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Budget Vote On May 15

BUDGET INCREASE
1.98%

PROJECTED TAX LEVY INCREASE
1.82%

THIS IS BELOW THE STATE-IMPOSED TAX CAP

Bolton Central School continues to develop 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.” The foundation for the success of our students is the support of our community.

The BCS Board of Education and Administration have to put together a budget that will allow us to continue fueling the success of our students and prepare them for challenges in our building and in the community. Each fiscal year the district is faced with new financial challenges. This year’s budget will be coming in under the tax cap and will allow the district to maintain and expand current programming. In addition, there will be added security to ensure the ongoing safety of our students and we will address Response to Intervention needs in the elementary grades. The details of the budget are outlined on the pages that follow.

Academic excellence is not a phrase that we take lightly. Six of our athletic teams were recognized with Scholar Athlete Team Awards. This honor recognizes teams when 75% or more of their players have a 90 GPA or better. Our students’ success is also reflected by their proficiency rates on state assessments. On the English Language Assessment, six grade levels took the exam. Of those six, five grades achieved scores that ranked their proficiency first in Warren County. Students also tested well on Math Assessments. Five grade levels took the exam and of those five, three grades achieved scores that ranked their proficiency first in Warren County. Perhaps the most exciting testament of student success is that 100% of the Class of 2018 have applied and been accepted to local and national colleges and universities.

The District stays ahead of the curve with the technology available to our students. All BCS high school students have been equipped with Chromebooks. Middle school students will benefit from this kind of access in the near future and the entire District internet system and network security have been upgraded.

Remarkable experiences leave lasting impressions. For the last decade, BCS students have participated

in Youth & Government Conferences. Each year our students are appointed to leadership positions such as Head Lobbyist, Justice and Editor-in-Chief. Of the 600 students who attend, the State Director selects 25 students to attend a Conference on National Affairs. Of those 25 students, three will represent BCS this summer. The experiences our students gain by taking such an in-depth interest in the workings of our political process have made for outstanding details used in college entrance essays, the stepping stone to their future. In addition to academics, Bolton students balance their studies with extra-curricular activities that complement their classroom experiences. This year’s Music Department production of Hairspray-The Musical had the largest cast and crew working together in recent years. Over spring recess, 22 students traveled to such places as the Grand Canyon, Bryce, Zion, Arches, and Canyonlands National Parks. Through this experience, they were able to appreciate our country’s National Parks and understand their role in the world around them.

A supportive community that exceeds expectations sets the example we wish our students to follow. After years of development, with the support of the Town of Bolton, the first pitch was thrown at the Bolton Ball Field at Bolton Recreation Park. The day was sunny, the sky was a bright blue; it was a great day for baseball and for the community. Student

athletes will make memories with their peers and families on this field for decades to come.

On behalf of the BCS Board of Education, Administration, staff, and most importantly our students, we present the proposed 2018-2019 school budget. Voting will be held on Tuesday, May 15th in the BCS gym lobby from noon until 8 p.m. Three board seats are up for election. Mrs. Tamara DeLorenzo, Mrs. Kathleen Pfau and Mrs. Pamela Quigan have filed petitions and will appear on the ballot. All three candidates have served the community and our district and wish to continue.

On that same evening, our students are also proud to share their musical talents at a 7 p.m. concert. Students in grades six through twelve will be presenting a choral and instrumental performance that is sure to entertain. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, May 15th and appreciate your consideration.

A MESSAGE FROM

Kathleen C. Pfau, Board President

The STAR Program

The STAR program is still a benefit for tax payers. If you have questions about this program, please contact your local property assessor in Bolton at (518) 622-2499, Hague at (518) 543-6161 or in Horicon at (518)-494-3647

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

School Budget EXPENDITURES

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

	2017-2018 Budget	2018-2019 Proposed	Dollar Change	% of 2018-2019
PROGRAM EXPENDITURES				73.76%
Instruction	\$2,415,800	\$2,501,305	\$85,505	
Career and Technical Instruction	\$575,935	\$592,381	\$16,446	
Special Education	\$615,087	\$535,096	-\$79,991	
Pupil Services	\$306,946	\$335,316	\$28,370	
Extra-Curricular	\$245,735	\$252,623	\$6,888	
Transportation	\$514,575	\$489,533	-\$25,042	
Community Service	\$1,877	\$1,859	-\$18	
Employee Benefits	\$2,045,664	\$2,177,850	\$132,186	
Interfund Transfers	\$60,000	\$65,000	\$5,000	
PROGRAM TOTAL	\$6,781,619	\$6,950,963	\$169,344	
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				9.67%
Board of Education	\$32,899	\$33,120	\$221	
Central Administration	\$490,119	\$484,448	-\$5,671	
Supervision & Curriculum Development	\$150,274	\$147,860	-\$2,414	
Employee Benefits	\$240,334	\$245,561	\$5,227	
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTAL	\$913,626	\$910,989	-\$2,637	
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				16.57%
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,015,470	\$820,604	-\$194,866	
Transportation	\$117,500	\$120,000	\$2,500	
Employee Benefits	\$267,508	\$273,670	\$6,162	
Debt Service	\$144,275	\$147,175	\$2,900	
Interfund Transfers	\$0	\$200,000	\$200,000	
CAPITAL TOTAL	\$1,544,753	\$1,561,449	\$16,696	
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:	\$9,239,998	\$9,423,401	\$183,403	

Projected Budget **REVENUE**

	2017-2018 Budget	2018-2019 Proposed	Dollar Change
State Aid	\$855,086	\$864,986	\$9,900
Use of Property/Money	\$30,000	\$65,000	\$35,000
Tuition and Services	\$79,000	\$89,000	\$10,000
Miscellaneous	\$91,345	\$102,000	\$10,655
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$766,977	\$750,000	- \$16,977
Projected Tax Levy	\$7,417,590	\$7,552,415	\$134,825
TOTAL REVENUE	\$9,239,998	\$9,423,401	\$183,403



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, FOUR HUNDRED AND TWENTY-THREE THOUSAND, FOUR HUNDRED AND ONE DOLLARS (\$9,423,401) for the school year 2018-2019 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 15, 2018.

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

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

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

Vote Tuesday, May 15

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 the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-2019 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 9,239,998	\$ 9,423,401	\$ 9,288,576
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$ 183,403	\$ 48,578
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.98 %	.53%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 7,417,590	\$ 7,552,415	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 7,417,590	\$ 7,552,415	\$ 7,417,590
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$241,832	\$ 250,063	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 7,175,758	\$7,357,859	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 7,175,758	\$7,302,352	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 0	\$ 55,507	
Administrative Component	\$ 913,626	\$ 910,989	\$ 903,494
Program Component	\$ 6,781,619	\$ 6,950,963	\$ 6,888,633
Capital Component	\$ 1,544,753	\$ 1,561,449	\$ 1,496,449

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2018-19 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Reductions would be made to certain equipment in the capital & program components, non-essential maintenance, and staffing as needed.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$151

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-2019 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 15, 2018 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.