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MAY 2009

BUILDING ACTIVITIES



**Elementary School Reading Incentive Program
Challenge Honorees**



Williamson Elementary is a Bully-Free Zone



**Middle School History Bowl Winners frt to bk - Andy Luke,
Nick Vitalone, Catherine Bonke, Zach Sewilo, and Casey Winn**



Middle School Olweus Anti-Bullying Assembly



High School Small Ensemble & Art Show



**High School AP Chemistry and
AP Biology Fieldtrip on Geneva Lake**

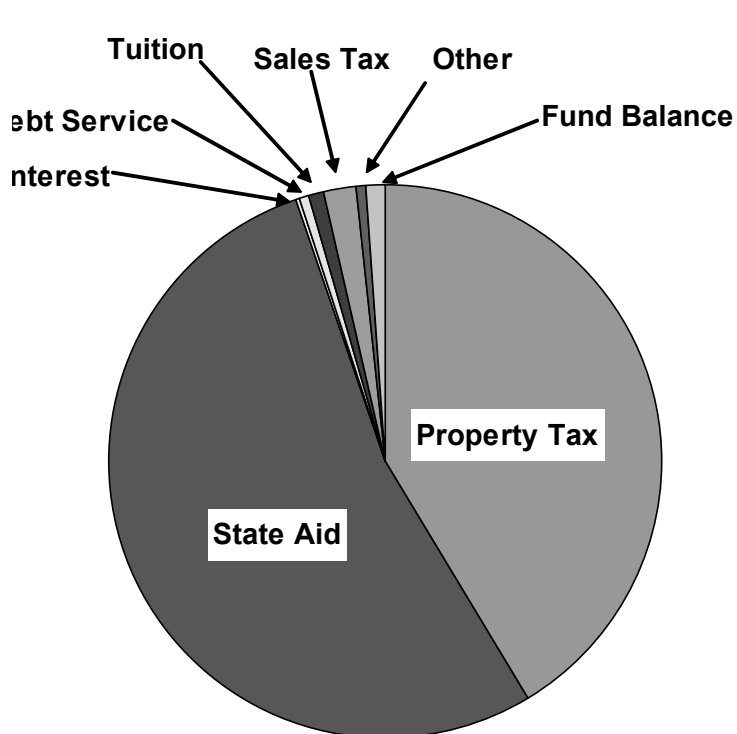
Budget Vote: May 19th, 2009 - Middle School Cafeteria 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

COMPARISON OF BUDGETS

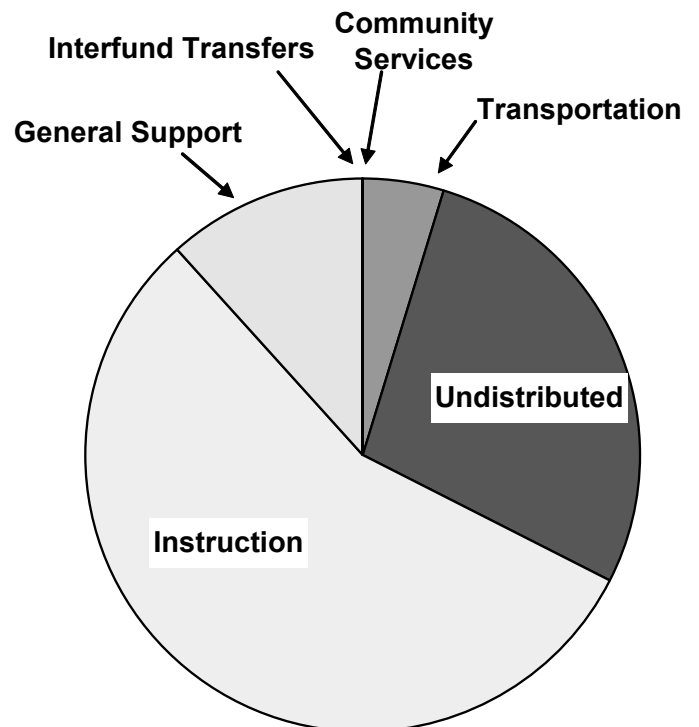
2008-09 TO 2009-10 BY CATEGORY

CATEGORY	08/09 \$	09/10 \$	CHANGE \$
TRANSPORTATION	952,394	957,548	5,154
UNDISTRIBUTED			
BENEFITS & DEBT SERVICES	5,644,912	5,768,625	123,713
GENERAL SUPPORT			
K-12 SERVICES	2,383,373	2,381,592	(1,781)
INSTRUCTIONAL	11,684,844	11,483,628	(201,216)
COMMUNITY SERVICE	3,500	3,472	(28)
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	22,500	23,000	500
TOTAL BUDGET TO BUDGET	20,691,523	20,617,865	(73,658)

2009-10 REVENUES \$20,617,865



2009-10 EXPENDITURES \$20,617,865



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2008-09 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2009-10 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2009-10 School Year*
Total budgeted amount	\$20,691,523	\$20,617,865	\$20,581,047
Increase/decrease for the 2009-10 school year		(\$ 73,658)	(\$ 110,476)
Percentage increase in each proposed budget		(0.36%)	(0.53%)
Change in the consumer price index		3.8%	
Resulting est. property tax levy for the 2008-09 school year		\$ 8,526,865	\$ 8,469,337
Administrative component	\$ 2,149,014	\$ 2,123,573	\$ 2,118,418
Program component	\$15,434,006	\$15,262,566	\$15,235,426
Capital component	\$ 3,108,503	\$ 3,231,726	\$ 3,226,203
* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2009-10 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated. Should the proposed budget be defeated and the above contingency budget be adopted, the initial cuts as required by law would be eliminating equipment and community use of facilities. Further cuts would be required to conform to spending caps which would come from programs as determined by the Board of Education at the time of adoption.			

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Estimated Basic STAR¹ Exemption Savings:

	Budget Proposed for the 2009-10 School Year
Basic STAR tax savings	\$697

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2009-10 by the qualified voters of the Williamson Central School District, Wayne County, New York, will be held at the **Williamson Middle School Cafeteria on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 between the hours of 1:00pm and 9:00pm**, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine.

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law. A full report on property exemptions is available at the District office and the website www.williamsoncentral.org.

New York State School Report Card

The New York State School Report Card is designed to provide information to the public on student achievement. The information below compares Williamson students' performance on state assessments to the performance of students in public schools across the state in relation to the established New York State Standards.

The numbers listed below reflect the percentages of students who achieved scores on New York State assessments that indicate they are meeting the State Standards. The Elementary and Middle School charts reflect the performance of students in third through eighth grade who participated in the State assessments in the spring of 2008. For the high school, the numbers reflect the percentages of students who first entered grade 9 in 2004 who have achieved scores of 65-100 on the English Language Arts and Mathematics Regents Exams.

Williamson students have exceeded the performance of students in New York State Public Schools in thirteen of fourteen areas measured. All three buildings and the district are considered to be in schools in good standing.

Williamson Elementary School English Language Arts

	Williamson	NYS Public Schools
Grade 3 English Language Arts	90%	70%
Grade 4 English Language Arts	82%	71%

Williamson Elementary School Mathematics

	Williamson	NYS Public Schools
Grade 3 Mathematics	96%	90%
Grade 4 Mathematics	92%	84%

Williamson Middle School English Language Arts

	Williamson	NYS Public Schools
Grade 5 English Language Arts	86%	78%
Grade 6 English Language Arts	70%	67%
Grade 7 English Language Arts	83%	70%
Grade 8 English Language Arts	69%	56%

Williamson Middle School Mathematics

	Williamson	NYS Public Schools
Grade 5 Mathematics	94%	83%
Grade 6 Mathematics	74%	79%
Grade 7 Mathematics	90%	79%
Grade 8 Mathematics	87%	70%

Williamson High School

English Language Arts 2004 Cohort

Williamson High School: 89%

Similar Schools: 84%

NYS Public Schools: 75%

Mathematics 2004 Cohort

Williamson High School: 93%

Similar Schools: 87%

NYS Public Schools: 74%

Project 2017 Speaker Series is proud to present 1994 Olympic Gold Medalist DIANN ROFFE

Saturday, May 16, 2009

Williamson Middle School

Meet & Greet 6:30 p.m. Speech 7:30 p.m.

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Donations to Project 2017 Welcome

Refreshments will be sold in the cafeteria! Come before the fireworks and stay to see the show!

THE BALLOT

PROPOSITION 1: BUDGET
2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

Shall the proposed budget for the 2009-2010 school year, in the amount of \$20,617,865 be approved?

PROPOSITION 1: BUDGET
2009-10 SCHOOL YEAR

THE TRUE TAX RATE OF \$22.79 IS THE SAME AS LAST YEAR'S RATE.

PROPOSITION 2: Shall the Board of Education be authorized to dissolve the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund of 2004 and to establish a reserve fund to be known as the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund of 2009 for the purpose of financing the purchase of vehicles for student transportation as approved by the voters of the District. The ultimate amount of such fund shall be \$1,500,000. The probable term of such fund shall be ten (10) years. The source from which the funds shall be obtained will be: the transfer of all of the balance of the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund of 2004 at the time of the establishment of the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund of 2009; State aid received in 2008-2009 and any fiscal year thereafter on account of purchases of vehicles for student transportation; unreserved fund balances in 2008-2009 and any fiscal year thereafter as designated by the Board of Education; budgetary appropriations as approved by the voters; proceeds from the sale of used vehicles; insurance proceeds from damaged or destroyed vehicles; any other source approved by the voters?

PROPOSITION 2:

THIS PROPOSITION WILL ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO ESTABLISH A NEW BUS RESERVE FUND. THERE WOULD BE **NO INCREASE TO THE TAX LEVY**. THE FUND WILL HELP US PURCHASE BUSES WITHOUT AN INCREASE TO TAXES.

PROPOSITION 3: Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase two (2) buses and two (2) vans at an estimated maximum costs of up to \$258,000 and to authorize the purchase of same in the full amount through the issuance of debt obligations of the School District, or through a lease-purchase agreement, or to reduce the amount of such obligations or lease-purchase by authorizing up to \$230,000 from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, or any portion thereof as the Board of Education may determine, for the remainder as necessary for this purpose in an aggregate amount not to exceed such estimated costs, and to levy a tax in annual installments to pay the principal and interest thereon as the same shall become due?

PROPOSITION 3:

THIS PROPOSITION WILL ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN ITS FLEET. THERE IS **NO INCREASES IN TAXES** NEEDED TO PURCHASE THESE BUSES. THE MONEY NEEDED WILL COME IN THE FORM OF REVENUE FROM STATE AID AND A BUS RESERVE FUND THAT THE DISTRICT MAINTAINS.

2009-2010 Budget

WILLIAMSON CENTRAL SCHOOL 2009-10 BUDGET

WHAT IS THE BOTTOM LINE?

Budget 2008-09	\$20,691,523
Budget 2009-10	\$20,617,865
\$ Decrease	-\$73,658
% Decrease	-0.36%
Tax Rate 2008-09 Assessed	\$23.25
Tax Rate 2009-10 Assessed	\$23.25
% Increase	0

Board of Education Candidate

Patrick Wright

My name is Patrick Wright and I am a retired Educator and Principal. I have a Bachelor of Science in Education, a Master of Science in History and a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Educational Administration. I have also received the University of Rochester Teacher of the Year Award.

I have lived in Williamson for 17 years. Carla, my wife and I have 3 children. Katie, 24 is married and a teacher living in Virginia; Stephanie is 20 and a junior at U.B. majoring in Political Science and Matthew just turned 15 and is a freshman in the High School.

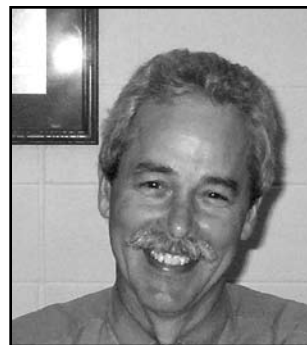
Over the past three years the School District and the School Board have faced many challenges. New York schools this year have faced an unprecedented challenge with developing our school budgets. Much to the credit of our administration, the board has had accurate and timely information and we've been able to develop a budget with a zero percent increase without cutting student programs,



except those that didn't have enough enrollment. This is a credit to my colleagues on the Board of Education. I don't believe this would have been possible without our keeping the needs of students first and our commitment to working cooperatively with each other. I ask your vote for a second term so that we can continue our work. We will need all of our skill to deal with the continuing budget challenges we will face over the next few years.

Message from the BOE President...

The annual school budget vote is Tuesday, May 19. On behalf of the school board, I want to thank everyone who attended the stakeholder meetings that were held over the past several months. Your input was valuable. It was evident that we all are experiencing tough economic times. This year's budget process was challenging. We faced uncertainty about funding right up to the last minute. If we had not received the Federal aid passed by Congress, we would have had to raise taxes 2.5 %. Our community just cannot afford the increase. The school board asked the Superintendent and her team to develop a budget that was realistic and maintained the high academic standards the community expects. The Superintendent and staff worked hard to meet stringent guidelines. As a result, the Board approved a budget on April 8, 2009 that will have a 0% tax increase. It is important to note that we cannot promise to keep taxes "flat" in the future. There are too many variables that have an impact on funding. However, the board is committed to doing everything we can to provide prudent stewardship. I urge you to go to the district website to look at the budget presentation. Just click on the Budget Vote on the left side of the screen. The slide show will walk you through an overview of funding and allocations. There will be a public hearing on the budget on May 6 in the Middle School cafeteria at 7 PM. We will be there to answer your questions.



Michael Collins
Board of Education President

This year, there is one school board seat open. Pete Wright has decided to run for re-election. Currently he is unopposed. On May 6, the community will have an opportunity to meet the candidate and ask questions.

As a community, we need to remain positive in our outlook. We should be proud of our students' success. More important we should look for ways to support their growth; not just through school taxes but with our most precious resources, our time and attention. Make every day count. Your support makes all the difference in preparing our students for the future and our community a better place to live.

"One of the things I learned the hard way was that it doesn't pay to get discouraged. Keeping busy and making optimism a way of life can restore your faith in yourself."

— Lucille Ball

BE SURE TO MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

**School Budget Vote and School Board Election on Tuesday, May 19th
from 1:00 PM to 9:00 PM in the Middle School Cafeteria**

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