



A Commitment to Education

Budget Newsletter

School Board Adopts \$30,567,000 Budget • 1.99% Tax Levy

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 15 1:00 – 9:00 p.m. Scott M. Ellis Elementary School Cafeteria

Voters will decide on:

- > 2018-2019 Budget
- Board of Education Elections
- Public Libraries: Greenville and Rensselaerville

BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

Budget Total \$30,567,000

TAX LEVY INCREASE \$329,221 1.99%

2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

Maintains and Enhances Programs Fiscally Sound: Under The Tax Levy Cap

For several months, the Board of Education has held public workshops to work closely with the administrative team to develop a budget that is both sustainable and fiscally sound. It is a spending plan that sustains and enhances opportunities for students, maintains small class sizes, completes the phase in of the one to one technology initiative and supports the District's vision for learning, while being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.

On Tuesday, May 15, District residents will have the opportunity to vote on the 2018-2019 proposed budget, funding increases for the public libraries and for Board of Education candidates.

 Budget (\$30,567,000): The budget carries a spending increase of \$757,645, representing a 2.54% increase. The Tax Levy increase, which is the amount that a school district collects from property owners is \$329,221, representing a 1.99% increase. This increase is below the District's maximum allowable tax levy increase as calculated under the state's "Tax Cap" formula.

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Greenville High School Concert Band receives NYSSMA Gold with Distinction

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- Public Library requested increases: Greenville Public Library – \$700 Rensselaerville Public Library – \$1,700
- Board of Education elections: Seven (7) candidates will be running to fill three (3) seats.

It is important to prepare and support Today's Students as they are Tomorrow's Leaders. The District is thankful for the continual support of the community as we continue to progress towards our goals.



Ava Fitzmaurice – All-Time Girls and school lead scorer – 1,527 points



Cole Ackerman – All-Time Boys school lead scorer – 1,377 points

2018 - 2019 Public Library Proposal

	Approved 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019	Increase
Greenville	\$41,000	\$41,700	\$700
Rensselaerville	\$24,296	\$25,996	\$1,700

The voters will be asked to vote on the proposed increase. If the resolution is defeated, the funding is maintained at the level from the previous year.

Targeted Budget Additions To Manage Class Size And Strengthen Student Support

Staffing increases were proposed by District Administrators to support students, maintain class size, and meet required mandates. As the result of a retirement and reassignment of staff, additional support for our students will be provided through an additional School Counselor K-12, with no impact to the budget. The District has also begun conversations with the Greene County Sheriff's Office on the benefits of a School Resource Officer.

Proposed Staffing Increases:

 Student Support: 1.0 FTE K-12 School Counselor (No budget impact)

School Resource Officer

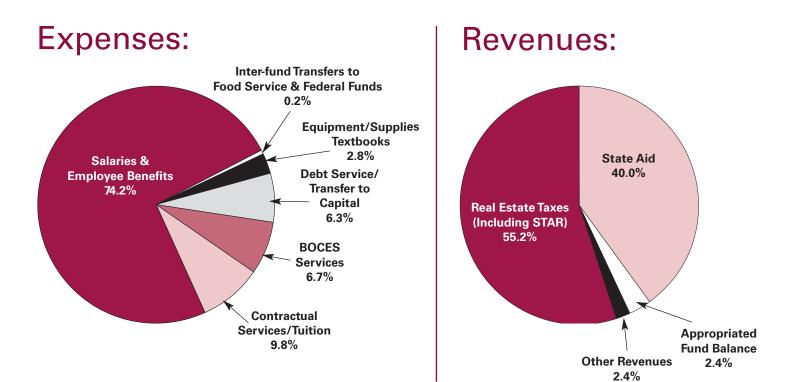
- Maintain Class Size:
 1.0 FTE Elementary Teacher (Based on class enrollment)
- Mandates: .10 FTE MS/HS Health Teacher (Based on enrollment - .8 FTE to .9 FTE)

1.0 FTE MSTeaching Assistant (Support special education classroom)

BUDGET QUESTIONS? Contact the District Office at: 518-966-5070 Ext. 511 or email: <u>budget@greenville.k12.ny.us</u>

Expenses: How is money spent at Greenville Central School District?

Category	Approved 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019	Difference (\$)	Percent (%) of Change
Salaries & Employee Benefits	22,188,760	22,682,908	494,148	2.23%
Contractual Services/Tuition	2,844,184	3,000,091	155,907	5.48%
BOCES Services	1,946,094	2,053,391	107,297	5.51%
Debt Service/Transfer to Capital Inter-fund Transfers to Food Service & Federal Funds	2,003,915 56,000	1,923,411 56,000	-80,504 0	-4.02% 0.00%
Equipment/Supplies/Textbooks	770,402	851,199	80,797	10.49%
Total Expenditures	\$29,809,355	\$30,567,000	\$757,645	2.54%



Revenues: Where does money come from to pay for our expenses?

Category	Approved 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019	Difference (\$)	Percent (%) of Change
Appropriated Fund Balance	779,978	742,330	-37,648	-4.83%
Other Revenues	732,992	723,992	-9,000	-1.23%
State Aid	11,752,596	12,227,668	475,072	4.04%
Real Estate Taxes (Including STAR)	16,543,789	16,873,010	329,221	1.99%
Total Revenues	\$29,809,355	\$30,567,000	\$757,645	2.54%

Three Part Budget

The State requires school districts to present their annual budget in three parts (Program, Administrative, and Capital) as well as provide a comparison to last year's amounts. The three part breakdown is as follows:

PROGRAM	2017-18	2018-19
Amount	\$22,691,313	\$23,254,156
Percent (%) of Total	76%	76%

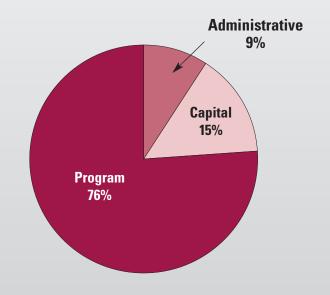
Program costs include the salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff delivering pupil services (health, guidance, library and athletics), textbooks, instructional materials, equipment, extracurricular student activities, BOCES program costs, and all costs of the transportation program except bus purchases.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2017-18	2018-19
Amount	\$2,799,173	\$2,900,595
Percent (%) of Total	9%	9%

Administrative costs include the salaries and benefits of all certified staff who spend 50% or more of their time in administration, plus the salaries and benefits of clerical staff, school board costs, curriculum development, tax collection, legal and auditing costs, central data processing, BOCES administrative costs, research, planning and evaluation.

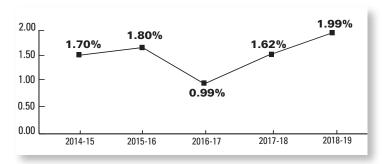
CAPITAL	2017-18	2018-19
Amount	\$4,318,869	\$4,412,249
Percent (%) of Total	15%	15%

Capital costs include the salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial staff, debt service, bus purchases, utilities, general insurance, tax certiorari and other court-ordered costs.



Increase in Proposed Tax Levy (1.99%)

The 2018-19 Proposed Tax Levy increase falls within the District's tax levy limit.



School Year	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19
Increase in Tax Levy Percent (%)	1.70%	1.80%	0.99%	1.62%	1.99%



Middle School/High School Robotics Club students participated in the First Tech Challenge Qualifier Tournament for the Hudson Valley Region on February 11, 2018.



One of our Elementary Odyssey of the Mind teams is heading to Iowa in May for the 2018 World Finals.

District Goals

This year the Board of Education adopted three (3) multi-year District goals. The ability to identify goals and work towards them is critical to continuous school improvement of which we all play a role.

- All students will have the opportunity to engage in relevant and challenging learning through the use of innovative, differentiated instructional practices that will motivate students to be collaborative, creative and inquisitive.
- 2. All students, staff, and families will be provided a safe, secure, supportive, welcoming and engaging school environment where all students thrive.
- 3. All students will use our community as a classroom. Community members will provide resources, connections, and support. The partnership will engage the community in student learning, as well as provide non-students and adults the opportunity to connect with our schools.

Property Tax Relief Credit for School Taxpayers

The Property Tax Relief Credit is a percentage of a homeowner's STAR benefit with lower incomes receiving a higher percentage benefit.

This rebate applies to the years 2017 through 2019 and is for homeowners who **qualify** under the following conditions:

- Live in a school district that is NYS PropertyTax Cap compliant;*
- Receive the Basic or Enhanced STAR Property Tax Relief Credit;
- Income of \$275,000 or less; and
- Paid their school property taxes.

*Greenville CSD Qualifies

The 2018-2019 tax levy increase of \$329,221 / 1.99% complies with the Property Tax Cap and is within the District's tax levy limit.

For more information: www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/property-tax-relief.htm

Mission Statement



Show self-control Take action Respond respectfully and responsibly Offer empathy and acceptance Never give up Grow together

We are Spartan STRONG!







UPDATE: NYS Smart Schools Bond Act of 2014

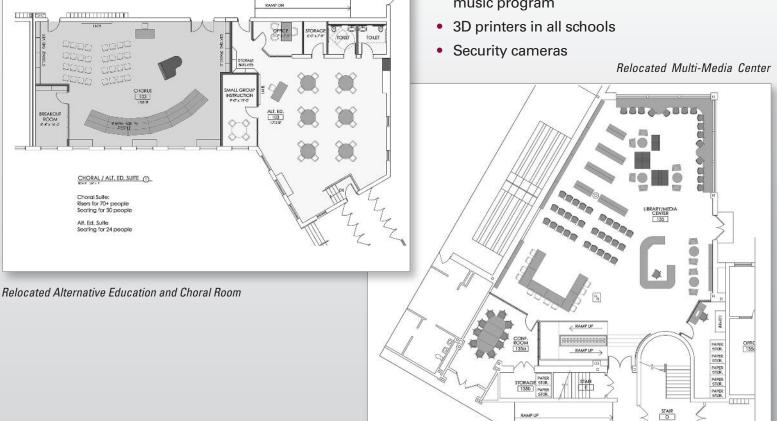
On November 4, 2014 New York voters approved the Smart Schools Bond Act which provides \$2 billion to finance educational technology and infrastructure to improve student learning opportunities. As part of the Act, Greenville's Smart Schools' allocation is \$1,058,561. After meeting with many stakeholder groups, Greenville's plan was posted on the website (8/8/2016) and a public hearing was held to gather community feedback (7/18/2016). The plans were then submitted to the State Education Department for their approval (9/14/2016). After a ten (10) month State approval process, time did not allow for the District to complete the work over the summer of 2017.

Work is now scheduled to be completed over the summer of 2018. Bids were opened and awarded in March, with the work scheduled to begin June 1. The work includes the construction, enhancement, and modernizing of educational facilities to provide instructional space to replace classroom trailers, specifically:

- A new MS/HS Media Center in the middle school multi-purpose room (Choral Room)
- A new Alternative Education suite and a new Choral Room in the former MS/HS Media Center
- Removal of aging Alternative Education
 Trailer

Technology Purchases Include:

- Replacement of out of date multimedia projectors and interactive white boards in thirty (30) classrooms
- Computer based manufacturing equipment (CNC Plasma Cutter)
- Computer based Vernier & data collection devices (TI-Inspire) for math and sciences
- Equipment to create a music lab for the music program



2017 Capital Project Update

Educational Renovations

- Science Labs/rooms
- Agriculture and Technology rooms
- Family and Consumer Science Room
- Music Room
- Gym Locker Room Changing/Shower Area
- Student Lockers Replacement (Ellis)

Field and Site Work (Athletics, PE Classes and Community Use)

- NewTrack
- Tennis Courts
- Baseball and Softball Fields
- Agriculture Area
- Walkway Replacement Between Schools
- Ellis North Parking Lot

Building Renovations & Improvements

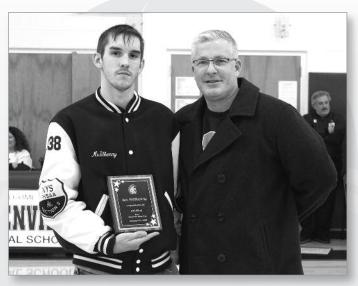
- Cafeteria/Auditorium Bleacher Replacement
- New Ceiling and Lighting
- HVAC System Improvements

Approved by the voters May 2017

Immediately after the voters approved the project, the architect began the work of meeting with the stakeholders and preparing the detailed plans for submission to the State Education Department (SED). The plans were submitted on October 10, 2017. We are all anxious and excited for the work to begin. However, due to the backlog of projects, we are still waiting for SED approval. The delay of receiving the approval has altered the starting and completion date of the project. Additional updates will be provided when the district receives approval.



Aidan Cullen earned his 100th career wrestling win on December 9, 2017.



Ian McIlhenny earned his 100th career wrestling win on January 28, 2018.

Q. What if the proposed budget is defeated by the voters?

A. A simple majority vote is required for the proposed budget to be approved, as the proposal meets the acceptable tax levy threshold of a 1.99% increase. If the budget is defeated, the Board of Education has the option of putting the same budget up for another vote, putting a revised budget proposal before voters, or adopting a contingent budget. If a second budget proposal is defeated by District voters, Greenville must adopt a contingent budget. Contingent budget requirements prohibit spending in specific areas including community use of buildings, certain salary increases and new equipment purchases. In addition, under the property tax levy cap law, if the District adopts a contingent budget it cannot increase the current tax levy, which means a zero percent tax levy increase. A contingent budget would require the District to make \$329,221 in reductions to the proposed budget.



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SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 1-9 p.m.

Scott M. Ellis Elementary School Cafeteria, Route 32

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION:

The voters will elect three (3) members to the Board of Education for the following vacancies:

- One (1) seat for a three (3) year term beginning on or about May 15, 2018, and expiring June 30, 2021
- One (1) seat for Patricia C. Macko for a three (3) year term expiring June 30, 2021
- One (1) seat for Tracy Young for a three (3) year term expiring June 30, 2021

Listed as they will appear on the 2018-2019 ballot, as per required drawing, are candidates:

- David G. Finch
- Raymond Albin
- Donald Savino
- Patricia C. Macko
- S. Jay Goodman
- Audrey Matott
- Tracy Young



On April 20, the Commissioner of Agriculture and Markets, Richard A. Ball, attended the Third Annual Ag Day.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Wednesday, May 2, 2018, at 3:00-7:00 p.m. Scott M. Ellis Elementary School Elevator Lobby

QUALIFIED VOTERS: Qualified voters must be a citizen of the U.S., at least 18 years old, a resident within the district for 30 days preceding the Election/Budget Vote, and be registered to vote. (If you voted at least once within the last 4 calendar years at either a general election or GCS vote, you are registered to vote.)

Applications for an absentee ballot are available at the District Office.

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