

2016-2017
**FAST
FACTS**

Annual
DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE
& BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday
May 17, 2016
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 2016 -17 Budget:
\$183,015,606

2.70% Budget Increase

0.74% Tax Rate Increase
(\$19.28 per \$1,000
assessed value)

1.13% Tax Levy Increase
BELOW NYS tax
levy cap



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#1 - BUDGET

- Reduces class sizes in grades 1 and 2.
- Provides increased support for academic programming, K-12.
- School tax levy BELOW the state mandated tax cap.
- Lowest tax levy increase in six years.
- Estimated tax rate increase is less than one percent.



#2 - CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

- Would allow the District to establish a new school building capital reserve for the purpose of saving toward roof replacement and future infrastructure improvements.
- If approved, does NOT impact annual operating budget or taxes.

No Additional
Tax Increase



#3 - BUS REPLACEMENT

- Uses savings from existing capital reserve accounts to purchase or lease six new 72-passenger school buses at a cost not to exceed \$695,000.
- Replaces aging, high mileage buses with new, more energy efficient vehicles equipped with the most current safety features. The District's last bus purchase was made in 2013.
- If approved, does NOT impact annual operating budget or taxes.

No Additional
Tax Increase



#4 - SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

1A- Shonda Brock

2A- Teresa Anne Leatherbarrow

3A- Anthony J. Laforanara, III

4A- Suzanne Van Sice

5A- Mary Bieger

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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 consistently scores high for administrative efficiency and in 2015, was ranked #1 in administrative efficiency among all school districts in Western New York (Source: Business First, June 2015)
- The total cost per pupil in Williamsville is 28% less than the New York State average and 24% 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. The proposed 2016-17 budget results in a tax levy BELOW the state tax cap.

WHAT THE PROPOSED BUDGET ACCOMPLISHES

- Reduces class sizes in grades 1 and 2.
- Adds a full-time psychologist at all elementary schools.
- Provides more extracurricular and athletic opportunities for students.
- Restores supply and equipment budgets decimated by years of budget reductions.
- Enhances STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) curriculum resources.

2016 School Tax Bill with Basis STAR Subsidy Applied

Home's Assessed Value	Est. School Tax	Increase from 2015*
\$100,000	\$1,343	\$10
\$150,000	\$2,307	\$17
\$200,000	\$3,271	\$24

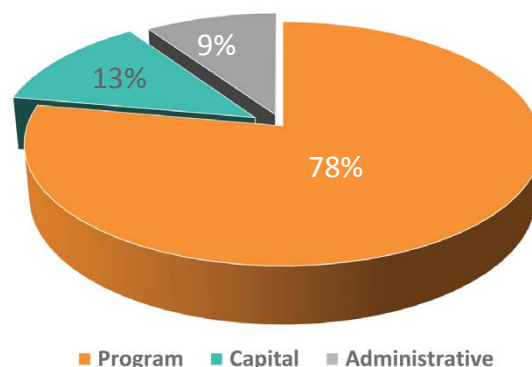
* Real Property Tax Rebate: Because the District's proposed budget complies with the NYS property tax cap, Williamsville homeowners may be eligible for a property tax rebate from the state. The new credit will be available as an advance payment to income-eligible taxpayers who own and reside in property receiving basic or enhanced STAR. Normally, taxpayers with household incomes up to \$200,000 will see a tax rebate of \$185.

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

2016-17 Three Part Budget

Proposed Budget Expenditures

Total Budget: \$183,015,606



78%

PROGRAM COMPONENT \$143,333,897
(Funding for the instructional program and educational support services for the District's students)

13%

CAPITAL COMPONENT: \$22,680,390
(Funding for school and property maintenance; utilities; debt service)

9%

ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT: \$17,001,319
(Funding for the administration and supervision of District schools plus central office operations)

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 \$1.7 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 17!



Dr. Roy Clare, music teacher at Heim Middle School, is shown with some of his seventh grade students. Dr. Clare is retiring July 1 after 57 years of teaching in Williamsville.