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Budget Vote On May 16

District Continues With Optical Scan Voting System

Bolton Central School District voters will continue with optical scanning machines when they vote on the school budget and select two members for the Board of Education on Tuesday, May 16th 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 this voting method. There is an informational video on the Warren County Board of Elections website at <http://www.warrencountyny.gov/boe/machine.php>.

The commitment of the Board of Education to our students and our community remains in the forefront of our financial planning. In working with our administration and staff, a responsible budget has been developed and presented for the 2017-2018 school year. This plan allows the district to maintain and expand current programs and staffing both of which are the key components to the continued success of our students and alumni. In addition, this plan allows for growth of new programs to challenge our students and prepare them for their futures, whatever they may hold.

Equally important is our commitment to fiscal responsibility to our community. The 2017-2018 Budget is in line with this year's tax cap.

The past year has been filled with many opportunities and challenges which our students have met with great success. Each year The Albany Business Review ranks 92 school districts in eleven capital region counties. Bolton Central School was ranked **number one for our elementary school and our high school rose from #26 to #11**. The Board of Education is very proud of the hard work by both our students and staff to achieve such honors and will continue to provide an environment in which our students thrive. The girl's varsity soccer team went to the 2016 New York State Class D Finals representing Bolton with great sportsmanship for the second time in three years. Bolton scholar athletes were recognized among their peers in both Sections 2 and 7. Our high school and middle school students have had continued success representing BCS at the annual state-wide Youth & Government Conference in Albany. Eleven of our instrumentalists auditioned and were asked to participate in the annual All-County Concert.

As BCS expands our STEAM opportunities, the Pre-K through 5th grade STEAM Lab has been a busy hub

of activity since opening this fall and is a favorite place among students. In keeping with our Strategic Plan, the grades 6 - 12 Makerspace is set to open this coming fall.

On behalf of the Board of Education, administration, staff and most importantly the students, we present the 2017-2018 Budget for your thoughtful consideration. Voting will be held on Tuesday, May 16th in the BCS gym lobby from 12 to 8 PM. Two school board seats are up for election. Mrs. Julia Beebe

and Mr. Jesse Foy have filed completed petitions and will be on the ballot. Both candidates are once again seeking the opportunity to serve our community and students.

The community can be inspired and entertained by our students at events being held the evening of the vote. Share in the scientific successes of our students at the annual STEAM Fair from 5 to 6 PM. The music department will present an instrumental concert starring grades at 7 PM.

Bolton Central School continues to develop and progress our programs into the future with fiscal responsibility. This allows us to "strive for academic excellence and remarkable experiences in a supportive community which exceeds all expectations." 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

	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed	Dollar Change	% of 2017-2018
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES				73.40%
Instruction	\$2,403,066	\$2,415,800	\$12,734	
Career and Technical Instruction	\$560,627	\$575,935	\$15,308	
Special Education	\$610,608	\$615,087	\$4,479	
Pupil Services	\$291,223	\$306,946	\$15,723	
Extra-Curricular	\$240,995	\$245,735	\$4,740	
Transportation	\$506,545	\$514,575	\$8,030	
Community Service	\$1,822	\$1,877	\$55	
Employee Benefits	\$2,022,825	\$2,045,664	\$22,839	
Interfund Transfers	\$55,000	\$60,000	\$5,000	
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$6,692,711	\$6,781,619	\$88,908	

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				9.88%
Board of Education	\$32,756	\$32,899	\$143	
Central Administration	\$485,949	\$490,119	\$4,170	
Supervision & Curriculum Development	\$156,422	\$150,274	-\$6,148	
Employee Benefits	\$241,527	\$240,334	-\$1,193	
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	\$916,654	\$913,626	-\$3,028	

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.

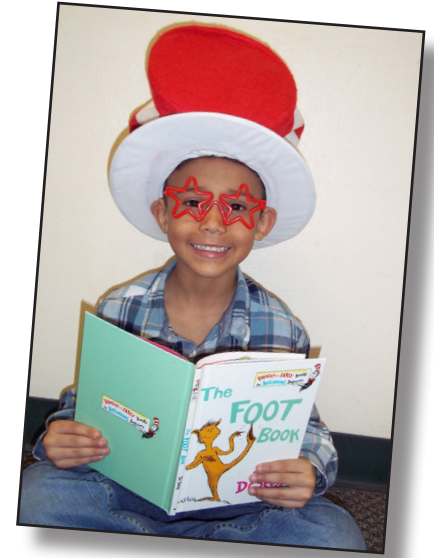
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES				16.72%
Operations & Maintenance	\$842,294	\$1,015,470	\$173,176	
Transportation	\$117,500	\$117,500	\$0	
Employee Benefits	\$260,578	\$267,508	\$6,930	
Debt Service	\$146,375	\$144,275	-\$2,100	
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$1,366,747	\$1,544,753	\$178,006	

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:	\$8,976,112	\$9,239,998	\$263,886	
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Projected Budget **REVENUE**

	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$856,883	\$855,086	-\$1,797
Use of Property/Money	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Tuition and Services	\$69,000	\$79,000	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$76,345	\$91,345	\$15,000
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$659,000	\$766,977	\$107,977
Projected Tax Levy	\$7,284,884	\$7,417,590	\$132,706
TOTAL REVENUE	\$8,976,112	\$9,239,998	\$263,886



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 NINE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED AND THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND, NINE HUNDRED NINETY-EIGHT DOLLARS (\$9,239,998) for the school year 2017-2018 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 16, 2017.

These vacancies have been created by the expiration of the terms for Mrs. Julie Beebe and Mr. Jesse Foy. 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. Mrs. Julia Beebe
2. Mr. Jesse Foy

Vote Tuesday, May 16

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.

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School District Budget NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted For 2016-17 School Year	Budget Proposed For 2017-18 School Year	Contingency Budget For 2017-18 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$8,976,112	\$9,239,998	\$9,107,292
Increase/Decrease For The 2017-18 School Year		\$263,886	\$131,180
Percentage Increase/Decrease In Proposed Budget		2.94%	1.46%
Change In The Consumer Price Index		1.26%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy To Support Library Debt, If Applicable	\$7,284,884	\$7,417,590	\$7,284,884
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$244,310	\$241,832	
Proposed School Year Levy, NOT Including Levy For Permissible Exclusions Or To Support Library Debt	\$7,040,574	\$7,175,758	
School Tax Levy Limit, NOT Including Levy For Permissible Exclusions	\$7,040,574	\$7,175,758	
Difference: A-B (Positive Value Requires 60% Voter Approval)	0	0	
Administrative Component	\$916,654	\$913,626	\$911,626
Program Component	\$6,692,711	\$6,781,619	\$6,650,913
Capital Component	\$1,366,747	\$1,544,753	\$1,544,753

***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 2017-18 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$148

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 2017-2018 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 16, 2017 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 \$27,900 of the full value of a home from school taxes. For senior citizens with incomes of \$86,000 or less, the Enhanced STAR program works by exempting the first \$60,920 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>