

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
SEWARD BUDGET
Annual Report 2020-2021

Mission of Seward Public Schools

The school district of Seward --where every student, every day is a success -- affirms that all students will have the skills to become productive and contributing members of a global community. In cooperation with family and community members, the district is committed to the development of each student academically, emotionally, socially, and physically.

BUDGET PROCESS

- Fiscal Year for Schools – Sept. 1 to Aug. 31
- Budget must be adopted and submitted to the state by September 20.
- The discussion we have tonight does not constitute a hearing, and no action will be taken on the budget.
- September 14, 2020 we will have our budget hearing.

HISTORICAL INFORMATION AND
PROPOSED BUDGET FIGURES FOR
THE 2020-2021 BUDGET

THERE IS A LOT OF DISCUSSION ABOUT PROPERTY TAXES – THERE HAS BEEN FOR YEARS

- We have been non-equalized for several years now. In other words, we receive very little state formula aid. We do still receive state/federal dollars however.

DATA COMPARISONS TO THE 10 LARGER AND 10 SMALLER SCHOOLS (OUR STATE AID ARRAY)

2020-2021 Statistical Information on 10 Larger-10 Smaller Schools

School	General Fund Levy	Total Levy	2020-21 Valuation	Property Tax per \$100,000	20-21 State TEEOSA Aid	% Sped	18/19 Per Pupil Cost	13/14 Per Pupil Cost
Norris	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.16	\$ 16,224,465,337	\$ 1,160	\$ 5,177,476	8.00%	\$ 10,671	\$ 9,790
Beatrice	\$ 1.04	\$ 1.08	\$ 1,245,390,839	\$ 1,080	\$ 6,229,539	24.00%	\$ 12,458	\$ 10,491
Gering	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.30	\$ 783,596,479	\$ 1,300	\$ 9,001,054	11.00%	\$ 11,287	\$ 9,663
Waverly	\$ 0.97	\$ 1.17	\$ 1,844,361,718	\$ 1,170	\$ 381,949	14.00%	\$ 11,195	\$ 10,243
Crete	\$ 0.96	\$ 1.23	\$ 1,127,590,432	\$ 1,230	\$ 9,829,870	16.00%	\$ 13,282	\$ 11,088
Plattsmouth	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.22	\$ 794,395,826	\$ 1,220	\$ 5,927,291	17.00%	\$ 13,204	\$ 10,921
Schuyler	\$ 1.01	\$ 1.12	\$ 1,389,497,037	\$ 1,120	\$ 4,119,434	11.00%	\$ 11,910	\$ 11,310
Bennington	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.43	\$ 1,499,101,306	\$ 1,430	\$ 14,626,690	12.00%	\$ 9,904	\$ 9,227
McCook	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.12	\$ 774,085,821	\$ 1,120	\$ 5,860,385	15.00%	\$ 12,013	\$ 10,640
Alliance	\$ 0.93	\$ 1.10	\$ 1,088,292,367	\$ 1,110	\$ 2,834,283	20.00%	\$ 11,781	\$ 10,703
Nebr. City	\$ 1.06	\$ 1.23	\$ 943,541,860	\$ 1,230	\$ 4,060,964	20.00%	\$ 14,053	\$ 11,798
York	\$ 1.02	\$ 1.16	\$ 1,158,119,405	\$ 1,170	\$ 1,627,544	17.00%	\$ 13,664	\$ 11,649
Sidney	\$ 1.05	\$ 1.23	\$ 665,970,218	\$ 1,222	\$ 5,330,204	12.00%	\$ 13,403	\$ 10,992
Aurora	\$ 0.74	\$ 0.83	\$ 1,641,933,490	\$ 830	\$ 195,249	17.00%	\$ 14,359	\$ 12,193
Platteview	\$ 0.84	\$ 1.02	\$ 1,711,718,579	\$ 1,030	\$ 762,265	15.00%	\$ 15,151	\$ 13,497
Holdrege	\$ 0.90	\$ 1.08	\$ 1,122,250,182	\$ 1,140	\$ 173,280	19.00%	\$ 12,388	\$ 10,729
Gothenburg	\$ 0.92	\$ 1.08	\$ 885,897,224	\$ 1,090	\$ 723,416	12.00%	\$ 13,234	\$ 10,502
Lakeview	\$ 0.61	\$ 0.66	\$ 1,536,007,923	\$ 640	\$ 90,625	16.00%	\$ 13,426	\$ 13,911
Adams Cent.	\$ 0.65	\$ 0.77	\$ 1,781,312,302	\$ 770	\$ 1,096,229	12.00%	\$ 14,756	\$ 13,163
Wahoo	\$ 0.89	\$ 1.09	\$ 1,044,863,068	\$ 1,140	\$ 176,732	21.00%	\$ 12,160	\$ 10,790
AVERAGE	\$ 0.94	\$ 1.10	\$ 1,963,119,571	\$ 1,110	\$ 3,911,224	15.45%	\$ 12,715	\$ 11,165
SEWARD	\$ 0.82	\$ 0.96	\$ 1,611,210,672	\$ 960	\$ 293,213	17.00%	\$ 12,999	\$ 11,047

Breakdown of Taxes

- 39% Residential and Real Property
- 43% Agricultural Land
- The rest is Personal Property, Commercial , Ag buildings, Centrally Assessed Personal and Real.

STATE AID HISTORY

Year	State Aid	Change	Percent Change
2013-14	\$ 362,058		
2014-15	\$ 350,863	\$ (11,195)	-3.09%
2015-16	\$ 40,564	\$ (310,299)	-88.44%
2016-17	\$ -	\$ (40,564)	-100.00%
2017-18	\$ 232,263	\$ 232,263	100.00%
2018-19	\$ 233,555	\$ 1,292	0.56%
2019-20	\$ 252,082	\$ 18,527	7.86%
2020-21	\$ 293,213	\$ 41,131	20.35%

GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURE HISTORY

Year	Spent	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
2012-2013	\$ 14,398,429	#REF!	#REF!
2013-2014	\$ 14,996,561	\$ 598,132	4.2%
2014-2015	\$ 15,386,399	\$ 389,838	2.6%
2015-2016	\$ 15,666,649	\$ 280,250	1.8%
2016-2017	\$ 16,105,773	\$ 439,124	2.8%
2017-2018 * (SPED 582,320)	\$ 17,099,651	\$ 993,878	6.2%
2018-2019	\$ 16,791,407	\$ (308,244)	-1.8%
2019-2020 Estimate	\$ 17,278,185	\$ 486,778	2.9%
Average Gen. Fund Expenditure Increase per year		\$ 385,888.86	2.0%

PROPERTY TAX AND LEVY IMPACT

PROPERTY TAX ASKING HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Total Property Tax Asking (all funds)	Change	Percent Change
2011-2012	\$11,594,779.00		
2012-2013	\$12,772,774.00	\$1,177,995.00	10.16%
2013-2014	\$13,745,770.00	\$972,996.00	7.62%
2014-2015	\$14,136,847.00	\$391,077.00	2.85%
2015-2016	\$14,548,662.00	\$411,815.00	2.91%
2016-2017	\$14,747,300.87	\$198,638.87	1.37%
2017-2018	\$14,921,251.00	\$173,950.13	1.18%
2018-2019	\$15,025,859.00	\$278,558.13	0.70%
2019-2020	\$15,409,985.00	\$488,734.00	2.56%
2020-2021	\$15,573,721.00	\$163,736.00	1.06%