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Building Activities

MAY 2010



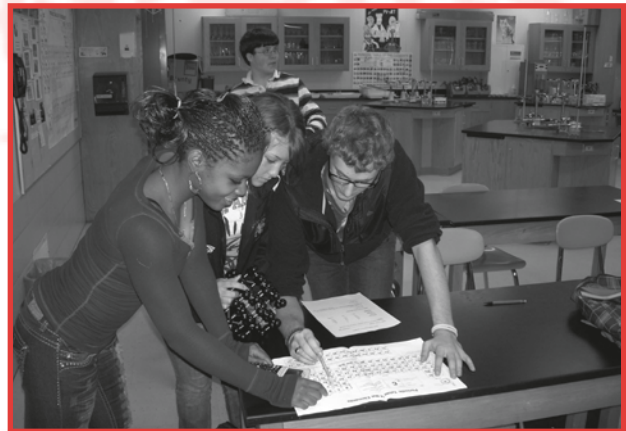
High School - Spanish Students Learn How to Salsa Dance



Elementary School - Mrs. Tomeno's class learns to sing "Peter Cottontail"



Middle School - Jake Tesch, Jacob Bailey, Tyler Ledsome and Mason Prater on Medieval Day



High School - Chemistry Students Working Hard to learn the Periodic Table of Elements



Middle School - 8th Grade Project Lead the Way Technology Class



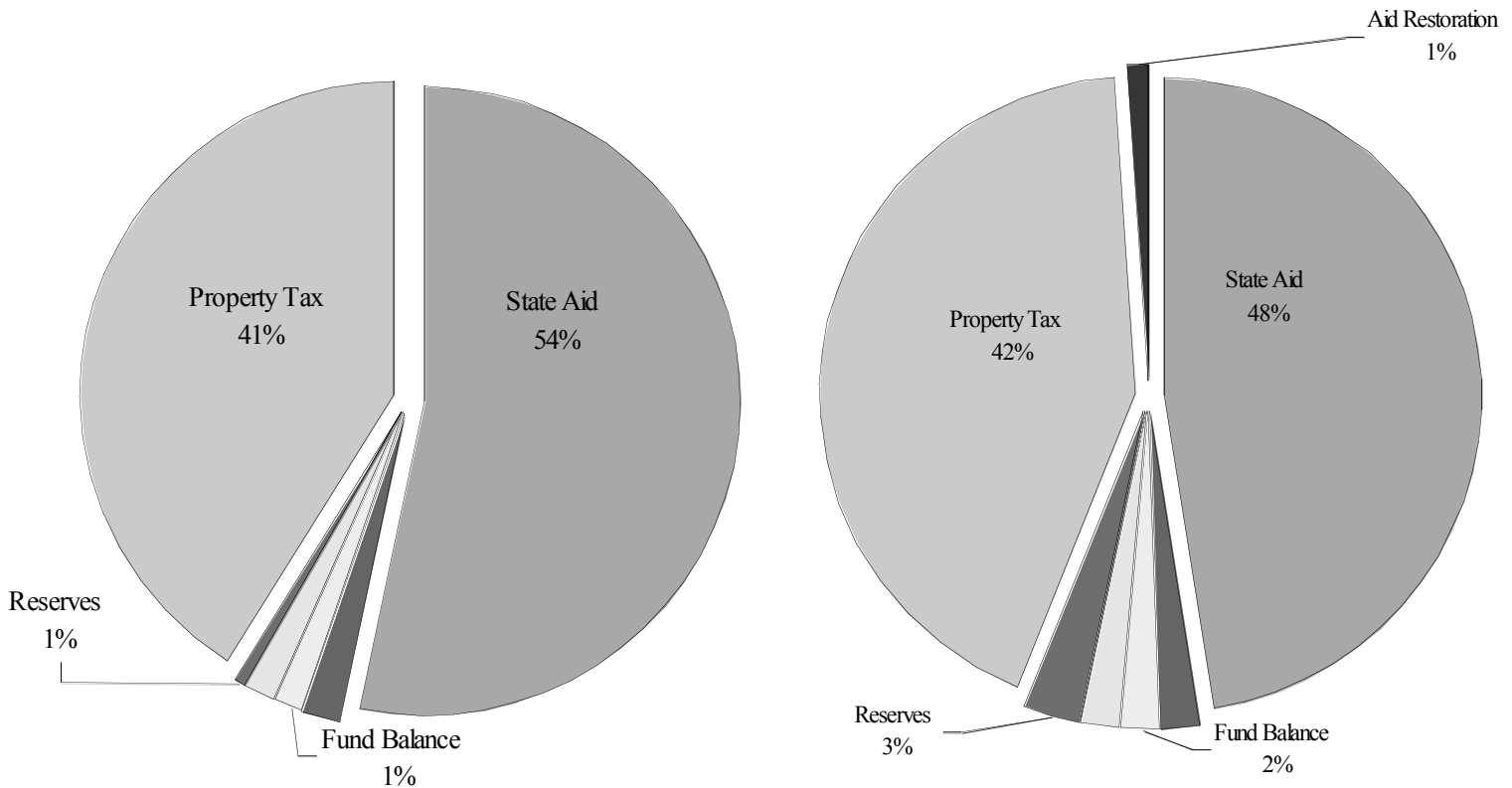
Elementary School - Eduardo Carbajal-Sanchez portrays Buzz Aldrin after reading his biography

Budget Vote: May 18, 2010 - Middle School Cafeteria 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Revenue Comparison

TOTAL REVENUE 2009-2010 \$20,617,865

TOTAL REVENUE 2010-2011 \$20,678,583



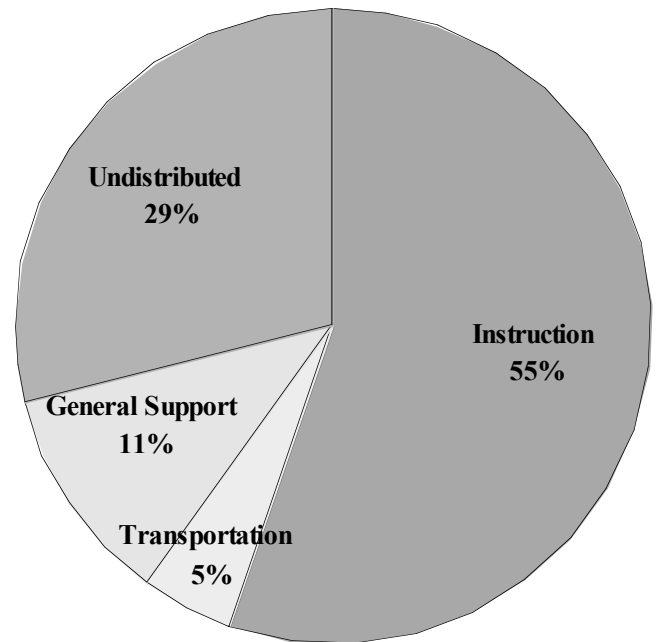
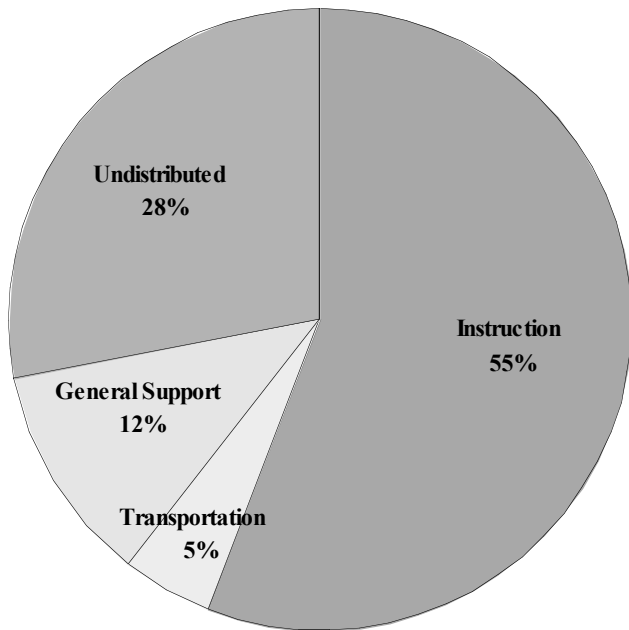
- We lost 1.1 million dollars of aid in the governor's proposal.
- We are using an additional \$500,000 of our reserve funds to make up some of the aid loss.
- We may need to use additional reserves if the state aid amount does not increase in the final budget.
- The true tax rate is estimated to increase 2.66%.
- For a \$100,000 house this amounts to an annual increase of \$59.00.

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Middle School Cafeteria - 1:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Budget Comparisons

TOTAL BUDGET 2010-2011 \$20,617,865

TOTAL BUDGET 2010-2011 \$20,678,583



- Our budget is .29% over last years (increase of \$60,718).
- We did not cut any program completely to arrive at this budget number.
- We did cut 9 positions, including one administrative position.
- Additional money was cut from materials and supplies, equipment and contractual.
- Concessions were made by the administrators, the confidential staff and the teachers on their health insurance benefits.

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School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2008-09 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2010-11 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2010-11 School Year*
Total budgeted amount	\$20,617,865	\$20,678,583	\$20,623,919
Increase (decrease) for the 2010-11 school year		60,718	6,054
Percentage increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		0.29%	0.003%
Change in the consumer price index		- 0.4%	
Resulting est. property tax levy for the 2010-11 school year		\$ 8,839,346	\$ 8,790,762
Administrative component	\$ 2,123,573	\$ 2,186,597	\$ 2,134,973
Program component	\$15,262,566	\$15,292,879	\$15,292,879
Capital component	\$ 3,231,726	\$ 3,199,107	\$ 3,196,067
* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2010-11 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 certain equipment and community use of facilities. Additional cuts may 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 2010-11 School Year
Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$652

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2010-11 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 18, 2010 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 on 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 2009. For the high school, the numbers reflect the percentages of students who first entered grade 9 in 2005 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 all of the fourteen areas measured. All three buildings and the district are considered to be in good standing according to New York State Education Department Accountability Guidelines.

Williamson Elementary School English Language Arts

	Williamson	NYS Public Schools
Grade 3 English Language Arts	81%	76%
Grade 4 English Language Arts	81%	77%

Williamson Elementary School Mathematics

	Williamson	NYS Public Schools
Grade 3 Mathematics	97%	93%
Grade 4 Mathematics	90%	87%

Williamson Middle School English Language Arts

	Williamson	NYS Public Schools
Grade 5 English Language Arts	95%	82%
Grade 6 English Language Arts	90%	81%
Grade 7 English Language Arts	84%	80%
Grade 8 English Language Arts	80%	69%

Williamson Middle School Mathematics

	Williamson	NYS Public Schools
Grade 5 Mathematics	99%	88%
Grade 6 Mathematics	84%	83%
Grade 7 Mathematics	94%	87%
Grade 8 Mathematics	92%	80%

Williamson High School

English Language Arts 2005 Cohort
Williamson High School: 91%
Similar Schools: 83%
NYS Public Schools: 77%

Mathematics 2005 Cohort
Williamson High School: 92%
Similar Schools: 84%
NYS Public Schools: 77%

THE BALLOT

PROPOSITION 1: BUDGET 2010-11 SCHOOL YEAR

Shall the proposed budget for the 2010-2011 school year, in the amount of \$20,678,583 be approved?

REGARDING PROPOSITION 1

THE TRUE TAX RATE IS ESTIMATED TO INCREASE 2.66%.
FOR A \$100,000 HOUSE THIS AMOUNTS TO AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF \$59.00.

PROPOSITION 2:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to purchase one (1) 27 passenger handicapped accessible bus at an estimated maximum cost of up to \$69,500 and to authorize the purchase of same in the full amount through the issuance of debt obligations of the School District, or to reduce the amount of such obligations by authorizing \$69,500 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?

REGARDING PROPOSITION 2

THIS PROPOSITION WILL ALLOW THE DISTRICT TO MAINTAIN ITS FLEET. THERE IS **NO INCREASES IN TAXES** NEEDED TO PURCHASE THIS BUS.
THE MONEY NEEDED WILL COME IN THE FORM THE BUS RESERVE FUND THAT THE DISTRICT MAINTAINS.

Project 2017 and Beyond presents

Are you Smarter than a Williamson Elementary School 4th Grader?

Hosted by: 13WHAM's Don Alhart

Tuesday, May 11, 2010 6:30 p.m.

Williamson High School

with a performance by the 4th grade Band and Chorus

Join us before the show for a hot dog roast

5:30 p.m. Williamson High School Cafeteria

\$2 for hot and soda

Proceeds to benefit Project 2017 and Beyond Scholarship initiative



Board of Education Candidate: Caroline Jackson

My name is Caroline Jackson. My husband and I have been residents of Williamson for 9 years, residing on Tuckahoe Road. I have 3 children currently enrolled in the Williamson Central School District. My oldest child Ashley age 15, is a Sophomore at the High School. Our sons both attend the Elementary School. Lucas, age 8 is in Second grade and Matthew, age 6 is in Kindergarten. Williamson's school system was the primary reason we chose to live in Williamson.

I am currently a housewife and have been fortunate enough to be able to stay at home for my children for the past 7 years. Prior to that, I worked in the accounting field for various contractors.

My ability to stay at home has allowed me the time to volunteer in the schools and to serve on various school committees. I am currently the Treasurer of our PTSA, Box Tops for Education Coordinator for the Elementary School, a parent representative for the District's Committee on Special Education and the High School's Building and Planning Team. I am also the room mother for my son's Kindergarten classroom and I volunteer weekly in his classroom.

I believe that we have a great school system and I will make it my priority to help keep Williamson a top performing school district. I believe that the school district must work together with the community to ensure its success. Communication between the school district, parents and community is a necessity for improvement and continued success.

If I am elected to the Board of Education for the Williamson Central School District, I will listen to your concerns and relay them back to the school district. I believe in listening to all sides of the parties involved and coming up with a knowledgeable and fair resolution. I believe that all students should have available the tools needed to become successful individuals during their school years and into their future. Thank you for your support.



Board of Education Candidate: Michael L. Collins

I would like to formally announce my candidacy for one of the open positions on the Williamson Board of Education. More important, I would like to thank all my friends, colleagues and supporters who encouraged me to run again and signed my petition. I sincerely appreciate your confidence and enthusiasm. I also want to say a special "thank you" to my wife Deborah and our family for the support they have provided me during my years on the school board.

My wife Deborah and I have lived in Williamson for approximately 20 years. Our daughter Eliza (WCS 2006) will graduate this May from Smith College, Northampton, MA. Our son Alex is a sophomore in WCS. I have seen first hand the commitment that our teachers, parents, leaders, friends and students demonstrate to do their best every day. Our district and our community are facing many challenges. I have served on the Board of Education since 2005 and have been the president for the last two years. Currently, I am a marketing consultant. I bring a wide range of experience to the job including: professional communication and community development skills, marketing, and public relations knowledge and board directorship experience. Above all, I bring a passion and firm belief that Williamson and our region are on a threshold of profound change. Together, we must take charge of our shared destinies if we are to be successful.

Our children's education is a cornerstone of our community, our state, our nation and our future. Williamson residents understand the value of education. You and your neighbors believe that what we have here is important and that it takes good stewardship to continue the progress. I am proud and honored to have had the opportunity to serve on the Board of Education and share in your joys and concerns over the years. With your support, I hope to continue the work as we navigate uncertain times and adapt to meet the changing needs of our students and our community.

Please make time in your busy schedule to vote on Tuesday, May 18, 2010.

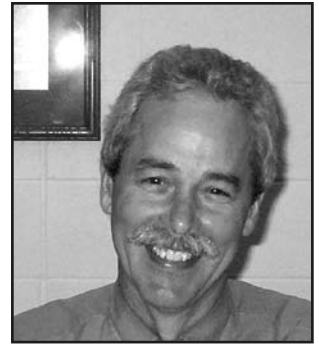
Thank you.

Michael L. Collins

Message from the BOE President...

"It is hard to feel individually responsible with respect to the invisible processes of a huge and distant government." - John Gardner (1933-1982)

American author, educator, historian



Michael Collins
Board of Education President

Tuesday, May 18, 2010 is an important date. It's the day when Williamson residents can exercise their privilege, right and duty to vote on the annual school budget and Board of Education trustees. In a time when state and federal governments seem to be out of touch with the challenges we face as a community, the impact of individual responsibility doesn't get more local than now. This year's school budget reflects the prudent stewardship of our resources in the face of unprecedented fiscal challenges. Through fair negotiation, hard work and realistic compromise, all parties have agreed to a budget that preserves programs and continues our commitment to providing a quality and relevant education to all of our students. The future is uncertain. We have taken steps to prepare for the possibility of a continued reduction in aid and the demands of more state and federal mandates. It is a delicate balancing act. With your support, we will weather these uncertain times.

It is important for all of us to stay engaged and informed of issues facing our community. Don't let *"the invisible processes of a huge and distant government"* dictate the terms, conditions and direction of our community's future. You have a local voice. Vote on May 18, 2010.

On behalf of the Board of Education, thank you to all the administrators, union representatives, teachers and staff for your commitment to maintaining the hard-won momentum we have achieved for our district. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to the community for your support and input now and as we prepare for the future.

"The death of democracy is not likely to be an assassination from ambush. It will be a slow extinction from apathy, indifference, and undernourishment." - Robert M. Hutchins (1899-1977) American educator, author, Dean, Yale Law School, President, Univ. of Chicago

Mark your calendar. Vote on May 18, 2010.

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