

# CONNECTION

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## Portrait of Kindness

A group of Williamsville South High School art students recently created personal portraits for children in Puerto Rico who were affected by Hurricane Maria, a category four storm that devastated the island last year. The Memory Project is a nonprofit organization that receives photos of children and teens from global charities. Participating art students use the photos to create a personal keepsake for each child. Art Teacher Mary Ellen Ryan received a grant from the Williamsville Education Foundation, Inc. to cover participation costs for her Drawing and Paint students. “We will send the children their finished portraits in hopes they will have something of their very own, a keepsake to hold

on to, since so many lost much of their personal belongings,” said Ms. Ryan. “We hope it lifts their spirits and brings a smile to their faces.” Pictured, Cassandra Kegler, Gr. 10, shows off her completed portrait.



## Rain Barrel Art

Heim Middle School won first prize in the 2018 Erie County Department of Environment and Planning Rain Barrel Painting Contest! Seventh and eighth graders in teacher Denise Woods’ Art Club topped the middle school division with their colorful barrel painted to reflect the contest theme, ‘Recycle rain water and prevent storm water pollution’. An awards ceremony was held at the Buffalo Museum of Science on Earth Day, April 22 and the rain barrels are on display at the Buffalo Museum of Science through May 31, 2018.

For detailed information about the 2018-19 Proposed Budget, visit the District website:  
[www.williamsvillek12.org/budget](http://www.williamsvillek12.org/budget)

## ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

**TUESDAY,  
MAY 15, 2018**

**7 a.m.- 9 p.m.**

**North High School Gym  
1595 Hopkins Road**



## Budget-At-A-Glance

### 2018-19 Proposed Budget

**\$190,815,689**

**Budget-to-Budget Increase:**  
2.51%

**Tax Levy Increase:**  
2.24%  
*(Below mandated New York State tax levy cap for  
Williamsville CSD)*

**Estimated Tax Rate Increase:**  
2.24%

## Budget Highlights

- Maintains all current academic and extracurricular programming for students.
- Tax levy increase is below state tax cap.
- Includes \$1.5 million in salary expense reductions and cost efficiencies.
- Strengthens school safety and security efforts.





Dear Community Members,

I am pleased to recommend the 2018-19 budget that funds what our schools need to support a positive learning environment and high quality educational program for all students.

The proposed \$190.8 million budget represents a 2.5 percent spending increase driven mainly by contractual obligations for district employees and other mandated expenses. A funding increase of \$475,000 adds one instructional

coaching position; increases academic intervention services to address student need; strengthens administrative support at the elementary and high school levels; enhances services for students with special needs; and increases professional development opportunities for teachers. Savings from ongoing efficiency efforts and reduced salary expenses due to retirements help balance the recommended budget, which keeps the tax levy increase below the state-mandated cap.

School safety and security are at the forefront nationwide after the tragic mass shooting in Parkland, Florida earlier this year. Each day, Williamsville schools set safety as a top priority and we constantly look to improve our efforts in this regard. We collaborate with local law enforcement and emergency responders and, collectively, we fully understand the enormity of our responsibility. With the on-time passage of the New York State budget, our district received \$333,479 more in state aid than initially anticipated. At the Board's directive, this additional revenue will be invested in measures to enhance school safety and security such as by conducting a district-wide security audit, adding a full-time k-12 behavioral specialist, and making some physical security upgrades.

The proposed budget prioritizes academic success and progress for all students. The graduating class of 2017, for example, earned more than \$26 million in college scholarships, rivalling amounts received by students at many private schools. The Williamsville community takes great pride in being home to one of the region's top-ranked public school districts in both academic performance and operating efficiency. Working together with the community, parents, students, educators, and all staff members, WCSD continually raises the bar to deliver the educational excellence our children deserve.

All budget presentations are posted on the District website at [www.williamsvillek12.org/budget](http://www.williamsvillek12.org/budget) and I am available to answer any questions about the proposed plan. The Annual Budget Hearing is Thursday, May 3 and the District Budget Vote and School Board Election are May 15.

Thank you for your continued support of Williamsville schools.

Sincerely,

Scott G. Martzloff, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



Dear Neighbors,

The 2018-19 budget continues to support and advance instructional programming in a manner consistent with the District's values of fiscal responsibility and academic excellence. The proposed budget is focused on the classroom and remains below the tax cap.

The budget process begins with the goal of creating a fiscally responsible budget that upholds the mission and values of the community. With the unanimous support of the Board of Education, I believe the proposed plan accomplishes this goal. All current programming for students is maintained and targeted enhancements are funded to strengthen programs directly affecting students.

Like all school districts across the nation, Williamsville would like to see designated funding from the state or federal government for school safety measures rather than take away from existing educational funding. We are lobbying our elected officials in this regard. In the meantime, a portion of the district's 2018-19 state aid allocation will be used to bolster school safety and security. Building-specific security audits will be conducted, and certain infrastructure upgrades will be made at our schools. We will balance these physical enhancements by further strengthening resources that support student wellness and social emotional learning. School safety is of critical importance to all of us and together we must remain vigilant and proactive to provide a safe learning environment for both students and staff.

As stewards of your tax dollars, school board members are very cognizant of the impact school taxes have on the community. The proposed budget stays within the state-imposed tax cap for the seventh consecutive year. The spending increase of 2.5 percent is tied mainly to fixed costs and the plan reflects more than \$1.5 million in salary savings and cost efficiencies. If you consider the caliber of our product – widely regarded as one of the best in Western New York – a Williamsville education continues to be an excellent value for our community.

Please take time to learn about the budget and participate in the Annual District Vote on Tuesday, May 15. Board members are available to answer any questions you may have and more detailed information can be found on the district website, [www.williamsvillek12.org](http://www.williamsvillek12.org).

Thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at the polls!

Sincerely,

Mr. Shawn Lemay  
President, Board of Education

**Voter  
Eligibility**

**Per New York State law, in order to vote in the District Budget Vote and School Board Election, you must be:**

- 18 years of age
- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the vote

**You do not need to be a registered voter. However, ID and proof of residency are required.**

# SAMPLE BALLOT

★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ Tuesday, MAY 15, 2018 ★ ★ ★ ★ ★ ★

## PROPOSITION #1 - BUDGET

SHALL IT BE RESOLVED: That the Budget for the year 2018-19 presented by the Board of Education be approved? YES NO

## PROPOSITION #2 - VOTE FOR ANY THREE BOARD MEMBERS

Election of three (3) board members, the highest three vote recipients, each for a term of three (3) years beginning July 1, 2018 and concluding June 30, 2021.

<b>1A</b> <b>Dr. Robert Campo</b>	<b>2A</b> <b>Dawn M. Fletch</b>	<b>3A</b> <b>Dr. Michael J. Littman</b>	<b>4A</b> <b>Toni L. Vazquez</b>
<b>5A</b> <b>Shawn P. Lemay</b>	<b>6A</b> <b>Eric Borenstein</b>	<b>7A</b> <b>Mark Mecca</b>	

## School Board Candidates

Seven candidates are vying for three seats on the Williamsville Board of Education. The three top vote-getters on May 15 will be elected to three-year terms on the school board beginning in July. More information about each candidate is available on the district website, [www.williamsvillek12.org/candidates](http://www.williamsvillek12.org/candidates). They are (in the order they will appear on the ballot):

**1A- Dr. Robert Campo** holds a doctorate degree in education as well as a law degree. He has taught at the elementary, high school and college levels and is currently an instructor at Erie Community College. The oldest of his three children is a 2016 graduate of Williamsville East where his younger son is now a sophomore. He also has a daughter who attends parochial high school.

**2A- Ms. Dawn M. Fletch** is the New Business Development Manager and Recruiter for AP Professionals of Western New York. Before her current position, she worked 13 years at The Buffalo News as a Recruitment Account Executive. She has a son in third grade at Dodge Elementary and a daughter in seventh grade at Casey Middle. Ms. Fletch has been active in the Dodge PTA serving as co-president and treasurer.

**3A- Dr. Michael Littman** is Chair and Associate Professor for the Business Department at SUNY/ Buffalo State College. Dr. Littman previously served nine years on the school board including two years each as Board President and Vice President. He is the father of two Williamsville North graduates.

**4A- Mrs. Toni Vazquez** (*Incumbent*), former School Board President, is seeking her third term. She is owner and Practice Administrator at Urban Family Practice, PC in Buffalo where she works with her husband, Raul Vazquez, M.D. Their four children attended Williamsville schools including two daughters who graduated from Williamsville East High School in 2013 and 2014, and their youngest child who is a sixth grader at Transit Middle School.

**5A- Mr. Shawn Lemay** (*Incumbent*) current School Board President, is President and CEO of Sound & Theater/S&T Enterprises of Western New York, which provides electronic solutions for home and commercial markets. He and his wife, Kristen, have two daughters. Madelyn is a junior at Williamsville South High School and Jessica is a 2008 South graduate.

**6A- Mr. Eric Borenstein** has been a district resident for nearly 25 years. He is a retired performing arts executive who ran symphony orchestras around the country. In his last position as President and Executive Director of the Virginia Symphony Orchestra, Mr. Borenstein commuted to Norfolk, VA from his home in Williamsville. His daughter, Corey, is a 2004 graduate of Williamsville South High School.

**7A- Mr. Mark Mecca** (*Incumbent*) is a School Psychologist for Buffalo Public Schools and a member of the Buffalo Teachers Federation Executive Committee. He and his wife, Stephanie, have a three-year old daughter who will be attending Williamsville schools in the coming years.



General Support

The General Support category of the operating budget covers instruction-related managerial functions for the entire District. Included are funds which make it possible for the Board of Education and its Chief School Officer, the Superintendent of Schools, to carry out required responsibilities. Also included in this category are funds for the strictly regulated financial operation of the District; for operation and maintenance of the school buildings and grounds; for fire and liability insurances, personnel management, legal affairs and public information expenses; and for BOCES administrative charges.

Instruction

Instruction is the core of the school budget. This general category covers salaries for administrators, teachers, nurses, aides, related instructional personnel (library media specialists, school counselors, psychologists and social workers) and all materials, supplies, and equipment necessary to support the educational environment. Co-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities are also included in this general area of instruction.

Pupil Transportation and Other Community Services

**Pupil Transportation** - The District currently utilizes both its own employees and outside contractual services to provide regular transportation within and outside of the District for all students and for co-curricular and interscholastic athletic activities at other locations, as well as for instructional-related field trips. **Other Community Services** - This general category includes costs related to District census activities and for support for certain community use of facilities.

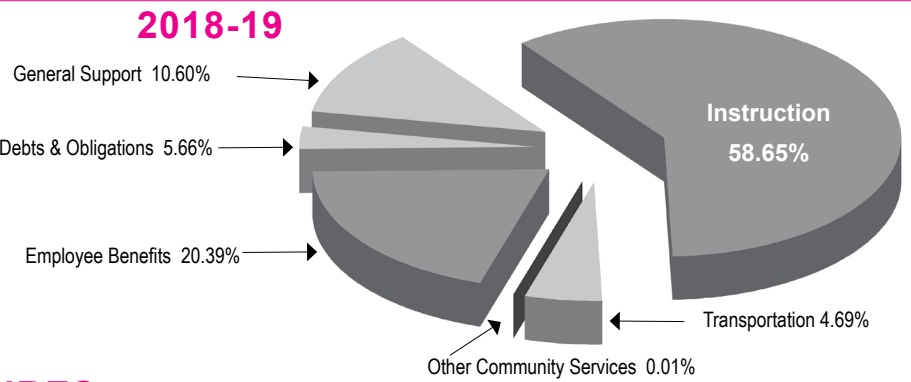
Employee Benefits

This category groups a variety of District benefit costs including required contributions to the State Retirement Systems, Social Security, Workers' Compensation, and an Unemployment Insurance Fund. Also included are medical insurance and other contractual costs.

Debts & Obligations

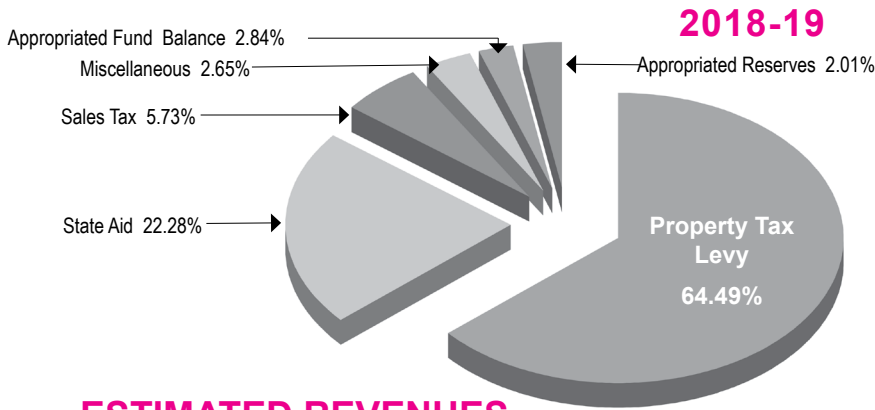
This category groups a variety of district-wide costs which are not included in other areas such as long term debt payments.

	2018-19 PROPOSED	2017-18 BUDGET
<b>General Support</b>		
Board of Education	\$ 115,761	\$ 110,761
Chief School Administrator	\$ 342,433	\$ 345,697
Finance	\$ 648,190	\$ 624,226
Public Information	\$ 191,930	\$ 242,295
Human Resources & Legal Services	\$ 1,449,660	\$ 1,480,462
Operations & Management	\$ 13,361,405	\$ 13,763,950
Central Printing & Mailing	\$ 504,388	\$ 510,850
Data Processing	\$ 1,262,497	\$ 1,095,497
Special Items	\$ 2,347,568	\$ 2,332,568
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$ 20,223,832</b>	<b>\$ 20,506,306</b>
<b>Instruction</b>		
Curriculum & Staff Development	\$ 1,583,517	\$ 1,468,982
Supervision: Regular School	\$ 4,473,031	\$ 4,041,650
Teaching: Regular School	\$ 70,775,330	\$ 68,527,300
Exceptional Education & Student Services	\$ 18,870,216	\$ 17,938,557
Occupational Education	\$ 2,427,078	\$ 2,412,631
Teaching & Supervision: Special Schools	\$ 717,111	\$ 650,728
School Library & Audio-Visual Services	\$ 1,535,812	\$ 1,570,996
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$ 3,500,941	\$ 3,303,360
Guidance Services	\$ 3,165,943	\$ 3,148,456
Other Pupil Services	\$ 2,768,992	\$ 2,767,942
Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 389,196	\$ 357,746
Interscholastic Athletics	\$ 1,708,980	\$ 1,656,353
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>\$ 111,916,147</b>	<b>\$ 107,844,701</b>
<b>Pupil Transportation &amp; Community Services</b>		
Pupil Transportation	\$ 8,939,639	\$ 8,950,233
Other Community Services	\$ 19,005	\$ 19,005
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 8,958,644</b>	<b>\$ 8,969,238</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>		
New York State Retirement Systems	\$ 11,785,295	\$ 10,835,295
Social Security	\$ 7,289,654	\$ 7,019,654
Unemployment Insurance	\$ 35,000	\$ 105,000
Medical Insurance	\$ 19,187,583	\$ 18,937,583
Other Benefits	\$ 615,311	\$ 615,611
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>	<b>\$ 38,912,843</b>	<b>\$ 37,513,143</b>
<b>Debts &amp; Obligations</b>		
Long Term Debt	\$ 10,629,223	\$ 11,126,822
Special Aid Fund	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 10,804,223</b>	<b>\$ 11,301,822</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 190,815,689</b>	<b>\$ 186,135,210</b>



PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

	Proposed 2018-19	% of Total	2017-18	% of Total
General Support	\$ 20,223,832	10.60	\$ 20,506,306	11.02
Instruction	111,916,147	58.65	107,844,701	57.94
Transportation	8,939,639	4.69	8,950,233	4.81
Other Community Services	19,005	0.01	19,005	0.01
Employee Benefits	38,912,843	20.39	37,513,143	20.16
Debts & Obligations	10,804,223	5.66	11,301,822	6.06
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$190,815,689</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$186,135,210</b>	<b>100%</b>



ESTIMATED REVENUES

	Proposed 2018-19	% of Total	2017-18	% of Total
Property Tax Levy	\$ 123,050,851	64.49	\$120,353,000	64.66
STAR Reimbursement	Included in above		Included in above	
State Aid	42,515,689	22.28	40,582,210	21.80
Sales Tax	10,925,000	5.73	10,875,000	5.84
Miscellaneous	5,050,149	2.65	5,051,000	2.72
Appropriated Fund Balance	5,424,000	2.84	5,424,000	2.91
Appropriated Reserve Funds:				
•Employee Benefits	400,000	0.21	400,000	0.21
• Workers' Compensation	600,000	0.31	600,000	0.32
• Repair Reserve	330,000	0.17	330,000	0.18
• Unemployment Reserve	70,000	0.04	70,000	0.04
• Retirement Reserve	2,450,000	1.28	2,450,000	1.32
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$190,815,689</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$186,135,210</b>	<b>100%</b>

2018-19  
COMPONENT BUDGET

Program: \$ 145,713,152

The Program Component includes all program expenditures, including the salaries and benefits of teachers and any school administrators or supervisors who spend a majority of their time performing teaching duties. Also, all transportation operating expenses including diesel fuel.

Capital: \$ 28,141,311

The Capital Component includes all transportation capital, debt service, and lease expenditures; costs resulting from court judgments, administrative orders or settled or compromised claims; and all facilities costs including lease expenditures, annual debt service and total debt for all District facilities financed by bonds and notes. Also, all expenditures associated with custodial/maintenance salaries and benefits, service contracts, supplies, utilities and maintenance repair of school facilities.

Administrative \$ 16,961,226

The Administrative Component includes Board of Education and central administrative expenses; salaries and benefits of the Superintendent and all certified school administrators and supervisors who spend the majority of their time performing administrative or supervisory duties; all expenditures associated with the Annual District Budget Vote; any consulting costs not directly related to student services and program planning; and all other administrative activities.

Total: \$ 190,815,689

Estimated 2018 School Tax Bill for Amherst

School tax bill samples with Basic STAR subsidy applied

Property's Assessed Value	Actual 2017-18	Estimated 2018-19	Difference
\$100,000	\$1,093	\$1,117	\$24
\$150,000	\$1,932	\$1,975	\$43
\$200,000	\$2,771	\$2,833	\$62

Tax bills are estimated based on 2017 assessment information. Property assessment changes will impact a homeowner's actual tax bill.

The district issues a tax levy amount that is certified by the New York State Education Department and reported to the Office of the New York State Comptroller. The proposed 2018-2019 levy is voted on by the community in May and does not change when town assessors issue final assessment numbers in July.

Contingent Budget

The Board of Education is required by State law to implement a contingent budget if the proposed budget fails to receive community approval after two budget votes. A contingent budget does not allow the tax levy to be greater than the levy issued in the prior school year. The contingent budget amount for 2018-19 is \$188,118,689.

Services to Non-public schools

Public school districts administer and distribute federal and state funds for services to resident students who attend non-public and parochial schools. In accordance with the law, the following services are offered to students who live in the Williamsville CSD and attend non-public schools:

- Transportation
  - Health Examinations
  - Hearing & Vision Screenings
  - Occupational, Physical, & Speech Therapy; Vision and Hearing Services\*
  - Child Find Evaluations
  - Social Work Consultation (upon request)
- Library materials
  - Remedial Reading & Math, Grs. 1-8
  - Career & Technical Education
  - Computer Software
  - Textbooks
  - \*As recommended by the Committee on Special Education

Summer School '18

Summer School 2018 will offer remedial programming for elementary and middle school students plus review and new course offerings for high school students. The high school program will be held at Williamsville North High School and the elementary and middle school programs, which are referral-only, will be housed together at Country Parkway Elementary School. Summer school runs from July 5 through August 15 with no Friday classes except for July 6. Williamsville's summer school program is open to all district residents.

The Driver Education program will hold two summer sessions at Williamsville North. The first session runs June 25-July 18 (no class July 4), and the second session is July 24-August 14. Driver Education classes are held on Fridays throughout the summer. The fee is \$455. More information is available online at [www.williamsvillek12.org](http://www.williamsvillek12.org) or by calling 626-8294.

In addition to academics and Driver Education, Williamsville offers a comprehensive summer music program and Community Education's WOW (Weeks of Wonder) program, which provides fun enrichment activities for children, grades 1-6. Learn more about summer programs by visiting [www.williamsvillek12.org](http://www.williamsvillek12.org).

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL 2018-19 BUDGET PROPOSAL

New York State requires the following presentation of 2018-19 Budget Information:

	Budget Adopted for 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2018-19 School Year*
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$186,135,210	\$190,815,689	\$188,118,689
Increase/Decrease for 2018-19		\$4,680,479	\$1,983,479
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		2.51%	1.07%
Change in consumer price index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Levy to support the total budget amount	\$120,353,000	\$123,050,851	
B. Levy to support Library Debt, if applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for non-excludable propositions, if applicable**	\$ 0	\$0	
D. Total tax cap reserve amount used to reduce current year levy	\$ 0	\$ 0	
E. Total proposed school year tax levy (A+B+C+D)	\$ 120,353,000	\$123,050,851	\$120,353,000
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 0	\$ 0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>excluding</u> levy for permissible exclusions	\$120,353,851	\$ 123,070,450	
H. Total proposed school year tax levy, excluding levy to support library debt and/or permissible exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$ 120,353,000	\$ 123,070,450	
I. Difference: G-H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval; see note below regarding separate propositions)**	\$ 851	\$ 19,599	
Administrative Component	\$16,639,606	\$ 16,961,226	\$ 16,639,606
Program Component	\$140,364,340	\$ 145,713,152	\$ 143,424,772
Capital Component	\$29,131,264	\$ 28,141,311	\$ 28,054,311

\*The contingent budget includes the removal of equipment dollars as required by New York State law. Contingent budgets may not include a tax levy that is higher than the tax levy issued by the school district in the prior budget. The result is that the contingent budget reflects a tax levy reduction of \$2,697,000.

\*\*List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount (tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements).

Description	Amount
There are no separate propositions.	n/a

	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR exemption savings	\$ 554

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The Annual Budget Vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the Williamsville Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at Williamsville North High School in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Williamsville North High School gym, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.



## 2017-18 Board of Education

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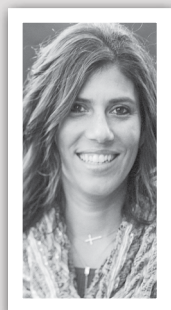
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## PTSA Council Service to Youth Awards 2018

*The Williamsville PTSA Council will honor three individuals who have demonstrated extraordinary service to the children of the Williamsville Central School District at the 61st Annual Service to Youth Awards Celebration on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6 p.m., East High School, 151 Paradise Rd.*



**PROFESSIONAL AWARD-** *Michelle Anzalone* is a Business Teacher at Williamsville East High School where she has worked since 2012. She has been with the school district for 27 years, working as a teacher for the past 23 years. The proud mother of three has a son who is a junior at East and a daughter in eighth grade at Casey Middle. Her oldest son is a 2016 graduate of Williamsville South. Ms. Anzalone is the FBLA (Future Business Leaders Association) Advisor and is credited with growing the club from fifty to 340 members, making it one of the largest and most successful student clubs at East. She is co-advisor for the Class of 2019 and coordinates the school's Snack Shack (concessions), increasing both revenues and student participation. "Ms. Anzalone is dedicated in everything she does, and is always thinking about others," said East Senior Ann Wang, FBLA President. "Ms. Anzalone is one of the most influential teachers I have ever known, if not the most."



**SUPPORT STAFF AWARD-** *Andrea Navis* is an educational aide in the 15:1 classroom at Dodge Elementary and co-president of the Dodge PTA. She began as a substitute aide in the district in 2015 shortly after her family relocated to Williamsville from Georgia. According to Dodge Principal Charles Šmilinich, Mrs. Navis is a conscientious professional, committed to excellence. "She is dedicated to helping children reach their maximum potential and that quality shines through with her interaction with our students," he said. In her role with the PTA, Mrs. Navis has served as committee chair for the Reflections contest and spearheaded the effort to have Dodge designated as a National PTA School of Excellence. She is also a Girl Scout Troop Leader and recently took on the role of Troop Recruitment for the East Amherst Service Unit. She and her husband, James, have two daughters, Ella, a fourth grader at Dodge and Natalie, a seventh grader at Casey Middle.



**VOLUNTEER AWARD-** *Dana Hensley* is the busy mother of four young children, with three currently attending Dodge Elementary. She serves as Corresponding Secretary for the Dodge PTA, is the PTA Web Administrator and member of the Building Wellness Team. Mrs. Hensley is also founder of the fourth grade Newspaper Club and the Community Garden, and a former member of the Dodge Shared Decision Making Team and the PARP Parent Team. An active member of her church, The Chapel at CrossPoint, Mrs. Hensley was the program director for a MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) group dedicated to helping mothers with young children realize their potential while growing in their faith. She regularly volunteers for church functions including the annual Family Carnival, which attracts over 2,000 people. "Dana works tirelessly for children and families at Dodge, in her church, and in our community," said Mary Hemmer, nominator.

## Absentee ballots available

Qualified voters who are unable to vote in person on May 15, 2018 for the Annual District Vote and School Board Election due to illness, travel or other reason specified by law may use an absentee ballot to cast their vote.

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the District Office, 105 Casey Road, East Amherst, New York, during regular business hours, Monday-Friday. Completed applications must be returned to the District Clerk's Office no later than 4 p.m. on May 8, 2018 for an absentee ballot to be mailed to the voter, or one day before the annual election if the ballot is to be personally delivered.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the District Clerk's office. The list will also be posted at the polling place on the date of the Annual District Vote. If you have any questions about absentee ballots, please call Mrs. Lynn Carey, District Clerk, at 626-8092.

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**VOTE**

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**MAY 15, 2018**

**7 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

**North High Gym**

1595 Hopkins Rd., Williamsville