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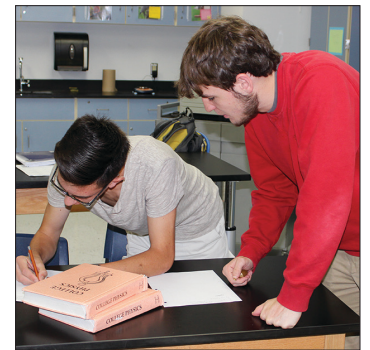
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## Budget Vote Information

*District residents will cast ballots on the proposed 2016 – 2017 budget at the annual budget vote and Board of Education election on **Tuesday, May 17**. Voting will take place in the **Victor Intermediate School Auditorium** from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Voters must be at least 18 years old, a registered voter and a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to May 17, 2016.*

### VCS Board of Education

Karen Ballard  
Timothy DeLucia  
Gary Gilbert  
Kathryn Hart  
Deborah Palumbo-Sanders  
Trisha Turner  
Michael Young

The Board of Education meets on the second Thursday of the month in the Early Childhood School Boardroom at 7:15 p.m. Residents are welcome to attend.

### District Clerk

Maureen Goodberlet,  
(585) 924-3252 ext. 1402

### Superintendent of Schools

Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.

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## Voter Registration

On Tuesday, May 10, 2016, the Victor Central School District will hold voter registration from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the District Office Conference Room. This registration is for residents currently not registered to vote in the general election.

For more information on voter registration and/or the upcoming budget vote, contact VCS District Clerk, Maureen Goodberlet at 924-3252, ext. 1402 or email her at [goodberletm@victorschools.org](mailto:goodberletm@victorschools.org)

# The 2016–2017 School Budget

*A Message from Our Superintendent*  
**Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.**



I believe that every child deserves to be prepared for his or her future with a high quality education. I believed this when I was teaching Spanish in the Victor Senior High School sixteen years ago and I believe this today as the Superintendent working with our administrators to build the 2016-2017 school budget.

Maintaining a high quality education is challenging enough, but when you add a growing student population (VCS has added more than 500 students over the past seven years) and outside governmental factors, this goal can be increasingly difficult to sustain. Victor Central Schools' history of being fiscally conservative has set us up for continued success regardless of growth and government, but not without a few challenges.

While the 2016-2017 budget features a conservative 1.77% year-to-year increase, our projected tax cap (3.96%) will exceed the maximum tax levy cap of 1.77% thus requiring a super majority vote. In other words, 60% of voters will have to approve the 2016-2017 budget in order for it to pass. Hand in hand with this new super majority stipulation will be the loss of the New York State Property Tax Freeze credits, rebates that were first released last year to property owners in school districts that did not exceed the NYS tax cap.

Even though we face on-going budgetary barriers in the form of tax caps, super majority votes and relinquished rebates, Victor Central Schools continue to build budgets that are fiscally fair and thoughtful towards everyone involved, students, staff and community alike. It is important to note that despite the many challenges that

we face, **Victor Central Schools still boast one of the lowest per pupil expenditures among public schools all across New York State and one of the lowest tax rates in the area.**

This year's budget plan must not only meet the needs of a growing student population but mounting New York State and federal education requirements.

In an attempt to satisfy both areas, the 2016-2017 budget features the addition of a variety of full and part time positions. You can see the complete list on page eleven.

Our proposed budget takes into account many factors. Based on passage of the New York State budget in April, Victor Central Schools received slightly more than it planned. As a result, the 2016-2017 budget remains cautiously optimistic coming in at \$65,102,872. This reflects a budget-to-budget increase of \$1,133,189 or 1.77 percent.

**The projected true value tax rate for the 2016-2017 school year is also relatively conservative at \$16.32 per thousand, a .64 percent increase from this year's true value tax rate.**

Every year, I talk about the many challenges we face when building our budget and this year is no different, however, I am confident that despite the bumps in this year's budget road we will reach our destination. We will provide every child with the high quality education that they deserve.

Take care,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Dawn' followed by a stylized flourish.

Dawn A. Santiago-Marullo, Ed.D.

## Proposed Expenditures

New York State law provides that all district budgets be identified in three categories:

### Administrative Expenses

- Curriculum Development
- Staff Development
- In-Service Development
- Personnel
- District Audit
- Tax Collection
- Central Printing/Mailing
- District Votes

### Program Expenses

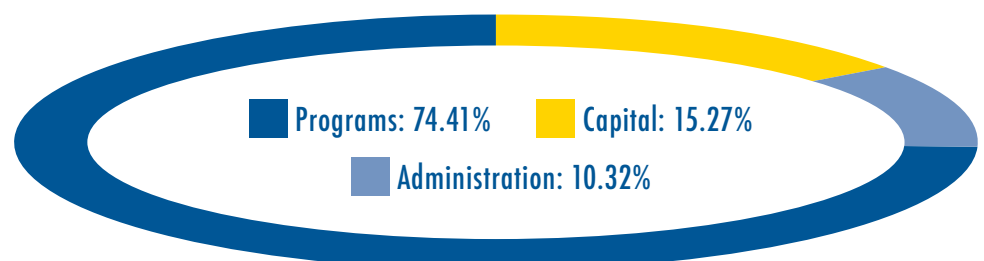
- All Student Services
- Instructional Support
- Transportation Operation
- Instructional Salaries and Benefits

### Capital Expenses

- All Facilities Costs
- Debt Service
- Operations/Maintenance
- Supplies
- Utilities
- Personnel

## Expenditures by Component

	Budget 2015-2016	Proposed Budget 2016-2017	Difference
<b>Administrative Component</b>			
Board of Education	67,682	70,755	3,073
Central Administration	202,213	210,022	7,809
Finance	352,235	361,921	9,686
Staff	502,532	560,238	57,706
Central Services	412,956	430,819	17,863
Special Items	795,365	834,991	39,626
Curriculum Development	510,929	516,464	5,535
Curriculum Supervision	1,543,673	1,585,045	41,372
Pupil Personnel Services	297,586	338,436	40,850
Employee Benefits	1,761,669	1,809,947	48,278
<b>Administrative budget</b>	<b>6,446,840</b>	<b>6,718,638</b>	<b>271,798</b>
<b>Program Component</b>			
Legal Services/In-Service	20,700	20,700	
Teaching	25,107,985	26,467,716	1,359,731
Instructional Media	1,114,961	1,158,591	43,630
Pupil Services	1,882,558	2,007,308	124,750
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic Athletics	1,202,887	1,275,170	72,283
District Transportation Services	2,562,596	2,599,861	37,265
Community Services	9,813	10,083	270
Employee Benefits	14,434,083	14,905,880	471,797
<b>Total program</b>	<b>46,335,583</b>	<b>48,445,309</b>	<b>2,109,726</b>
<b>Capital Component</b>			
Operation	2,137,628	2,200,755	63,127
Maintenance	1,025,224	1,034,523	9,299
Employee Benefits	793,538	825,532	31,994
Debt Service	7,230,870	5,878,115	(1,352,755)
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>11,187,260</b>	<b>9,938,925</b>	<b>(1,248,335)</b>
<b>Total Budget Increase</b>	<b>63,969,683</b>	<b>65,102,872</b>	<b>1,133,189</b>





## Bus Purchase Proposition

School bus fleet maintenance and safety are driving a bus purchase proposition on the ballot May 17, 2016. Residents will be asked to approve the purchase of six 77-passenger buses.

The proposition totals \$867,000. New York State will provide more than 60 percent of the funding through NYS Transportation Aid. The new buses will replace vehicles that are at least 14 years old and have mileage in excess of one hundred thousand miles.

**Notice is further given** that a Bond Proposition in substantially the following form shall be presented to the qualified voters of the District at such Annual District Meeting and Election.

### **Bond Proposition Resolved:**

- (a) That the Board of Education of the Victor Central School District, in the Counties of Ontario, Monroe and Wayne, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase various school buses for use by the District; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and to the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$867,000;
- (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$867,000 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and
- (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$867,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

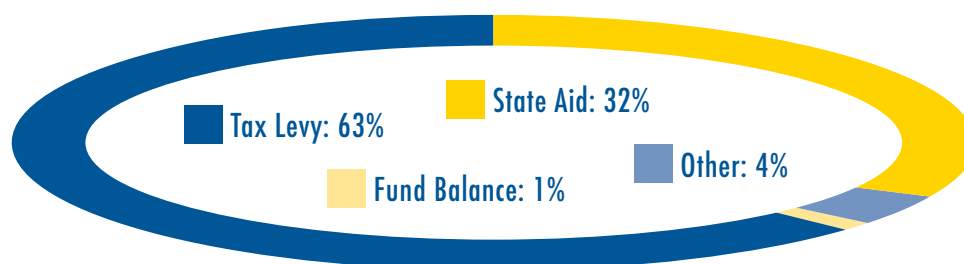
## Budget Proposition

Shall the Board of Education of Victor Central School District be authorized to expend \$65,102,872 during the school year 2016-2017 and to levy the necessary tax therefor? Adoption of the budget requires a tax levy increase of 3.96% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 1.77% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

### Victor Central School 2016-17 Budget Revenue Plan

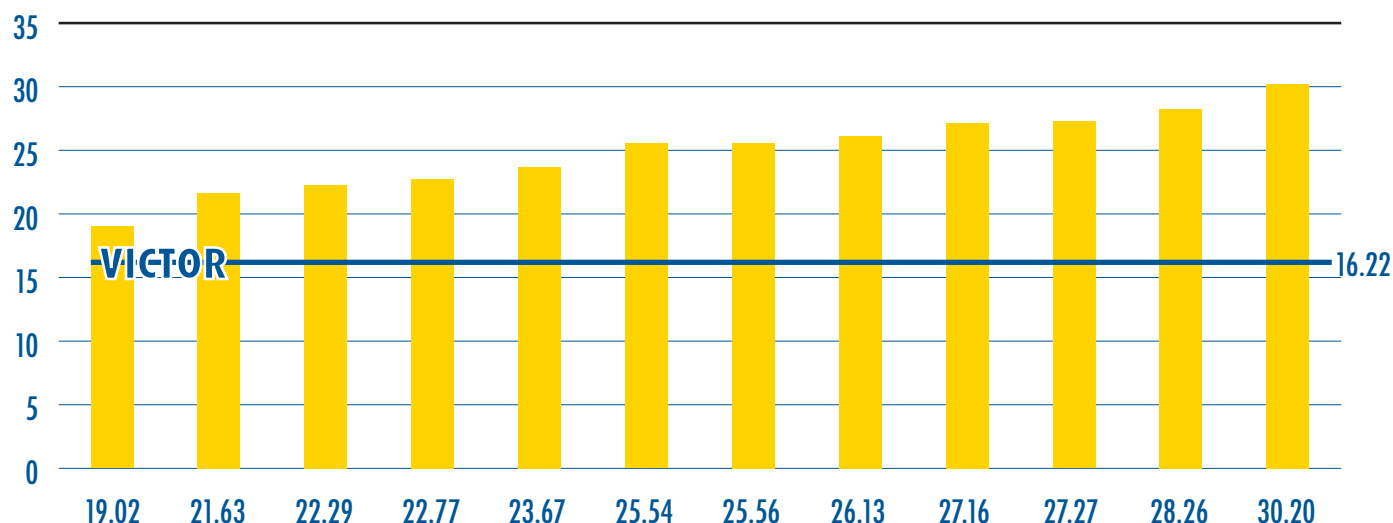
	Budget 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17
State Aid	20,659,982	20,532,655
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	2,104,020	2,161,725
Interest and Earnings	40,000	40,000
Reserve Funds	663,524	281,681
Other Sources	278,000	290,400
Fund Balance	529,000	529,000
Tax Levy	39,695,157	41,267,411
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>63,969,683</b>	<b>65,102,872</b>

## Where the Funding Comes From



## 2015-16 True Tax Rate Comparison

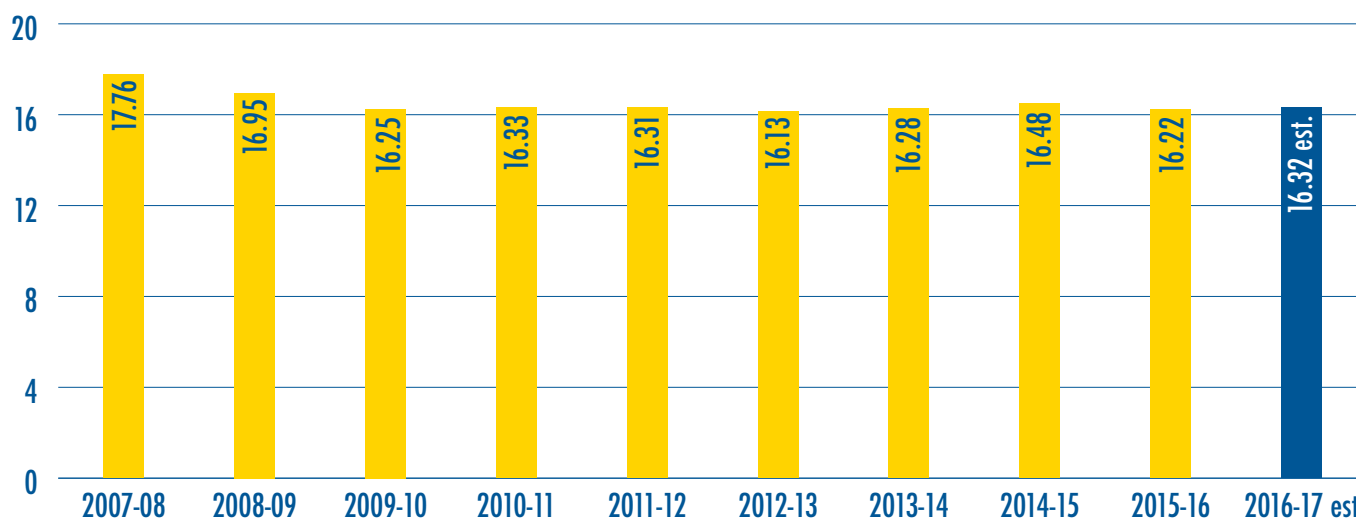
(Source: Four County and Monroe County School Board Association)



Tax Rates in the graph above represent the following districts (not necessarily in the order listed): Bloomfield, Brighton, Canandaigua, East Irondequoit, Fairport, Honeoye Falls-Lima, Manchester-Shortsville, Palmyra-Macedon, Penfield, Pittsford, Victor, Webster, West Irondequoit

The figures above represent the true value tax rate per \$1,000 of home assessment. In comparing the 2015-16 true value tax rates among Ontario County schools plus our contiguous and academic benchmark districts in Monroe County, Victor's true tax rate was the **lowest at \$16.22 per thousand**.

## Victor Central Schools' Tax Rate History per \$1,000



## STAR Program Information

The NYS School Tax Assessment Relief (STAR) program provides qualified homeowners with a \$30,000 assessment reduction for tax purposes. Senior citizens receive a \$65,300 exemption. More than 900 senior citizens throughout the District received a reduction in their tax bills for the 2015-2016 school year.

### School Tax Information Using Basic STAR

Tax Bill with STAR	
1997-98	\$1,868
2016-17 (estimated)	\$1,142
\$ Decrease	\$726
% Decrease	-38%



## Victor Central School NYS School District Budget Notice, including Contingent

### Property Tax Report Card

The following is the Property Tax Report Card information that we are required to send to the newspaper per NYS regulations:

		Projected	Contingent
	2015-2016	2016-2017	Budget 2016-2017
Total Budgeted Amount	63,969,683	65,102,872	63,530,618
Increase/Decrease for the 2016-17 school year		1,133,189	(439,065)
Percent Increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		1.77%	-0.69%
Change in Consumer Price Index		.12%	
Total Proposed School Tax Levy	39,695,157	41,267,411	39,695,157
Total Permissible Exclusions	1,242,264	1,118,474	
School Tax Levy Limit ( <i>without permissible exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit</i> )	38,452,893	39,278,456	
Proposed School Tax Levy Excluding permissible Exclusions	38,452,893	40,148,937	
Difference ( <i>positive value requires 60% approval</i> )	0	(870,481)	
Administrative Component	6,446,840	6,718,638	6,396,384
Program Component	46,335,583	48,445,309	47,545,309
Capital Component	11,187,260	9,938,925	9,588,925

Should the 2016-2017 budget be defeated and the above contingency budget be adopted, the Victor Central School District Board of Education will make the final determination of budget cuts in a contingency budget. The following is a list of options the Board may choose to eliminate or reduce: some athletic teams, administrators, teachers and support staff, and instructional programs. In addition, equipment purchases must be eliminated and all community groups will be required to pay for the use of buildings (please note that Section 2023 of the Education Law requires school districts to provide this statement of assumptions made in estimating the contingency budget).

## A Budget Q & A

### What is a tax levy?

A tax levy is the total sum of money raised by a school district after subtracting out all other sources of revenue, including state aid. The tax levy is used to determine the tax rate for property owners.

### What is a tax rate?

A tax rate is the amount of taxes paid by property owners for each \$1,000 of assessed value of their property. Tax rates paid by individual taxpayers may differ greatly from one household to another, based on such things as equalization rates and assessed property values.

### What is the New York State Property Tax Cap?

New York State's Property Tax Cap law establishes an annual tax levy limit for each school district. The tax levy limit allows school districts to increase their property tax levy from one year to the next by two percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, based on a multi-step formula. The law does not restrict proposed tax levy increases to two percent however it does determine the level of voter support needed for a school budget to pass.

### What if a school district exceeds the New York State Property Tax Cap?

Two things occur, a super majority vote is required for a district's budget to pass and the state's tax freeze credit is relinquished.

**Super Majority Vote:** If a school district's proposed tax levy increase exceeds the NYS tax levy limit, a supermajority vote of voters – 60 percent or more – is required for budget passage.

**Tax Freeze Credit:** This New York State rebate was first given to taxpayers last year in school districts that stayed within the New York State Property Tax Cap.

# Four Residents Seek to Fill



**Timothy M. DeLucia**

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***Address***

1452 Mertensia Road  
Farmington, NY 14425

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***District Resident***

30 years

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***Education***

BS, Business Administration – Rochester Institute of Technology

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***Profession***

Retired Business Manager

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***Community Activities***

- Current President of the VCS Board of Education
- Volunteer at the Canandaigua Veterans' Club

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***VCS Board representative to the***

Leadership Committee

District Audit committee

NYSSBA Federal Relations Network

NYSSBA Legislative Committee

Four County Board of Directors

Four County School Board Legislative Committee

Canandaigua Veterans' Club

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***Family***

Wife - Marilyn, Son - Michael (1997 VCS Grad)

Daughter - Erin (1999 VCS Grad)

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***Personal Statement***

As a Board Member, I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the school community and to be part of the process that has enabled us to provide a wealth of educational opportunities for our students. These opportunities offer our students the preparation needed to be "world ready," follow their dreams, and to meet the challenges for success.

I have been privileged to work with a talented and dedicated team of District professionals that have provided programs to meet the needs and interests of ALL students, while maintaining fiscal responsibility to the District residents. I will continue to support these efforts.

I would be honored to continue to work as a board member to support the vision to improve, develop and offer a strong educational foundation for the children of our community.



**Kristin V. Elliott**

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***Address***

7136 Valentown Road  
Victor, NY 14564

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***District Resident***

22 years

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***Education***

Fairport High School, 1987

University at Buffalo (SUNY), B.A. Geography, 1992,

BRIET- Secondary Education/ Student Teaching, 1993,

Roberts Wesleyan College, M.Ed.- Curriculum Design and Development, 1998

Professional Development: SmartBoard and SmartBoard Advanced, Collegial Circle: Office 365, Literacy and Grammar, Collegial Circle: Enhancing Common Themes 6-12, Emotional Intelligence through Art

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***Profession***

- Gates Chili High School- Secondary Education Teacher, 1994-present
- Regents Earth Science 9/10, General Science 7-12,
- Co-collaborative teacher model supporting classified and AIS students, 16 yrs.
- Pittsford Middle School- General Science 7-8, 1993-1994
- Doodie Pack, LLC, Founder and President, 2009-present. (Customized, durable, canine utility backpack. Patented and Manufactured in Rochester, NY)

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***Community Activities***

- Women's Golf League- Champion Hills Country Club, 2015 and 2016. Member since 2012
- Victor Chamber of Commerce, "Women of Excellence" nominee, 2012
- Girl Scouts of America, Brownie and Girl Scout Co-Leader- Troop #743, 2007-2011
- Humane Society Greater Rochester at Lollypop Farm, Barktober Fest and Telethon business sponsor
- Rochester Women Magazine, Cover story, Doodie Pack, April '12, Women's Expo business attendee
- Class Advisor, Gates Chili High School, 2001-2005
- Pittsford Crew Club, Event photographer, 2016

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# Three Board of Education Seats



**Dr. Christopher A. Parks**

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***Address***

1691 Lillybrook Court  
Farmington, NY 14425

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***Years of Residency***

5 years

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***Education***

B.S. Management ~ St. John Fisher College  
Post-Bac English ~ Nazareth College  
M.S.Ed. Education ~ Nazareth College  
Ed.D. Executive Leadership ~ St. John Fisher College

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***Profession***

Parent  
Education ~ Teacher, Administrator, and Coach

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***Community Activities***

- Board member of Camp Stella Maris
- Assistant Coach (Volunteer) Youth Sports
- Family Membership at Pinnacle
- My family/children are involved in Victor Youth Sports, Parks and Recreation, YMCA, and other community events, and are supportive of other community events

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***Family***

Wife: Jennifer Parks; Children: Talin (7), Ryder (5), Hope (3), and Rory (17 months)

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***Personal Statement***

With a commitment to the Victor Central Schools mission "To Teach, To Support, To Improve, To Achieve!" it is essential to identify and articulate a long-term vision for our district. To achieve this, it is incumbent upon the Board of Education to engage the community in order to facilitate that proves. This engagement should include involving teachers and staff in the information and decision making processes, maintaining open lines of communication for there to be meaningful dialogue between the BOE, teachers and staff, students, community families and the superintendent, and supporting a consistent review of curriculum and co- and extra-curricular offerings that empower our school community and challenge us to develop further and more deeply. Ultimately, the BOE should strive to achieve a level of transparency that fosters

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**Michael Young**

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***Address***

7079 Valentown Road  
Victor, NY 14564

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***District Resident***

24 years

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***Education***

New York Chiropractic College, SUNY Alfred,  
Regents College

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***Profession***

Chiropractor

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***Community Activities***

- Past President of Victor Youth Football
- Youth Coach for Victor Youth Lacrosse
- Incumbent of the Victor Board of Education

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***VCS Board representative to the***

Athletic Hall of Fame Committee  
Audit Committee, Campus Improvement Committee  
School-Wide District Safety Team

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***Family***

Wife - Kim, Son - Connor (2013 VCS Grad)  
Daughter - Allison (2016 VCS Grad)

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***Personal Statement***

I would like to continue my service on the Victor Board of Education. In the last six years, I have enjoyed my time on the Victor Board of Education. As a Board member it is my responsibility to optimize resources, which allows the District to enhance educational opportunities for all students. I feel it is important to be involved in the community and to give back to the District that is serving my children.

Our District is full of great teachers, administrators, staff, parents, residents and programs. I am proud to have had a role in it. I would be honored to be able to provide my stability of experience in this position and to help guide the District through its continued growth. VCS has a proud tradition of success and trust and I would like to help build on this as we continue to be fiscally responsible to the entire community.

## Victor Central School Achievements

### Academics

- This March, Victor's FIRST Robotics Team 1559 Devil Tech was part of the winning alliance at the Greater Pittsburgh Regional event which qualified them for Worlds in St. Louis, Missouri in April.
- For the second year in a row, Victor's Math Team secured first place in both the regular season and at the Monroe County Math League competition in March.
- This past fall, five Victor seniors were named National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists: Casey Brentnall, Griffin Fitzsimmons, Katherine Hartsough Kathryn Rohring and Matthew Klein.

### Athletics

- All of our 2015-2016 spring, fall, and winter athletic teams qualified as a scholar athlete team, earning a 90% or higher average.
- Victor Central Schools boasted many Sectional and State athletic winners during the 2015-2016 school year:
  - **Fall Individual Sectional Winners:** *Girls Swimming:* Medley Relay – Abby Fenn, Mia Baggett, Natalie Zaravella and Caroline Wood; 200 IM – Natalie Zaravella; 100 Breaststroke – Natalie Zaravella, and Diving – Erin Norton. *Girls Golf:* Ericka Tillotson. *Girls Tennis Doubles Team:* Sarah Marro and Emily Stanley
  - **Fall Team Sectional Winners:** *Girls Soccer* and *Girls Volleyball*
  - **Winter Individual Sectional Winners:** *Wrestlers:* Michael Venosa, Alex Samson and TD Ierlan. *Indoor Track:* Rebecca Roth, High Jump Championship.
  - **Winter Team Sectional Winners:** *Varsity Hockey*
  - **Winter Team State Champions:** *Victor Alpine Skiers:* Ryan Fries, Lucy Haggerty, Katie Carrier and Alli DiGiacomo were on the Section V Girls and Boys Alpine Ski teams that won the 2016 New York State Championship in Lake Placid, NY.

### Arts

- Last fall, fifth grader, Jaycee Birkemeier won the regional PTA Reflections award for her film production submission.
- This winter, five senior high art students' (Mary Bei Prince, Leslie Rider, Ashley Woodworth, Skye Wyand and Jack Millsbaugh) were recognized at the annual Rochester-Finger Lakes Middle and High School Art Exhibition that took place at Rochester Institute of Technology.
- Last spring, the VSH Varsity Choir, Senior High Orchestra and Wind Ensemble were named Grand Champions at the 2015 Darien Lake Music Festival.
- This year the Victor Marching Band, Indoor Percussion Ensemble, and Varsity Winter Guard were all NYS Champions. The Varsity Winter Guard also won the bronze medal at the National Championships.





# Victor Says Goodbye to Retirees

*This school year, we say goodbye to ten 2015-2016 staff members  
who supported our students and staff in so many ways.  
These fine men and women had a huge impact on our campus for many, many years.*

## District

*Susan Masseth, 1982-2015, Administrative Assistant, Pupil Personnel Services*

## Victor Early Childhood School

*Christine M. Bonanni, 1985-2016, Speech Pathologist  
Christine M. Condidorio, 1995-2015, Elementary Teacher*

## Victor Primary School

*Jean E. Teeple, 1996-2015, Teacher Aide*

## Victor Senior High School

*Dianne M. Blankenship, 1996-2016, Teacher Aide  
Carol Nardozi, 2000- 2016, Nurse  
Nancee C. Sanders, 1981-2016, Art Teacher  
Barbara Williams, 1985-2016, Special Ed Teacher*

## Food Services

*Janet Elman, 1986-2016, Director of Food Services*

## Facilities

*Albert A. List, 1988-2015, Senior Building Maintenance Assistant*

*Retirees as of April*

## VCS Budget Additions

### Instructional Positions

- ~ 1.0 FTE Kindergarten Teacher  
(Subject to enrollment)
- ~ 1.0 FTE Science Teacher (VSH)
- ~ 1.0 FTE School Counselor (VIS)
- ~ 1.0 FTE Special Education Teacher (VJH)
- ~ 2.0 FTE Instructional Coaches (K-6)
- ~ 1.4 FTE BOOST Teachers (VSH)
- ~ .6 FTE English Language Learners' Teacher (K-8)

- ~ .6 FTE Math Teacher (VJH)
- ~ .6 FTE Standards Leader - Science (7-12)
- ~ .6 FTE Standards Leader - Social Studies (7-12)

### Non-Instructional

- ~ 1.0 FTE Nurse (K-12)
- ~ 2.0 FTE Cleaners (K-12)
- ~ 2.6 FTE Traffic Support Personnel (K-12)

*Full Time Equivalent = FTE*

# Intermediate Students Learn Mandarin

This winter, from January to March, some interested Intermediate School students had the opportunity to learn more about Mandarin Chinese, thanks to an enrichment collaboration with the University of Rochester.

Three 8-week Mandarin classes for fourth, fifth and sixth graders paired as many as 15 students with two to three University of Rochester students who merely wanted the experience of teaching Chinese to American students.

Amy Smith-Faczan, VIS Enrichment teacher, said the exchange was multifaceted. "We decided our international student teachers would not only teach language skills like words and conversation, but also teach students a little about the Chinese culture, including food, holidays and traditions."

Other topics covered during these unique immersion classes were Chinese zodiac animals, the Chinese New Year, greetings, family members, numbers, colors, and the four tones in Chinese for correct pronunciation.

Smith-Faczan said the kids loved this intercultural experience and found it both challenging and rewarding. "All of the kids said they would sign up again next year and four of the student teachers want to come back in the fall to teach groups again!"

## Students Muse Mandarin

### What was it like to take a class on Mandarin?

"I thought the teachers were very nice and I thought it was great of them to drive here from U of R to teach us. I like learning numbers, and how to say the different family members."

~ 4th grader Jack Werkmeister

"I think it was really fun to learn a hard language. I like learning the zodiac animals and conversation."

~ 5th grader Grace Hopson

"I liked it. It was very challenging and fun to learn about Chinese culture."

~ 5th grader Emily Neenan



*Mandarin Chinese, the fastest growing language in the world, is spoken by more than 955 million native speakers worldwide, more than any other language! Chinese Mandarin is also one of the six official United Nations languages – the others being English, Arabic, French, Russian and Spanish.*





## Marching Down Memory Lane

*Meet Music Teacher and Field Band Director, Eric Everhart*



Eric Everhart's roots may be in South Dayton, a rural town south of Buffalo, NY, but his heart beats loudly in the halls of the Victor junior and senior high schools where he teaches eighth grade band, brass and percussion lessons, is the director of the Senior High Wind Ensemble, and

co-advisor for the Class of 2016. And, that's just during the school day! After class Everhart is the director of Victor's award winning Field Band, a position he has held for the past twenty years.

Since becoming the band leader in 1996, the Marching Blue Devils have enjoyed immense success - over 130 regular season first place finishes, and six New York State Championships (2000, 2001, 2006, 2007, 2010, and 2015). But Everhart's march to success did not happen overnight. According to former VCS band director and best friend from SUNY Fredonia, Honeoye Central Schools' Superintendent, David Bills, it all began thirty years ago.

"On weekends in the fall, Eric came out to help me with what was a program reinventing itself. The small group of about 50 kids lacked uniforms, a show design, music selections, and a complete staff, but made up for it with heart. Eric was the perfect supplement to the staff because of his integrity, caring, work ethic, and a love for music that was matched only by his belief in kids."

Bills says it is no coincidence that Eric's presence with the program led to the group eventually tripling in size and winning the Class A NYS Championship in 1989, the first NYS Championship in Victor history.

"Eric was, and still is, the most genuine example of a teacher who has an equal love of kids along with that of his craft. He has an exceptional music mind along with humility and understanding of service for his students that can be seen by anyone with whom he has interacted across all of these years." Bills said.

While a strong commitment to students is Everhart's cornerstone for the Field Band success, Everhart says the program's vitality is a combination of so much more.

"What makes this program special, is the combination of highly motivated students, exceptional staff and an extraordinary parent group," he said. As for his motivation, Everhart says that comes squarely from the source, students. "In all of the years I have been associated with the marching band, the level of passion the students feel for the activity is contagious. It is absolutely electric and to not feel energized by it is almost impossible."

Everhart may feel energized by his students, but according to Mark Rider, associate band director, it is Everhart's distinctive leadership style that makes everyone else feel energized. "Eric's unique combination of being educationally-focused, a man of integrity, humble to his success and confident enough to delegate the work to his staff without hesitation puts him in a class above many, if not all other band directors. He is truly a leader among leaders."

Integrity, humility and confidence may guide Everhart, but they do not prevent him enjoying a little success along the way.

"My best memory came just this past November, when we were awarded first place in the top division at the New York State Championships. What made this moment even more remarkable was the fact that we achieved the highest score in the history of the Victor program, and the fifth highest score in the history of the Field Band Conference! Furthermore, I got to enjoy this victory with my daughter Aleta, who was in her senior and final year of the program," he said.

# New Vaccine Requirement for 7th and 12th Grade Students

As of September 1, 2016, ALL 7th and 12th grade students MUST HAVE Meningococcal vaccines in order to attend school.

**New York State law requires** parents/guardians provide schools with their child's immunization record from a health care provider, health department, or official immunization record from the child's previous school that shows their child received, or is in the process of receiving the required vaccines in order to attend school. Dates of immunizations must be included in records.

***Students in Grade 7 will require proof of 1 dose of meningococcal vaccine.***

***Students in Grade 12 will require either:***

- ~ 2 doses of meningococcal vaccine with the booster dose given on or after age 16
- ~ 1 dose if your child's first dose was given on or after age 16

Please contact your health care provider to make sure your child has what they need to attend school this fall. Bring the immunization record to the School Health Office where it will be copied and returned to you if you wish.

Please contact your child's school nurse with questions or concerns.

**Victor Junior High School:**

Mary Beth Brendel: 924-3252, ext. 4420

**Victor Senior High School**

Carol Nardozzi: 924-3252, ext. 5420

# BOE Candidates cont.

**Kristin V. Elliott**

## ***Family***

- Richard Elliott, VCS Class 1982, Husband- married 1995, Owner: Valentown Home Improvement, Inc.;
- Savannah Elliott, VCS Class 2016, JV Soccer and Track, Varsity Crew (Pittsford Rowing Club), yearbook;
- Payton Elliott, VCS Class 2018, JV Soccer (capt.) and Track (capt.), Presidential Academic Scholar Award;
- Carlee Elliott, VCS Class 2021, Mod. Soccer and Basketball (capt.), travel soccer/b. ball, football;
- Art and Barbara Elliott, (in-laws), Victor resident 61 years, dedicated family and service/community members

## ***Personal Statement***

I am both humble and proud to be a candidate for Victor's Board of Education. This institution has been a steward of the very fabric, Victor Schools and Victor pride, which envelops our family. The academic and athletic programs, facilities, and the individuals who work tirelessly within this school system are second to none. I am excited to be part of it and the future of Victor's continued rise and success in this endeavor, as I have been doing professionally in education for the past 23 years. Measuring this success entails nurturing and developing the holistic child; mind, body, and psyche, inclusively, at all levels and all abilities. I dedicate myself to listening, reflecting, and acting upon the needs and voices of its community members and making effective decisions based on sound educational practice, fiscal responsibility, and heart, which in the end, is guided by what's best for kids.

**Dr. Christopher A. Parks**

and maintains open communication which will result in informed budgeting in an effort to see a shared vision realized and our students challenged and supported to be future leaders that we are charged with preparing them to be. It is the responsibility of the BOE and the district to endeavor to be reflective, discerning, and purposeful in all that we do.

# Victor Central Schools Represent at Marine Corps Educator's Workshop

This past February, Victor Central Schools' Superintendent Dawn Santiago-Marullo, Director of Transportation, Darren Everhart and JH-SH music teacher Eric Everhart attended The Educator's Workshop at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot on Parris Island, South Carolina. The four day workshop gave our Victor educators not only a firsthand look and feel of what Marines are made of and stand for, but also the many benefits and opportunities that come along with earning the title, Marine.

From participating in real life recruit exercises to eating in a mess hall and interacting with drill sergeants and recruits, the goal of this workshop is to teach educators and community leaders about what it takes to become a Marine, and what actual in-service and post-service work look like.

"I didn't have a lot of knowledge about military life," Superintendent Dawn Santiago-Marullo said. "It was interesting to see the process the Marines use to take young people from recruits to Marines. It's a rigorous process but it definitely brings out the best in the young men and women."

Music teacher, Eric Everhart agreed the experience was eye-opening. "I learned that there is a lot more to the Marine Corps than I previously thought. Parris Island was an amazing place where young boys and girls become men and women in a very short time. The Marines teach them just how strong they are, mentally, physically and morally. This was one of the most amazing experiences of my life."

Everhart's brother, Victor Central Schools' Transportation Director, Darren

Everhart, was equally impressed by the experience. "Not only was this one of the most incredible experiences of my life, but I also came away with a deep understanding of the process involved in becoming a Marine. I witnessed firsthand the molding of these young people from raw recruits to full fledged Marines. The training is intense and very hard, but these kids come out 75 days later as tough, polished and mature young men and women."

Whatever Victor Central Schools' students choose to do after they graduate, both Superintendent Santiago-Marullo and the Everhart brothers agree the Marines Corps Educator's Workshop gave them a new perspective that they will now be able to share with confidence. "The Armed Forces are another great option for some of our students. Our country is very much in need of capable, intelligent young men and women to serve," Santiago-Marullo said.



*Darren Everhart, Dawn Santiago-Marullo, and Eric Everhart*



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# Family Fun Festival

**May 17, 2016, 3:30 - 9:00 p.m.**  
**VCS Campus**

## VICTOR CENTRAL SCHOOLS 121ST ALUMNI BANQUET

### **Ravenwood Golf Club**

929 Lynaugh Road, Victor, NY 14564

**Sunday, June 12, 2016**

6:30 p.m. Cocktails ~ 7 p.m. Dinner

*For more information call Ken Weigert at 924-2944*

## *Fourteenth Annual Senior Citizens' Ball*

Free and open to ALL

**Victor Central School District**

**NEW TIME** Senior Citizens!

**Saturday, May 14, 2016 — 5 – 7 p.m.**

**@ Victor Intermediate School Gymnasium**

Entertainment provided by "Western New York Big Band"

Reservations required, call School & Community Relations at 924-3252,  
ext.1407 or e-mail [welche@victorschools.org](mailto:welche@victorschools.org) or [laskysh@victorschools.org](mailto:laskysh@victorschools.org)

## VCS Class of 2016 Graduation Ceremony

**Friday, June 24, 7:00 p.m.**

**War Memorial Blue Cross Arena Rochester**

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