

CANANDAIGUA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2018-2019 Proposed Budget

Measured to
Foster & Sustain
Excellence

Vote on May 15, 2018

**2018-2019 Budget • Board Election
Propositions for:
Bus Purchases
Wood Library Funding**



2018-2019 Budget Proposal At A Glance

Total Budget: \$75,996,123 -- up 2.80%
Local Tax Levy: \$45,434,119 -- up 2.49%
 Tax Levy Increase: \$1,103,760

Projected Local Tax Rate: \$19.32 per thousand --
 up 2.43% from '17-'18 true value rate of \$18.85

*Note: Three District municipalities have higher '17-'18
 school tax rates due to equalization rates in effect:*

Town of Canandaigua: \$19.24

Town of Bristol & Town of East Bloomfield: \$19.04

Projected School Tax Bill Increase: \$35.50 on
 \$100,000 assessment.

*Note: NYS Education Law mandates tax impact data
 be shown based on \$100,000 home assessment.*

Tax Bill Increase Estimates for Other Assessments:

\$59.00 increase for \$150,000 home w/Basic STAR

\$82.50 increase for \$200,000 home w/Basic STAR

\$106.00 increase for \$250,000 home w/Basic STAR

\$129.50 increase for \$300,000 home w/Basic STAR

*The NYS Department of Taxation & Finance has set the
 maximum Basic STAR savings in 2018-2019 at \$577 for most
 municipalities in the school district. The tax rate and school tax
 bill estimates are conservative projections. Due to anticipated
 regional growth, the school tax rate is likely to be lower when tax
 warrants are finalized in August, 2018.*

Major Factors Affecting the Proposed Budget:

Computer Assisted Instruction: up \$180,288; 7.4%.

*This funding supports the purchase and long-term
 repair and replacement plan of 1:1 computer devices for
 students, as well as other classroom technology.*

Health Insurance costs: up \$538,250; 5.5%.

*Though a significant cost, this percentage increase
 is lower than in many previous years. The District
 participates in a health insurance consortium that helps
 keep its insurance cost increases below the average
 annual community rate increase.*

Retirement/Pension costs: up \$151,482; 5.3%.

*District Teacher/Employee Retirement System payments
 are determined each year by the NYS Comptroller; there
 is no local control of this cost.*

State/Federal Aid Increase: up \$685,628; 2.57%.

*Most of the increase is in state aid. However, State
 Foundation Aid, not tied to specific spending areas such
 as Transportation, rises by only percentage.*

Employee Salaries: up \$828,176; 2.31%.

*The budget supports addition of 3.5 positions: 2 Special
 Education teachers, and 1/2-time teaching positions for
 Art, Music & Physical Education. One position will be
 eliminated. More staffing and enrollment data on pg. 17.*

Community Presentation
Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
 District Operations Center
 5500 Airport Road, Canandaigua
 Superintendent Jamie Farr
 Q&A Session

**The proposed levy increase
 is under Canandaigua's
 Maximum Allowable Tax Levy.
 Therefore, a simple majority of
 50% (+ 1) will be required for
 approval of the 2018-19 budget.**



From the Board President

Dear Canandaigua Family,

When we interviewed candidates for the position of Superintendent, at about this time last year, we talked extensively with each one about their approach to the budget process. In this area of budget preparation, we sought a leader who would uphold the approach we had used for the past years: student focused, inclusive, transparent, needs based, and fair to all constituents (students, faculty, staff, and taxpayers). During his interview, candidate Jamie Farr answered this concern most appropriately. Now, Superintendent Farr, along with the many people who work year round to arrive at this point, has presented to the Board of Education just such a budget; we adopted it unanimously on March 22, 2018.

Budget Season: An Ongoing Process

We call it budget season, but the budget process is actually a year-round cycle of checks and balances, of gathering internal data, of advocacy at the state and local level, in school meetings and even at the curricular level, of waiting for ever-evolving state aid projections and hoping a state budget will be finalized on time (something which has mostly happened over these last few years), of using history to predict the future, of considering the new needs that pop up, sometimes foreseen but always urgent, of taking and reflecting the pulse of our community.

School districts are allowed to vote only on an annual budget. This direct vote on the operating budget of our schools is a great responsibility, both for voters and school board members. As stewards of taxpayer dollars and under zero-based budgeting, we carefully study each and every line item in the budget in order to create a list of needs and priorities for the year in question and for upcoming years.

“Our faculty, staff and administrators are constantly reviewing current programs and resources and determining what best -- or better -- meets the needs of kids. From each corner of the district, the emphasis is always the same: How can we improve learning in the classroom? This extends beyond the traditional tools of great teaching and appropriate materials to include proven technology innovation and integration and well-considered efforts to ensure a safe learning environment for our children and adults.”

In consultation with our colleagues, our auditor, and our financial advisor, we work constantly to ensure that reserves are being funded with a purpose, and used for that purpose, for this budget year and for all years. The work intensifies at this time of year in anticipation of the release of funding information from the state, and the annual budget vote in May.

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On the Covers

7th grader Matt Pawlicki (front cover) carefully calculates his water level while determining the volume of various objects in a Middle School Science lesson. Meanwhile, 8th grader Nate Teerlinck (back cover) discovers some sparkle when exploring rock types during Earth Science..



President

From the Board

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***“The 2018-2019 operating budget proposal represents our commitment to excellence within the confines of balance and accountability.*”**

“Any board member would be happy to hear your thoughts and to answer your questions about it. You may reach out to us via email at TalkToTheBoard@canandaiguaschools.org, or call us at the phone numbers listed on the back of the district print calendar. And come out to vote on May 15th!”

Measuring to Sustain Excellence

All of these numbers and predictions are considered carefully and importantly through the lens of what is best for our students. Our faculty, staff and administrators are constantly reviewing current programs and resources and determining what best – or better – meets the needs of kids. From each corner of the district, the emphasis is always the same: How can we improve learning in the classroom?

This extends beyond the traditional tools of great teaching and appropriate materials to include proven technology innovation and integration and well-considered efforts to ensure a safe learning environment for our children and adults. In keeping with our core value of educating the whole child, we look well beyond the classroom as we seek to maintain program -- to the many athletic and extra curricular activities we offer our students.



Budget Details also available at:

www.CanandaiguaSchools.org/district/budget

Balance & Accountability

The 2018-2019 operating budget proposal represents our commitment to excellence within the confines of balance and accountability. Any board member would be happy to hear your thoughts and to answer your questions about it. You may reach out to us via e-mail at TalktotheBoard@CanandaiguaSchools.org, or call us at the phone numbers listed on the back of the district print calendar. We sincerely hope you will take a few moments to inform yourself fully about this proposal, and come out to vote on May 15th.

Respectfully

Jeanie Grimm, President
Canandaigua Board of Education

Canandaigua's 2018-2019 TAX LEVY CAP LIMIT CALCULATION

Prior Year Tax Levy	\$44,330,359
(x) Tax Base Growth Factor (state supplied)	1.0125
(=)	\$44,884,488
(+) Prior Year PILOTs	358,852
(-) Prior year Exemptions	1,400,150
(=) Adjusted Prior Year Levy	\$43,843,190
(x) Allowable Growth Factor	1.0200
(=)	\$44,720,054
(-) Coming Year PILOTs	428,326
(+) Available Carryover (none this year)	0
(=) Proposed School Year Tax Levy (without exclusions)	\$44,291,728
(+) Coming Year Exclusions	1,399,315
(=) Maximum Allowable Tax Levy (with exclusions)	\$45,691,043



On the Ballot

2018-2019 Budget

Transportation Purchase

Wood Library Community-Based Funding

Budget Resolution -- 2018-2019 School Operating Budget:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Canandaigua in the County of Ontario, State of New York, be and hereby is authorized to expend the sum of \$75,996,123 for the 2018-2019 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Proposition #1 -- Transportation Purchase:

Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Canandaigua, New York, dated February 15, 2018, authorizing the acquisition of one 74-passenger C-2 school bus with 98" luggage box at an estimated cost of \$122,574, three 74-passenger C-2 school buses at an estimated cost of \$117,895 each, one 48-passenger C-2 school bus at an estimated cost of \$112,360, and one 30-passenger C-2 school bus at an estimated cost of \$108,744, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$697,363, less trade-in value, if any, and the appropriation and expenditure from the existing 2014 Transportation Vehicle Reserve Fund of \$240,000 for such cost; the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments therefor; the issuance of debt obligations of the School District as may be necessary, not to exceed \$457,363, shall be issued, or the Board of Education may appropriate in its discretion undesignated available fund balance therefor, all be approved?

Proposition #2 -- Wood Library Community-Based Funding:

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of the Canandaigua City School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$668,000, which shall be paid to the Wood Library Association of Canandaigua for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Canandaigua City School District.



Board of Education

The Candidates

School Board Election: Two candidates will run for two open seats on the Board of Education. The terms of current Board members John Polimeni and Thomas Reho expire on June 30, 2018. Mr. Polimeni is running for another term. Mr. Reho has chosen to not seek another term. Mrs. Megan Personale seeks her first term. The open seats are for five years, to begin on July 1, 2018.

Candidate Backgrounds: The candidates (*in alphabetical order here*) may appear in different order on the May 15th ballot:

Mrs. Megan Personale - Mrs. Personale is seeking her first term on the Canandaigua City School District Board of Education. She is a case worker with the Department of Social Services of Ontario County. In that role, she has worked closely with the school district on child protective and other matters on a regular basis during her career. Mrs. Personale is a lifelong resident of Canandaigua, a 1997 graduate of Canandaigua Academy, and she holds a degree in Industrial/Organizational Psychology from Alfred University. She is a member of St. Mary's Church. She and her husband, Phillip, have three young children, two of whom attend the Canandaigua Primary-Elementary School. The family resides on North Road in the City of Canandaigua.

Mr. John Polimeni - Mr. Polimeni is seeking his third full five-year term on the Canandaigua City School District Board of Education. He was first elected in May, 2006 to complete a vacated term and has since been re-elected twice. He is an attorney in private practice in Canandaigua as well as Broker/Owner of Red Jacket Realty.

Mr. Polimeni graduated from Canandaigua Academy in 1979, in 1983 from St. John Fisher and in 1986 from Nova Southeastern University School of Law. He previously served for many years in volunteer emergency medical services as a member of the Thompson Health System Board of Directors, the Finger Lakes Regional EMS Council, and the Canandaigua Emergency Squad. He has been active as a volunteer coach with Canandaigua Junior Baseball and the St. Mary's Church CYO Basketball program. As a member of the Board of Education, he currently serves on the Site Committee and the Safety, Health & Security Committee. In the past, he has led the Food Services Committee and been a member of the Board Development & Superintendent Relations committee. Mr. Polimeni and his wife, Karen, a teacher at the Primary-Elementary School, have two sons, both graduates of Canandaigua Academy. The couple resides on East Ridge Run in the Town of Canandaigua.



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By the Numbers

The 2018-19 Budget

Revenue

	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>%</u>
State & Federal Aid	\$26,706,550	\$27,392,178	2.6
Local Taxes (Local tax levy)	44,330,359	45,434,119	2.5
Payments in lieu of Taxes	363,000	428,326	18.0
Appropriated Fund Balance	755,000	545,000	-27.8
General Fund Interest Earnings	200,000	200,000	0.0
Miscellaneous Revenue - tuition, fees transfers, rentals, reimbursements	371,500	466,500	25.6
Interfund Transfer (Reserves)	<u>1,200,000</u>	<u>1,530,000</u>	<u>27.5</u>
TOTAL BUDGET	\$73,926,409	\$75,996,123	2.80

Expenses

	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>%</u>
ADMINISTRATION			
Board of Education	\$47,600	\$47,600	0.0
Central Administration	1,331,437	1,465,169	10.0
Building Administration	1,887,114	1,975,439	4.7
Curriculum Development	283,626	297,506	4.9
BOCES Administration	340,460	344,520	1.2
District Contractual Services	325,800	325,800	0.0
Employee Benefits	<u>2,070,391</u>	<u>2,031,635</u>	<u>-1.9</u>
TOTAL	\$6,286,428	\$6,487,669	3.20

PROGRAM

Instruction	\$31,318,514	\$32,328,770	3.2
Instructional Media	2,803,901	3,046,476	8.7
Pupil Services	2,659,311	2,647,663	-0.4
Interscholastic Athletics	971,677	990,791	2.0
Transportation	3,162,367	3,128,752	-1.1
Community Services	6,200	8,200	32.3
Employee Benefits	<u>15,171,091</u>	<u>15,735,908</u>	<u>3.7</u>

TOTAL	\$56,093,061	\$57,886,560	3.20
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CAPITAL

Operations & Maintenance	\$4,119,549	\$4,270,159	3.7
BOCES	239,540	235,480	-1.7
Debt Service	5,794,588	5,629,613	-2.8
Employee Benefits	<u>1,393,243</u>	<u>1,486,642</u>	<u>6.7</u>

TOTAL	\$11,546,920	\$11,621,894	0.65
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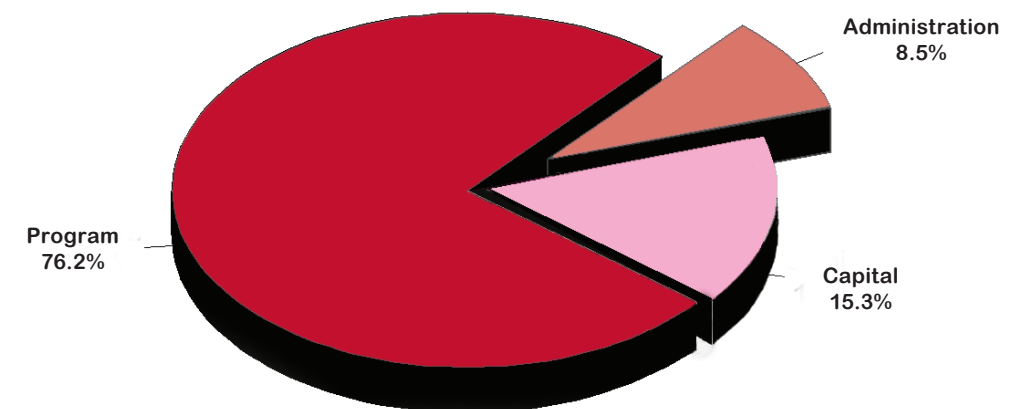
TOTAL BUDGET	\$73,926,409	\$75,996,123	2.80
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The official 2018-2019 Budget Statement, which includes a detailed line-by-line three-part budget breakdown, is available by request at 585-396-3710 or by asking in person at the District Administration Center, 143 North Pearl St., and is posted online at www.CanandaiguaSchools.org/district/budget. The document contains the 2018-19 Exemption Report, listing all properties that are tax exempt in the District.



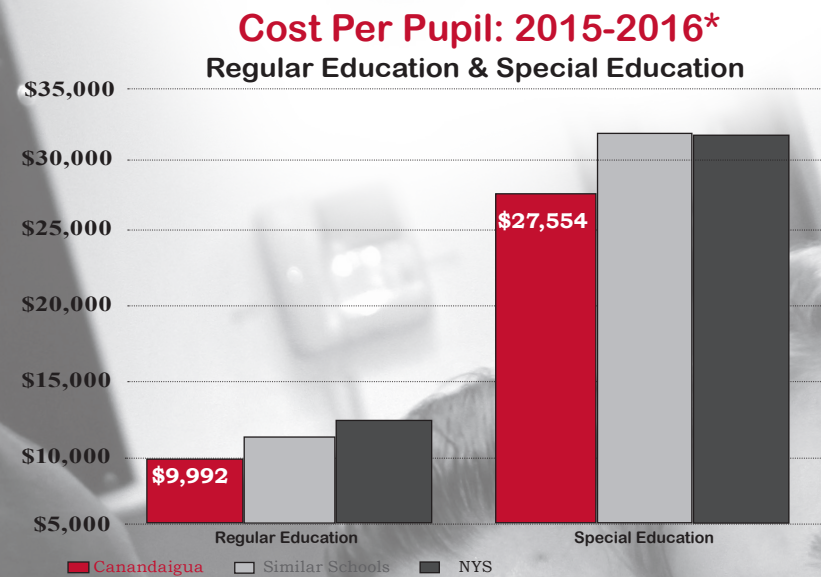
2017-2018 Three-Part Budget

	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>2018-2019</u>
Program Component	\$56,093,061	\$57,886,560
Capital Component	11,546,920	11,621,894
Administration Component	6,286,428	6,487,669
TOTAL BUDGET	\$73,926,409	\$75,996,123



For greater detail, go to:
www.CanandaiguaSchools.org/district/budget

School Budget Notice



Total Expenditures Per Pupil: 2015-16 School Year*

Canandaigua	Similar Districts	NYS
\$18,929	\$21,790	\$23,361

* New York State Law requires that comparative cost per pupil information and numbers and placement setting percentages of special education classified students be attached to each school district's annual budget report. The information is supplied by the State of New York from fully audited data.

Cost Per Pupil reports only instructional expenditures for both regular and special education. The latest data is from 2015-2016.

Total Expenditures Per Pupil includes costs for transportation, debt service and district-wide administration. The data is from 2015-2016.

Students Classified for Special Education table displays information regarding the numbers and settings of students classified for special education services during 2016-2017. This is state audited data, comparing on a local and statewide basis.

Students Classified for Special Education: 2016-2017

Student Placement (% time in regular education)	Canandaigua		Similar Districts	NYS
	#	%	%	%
80% or more	288	57.1%	56.8%	58.4%
40% to 79%	121	24.0%	19.1%	11.9%
Less than 40%	71	14.1%	16.9%	19.6%
Separate Settings	12	2.4%	4.5%	5.9%
Other Settings (out-of-district placements)	12	2.4%	2.7%	4.5%
Total Special Education	504	14.0%	13.4%	14.9%

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-2019 by the qualified, registered voters of the Canandaigua City School District, Ontario County, New York, will be held at the Canandaigua Primary Elementary School LINK gymnasium and the Cheshire Fire Hall on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., during which time the polls will be opened for voting.



School Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year*
Total budgeted amount	\$73,926,409	\$75,996,123	\$74,892,363
Increase for the 2018-2019 school year	NA	\$2,069,714	\$965,954
Percent increase in each proposed budget		2.80%	1.31%
Change in the Consumer Price Index	NA	2.13%	NA
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$44,330,359	\$45,434,119	\$44,330,359
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,400,150	\$1,399,315	NA
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy (not including permissible exclusions)	\$42,930,209	\$44,034,804	NA
B. School Tax Levy Limit (not including permissible exclusions)	\$43,339,990	\$44,291,728	NA
Difference: B-A (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$409,781	\$256,924	NA
Administrative Component	\$ 6,286,428	\$ 6,487,669	\$ 6,415,493
Program Component	\$56,093,061	\$57,886,560	\$57,219,915
Capital Component	\$11,546,920	\$11,621,894	\$11,256,955

* This is an estimate. The Board of Education may submit the budget to the voters no more than two (2) times. If the proposed 2018-2019 budget is not passed on May 15, the Board has three options. It may choose to resubmit the same budget or submit an adjusted budget for a second vote on June 19, 2018, or immediately adopt a contingency budget. If the same budget, or an adjusted budget, is not passed by voters on June 19, the Board is mandated to adopt a contingency budget. NYS Education Law allows 0% increase to the local tax levy under a contingency budget. Therefore, a contingency budget will usually necessitate reductions in order to meet the spending limitations imposed by law. The contingency budget estimate shown above conforms to Education Law requirements. Component totals may change based on priorities determined by the Board of Education during development of a contingency budget.

Separate Propositions	Description	Amount
These propositions DO NOT impact the Total Budgeted Amount above	Capital Bus Purchases Proposition	\$ 697,359
	Wood Library Proposition	\$ 668,000

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within The School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)

* Based on district's 2017-18 actual true value tax rate of \$18.85 per thousand of assessed value

** Based on district's projected 2018-19 true value tax rate of \$19.32 per thousand of assessed value

	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year*	Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year**
Maximum Basic STAR tax savings	\$ 565.50	\$ 577.00
School tax change (w/o STAR)	\$ -17.00	\$ 47.00
Net Basic STAR tax savings.....	\$ 565.50	\$ 530.00



Superintendent's Perspective

Q&A on the 2018-19 Budget

This is your first year as Canandaigua Superintendent, thus your first budget proposal. How does this proposal reflect your own priorities for the District?

Any first year has a strong element of “getting to know you” about it. I have enjoyed every moment of that part of the job! Building this budget in coordination with our team and the Board has been a great experience, in no small part because it has reminded me that I have learned so much about – and from – Canandaigua and its people already. I am thrilled to be here and the reality is, my priorities are not much different from what they have always been in Canandaigua.

“I am thrilled to be here and the reality is, my priorities are not much different from what they have always been in Canandaigua.”

We must prioritize what is best for our students such that they can achieve at high levels and graduate prepared for the next steps in their lives, while also balancing a fair budget. We have a strong instructional program. Therefore, facing minimal increases in state and federal funding, our focus for this budget was on maintaining current programming and addressing the most urgent of needs only.

You have spoken of fostering and sustaining the educational program. What specifically does this budget proposal provide for our students and taxpayers?

This budget sustains current programs of excellence across the district while expanding special education services/ flexibility at the Primary-Elementary School so that services can be rendered with authenticity and in accordance with individualized educational plans, as required by law. Our overall program is strong in foundation and well developed, offering choice where students can explore a wide array of interests and passions. We are unique in that, for our area, we offer a rich and expansive program. Our students derive a direct benefit, as they leave us very well prepared for the next stage in their lives.



School security burst forth as a major issue again in the wake of the school violence in Florida. Is there a budgetary impact for Canandaigua regarding this issue?

There is not a direct budgetary impact as a result of recent school tragedies around the nation. We have a strong security system already in place, thanks to a supportive community and a forward-thinking administration, staff, and board. Next year, using Smart Schools money (a state funded grant), we will finalize some of our access controls across the district. We are also maintaining the successful School Resource Officer Program.

For several years, the Board of Education has been concerned with the District's reliance on fund balance and reserves to balance annual budgets. How does this proposal address the longer-term financial issues we face?

The budget does utilize fund balance and reserves to balance the budget. There is a slight growth in reliance on these funds (\$1.955 million to \$2.075 million) for the 2018-2019 budget. The state's challenging fiscal outlook will potentially limit future increases in state aid.

Over the last several years, state aid increased primarily due to the removal of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA), allowing districts to reintroduce programs. Due to the uncertainty of future state aid increases, we continue to remain conservative in our approach. In the 2018-2019 budget development process, we reviewed current staffing and reduced through attrition where possible. The District's long-term goal is to reduce our reliance on appropriated fund balance and reserve funds when feasible.

If things are a little better this year regarding state aid, why not expand program?

We are educators and we are always interested in improving the program, and especially in regaining some assets lost in the aftermath of the recession, when we had to shed nearly 90 positions. However, we are also stewards of the public resources, and frankly, things are only marginally better regarding state aid. Canandaigua's Foundation Aid increase for 2018-19 is below the level of inflation.

We must be mindful to reduce positions through attrition where possible and not add anything that cannot be sustained long term in the event of future, even tighter budgets. It can be frustrating, but it is imperative that we remain thoughtful in our approach. In the end, we believe such an approach is actually the most effective way to maintain our excellence.

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“Frankly, things are only marginally better regarding state aid [for 2018-19]. Canandaigua's Foundation Aid increase was below the level of inflation. We must be mindful to reduce positions through attrition where possible and not add anything that cannot be sustained long term in the event of future, even tighter, budgets. It is imperative that we remain thoughtful in our approach. In the end, we believe such an approach is actually the most effective way to maintain our excellence.”



Superintendent's Perspective

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The proposal contains funding for a “Capital Outlay Project”. Please explain what that is, and its impact.

The District has been completing capital outlay projects for several years now. Capital Outlay Projects allow school districts to address facilities which are in poor or failing condition each year. These projects receive state aid the following year at the District's state aid ratio, which is currently 73.2% of total expenses incurred.

Last year we addressed poor conditions in our girl's locker room at the Academy and our project next year would be to address the substandard locker room conditions in the pool at the Academy.

Corroded, broken, and outdated locker rooms will be remedied. The focus of this work will be new lockers, new and more private showers, and energy efficient lighting.

School Tax Comparison: 1998 - 2018

***1998 actual Tax Bill: \$1,584**

The graph shows how tax bills for a hypothetical home with a stable \$100,000 assessment declined with the phase-in of STAR 20 years ago, stayed stable for many years, and fell further until 2009.

In 2017, 3,989 Canandaigua district households qualified for Basic STAR and 1,410 qualified for Enhanced STAR.

Note: NYS law requires comparisons based on \$100,000 assessments.

2017-18 Average Canandaigua single-family home assessments were:
City: \$165,911
Town: \$282,070
District: \$236,429

“Because Canandaigua is a growing area, we anticipate that the projected school tax rate of \$19.32 (based on current assessment totals) will be lower when Ontario County completes its 2018 tax warrant process in August.”

Now, the annual question: What happens to my school tax bill if this budget passes?

Last year at the time of the vote, the rate was projected at \$19.50 per thousand dollars of assessment and the budget passed quite favorably. For 2018-19, if this budget is passed, we are projecting a school tax rate of \$19.32 per thousand.

But that projection is based on current assessment totals and they will certainly change before everything is finalized this summer.

Because Canandaigua is a growing area, we anticipate that the projected rate of \$19.32 is not likely to be the case and it will be lower when Ontario County completes its 2018 tax warrant process in August. In fact, last year's projection of \$19.50 was high. The actual came in at \$18.85. Though three of our municipalities currently have higher rates due to the state's equalization rate process, everyone remains well under the projected \$19.50 rate.

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Tax bills increased after the Great Recession and New York's implementation of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) and freeze of Foundation Aid. That trend flattened for three years beginning in 2013 as a result of GEA reductions, then its elimination two years ago. In 2017, the District's true value tax rate fell to \$18.85, but several municipalities were under state equalization rates.

***2018 projected Tax Bill: \$1,355**
* assumes \$100,000 assessment

The projected tax rate for 2018 - 2019 is \$19.32 per thousand dollars of assessment. The tax bill for a home with regular STAR and assessed at \$100,000 would be \$1,355.00.

This estimate could be lower when tax warrants are finalized in August, 2018.

Note: See tax bill projections for higher assessments on pg. 2



Superintendent's Perspective

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What if the budget is defeated?

If this proposal is defeated, we would need to review all non-essential programming and determine possible reductions to these programs. We would then return to voters for a second vote in June. If it were defeated a second time, we would then be required to adopt a contingency budget where the tax levy can be no greater than the prior year.

More specifically, state law is explicit:

The Board of Education may submit the budget to the voters no more than two (2) times. If the proposed 2018-2019 budget is not passed on May 15, 2018 the Board has three options. It may choose to resubmit the same budget or submit an adjusted budget for a second vote (on June 19, 2018), or immediately adopt a contingency budget. If the same budget, or an

adjusted budget, is not passed by the voters on June 19, 2018, the Board is mandated to adopt a contingency budget. NYS Education Law allows 0% increase to the local tax levy under a contingency budget. Therefore, a contingency budget will usually necessitate reductions in order to meet the spending limitations imposed by law.

“Our long range goal is to advance an already thriving community and school system which is the crown jewel of the Finger Lakes Region. We will work to make it a place where we are proud to be defined as a Braves Family that embraces innovation and character education, and where a culture of kindness and curiosity is the norm.”

After one year as Superintendent, what do you see in the short term and long term futures for Canandaigua?

The goals in Canandaigua remain the same. We believe in establishing and building a culture of Excellence. Financially, that means avoiding budgetary roller coasters. The best way to keep and build on the already excellent academic program is to make sure budgets are stable, finding that ‘middle ground’ to ensure that expenditures are not burdensome, yet support the necessary components of a great K-12 public education program. Long term we will find ways to be even more creative in delivering expanded opportunities for our kids within the constraints of our budget.

To that end, during the 2018-19 school year, we will be revisiting our strategic priorities and developing our next strategic plan. There will be focus groups and opportunities for all constituents to have a voice in the direction of the school district. The near future will bring many issues – both inside and outside the classroom – that will evolve rapidly and possibly compel significant change. These trends demand good planning, flexibility and agility as an organization. We value a collective approach to learning and wish to build upon the wonderful foundation built over several generations.

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Staffing Changes 2018-2019 Proposed Budget

Reductions: 1.0 teacher position
Additions: 3.5 teacher positions:
PES - 2.0 Special Education
PES - 0.5 each for Art, Music & Physical Education

Retirements: 15.0 (as of 4-10-18)

Total Employment - April, 2018

Teachers: 314 full-time; 4 part-time
Teaching Assistants: 19 full-time
Long Term Substitute (LTS) Teachers: 4 full-time
Social Workers: 2 full-time
Speech Therapists: 6 full-time
School Nurses (RPNs): 9 full-time
Psychologists: 7 full-time
Family Services Facilitator: 1 full-time
Physical Therapists: 1 full-time; 1 part-time
Occupational Therapists: 4 full-time
School Counselors: 13 full-time

Support Staff: 361

Total Enrollment - April, 2018

Student Census: 3,612 total District students
3,562 in buildings; 47 out-of-district placements (at schools with particular special needs programs not provided in District), 3 incarcerated youth (Ontario County Jail) for which the District is instructionally responsible.
163 district resident students are enrolled in private school by parent choice (i.e. St. Mary's, McQuaid, etc.)
119 district resident students are home-schooled.
The District has some curriculum oversight responsibilities for home-schooled children and pays for school nurse services for St. Mary's and Calvary School students because these schools are located within the District.

Teacher/Administration Totals vs. Enrollment Decline

	Year	Total	+/-	+/- %
Students	2005-06	4167		
	<i>Actual</i> 2017-18	3612	-555	-13.3%
	<i>Projected</i> 2018-19	3579	-598	-14.4%
Teachers	2005-06	379		
	<i>Actual</i> 2017-18	314	-65	-17.2%
	<i>Projected</i> 2018-18	316	-63	-16.6%
Administration	2005-06	28		
	<i>Actual</i> 2017-18	22	-6	-21.4%
	<i>Projected</i> 2018-19	22	-6	-21.4%

Note: Supervisory positions that are not certified educational administrative positions: Supervisor of Transportation, Director of Buildings & Grounds, and Director of Technology Operations.



Superintendent's Perspective (cont'd from pg. 17)

Our long range goal is to advance an already thriving community and school system which is the crown jewel of the Finger Lakes Region. We will work to make it a place where we are proud to be defined as a Braves Family that embraces innovation and character education, and where a culture of kindness and curiosity is the norm.

Jamie M. Farr

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Superintendent of Schools

“2018-2019 will see the completion of our Chromebook rollout district-wide, as our K-5 students receive their devices. Students in grades 6-12 were able to utilize theirs during the 2017-18 school year. The leveraging of devices provides a tremendous educational/instructional advantage, but please understand, traditional forms of instruction have not been abandoned. They remain valued and highly effective.

Funding for the Chromebook devices has been accomplished through Smart Bond state grant monies. The District provides support with an annual budget commitment to these technologies that is designed for ongoing repair, troubleshooting, and classroom integration support and will allow for a seamless future replacement strategy and upgrades when that inevitably becomes necessary as machines age, become obsolete, and/or improved software applications come to market.”



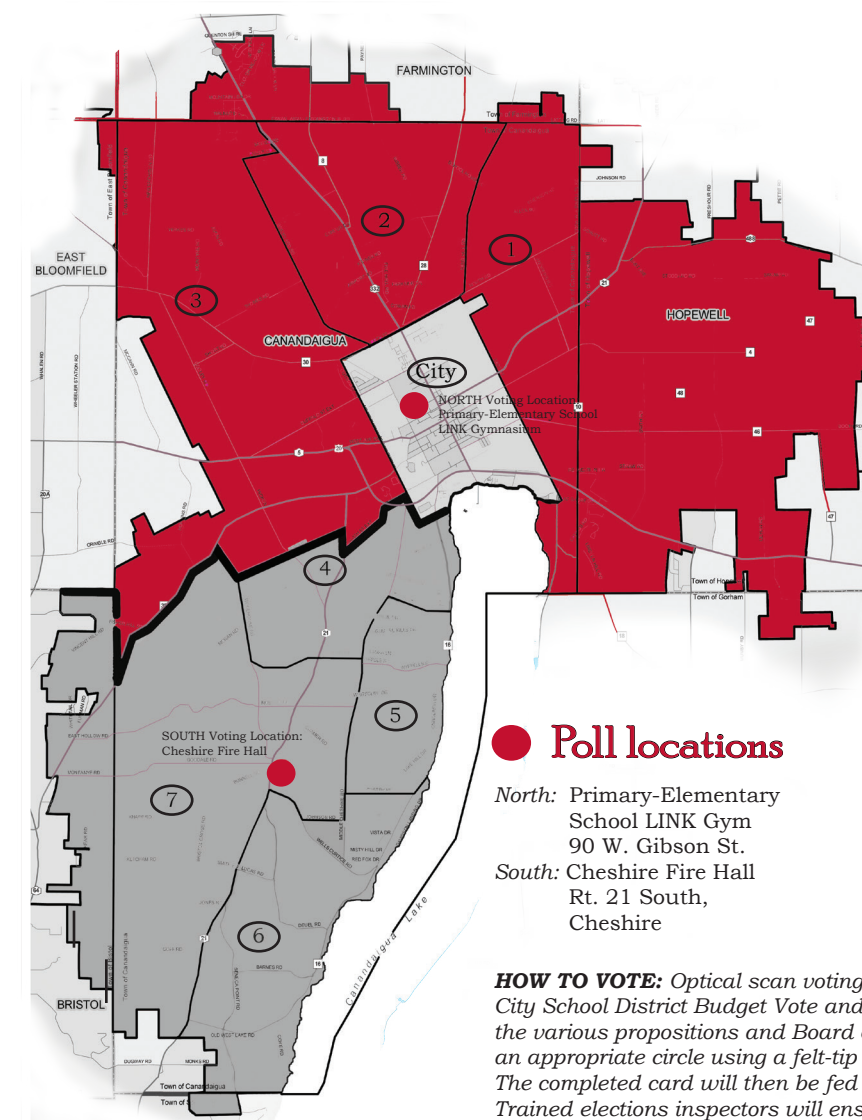
Optical Scan Voting Machines will be Utilized Where to Vote

Vote at the **Primary-Elementary School LINK gymnasium** if you live in red areas:

- City of Canandaigua
- Town of Canandaigua in Voting Districts ①, ②, and ③
- Towns of East Bloomfield, Farmington, Gorham & Hopewell

Vote at the **Cheshire Fire Hall** if you live in gray areas:

- Town of Canandaigua in Voting Districts ④, ⑤, ⑥, and ⑦
- Towns of Bristol & South Bristol



HOW TO VOTE: Optical scan voting machines will be utilized for the Canandaigua City School District Budget Vote and Board Election. Voters will receive a card with the various propositions and Board of Education candidates listed. Voters will darken an appropriate circle using a felt-tip type marker indicating their vote selections. The completed card will then be fed into the optical scan machine to record the vote. Trained elections inspectors will ensure voter confidentiality and proper usage of the scanning machines.

Both locations are fully handicapped accessible and have ample convenient parking.

Voter Qualifications

A person shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting for the election of school district officers and/or matters of the district operating budget who is:

1. A resident within the district for a period of 30 days preceding the day of the vote.
 2. At least 18 years of age.
 3. A citizen of the United States of America.
 4. A registered voter, either in the general election or with the school district.
- NOTE: Residents may register at any time before the May 15th vote at the Ontario County Board of Elections, 20 Ontario Street, Canandaigua.

To vote, you:

1. Do NOT have to own property.
2. Do NOT have to be a parent or have children in school.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available in accordance with the provisions of Section 2018-a of Education Law. Absentee ballots may be obtained from the District Clerk at the District Administration Center, 143 North Pearl Street, or by calling 396-3710.

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Two Locations

**Canandaigua Primary-
Elementary School
LINK Gymnasium or**

Cheshire Fire Hall

(see pg. 19 for voting details)

2018-2019 School Budget Proposal

Local Tax Impact At a Glance

Total Budget: \$75,996,123
Local Levy Increase: \$1,103,760
% Increase in Tax Levy: 2.49%
(*17-'18 Consumer Price Index Increase: 2.13%)
*Projected True Value Tax Rate: \$19.32
(Current True Value Tax Rate: \$18.85/thousand)
*Projected School Tax Bill Increase: \$35.50
(on \$100,000 assessment w/Basic STAR)

**NYS Education Law mandates that tax impact information must be based on a \$100,000 home assessment. See other assessment levels on pg. 2 of this document. All projections are conservative and could be lower when tax warrants are finalized in August, 2018*

