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## BUDGET highlights

- The proposed budget is **1.58%** more than last year's - an increase that is slightly **less** than the annual rise in the Consumer Price Index.
- The spending plan will **preserve** all existing programs, athletics, and extracurricular activities.
- For a home in the district with a market value of \$200,000, the budget will cost about **\$22** more per year. (Estimate only - final assessment rolls will not be available from Warren County until August.)
- The budget includes the purchase of one 60-passenger **school bus** to replace an old existing bus and keep our kids safe.
- The projected tax levy increase is **within** the state-imposed cap.
- State aid is expected to **decrease** slightly.
- Copies of the budget are available in the main office of Bolton Central School.

## Budget Vote On May 19

*Proposed budget for 2015-16 increases spending by just 1.58%*

**T**HE residents of the Town of Bolton will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year on May 19. Participating in the budget vote and the school board member election is important for our students and community.

The Board of Education and district administration have worked diligently over the last several months to develop a responsible budget that meets the needs of our students and keeps costs down. The proposed \$8.8 million spending plan holds the line on spending while maintaining all our current educational programs and keeping our school operating safely and efficiently.

Spending will increase in 2015-2016 from this current year by just **1.58%** - that's a touch less than the increase in the Consumer Price Index. The resulting 2.09% tax levy increase is within the state's tax levy cap.

If approved, the budget would cost an owner of a home with a market value of \$200,000 an estimated **\$22 per year** (\$1.83 per month).

Also on the ballot will be candidates to fill three seats on the Board of Education.

Voting will be held on **May 19** from **12 noon to 8 p.m.** in the Bolton Central School gym lobby.

This past school year has been an incredibly successful one. Our students excelled academically and athletically.



BCS students continue to rank among the highest on New York State grade 3-8 assessments and Regents exams, and for the first time ever, students will be taking AP exams in U.S. History and English. There were many athletic and extracurricular

highlights, but none more exciting than the varsity girls soccer team

competing in the state's Final Four.

In addition, we reached out to our community and engaged residents in a comprehensive process to plan the future of BCS. It was an opportunity to hear the voices of so many who spoke with such passion about BCS and the quality of education they received or their children received. Over the next few months, the core planning team will meet and make recommendations.

The Board of Education would like to thank the community for its continued involvement and its participation in shaping the future of Bolton Central School.

**A MESSAGE FROM  
 Kathleen Pfau, Board President**

## School district budget NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted For 2014-15 School Year	Budget Proposed For 2015-16 School Year	Contingency Budget For 2015-16 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$8,665,326	\$8,802,149	\$8,653,965
Increase/Decrease For The 2015-16 School Year		\$136,823	- \$11,361
Percentage Increase/Decrease In Proposed Budget		1.58 %	- .13 %
Change In The Consumer Price Index		1.62 %	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy To Support Library Debt, If Applicable	\$7,079,409	\$7,227,593	\$7,079,409
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$221,153	\$235,932	
Proposed School Year Levy, NOT Including Levy For Permissible Exclusions Or To Support Library Debt	\$6,858,256	\$6,991,661	
School Tax Levy Limit, NOT Including Levy For Permissible Exclusions	\$6,858,256	\$6,991,661	
Difference: A-B (Positive Value Requires 60 % Voter Approval)	0	0	
Administrative Component	\$896,895	\$913,666	\$894,866
Program Component	\$6,529,016	\$6,614,404	\$6,510,020
Capital Component	\$1,239,415	\$1,274,079	\$1,249,079

\*Should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, reductions would be made to certain equipment in the capital and program components, non-essential maintenance, and staffing as needed.

	Under Budget Proposed For 2015-16 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$152

<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 2015-2016 by the qualified voters of the Bolton Central School District, Warren County, New York, will be held at Bolton Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Bolton Central School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

### What is STAR?

STAR is a partial property tax exemption and rebate program from school taxes. All New York state property owners are eligible for STAR on their primary residence regardless of income. Basic STAR works by exempting the first \$30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes. For senior citizens with incomes under \$83,300, the Enhanced STAR program works by exempting the first \$65,300 of the full value of their home from school taxes.

For a STAR application or more information, contact your local assessor and visit <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/apply.htm>.

# School budget EXPENDITURES

Public schools in New York State are required to report their spending in three categories

	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Proposed	Dollar Change	% of 2015-2016
<b>PROGRAM EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>75.15 %</b>
Instruction	\$2,363,034	\$2,346,121	-\$16,913	
Career and Technical Instruction	\$518,387	\$551,912	\$33,525	
Special Education	\$575,943	\$598,188	\$22,245	
Pupil Services	\$282,898	\$287,009	\$4,111	
Extra-Curricular	\$237,097	\$239,600	\$2,503	
Transportation	\$490,533	\$497,648	\$7,115	
Community Service	\$1,786	\$1,804	\$18	
Employee Benefits	\$2,009,338	\$2,039,622	\$30,284	
Interfund Transfers	\$50,000	\$52,500	\$2,500	
<b>PROGRAM TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,529,016</b>	<b>\$6,614,404</b>	<b>\$85,388</b>	

Includes: salaries and benefits of teachers, guidance counselors, aides, nurses, etc.; teaching supplies, equipment, and textbooks; library and instructional computer funds; extracurricular activities, athletics expenses, and transportation costs (except bus purchases).

	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Proposed	Dollar Change	% of 2015-2016
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>10.38 %</b>
Board of Education	\$22,512	\$30,769	\$8,257	
Central Administration	\$476,295	\$481,649	\$5,354	
Supervision & Curriculum Development	\$151,455	\$153,768	\$2,313	
Employee Benefits	\$246,633	\$247,480	\$847	
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL</b>	<b>\$896,895</b>	<b>\$913,666</b>	<b>\$16,771</b>	

Includes: salaries, benefits, equipment & supplies of the superintendent's office, business office and principal's office; instructional staff development & curriculum development; insurance; legal expenses; public information; Board of Education expenses; and BOCES administration charges.

	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Proposed	Dollar Change	% of 2015-2016
<b>CAPITAL EXPENDITURES</b>				<b>14.47 %</b>
Operations & Maintenance	\$713,814	\$741,889	\$28,075	
Transportation	\$105,000	\$110,000	\$5,000	
Employee Benefits	\$263,601	\$278,790	\$15,189	
Debt Service	157,000	\$143,400	-\$13,600	
<b>CAPITAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,239,415</b>	<b>\$1,274,079</b>	<b>\$34,664</b>	

Includes: debt service on buildings; bus purchases, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs; custodial costs including salaries and benefits of maintenance workers; and all facilities costs, including supplies, utilities, repairs, and renovations.

<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES:</b>	<b>\$8,665,326</b>	<b>\$8,802,149</b>	<b>\$136,823</b>	
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# Projected budget REVENUE

	2014-2015 Budget	2015-2016 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$845,572	\$834,211	-\$11,361
Use of Property/Money	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Tuition and Services	\$64,000	\$64,000	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$76,345	\$76,345	\$0
Fund Balance	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$0
Projected Tax Levy	\$7,079,409	\$7,227,593	\$148,184
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$8,665,326</b>	<b>\$8,802,149</b>	<b>\$136,823</b>



# Important voter INFORMATION

— O N T H E B A L L O T —

## Proposed School Budget

RESOLVED, that the budget submitted by the Board of Education of Bolton Central School District, Warren County, New York in the amount of EIGHT MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED AND TWO THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED FORTY-NINE DOLLARS (\$8,802,149) for the school year 2015-2016 is hereby approved and adopted, and the money needed therefore be raised by tax or taxes for the purpose set forth in such budget in accordance with law.

YES

NO

## Board Of Education Election

This year, three (3) vacancies on the Board of Education for three (3) year terms each, will be filled by the voters during the annual election on May 19, 2015.

These vacancies have been created by the expiration of the terms for Mr. Chris Gabriels, Mrs. Kathleen C. Pfau and Mrs. Pamela Quigan. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the three open seats.

In alphabetical order, the candidates are:

1. Mrs. Tamara DeLorenzo
2. Mrs. Kathleen C. Pfau
3. Mrs. Pamela Quigan

# Vote Tuesday, May 19

12 noon to 8 p.m. • Bolton School gym lobby

**Who Can Vote?** All voters must be registered, U.S. citizens, age 18 or older on election day, and residents of the Bolton Central School District for 30 days immediately prior to election day.

**Can't Get to the Polls?** Absentee ballots are available to voters who qualify. Contact the BCS main office at 644-2400, ext. 101.