – one in which members are comfortable engaging in thoughtful, respectful, though sometimes challenging, conversation where sharing diversified opinions is encouraged and admired as part of the decision making process.

I am excited about the future of our district and about continuing the current momentum towards the growth, development and success of all of our students, teachers and staff. I am genuinely interested in hearing directly from you and I invite your input, suggestions and questions via email at margiemalepe@gmail.com or phone at (607) 327-2298.

Annual Vote

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TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Dryden Middle School/ High School Auditorium

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE AVAILABLE

If you are eligible to use an Absentee Ballot because of physical disability, or legitimate absence from the District (business purposes, vacation, or studies) and are a qualified voter of the District, you may obtain an absentee ballot application by contacting Carrie Merriman, District Clerk, Dryden Central School, P.O. Box 88, Dryden, NY 13053, phone number 844-5361, ext. 1. Applications will be available between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Any such application must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the date of the aforesaid annual district meeting (May 14, 2019) if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before such annual district meeting (May 20, 2019) if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued shall be available for public inspection in the office of the District Clerk during regular office hours on each of the five days prior to the day of the vote (excluding Saturday and Sunday). Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m. prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 21, 2019.

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I would appreciate your support and more importantly, your vote. Thank you!



DRYDEN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2018-2019

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Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 38,746,896	\$ 40,996,053	\$ 40,641,152
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		2,249,157	1,894,256
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.8%	4.89%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 18,258,599	\$ 18,746,819	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
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)	\$ 18,258,599	\$ 18,746,819	18,258,599
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	0	0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 18,258,599	\$ 18,746,819	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 18,258,599	\$ 18,746,819	
 Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) ** 	0	0	
Administrative Component	\$ 4,147,144	\$ 4,277,189	\$ 4,246,871
Program Component	\$ 29,786,694	\$ 30,737,127	\$ 30,497,918
Capital Component	\$ 4,813,058	\$ 5,981,737	\$ 5,896,363

* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law: Eliminates all non-contingent items such as student supplies, equipment and non-contractual salary increases. Building use fees will be increased to cover all costs incurred by the District for use of buildings or grounds. Additional reductions in staffing and use of reserves will be necessary to maintain programs at the 18/19 level with no enhancements to meet a 0% increase to the levy as required by law.

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Description	Amount
Proposition #2 – Authorization to purchase Transportation Vehicles	\$ 400,000
Proposition #3 – Authorization of 2018 Annual \$100K Project	\$ 20,000
Proposition #4 – Authorization to establish \$10M Capital Reserve Fund	N/A

DRYDEN CENTRAL School District Budget Notice

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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Dryden Central School District, Tompkins County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Dryden Middle School Auditorium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot/ machine.

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