



May  
2017

## UNION FREE SCHOOL BUDGET NEWSLETTER

### Dear Parents, Guardians, and School Community Members;

The New York Mills Union Free School District Board of Education approved a proposed budget of \$13,517,050 for the 2017-18 school year at their April 4 meeting. The budget represents a 0.0455% decrease from the 2016-17 amount of \$13,518,666. Included in the proposed 2017-18 budget are a number of instructional program and staffing additions, recommended by our school improvement team totaling approximately \$186,000, including:

- One additional Special Education Teacher and three additional Teacher Assistants for the implementation of an Integrated Co-Teaching model that will support our identified students in their regular classrooms
- One additional Elementary Teacher in order to maintain small class sizes at Kindergarten and First Grade
- The purchase of additional instructional materials for the continued implementation of our new "Journeys" Elementary Reading Program

In addition to instructional improvements, the Board's proposed budget includes a half-time Special Education Secretary, the purchase of two new buses to replace leased vehicles, two additional elementary afternoon Bus Monitors, and a \$100,000 Bond Anticipation Note for capital project debt. These items total just under \$205,800.

The District will also be undertaking a second \$100,000 Capital Outlay project during the 2017-18 school year, which will include replacement of our elementary upstairs lockers and our older secondary science classroom fixtures.

Even though there are a number of additions to the budget, we have also made responsible reductions; including 21 School Monitor hours per day, a Committee on Special Education stipend, BOCES administrative data processing, and non-instructional supplies for a total of approximately \$92,000. We are using fund balance in order to maintain a 2017-18 budget that is actually lower than our current spending plan.

The District's current allowable tax levy limit is 1.6186%; however, the Board of Education has made the commitment to support taxpayers with a 0% levy increase for 2017-18 through the planned, systematic use of fund balance. Please keep in mind that actual tax rates for the towns of New Hartford and Whitestown will not be finalized until August and are not within the control of the New York Mills Union Free School District.

I invite you to join us on Tuesday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the Jr.-Sr. High School Library for our public budget hearing. The School Budget Vote and Board Member election will take place on Tuesday, May 16 from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Beekman Gym. Thank you for your continued involvement in the education of our school community's children.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathy S. Houghton".

Superintendent of Schools

### BOE Candidates

There is one School Board vacancy for a five-year term. Candidates running for this seat are:

**Bill Schmelcher**  
**Bradley G. Frankland**

Please vote on the school budget and  
Board of Education member  
election on Tuesday, May 16,  
2017, in the Beekman Gym.



# Budget Components

## Administrative Component

The administrative component consists of overall management activities including board of education, superintendent's office, business office operations such as central data processing, payroll, purchasing, BOCES administrative expenses, insurance, printing, mailing, personnel, legal and auditing services, and building administrative costs.

Function or Account	Budget 2016-17	Proposed 2017-18	Difference
Board of Education	\$24,500	\$24,222	\$(278)
Central Administration	\$199,921	\$166,797	\$(33,124)
Finance	\$148,358	\$147,943	\$(415)
Legal Services	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0
Personnel	\$ 50,625	\$56,947	\$6,322
Records Management	\$5,069	\$5,069	\$0
Public Information	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Central Services	\$259,106	\$232,998	\$(26,108)
Other Special Items	\$216,983	\$216,983	\$0
Curr. Dev. & Sup.	\$111,100	\$103,574	\$(7,526)
Supervision - Regular Sch.	\$ 277,758	\$258,910	\$(18,848)
Employee Benefits	\$149,285	\$128,279	\$(21,006)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,453,705</b>	<b>\$1,352,722</b>	<b>\$(100,983)</b>

Administrative  
Component  
is 10.01%  
of Budget

## Program Component

The program component consists of funding the instruction of and educational support services for the district's 579 students. Transportation of students, athletics, and co-curricular activities are also included in this budget component.

Function or Account	2016-17	2017-18	Difference
Legal Services	\$21,500	\$29,000	\$7,500
Instruction	\$6,585,473	\$6,676,694	\$91,221
Other Dist. Transportation	\$359,513	\$349,513	\$(10,000)
Garage Building	\$59,886	\$48,286	\$(11,600)
Employee Benefits	\$2,676,872	\$2,625,770	\$(51,102)
Other Transfers	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,712,744</b>	<b>\$9,738,763</b>	<b>\$26,019</b>

Program  
Component  
is 72.05% of  
Budget

## Capital Component

The capital component consists of maintenance of buildings, upkeep of grounds, and electricity, heat, water & sewer, and telephone services. Funds are also included for the lease of school buses, payments on the capital project, and for refund of taxes for claims against property assessments.

Function or Account	2016-17	2017-18	Difference
Operation of Plant	\$498,473	\$487,888	\$(10,585)
Maintenance of Plant	\$292,042	\$283,042	\$(9,000)
Refund of Taxes	\$25,000	\$10,000	\$(15,000)
Lease of Buses/Purchase	\$271,783	\$325,071	\$53,288
Employee Benefits	\$323,324	\$300,226	\$(23,098)
Debt Service	\$840,595	\$919,338	\$78,743
Transfer to Capital	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,351,217</b>	<b>\$2,425,565</b>	<b>\$74,348</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$13,517,666</b>	<b>\$13,517,050</b>	<b>\$(616)</b>

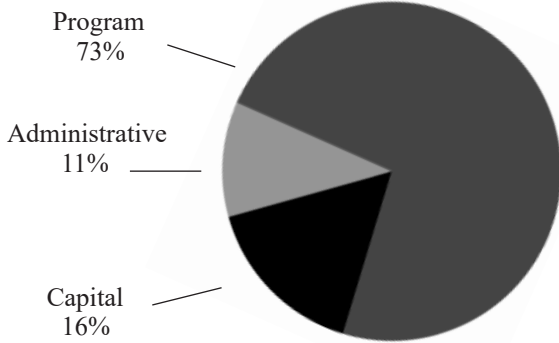
Capital  
Component  
is 17.94%  
of Budget

Total Budget  
Increase  
0.005%

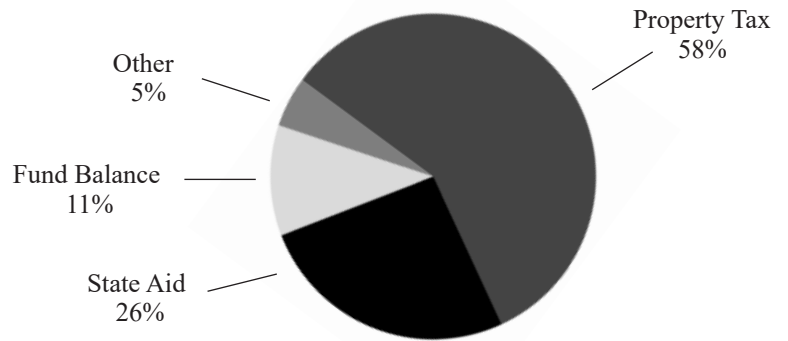


# Budget Report Card

## Expenditures



## Revenues



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#### Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2016-17 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2017-18 School Year*
Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$13,517,666	\$13,517,050	\$13,179,451
Increase/decrease for 2017-2018 school year		\$(616)	\$(338,215)
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		0.00%	(2.50)%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.26%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net Reserve	\$7,481,175	\$7,481,175	
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)			\$7,481,175
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$219,730	\$223,286	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,349,242	\$7,378,980	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,261,445	\$7,257,889	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$87,797	\$121,091	
Administrative component	\$1,453,705	\$1,352,722	\$1,352,722
Program component	\$9,712,744	\$9,738,763	\$9,738,763
Capital component	\$2,351,217	\$2,425,565	\$2,087,966

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2017-18 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\* 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 2017-18 School Year

**Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>**

**\$683**

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-2018 by the qualified voters of the New York Mills Union Free School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at Beekman Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, at 12:00 p.m. prevailing time *OR* between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Beekman Gymnasium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup>The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



## Optimist Student of the Month

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The Optimist Club of New York Mills has named Haley Simon as Youth of the Month. Haley is the daughter of Michael and Denise Simon of New York Mills and is a member of the New York Mills Jr. Sr. High School Class of 2017.

Haley has appeared on honor roll as well as been named Student of the Month. She was recently named the recipient of the annual Walter Miga Memorial Award in recognition for her strong work ethic.

Haley has been actively involved in our school and local communities. She has been playing on our volleyball teams since middle school and, for the past two years, served as the varsity volleyball team captain. As a 10th grader, she assisted with coaching a volleyball club for elementary students. Haley also runs on our cross country and track teams and is a member of our varsity club. Haley's activities are not limited to athletics. She was elected senior class vice president and attended the NYSCLSA leadership conference in the Catskills in November 2016. In addition, Haley has been a chorus member for several years and last year served as secretary for our Newspaper Club. Her community-based activities include the Heart Run and Walk Expo, Utica Zoo clean up and Brody's Buddy Ride.

Haley would like to pursue a career as an occupational therapy. She plans to attend MVCC for the first two years and then transfer to Utica College. Haley has been a positive member of our school and local community and we are certain that she will bring this positivity to any campus fortunate to have her among its student body.



**Haley Simon**

## Optimist Student of the Month

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Katelyn DiViccaro has been named the New York Mills Optimist Youth of the Month. Katelyn is the daughter of Edward and Valarie DiViccaro of Yorkville and is a member of the New York Mills Class of 2017.

Katelyn has been consistently named to Honor Roll and High Honor Roll and has been selected as Student of the Month each year of high school. She was inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in 8th grade and National Honor Society in 11th grade, the latter for which she serves as vice-president. As a junior, Katelyn was awarded the University of Rochester Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony award.

Katelyn is a positive member in the New York Mills community. She currently holds the role of Student Council Executive Historian and has attended leadership conferences to hone her skills as a leader. Katelyn also participates in our chorus, prom committee, yearbook staff and varsity club and attended various Colgate Seminars as a junior. Katelyn has received numerous accolades for her participation on our varsity girls cross country and track and field teams, including most improved awards, the coach's award, placing high in sectionals, breaking a school record in steeple chase. Both teams have been CSC League Champions and Katelyn has --been named a CSC League All-Star and a scholar athlete for track and cross country. In addition to volunteering at Brody's Buddy Ride and the PTSO Craft Fair, Katelyn and her family have opened up their home and hearts to foster numerous rescue dogs.

Katelyn aspires to a career in cybersecurity. This year, she is participating in an internship through the Regional Program for Excellence in the Cybersecurity Program at Utica College, where she also plans to attend in the fall. Katelyn has been a respected member of our student body and we wish her well in all that she is certain to accomplish in the future.



**Katelyn DiViccaro**



## Budget Propositions

### Proposition 1 - Budget \$13,517,050

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the New York Mills Union Free School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$13,517,050 as a general fund appropriation for the 2017-18 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor.

### Tax on True

The tax on true value for the district in 2017-18 will be approximately \$22.40.

### Tax Levy Increase

The tax levy increase for 2017-18 is projected to be 0%.

Note: Rates are estimated based on current information available. Final equalization rates will not be set by the State of New York until August. In the two previous years, the final tax on true was actually lower than projected at the time of budget development.

### Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots are available. Those interested can apply in person daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by mail. Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the School District Clerk on or before May 9, 2017 if the ballot is to be delivered by mail, or on or before May 15, 2017 if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voters.

### Voter Eligibility Requirements

A voter must meet the following eligibility requirements to vote in school elections:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have been a resident of the school district for a minimum of 30 days prior to the vote, including those who rent. Section 2018-C of the Education Law may require all persons who vote to provide one form of identification or proof of residency.
- Be at least 18 years of age.

## National Junior Honor Society

On April 6, 19 members of our 8th grade class were inducted into the Phi Delta Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society. Selection was based upon the effective demonstration of the qualities held in high esteem by the society: leadership, character, citizenship, service and scholarship. Congratulations to the following students:

Brianna Broccoli  
Judy Chen  
Joseph Cornish  
Kristen Despina  
Nicolas Ford

Dominique Galante  
Mark Griffith  
Victor Lee  
Sophia Lin

Bianca LoGalbo  
Hannah Mahardy  
Maria Maloney  
Patrick Peckham  
Heather Roberts

Jillian Ryan  
Steven Siriano  
Aryana Thomas  
Lesya Voloschuk  
Mercedes Williams

### Kids of Character Awards

*The following grade 3-6 students were selected as Kids of Character at New York Mills Elementary School for the month of March. This award is given for following The Marauder Way on a regular basis.*

**Grade 3** – Samantha Siriano and Adrian Weather    **Grade 5** – Isaac Eckel and Ryan Lamb

**Grade 4** – Keegan Bach and Arianna Piazza    **Grade 6** – Emily Angell and Cindy Wu



# Students Present *Once Upon a Mattress*



On March 24 and 25, the New York Mills Drama Club presented the musical *Once Upon a Mattress*. The musical brought together the talents of more than 50 musicians creating a world of magic, music and marvelous dancing! The story line was a light-hearted version of the *Princess and the Pea*. Some of the lead characters in the 2017 Spring performance included, Princess Winnifred (Janlynn McCoy), The Wizard (Rachel Siegel), King Sextimus the Silent (Justin Mikalajunas), The Queen (Amanda Costello) and Prince Dauntless the Drab (Anthony Robles). Not to be forgotten are the senior members of the crew Elizabeth Mcallister (spotlight) and Colin Deery (backstage crew). The musical is now in the history of the strong musical theatre tradition here at New York Mills with successful performances by the entire cast and crew. Thank you to the entire community for your support of the music theatre program here at New York Mills.

## Students Perform at Junior High All-County Festival

In March, the music department is always super busy with the musical in full swing but in addition to the musical five of our middle school students were auditioned and selected as member of the Junior High All-County festival. The students were members of a 100 person select choir that performed to a full house in Rome, N.Y. on March 18. The students spent their free time learning music to successfully perform at the weekend's events and have the opportunity to work with conductor from Brazil. Alexandria Thomas, Torie Bullen, Ariellah Bova, Isiah Potter and Gianna LaBella. Congratulations on a note-worthy accomplishment!



## Elementary Students Participate in All-County Festival

Our busy music department continued on over the weekend of April 7 and 8 as six of our elementary musicians participated in the elementary All-County festival. Victoria Odarchuk (Orchestra), Lily Comenale, Darren Lin (Band), Nixie Lorraine, Hailey Mahardy and Siddalee Daniels (Chorus) were all chosen as New York Mills representation to perform with select musicians from Oneida County. The students spent their free time preparing with their teachers to perform difficult selections of music. The weekend was full of music and a superb job was presented by all involved. Bravo and congratulations to all students involved!



### *Upcoming Music Events*

The music season continues with the elementary band and chorus concert on May 16, the Jr/Sr High School concert on May 18 and the chorus' Music in the Parks trip on May 20. You can also catch our band as it marches down Main Street on May 29 for the annual Memorial Day Parade. The music department would like to thank everyone for their support and always invites everyone to their free concerts. Steve Shrey, James Pierce and Teresa Lovecchio wish the community a safe, happy and musical summer!

## Leading with Love

Students attended District XI's 23rd Annual Student Council Leadership Conference on March 16, at SUNY Geneseo's campus. The theme of the conference was, "Loving like a Leader." Those in attendance heard speaker Houston Kraft tell his influential message about the importance kindness.

Additionally, students attended various workshops designed to encourage school spirit, fundraising, and overall community. The students networked with other leaders from 39 different schools, making new friendships and connections. They shared ideas about Homecoming events, dances, and more. Students who attended were Taylor Yaghy, Angela Chen, MaryGrace Kehril, Deanna Vanderwood, Morgan McGauley, Kaitlyn Carman, McKenzie Keator, and Kaitlyn Kulawy.

## 4th Annual Mr. Marauder Pageant

Save the date for Thursday, June 1, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. for the Mr. Marauder Pageant. In its fourth year, the senior gentlemen are working hard to put on a fantastic night of entertainment for the community. Tickets will go on sale in late May, and you will be able to check the school website for information closer to the show date. If you have any questions, feel free to email Ms. Viel, the student council advisor, at [aviel@newyorkmills.org](mailto:aviel@newyorkmills.org)



## Student Council's Spring Cleanup

A few members of Student Council are taking time out of their busy schedules to go and help local senior citizens with their yard clean-up! Students are partnering with the Oneida County Youth Bureau to help clear leaves and other debris from yards. If you are interested in having students come and help with your yard work in the fall, please contact the Oneida County Youth Bureau at (315) 798-5027 and they will add you to our listing.





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and Board of Education member  
election on Tuesday, May 16,  
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Beekman Gym.**

