

VALLEY VIEWS

NEWARK VALLEY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

In the following pages, you will find the details of the adopted budget for the 2017-2018 school year. In staying true to past practice, the Board of Education adhered to the guiding principal of balancing the needs of our students with the ability of taxpayers to support those needs. This continues our conservative approach to budgeting and expenditure.

Once again, New York State will offer a tax freeze credit to STAR eligible homeowners with a household income of less than \$275,000, and who live in a school district that stays within the confines of the tax cap. The calculation of this credit is based on household income and is directly tied to STAR savings. There is a graduated approach outlined by the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance and tied to certain income brackets. For example, if a primary homeowner has a household income of less than \$75,000, and a STAR exemption of \$700.00, the exemption will be multiplied by 28% and the tax credit would be \$196.00. If that same homeowner had a household income between \$75,000 and \$150,000, with the same \$700.00 STAR exemption, the exemption would be multiplied by 20.5% yielding a credit of \$143.50. The final two income brackets have multipliers of 13% and 5.5% respectively.

The Newark Valley Central School District has again adopted a budget that stays below the allowable levy limit for 2017-2018. This has been the case since the enactment of the tax cap legislation. Based on the guidance from NYS thus far, this would qualify primary residences in our district for the property tax credit. After several months of work, the Board has adopted a budget that results in a necessary tax levy increase of 1.59%.

Once again, the budget reflects a commitment to maximizing our program offerings and meeting the needs of our students. We continue to focus on strengthening our programs and providing the best services we can to the children of this District, while staying attentive to our facilities and operations. The Board continues to remain committed to conservative growth and the highest return on investment for every tax dollar. We work daily to stay efficient and effective, and never lose sight of the fact that your support makes education possible.

Sincerely,
Ryan Dougherty
- *Superintendent of Schools*

DATE OF VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Noon – 8:00 pm

High School Auditorium

68 Wilson Creek Road, Newark Valley

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

BUDGET:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of \$25,890,854.00 for the 2017-2018 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the Board of Education of the Newark Valley Central School District, located in the counties of Tioga, Tompkins, Cortland and Broome, State of New York, be authorized to finance the costs of the acquisition of 3 school buses and a student transportation vehicle at a maximum cost of \$380,000 and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of \$342,000 and to levy real estate taxes for the cost of such purpose?

PROPOSITION NO. 2

If Proposition No. 1 is adopted, shall the Board of Education of the Newark Valley Central School District, located in the counties of Tioga, Tompkins, Cortland and Broome, State of New York, be authorized to expend \$38,000 from moneys in a voter approved capital reserve fund established by the School District on May 12, 1993, as amended on May 21, 2002, for the purchase of School District vehicles, including school buses and any other preliminary and incidental costs related thereto in and for the School District?

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
BUDGET COMPONENT	2016/2017	2017/2018	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 2,569,758	\$ 2,617,710	\$ 47,952	1.87%
PROGRAM	\$ 17,677,090	\$ 18,286,963	\$ 609,873	3.45%
CAPITAL	\$ 4,797,007	\$ 4,986,181	\$ 189,174	3.94%
TOTAL	\$ 25,043,855	\$ 25,890,854	\$ 846,999	3.38%

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
OBJECT OF EXPENSE	2016/2017	2017/2018	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
STAFF	\$ 9,877,365	\$ 10,168,850	\$ 291,485	2.95%
EQUIPMENT	\$ 118,531	\$ 62,500	\$ (56,031)	-47.27%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$ 1,288,970	\$ 1,281,835	\$ (7,135)	-0.55%
MATERIALS	\$ 941,949	\$ 983,645	\$ 41,696	4.43%
TUITION	\$ 71,978	\$ 198,356	\$ 126,378	175.58%
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 43,784	\$ 43,784	\$ -	0.00%
B.O.C.E.S. SERVICES	\$ 2,746,914	\$ 2,965,556	\$ 218,642	7.96%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 7,457,133	\$ 7,476,750	\$ 19,617	0.26%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$ 2,497,231	\$ 2,709,578	\$ 212,347	8.50%
TOTAL	\$ 25,043,855	\$ 25,890,854	\$ 846,999	3.38%

ESTIMATED REVENUE OFFSET				
SOURCE OF REVENUE	2016/2017	2017/2018	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
STATE AID	\$ 15,623,131	\$ 16,278,023	\$ 654,892	4.19%
OTHER SOURCES	\$ 585,297	\$ 676,024	\$ 90,727	15.50%
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$ 800,000	\$ 800,000	\$ -	0.00%
APPROPRIATED RESERVES	\$ 330,000	\$ 320,000	\$ (10,000)	-3.03%
FEDERAL AID	\$ 40,000	\$ 30,000	\$ (10,000)	-25.00%
TAX LEVY	\$ 7,665,427	\$ 7,786,807	\$ 121,380	1.58%
TOTAL	\$ 25,043,855	\$ 25,890,854	\$ 846,999	3.38%

CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The following statements were prepared by the candidates, and have not been altered or edited by the district. The candidate is solely responsible for the content of his or her statement.

Sue Watson

I have been a resident of the NV School District since 1997 and both my daughters graduated from Newark Valley. I grew up in Vestal and graduated from Ithaca College. Currently I work United Health Care as and Network Account Manager for the NYS Empire Plan. Since joining the board in 2008, I have been a member of the Health and Wellness committee; the High School Site based Team and most recently serve as a member of the Resource Development Team and the board representative on the CDEP committee and a member of the BTD Health Insurance Consortium. In the 9 years since I joined the board, we have seen a transition in leadership and staffing, as well as huge changes in instruction, but always with the continued focus of always doing what is best for the students. In addition to consistently ranking high in our academic achievements within the region, we also offer students and their families' excellent athletic facilities and buildings that have brought praise and recognition to the district. Our greatest task continues to be how to balance our annual budget -- to provide the best for our students and keep the tax contribution to an acceptable level to the taxpayers. I believe the NV board has shown success in both these areas and I look forward to serving another term as a board member and continue to contribute to the changes and growth of the district in the future. Thank you.

BUDGET HEARING
Monday, May 9, 2017
6:30 p.m.
District Office,
Newark Valley High School
68 Wilson Creek Road
Newark Valley

Randal Kerr

I grew up in Richford, NY, attended the Eastman Elementary school, and graduated from Newark Valley in 1980. After college I began work at IBM and am currently an operations manager responsible for worldwide revenue and gross-profit process, consolidation, and reporting. I have three sons, all of whom attended NVCS.

I have been a Newark Valley School Board member since 1991 and have served many years as the Board's President. I have served on many committees in the District, in our BOCES Region, and in the State. I have been on the regional executive committee for many years and serve as the chairman of the regional Legislative Committee. I am also our District's representative on the regional Health Insurance Consortium where I am also on the Rates Committee and the regional Worker's Compensation Consortium where I am also the chairman.

I sincerely enjoy serving on the Newark Valley School Board and try to represent the residents of our district and the children in our schools by being actively involved in district committees and educational issues locally, area wide, and state wide. It is especially enjoyable to get into our buildings and see our education in action, to interact with our students, and to hear what they are doing. We have many impressive programs and students!

My goals for our school district are similar to those I had my first year on the Board:

- having high expectations for all students and the support structure in place to achieve those expectations
- providing the best possible educational programs and facilities at supportable costs
- being a leader in educational programs and value
- involving a caring staff and making a strong community-school
- creating solutions to ease the local tax burden

Much has been done in each of these areas over my terms on the School Board and challenges are sure to continue each year. With strong staff, strong educational leadership, and strong community involvement, we can continue to improve in all of these areas. We must keep the focus on our children, our community, and how we can best achieve our goals in both good and difficult times. Educational excellence, community pride, and the development of our children as good citizens should help drive our decisions.

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VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

Voting upon the budget and Board
candidates will occur:

May 16, 2017 – Noon-8:00 pm
Newark Valley High School Auditorium
68 Wilson Creek Road, Newark Valley

*To be eligible to vote, you must fulfill **ALL** of the
following requirements:*

- be a citizen of the United States
- be at least 18 years of age; and
- be a resident of the District for at least 30 days preceding the meeting at which you offer to vote.