

2017-2018 **FAST FACTS**



Annual DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday
May 16, 2017
7 A.M. - 9 P.M.

Williamsville North
High School Gymnasium
1595 Hopkins Road

(Voter identification required. Voters must be 18 years or older, a U.S. citizen, and District resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote.)

Total 2017-18 Budget:
\$186,135,210

1.70% Budget Increase

1.42%* Tax Rate Increase
*(*Based on 2016 property assessment information. Expected to decrease as result of Amherst's reassessment program.)*

2.67% Tax Levy Increase
Complies with NYS tax cap

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#1 - BUDGET

- Maintains current level of academic & extracurricular programming
- Includes nearly \$1.4 million in salary expense reductions
- Reduces class size in Grade 3
- School tax levy increase adheres to state mandated tax cap



#2 - SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Elect 3

- 1A Dr. Michael Littman
- 2A Philip S. Meyer, ESQ/MBA
- 3A Dr. Susan D. McClary
- 4A Kurt Venator, Ph.D., DVM
- 5A Shonda Brock
- 6A Liam O'Mahony
- 7A Julie Aljubani



Information on the candidates is available online at www.williamsvillek12.org/board_candidates

Everyone **has a stake in** the success of our public schools. When schools are **strong** and students **succeed**, *our community benefits!*

Maintaining Excellence!

VALUE FOR YOUR TAX DOLLAR

- The Williamsville CSD and its individual schools consistently provide a top-ranked academic program and are recognized to be among the highest achieving in Erie County and New York State.
- Williamsville CSD scores high for both administrative efficiency and cost effectiveness among all school districts in Western and Upstate New York, according to an annual poll conducted by Business First.
- The total cost per pupil in Williamsville is 29% less than the New York State average for all school districts in New York State, and 25% less than the state-defined "similar district group". (Source: NYSED Financial Accountability Summary Report)
- Williamsville CSD has complied with the state-imposed tax cap every year since its inception.

WHAT THE PROPOSED 2017-18 BUDGET ACCOMPLISHES

- Maintains current level of academic and extracurricular programming for students.
- Includes nearly \$1.4 million in salary expense reductions as a result of a teacher retirement incentive.
- Reduces third grade class sizes.
- Supports student wellness programs such as Link Crew and Sources of Strength at the high schools; the Where Everybody Belongs (WEB) program at the middle schools; and elementary school recess.
- Funds a new summer school program for high school students with special needs.
- Adds a full time special education teacher for a new high school 15:1 class.

DOES THE TOWN OF AMHERST REASSESSMENT PROGRAM IMPACT SCHOOL TAXES?

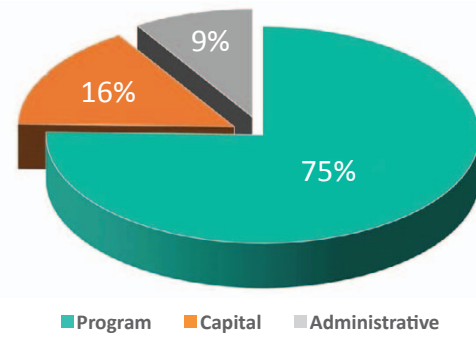
Any increase in property assessments as a result of the town's reassessment program does not impact the size of the school tax levy. It does not result in additional revenues for the district. Rather, the state's tax cap law controls the increase in the tax levy.

When property values go up, the tax rate usually goes down because the school tax levy is distributed across a wider base. We expect to see a drop in the school tax rate when assessments are finalized by the town in July.

2017-18 Three Part Budget

Proposed Budget Expenditures

Total Budget: \$186,135,210



75%

PROGRAM COMPONENT **\$140,364,340**
(Funding for the instructional program and educational support services for the District's students)

16%

CAPITAL COMPONENT: **\$ 29,131,264**
(Funding for school and property maintenance; utilities; debt service)

9%

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT: **\$ 16,639,606**
(Funding for the administration and supervision of District schools plus central office operations)

2017 School Tax Bill with Basis STAR Subsidy Applied

Home's Assessed Value	Est. School Tax	Increase from 2016*
\$100,000	\$1,355.28	\$19.02
\$150,000	\$2,330.09	\$32.70
\$200,000	\$3,304.90	\$46.38

*Tax bills are estimated based on 2016 assessment information. Property assessment changes will impact a homeowner's actual tax bill.

CONTINGENT BUDGET

Under state law, school boards can submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. If the proposed budget is defeated twice, the board must adopt a contingent budget. A school board also has the option of going directly to a contingent budget after the first budget defeat. Under a contingent budget, the district must adopt a budget with the same tax levy as the prior year which, for Williamsville, would result in \$3.1 million in reductions to the proposed budget.

YOUR VOTE COUNTS!

Your vote helps decide how tax dollars are used to support educational programs and services for children in our community. Please remind your friends, neighbors, and eligible family members to vote on May 16!