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Message from the Superintendent . . .

Capital Project Vote May 16, 2017

When you come out to vote on the school district budget this year, you will also have the opportunity to vote on a \$12,597,000 capital improvement project. Planning for this project has been underway for over a year now and we are pleased to bring it to our community for a vote.



Greg Macaluso
Superintendent of Schools

Every five years, school districts in New York State are required, by the State Education Department (SED), to undergo a facility review. This is a comprehensive review of the buildings and grounds to identify areas that need to be updated or repaired. Our most recent review was done during the 2015-2016 year and identified approximately \$26,000,000 worth of possible improvements. From this list we worked to prioritize the most important and urgent items to design the scope of the upcoming project.

The project will help us to better serve our students with upgrades to the high school cafeteria and middle school home and careers room, along with upgrades to other instructional areas. The project will also include much needed updates to our pavement, bus loops, and driveways at all three facilities. The track will be resurfaced at the high school and new bleachers along with additional storage and a long sought-after press box will be added to the field. More detailed information regarding the scope of the project can be found on our webpage and on large poster boards that will be staged at each of the buildings.

Approximately 84% of the cost for the project will be paid through SED building aid. The remainder will be paid out of the district's capital reserve fund. There will be no tax impact or increase needed to support the project. I hope to see you on May 16th in the middle school cafeteria for the vote.

Respectfully,
Greg Macaluso
Superintendent, Williamson Central Schools

BUDGET VOTE:

**May 16, 2017 – Middle School Cafeteria
1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.**



Williamson Central School District



2017-18 Comparative Budget

The following provides a comparison of the 2017-18 proposed budget with the 2016-17 actual budget. Copies of the proposed budget and attachments are available in each school building Monday-Friday. Copies of the proposed budget and **additional information may be obtained from the District website at www.williamsoncentral.org or by calling the District Office at (315) 589-9661.**

	2016-17 Actual Budget	2017-18 Proposed Budget
ADMINISTRATIVE		
Board of Education	\$17,558	\$17,892
Central Administration & Finance	\$499,080	\$512,861
Legal Services, Personnel, Public Information	\$98,250	\$100,938
Central Services and Special Items	\$413,757	\$423,905
Curriculum Development and Supervision	\$924,433	\$1,011,786
Benefits	<u>\$509,955</u>	<u>\$592,698</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,463,033	\$2,660,080
EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM		
Teaching - Regular School	\$5,334,247	\$5,524,348
Programs for Students with Disabilities & Occ Ed	\$3,273,617	\$3,352,859
Special Services, Instructional Media, and Pupil Services	\$1,724,413	\$1,870,169
Co-curricular and Athletics	\$290,711	\$298,383
Transportation	\$1,107,580	\$1,162,401
Community Services	\$80,000	\$0
Benefits	<u>\$4,944,832</u>	<u>\$4,807,158</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$16,755,400	\$17,015,318
CAPITAL		
Operation of Maintenance of Plant	\$1,441,769	\$1,462,231
Benefits	\$271,844	\$262,447
Debt Service and Transfers	<u>\$2,045,644</u>	<u>\$1,699,714</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$3,759,257	\$3,424,392
TOTAL BUDGET	\$22,977,690	\$23,099,790



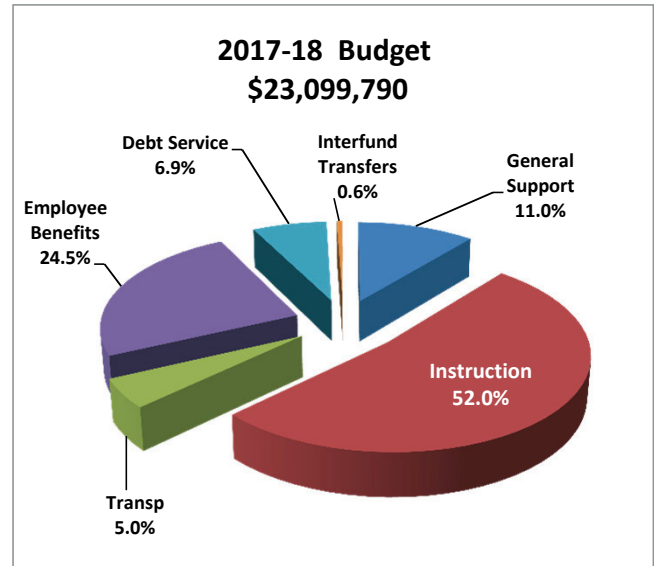
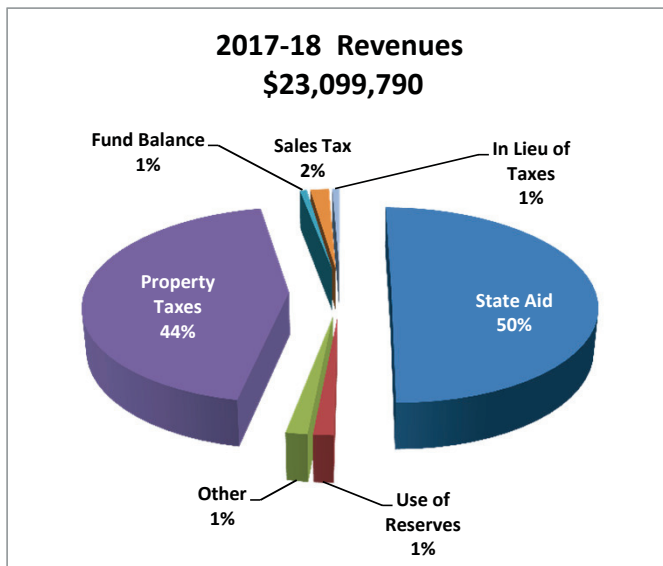
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2017-18 Comparative Revenues

The table below summarizes the major categories of revenues for the proposed 2017-18 revenue budget compared with the actual 2016-17 revenue budget. Other revenues include interest earnings, tuition charges, fees for services, and medicaid reimbursement.

	2016-17 Actual Revenue Budget	2017-18 Proposed Revenue Budget
Revenues		
State Aid	\$11,395,108	\$11,599,000
Other	\$387,000	\$339,000
Property Taxes (Including STAR)	\$9,851,582	\$10,150,790
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$500,000	\$150,000
Sales Tax	\$385,000	\$395,000
In Lieu of Taxes	\$148,000	\$151,000
Use of Reserves		
Employee Contribution Reserve	\$200,000	\$0
Liability Reserve	\$0	\$200,000
Debt Service Reserve	\$75,000	\$75,000
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	\$36,000	\$40,000
Total Revenue Budget	\$22,977,690	\$23,099,790



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Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2016-17 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2017-18 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 22,977,690	\$23,099,790	\$ 22,950,391
Increase/Decrease for the 2017-18 School Year		\$122,100	(\$27,299)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.53 %	(0.12)%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.26%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 9,851,582	\$10,150,790	
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)	\$ 9,851,582	\$10,150,790	\$9,851,582
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,082,788	\$10,164,776	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$9,851,582	\$10,150,790	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$231,206	\$13,986	
Administrative Component	\$2,397,823	\$2,590,701	\$2,454,837
Program Component	\$16,820,610	\$17,084,697	\$17,073,422
Capital Component	\$3,759,257	\$3,424,392	\$3,422,132
* 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.			
** 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	

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$ 767

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-18 by the qualified voters of the Williamson Central School District, Wayne County, New York, will be held at the Middle School Cafeteria in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 1:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

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

Board of Education Candidate – Robert Wendler

I am pleased to have the opportunity to run for the Williamson Central School Board of Education. If elected, it would be my fourth term on the board. I am the Commercial CFO at Excellus BCBS and have been with the organization for 14 years. My family and I have lived in the district for approximately 11 years. The school district was the main reason my family chose to live in Williamson. I live on Main Street with my wife of 23 years, Erica. We have three children, Bobby (25yo), a Williamson graduate who also graduated from St. John Fisher, Anton (18yo) who is a senior this year, and Evan (15yo). My wife and I have found that Bobby was well prepared to compete with graduates from the larger districts when entering college thanks to the quality education he received here in Williamson.



Over the past nine years I have worked with my fellow board members to help support the administrative team in continuing our academic excellence under the ever increasing pressure of state funding shortfalls. It is my priority to represent all of the constituents in the community and keep the education of our children at the forefront of every decision we make. I believe the key to our success is for the board to work cohesively with the Superintendent and his team as they move the district forward. I look forward to having the opportunity to serve the district for another three years. Serving on the board has been both an exciting challenge and one of the most rewarding opportunities I have taken part in.

Thank you for your continued support.
Robert Wendler



Board of Education Candidate – Ashtyn Mohanlall

I grew up in Williamson and I have adoration for this community. In fact, I love it so much that my husband Andrew (who is also a Williamson grad) and I have chosen to raise our children here - Reagan who is 6 and Andrew who is 2. After graduation, I attended SUNY Oswego and then received a degree in accounting from St. John Fisher College. After working in public accounting for 4 years, I moved to the private sector and have been working at First American Equipment Finance for 4 years. I became a Certified Lease and Finance Professional and began working on a team that created financing solutions to help K-12 and higher education institutions provide students with the necessary tools in a fashion that maximizes community tax dollars. Currently, I am the Assistant Vice President of Asset Management. I've always wanted to give back to this wonderful community and I feel that it is my civic duty to share my financial training and experience with the greater Williamson Central School community. I believe that my past experiences will help the Board of Education to make fiscally responsible decisions. I had a fantastic school experience here and I want to ensure that my children have the same opportunities. Williamson Central School set me up for success and I want this to continue for generations.





Board of Education Candidate – Angela DeFisher

I became a resident of the Williamson Central School District fourteen years ago, when my husband Dave and I were married in 2003. Our three children, Thomas (13), Matthew (11), and David (7), all attend Williamson schools. Unlike my children, I grew up living in both the United States and Europe, attending a number of different schools while my father served in the U.S. Army. I moved to Western New York in 1992 to attend Niagara University, where I earned a Bachelor's degree in Accounting in 1996 and accepted a finance position at Xerox in Webster that same year. I have been employed with Xerox for 21 years and, during that time, also earned an MBA from St. John Fisher College in 2001. I have held several positions at Xerox, with a variety of job responsibilities, including finance, management, manufacturing, logistics, and planning. I am currently a Global Planning Analyst for the Consumables Development & Manufacturing Group in Webster.

When our first child was born in 2004, I transitioned to a part-time position at Xerox, so that I could spend more time at home with our children and be actively involved in their education. As our family grew and our children entered school, I remained part-time at Xerox and began volunteering in the District. As an active member of the PTSA since 2009, I have served as a building representative, a parent representative for the Elementary School Building Planning Team, and the Elementary School Box Tops Coordinator, in addition to helping with a number of PTSA activities, events and fundraisers. I have also been volunteering in classrooms regularly since 2009, mainly working with students during Reading. Because of my involvement at school, I was approached about serving on the Board of Education in 2011, and eagerly embraced the opportunity to serve our community in a broader manner. As a Board member, I have been involved in several committees and community organizations, including the District Safety Committee, Curriculum Council, Technology Committee, Williamson Recreation Committee and Williamson Park Committee. Working with students, staff, administrators, community members, and my fellow Board of Education trustees has broadened my perspective and affirmed my belief that we live in an extraordinary community with a remarkable group of very talented individuals who tirelessly dedicate themselves to our students and our community with professionalism and integrity every day.

Our District has long been one that aims to achieve academic excellence, striving to be the best in Wayne County and simultaneously competitive with our neighboring districts in Monroe County. We work to provide our children with a solid educational foundation, providing the resources and tools they need to enable their success and the future successes of our community, on a local, regional and even global scale. The Board of Education is charged with many responsibilities, including creating a shared vision for the future, setting the direction of the district to maximize student performance, providing accountability for student achievement, budgeting to align district resources to improve achievement, creating strategic partnerships with community stakeholders, adopting and maintaining district policies, and hiring and evaluating the superintendent. All of this work is done with an unwavering focus on doing what is best for children while maintaining fiscal responsibility, transparency, and accountability to our families, staff, taxpayers and community as a whole.

I look forward to continuing the challenging and vital work of the Williamson Central School District Board of Education, serving our students and community for a third term, and respectfully ask for your vote on Tuesday, May 16th.

Thank you for your support,
Angela DeFisher

BOE Candidate – Richard Bouwens



I have lived in Williamson for 32 years of my life. I attended Williamson Schools from K-12, and graduated in 2001. I feel that the education I received in Williamson helped prepare me for life after school. I attended Everest Institute and obtained an Associate Degree in Accounting. I also became an Emergency Medical Technician Basic from Monroe Community College. In 2001, I joined the Williamson Fire Company #1 and left briefly for a family opportunity in the Town of Rose in 2011, but quickly returned to Williamson in 2013 and once again became active with the Fire Company. I have been active ever since. I have also spent time with the Pultneyville Fire Company as an explorer for four years. I was a member of the Williamson Volunteer Ambulance Service for the better part of ten years. I am the Vice President of the

Williamson Baseball Boosters. I have been volunteering my time as a coach with the Williamson Recreation Baseball program since 2011 and will be starting another season.

I have a son in the Middle School and a daughter in the Elementary School. Being a father of two, this open position has inspired me to take action in bettering my children's educational opportunities both throughout their time at Williamson Central and after. I feel that education is a vital platform in a person's life, and I am eager to see the students of the Williamson Central School District meet their full potential both in and out of school. I want to see the students obtain an education that will allow them to dream and help them accomplish career goals after high school.

I am learning more about the Williamson Board of Education. As a person with no political or business background, but a person who is very active in the community, I feel I can bring an alternative perspective to the board. I am confident that I can make a positive contribution to the Board of Education and ask for your support on Tuesday, May 16th.

Board of Education Candidate – Kristine M. Czebiniak



My name is Kristine M. Czebiniak. I am a candidate for the Williamson Central School District Board of Education. I have been a resident of Williamson for eight years. My husband Nick and I moved here when I left my full time job as an Assistant to the Owner/Operator of the Doan Family of Dealerships to stay at home with our boys Justin (age 13) and Ryan (age 10). When making the decision to leave Greece for Williamson, several factors made the decision for us. First and foremost were the schools. We did our research and found that with a history of academic success in hand with small community family values that Williamson was the perfect match for our family. We enrolled our son Justin in UPK with Mrs. Carlson and we were hooked. We had an amazing experience in the elementary school and the boys have both moved on to the middle school. They both participate in a number of school activities, learning opportunities abound, and I am thankful my children love school and look forward to learning. The faculty work diligently every day and their commitment and support have been invaluable.

Over the years, I have had an opportunity to volunteer in their classrooms, participate in the building planning team and have seen the changes in education, some good and some challenging. I would like an opportunity to be more involved and to even have a voice when decisions are being made that will not only affect my children, their academics, their futures, but the future of our community as well.

I would like to see more accountability and transparency within our district. If elected, I would work to open communication with parents and administration. I believe everyone has a responsibility in education. We need to offer every student the best opportunity, while being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers.

We have very strong schools, backed by a very strong community, and I am proud to live here. I am committed to supporting and representing our community to ensure our students have the opportunity for success. Please consider voting for me on May 16th. I advocate for my children, and I will advocate for yours.

Thank you for your support,
Kristine M. Czebiniak

STAR Exemption Information



The Basic STAR Exemption saves the average homeowner approximately \$767 in their school tax bill. Basic STAR is available for owner-occupied primary residents where the resident owner and spouse income is less than \$500,000. This exempts the first \$30,000 of the full value of the home from school taxes.

An example of STAR savings:

**Without STAR, a homeowner would pay \$25.03 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.
With STAR, a homeowner would pay \$17.52 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value.**

For more information visit www.tax.ny.gov or by calling (518) 457-2036

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS



PROPOSITION 1 – 2017-2018 BUDGET

Shall the proposed school budget for the period July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 in the amount of \$23,099,790 be approved and shall the transfer of \$200,000 from the Liability Reserve Fund be used to support the 2017-18 proposed budget?

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Yes

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No

PROPOSITION 2 – BUS PURCHASE

Shall the Board of Education of the Williamson Central School District be authorized to undertake the acquisition of two 43-passenger buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$119,500 each, one handicap bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$79,000, and one van at an estimated maximum cost of \$67,000, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$385,000, less trade-in value, if any, and to appropriate and expend from the existing bus purchase reserve fund \$85,000 for such costs, and that the balance of such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$300,000 shall be issued, or the school district may enter into an installment purchase contract if the board of education determines that it is in the best interest of the school district to finance the purchase in that method.

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Yes

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No

PROPOSITION 3 – CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Shall the Board of Education of the Williamson Central School District be authorized to undertake the acquisition of the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this annual voter meeting, authorizing construction, reconstruction and equipping of school buildings and facilities, site, athletic field and incidental improvements, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$12,597,000; with the expenditure of \$2,500,000 from the existing reserve fund for such costs, the issuance of not to exceed \$10,097,000 of debt obligations of the School District therefor, and the levy of a tax in annual installments therefor, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor, all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

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Yes

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No

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