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School District Budget NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted For 2015-16 School Year	Budget Proposed For 2016-17 School Year	Contingency Budget For 2016-17 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$8,802,149	\$8,887,112	\$8,829,821
Increase/Decrease For The 2016-17 School Year		\$84,963	\$27,672
Percentage Increase/Decrease In Proposed Budget		0.97%	0.31%
Change In The Consumer Price Index		0.12%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy To Support Library Debt, If Applicable	\$7,227,593	\$7,284,884	\$7,227,593
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$235,932	\$244,310	
Proposed School Year Levy, NOT Including Levy For Permissible Exclusions Or To Support Library Debt	\$6,991,661	\$7,040,574	
School Tax Levy Limit, NOT Including Levy For Permissible Exclusions	\$6,991,661	\$7,040,574	
Difference: A-B (Positive Value Requires 60% Voter Approval)	0	0	
Administrative Component	\$913,666	\$916,654	\$910,401
Program Component	\$6,614,404	\$6,692,711	\$6,641,673
Capital Component	\$1,274,079	\$1,277,747	\$1,277,747

***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 2016-17 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$159

¹ 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 2016-2017 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 17, 2016, 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. New York state property owners with incomes of \$500,000 or less 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 of \$84,500 or less, the Enhanced STAR program works by exempting the first \$65,300 of the full value of their home from school taxes. Please note that due to the 2% limit on STAR savings increases, the savings on your individual tax bill may not reflect the entire value of the certified STAR exemption. For a STAR application or more information, contact your local assessor and visit <http://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/apply>



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District Will Use New Voting System

Bolton Central School District voters will be using new optical scanning machines when they vote on the school budget and select two members for the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 17th from noon until 8 p.m. School districts are no longer allowed to use the mechanical lever machines, which are not in compliance with the 2002 Help America Vote Act.

Instead of pulling levers in a traditional voting booth, residents will be given a paper ballot and a privacy folder. They will take the ballot to a privacy booth, mark the ballot with a pen, fill in the oval that reflects their choice, and then slide it into the privacy folder. Residents will then carry the folder containing the ballot to an optical scanning machine. The voter will then slide the ballot into the machine and the vote will be registered. The process is similar to inserting a check for deposit in an automated teller machine (ATM).

Poll workers will be able to assist anyone unfamiliar with the new voting method. There is an informational video on the Warren County Board of Elections website at <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/boe/machine.php>.

Budget Vote On May 17

Proposed budget for 2016-17 increases spending by less than 1%

On behalf of the Bolton Central School District Board of Education, administration, staff and, most importantly our students, I would like to present the 2016-2017 Bolton Central School District budget for your consideration.

As President of the Board of Education, I can assure you that the budget development process is a responsibility we take as seriously as our commitment to the success of our students. Equally important is our commitment to provide a responsible fiscal plan to you, our constituents. The upcoming budget will be less than a 1% increase over last year's budget; 0.97% to be exact. Due to some additional state funds, the tax levy will increase by 0.79%.

Voting will be held from 12 noon to 8 p.m. in the Bolton Central School gym lobby. Completed petitions have been received by Ms. Michelle Calzada, Mr. Richard W. Huck, Jr. and Mrs. Denise Johnson. Incumbents Mrs. Debra Peterson and Mr. Carl Schoder have decided not to seek re-election. If you see them out and about in Bolton, please thank them for their years of dedicated service to the children of our community.

This school year has provided exciting opportunities for our students at every grade level to work with technologies of many kinds. Plans are well under way for a Maker Space for our elementary students with plans for similar opportunities for secondary students on the drawing board. Maker Space is a learning environment where students can tinker, design, and create together. Students in grades K-8 will be "showing their work" at a STEAM



Science Fair. You can view some of their projects first hand on the evening of the vote, from 5 - 6:30 in the BCS Gymnasium. The District has also added art to the elementary curriculum in grades 1-4 and foreign language offerings have been expanded to our 6th graders. In addition, Bolton Central School will be adding AP Psychology, which will be offered to seniors based on student request. Perhaps best of all is that our current enrollment is at 200 students!

This past spring the District hosted a second Community Education Summit to bring the community up to speed on the past, present and future of our Strategic Planning Initiatives. This is an exciting time for Bolton students with more opportunities in order to expand their knowledge and experience in any direction they choose.

Thank you for taking the time to become an informed voter and for your commitment to our students and the community.

A MESSAGE FROM Kathleen C. Pfau, Board President

School Budget EXPENDITURES

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

	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Proposed	Dollar Change	% of 2016-2017
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES				75.31%
Instruction	\$2,346,121	\$2,403,066	\$56,945	
Career and Technical Instruction	\$551,912	\$560,627	\$8,715	
Special Education	\$598,188	\$610,608	\$12,420	
Pupil Services	\$287,009	\$291,223	\$4,214	
Extra-Curricular	\$239,600	\$240,995	\$1,395	
Transportation	\$497,648	\$506,545	\$8,897	
Community Service	\$1,804	\$1,822	\$18	
Employee Benefits	\$2,039,622	\$2,022,825	– \$16,797	
Interfund Transfers	\$52,500	\$55,000	\$2,500	
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$6,614,404	\$6,692,711	\$78,307	

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).

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENDITURES				10.31%
Board of Education	\$30,769	\$32,756	\$1,987	
Central Administration	\$481,649	\$485,949	\$4,300	
Supervision & Curriculum Development	\$153,768	\$156,422	\$2,654	
Employee Benefits	\$247,480	\$241,527	– \$5,953	
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	\$913,666	\$916,654	\$2,988	

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.

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				14.38%
Operations & Maintenance	\$741,889	\$753,294	\$11,405	
Transportation	\$110,000	\$117,500	\$7,500	
Employee Benefits	\$278,790	\$260,578	– \$18,212	
Debt Service	\$143,400	\$146,375	\$2,975	
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$1,274,079	\$1,277,747	\$3,668	

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.

TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	\$8,802,149	\$8,887,112	\$84,963	
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Projected Budget **REVENUE**

	2015-2016 Budget	2016-2017 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$834,211	\$856,883	\$22,672
Use of Property/Money	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Tuition and Services	\$64,000	\$69,000	\$5,000
Miscellaneous	\$76,345	\$76,345	\$0
Fund Balance	\$570,000	\$570,000	\$0
Projected Tax Levy	\$7,227,593	\$7,284,884	\$57,291
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,802,149	\$8,887,112	\$84,963



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 EIGHTY-SEVEN THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED TWELVE DOLLARS (\$8,887,112) for the school year 2016-2017 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, two (2) vacancies on the Board of Education for three (3) year terms each, will be filled by the voters during the annual election on May 17, 2016.

These vacancies have been created by the expiration of the terms for Mrs. Debra Peterson and Mr. Carl Schoder. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected to the two open seats.

In the order they will appear on the ballot, the candidates are:

1. Mr. Richard W. Huck, Jr.
2. Ms. Michelle Calzada
3. Mrs. Denise Johnson

Vote Tuesday, May 17

12 noon to 8 p.m. • Bolton Central 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.