

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 2016-2017 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. The proposed expenditure plan includes the lowest tax levy increase since 2009-2010.

As was the case last year, the decision was made in Albany to reduce the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The GEA is the state aid that has been withheld from school districts and used by New York State to balance their own budget. Last year, the GEA was reduced by approximately 65%. This year, GEA withholding was stopped altogether. I will note again, though, that the cumulative impact of the GEA over several years will take many budget cycles to fully recover from. Newark Valley Schools have lost millions of dollars in aid over the past several years due to the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

Once again, New York State will offer a tax freeze credit to STAR eligible homeowners with a household income of less than \$500,000, and who live in a school district that stays within the confines of the

tax cap. We have not yet received the operational guidance or details from the Department of Taxation and Finance.

The Newark Valley Central School District has again adopted a budget that stays below the allowable levy limit for 2016-2017. Based on the guidance from NYS thus far, this would qualify primary residences in our district for the property tax rebate. After several months of work, the Board has adopted a budget that increases expenditures by approximately 1.34% and results in a necessary tax levy increase of 1.3%.

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 program offerings 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

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

Candidate for the Board of Education

BUDGET:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of \$25,043,855.00 for the 2016-2017 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

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

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 at a maximum cost of \$402,000 and to authorize and issue serial bonds in the principal amount of \$328,500 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 \$73,500 from moneys in a 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?

My name is Anthony D. Tavelli. I am a 4th generation farmer living in the Speedsville area of the Newark Valley School District. For the past 3 years I have also worked as a Maintenance Supervisor for Ithaca Renting Co. I have served 2 consecutive 3 year terms on the Newark Valley Board of Education and would like to serve another term. My goals for the school are to continue to advance the school in all areas. The education of our students being the priority, with a conservative mind on the expense side of our ledger.

I would appreciate your vote. Thank You.

DATE AND LOCATION OF VOTE:

Tuesday, May 17, 2016
Noon – 8:00 pm
High School Auditorium
68 Wilson Creek Road, Newark Valley

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
BUDGET COMPONENT	2015/2016	2016/2017	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 2,501,445	\$ 2,569,758	\$ 68,313	2.73%
PROGRAM	\$ 17,542,556	\$ 17,677,090	\$ 134,534	0.77%
CAPITAL	\$ 4,668,374	\$ 4,797,007	\$ 128,633	2.76%
TOTAL	\$ 24,712,375	\$ 25,043,855	\$ 331,480	1.34%

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES				
OBJECT OF EXPENSE	2015/2016	2016/2017	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
STAFF	\$ 9,778,826	\$ 9,877,365	\$ 98,539	1.01%
EQUIPMENT	\$ 102,650	\$ 118,531	\$ 15,881	15.47%
PURCHASED SERVICES	\$ 1,385,485	\$ 1,288,970	\$ (96,515)	-6.97%
MATERIALS	\$ 912,068	\$ 941,949	\$ 29,881	3.28%
TUITION	\$ 65,000	\$ 71,978	\$ 6,978	10.74%
TEXTBOOKS	\$ 45,000	\$ 43,784	\$ (1,216)	-2.70%
B.O.C.E.S. SERVICES	\$ 2,713,862	\$ 2,746,914	\$ 33,052	1.22%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 7,429,826	\$ 7,457,133	\$ 27,307	0.37%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$ 2,279,658	\$ 2,497,231	\$ 217,573	9.54%
TOTAL	\$ 24,712,375	\$ 25,043,855	\$ 331,480	1.34%

ESTIMATED REVENUE OFFSET				
SOURCE OF REVENUE	2015/2016	2016/2017	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
STATE AID	\$ 15,056,594	\$ 15,623,131	\$ 566,537	3.76%
OTHER SOURCES	\$ 868,726	\$ 585,297	\$ (283,429)	-32.63%
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$ 850,000	\$ 800,000	\$ (50,000)	-5.88%
APPROPRIATED RESERVES	\$ 330,000	\$ 330,000	\$ -	0.00%
FEDERAL AID	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	0.00%
TAX LEVY	\$ 7,567,055	\$ 7,665,427	\$ 98,372	1.30%
TOTAL	\$ 24,712,375	\$ 25,043,855	\$ 331,480	1.34%

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Newark Valley, NY 13811

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VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

**Voting upon the budget and Board
candidates will occur:**

May 17, 2016 – 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.

**BUDGET
HEARING**
Monday, May 9,
2016
6:30 pm
Richard H. Kerr
Board Room
District Office
Newark Valley
High School
68 Wilson Creek
Road

