



Red Creek Central School District

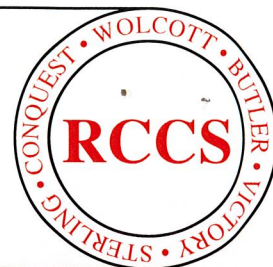
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BUDGET VOTE: Tues., May 15, 2018 from Noon - 9 p.m., High School Main Foyer

Red Creek Wins National Blue Ribbon Award



If you have read the sign at the end of the high school driveway or seen the banner in the lobby, then you know that Red Creek High School was awarded a 2017 National Blue Ribbon Award. On Nov. 6, 2017, Superintendent David Sholes, Timothy Gaffney, former high school principal, and high school English teacher Charles Cook traveled to Washington, D.C. to accept the Blue Ribbon Award on behalf of Red Creek High School and the entire Red Creek Central School District.

The award, which was presented to only 17 "Exemplary High Performing" schools in New York State and 342 schools nationwide, recognized the district's excellent scores on English and Math exams as well as its high graduation rate. In a press release at the time of the award, Superintendent Sholes stated, "An award like this doesn't come by accident. It is proof of the high quality of our entire UPK-12 school district and I am very proud of everyone on our team who helped make this possible."

At an awards ceremony on November 16, 2017 in the high school auditorium, WFL BOCES Assistant Superintendent Bonnie Lindsay presented the Blue Ribbon plaque to Superintendent Sholes and the whole Red Creek faculty. The district also received a proclamation from the US Congress sponsored by Congressman John Katko honoring this outstanding achievement.

The entire community should be proud of this award as it represents the hard work of students, faculty, staff, and administration, none of which would be possible without the consistent high level of support the Red Creek community has shown for its schools throughout the years.

Girls' Basketball Clinches League Title

The girls' varsity basketball team had an outstanding season finishing with a 17-3 regular season record. The Lady Rams finished with a league record of 15 -1 and won the Wayne County league championship for the first time since 2001. The girls earned the number one seed in Sectionals and won their first two Sectional contests but eventually fell to Notre Dame-Batavia in the class C-1 sectional semi-final 52-48.

All of these great accomplishments were made possible by the highly experienced players on the Lady Rams roster. The team has put in a tremendous amount of work over the last three seasons. Five of these players — Katie Smith, Sienna Fernaays, Emma Griffin, Alex Mosqueda, and Maggie Meyer — are seniors and have made a strong impact on the Red Creek basketball program. Freshman Izzy Wilbur had an

other impressive season and was the team's leading scorer with an average of 17.5 points per game. Other members who played key roles in the Lady Rams' success were junior Jacque Rice and sophomores Abby Bush, Jenny Easling, Jasmine Sims, and Sydney Fisher.

There were several individual awards:

- **Izzy Wilbur**, First Team Wayne County All-Star
- **Katie Smith, Alex Mosqueda**, and **Emma Griffin**, Second Team Wayne County All Stars
- **Sienna Fernaays**, Third Team All-Star

Another tremendous accomplishment was to be named a New York State Scholar/Athlete Team for having a cumulative team GPA above 90%. The Wayne County Board of Supervisors honored the team in Lyons at their March 20, 2018 meeting. Congratulations to the Lady Rams on a great season.

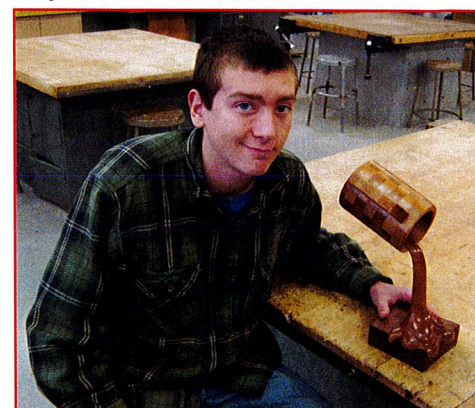


Harmath A National Medalist

Red Creek Senior Arthur Harmath has become a 2018 National Medalist in the sculpture category for the Scholastic Art & Writing Awards, a long running, prestigious recognition program for creative students. AJ's Gold Key sculpture, "Cherry Pour," also earned the prestigious Tracy L. Haylor Craftsmanship award, a \$300 award given only to one student throughout Central New York. National gold medals will be awarded on June 7, 2018 at the national ceremony at Carnegie Hall in New York City. AJ's sculpture will spend the next 24 months touring the country at various artwork exhibitions and museums with other gold key winners.

Red Creek High School also had several other Scholastic Art Award winners including Carmen

Brathen, Amber Paige, Meadow Alexander, Kim Holbrook, Tyler Scutt, Henry Westermann, and Middle School students Autumn Stoddard, Elliot Gray, and Madeline Smith.



Red Creek Central School District

Top Five Graduates

Congratulations!

Valedictorian



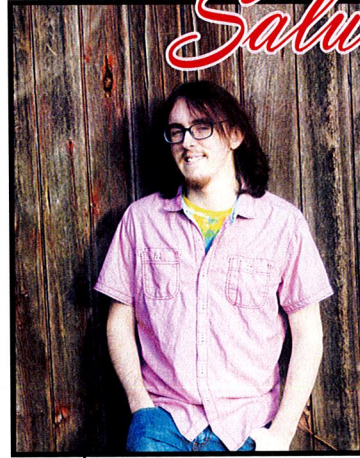
Megan Malueg
98.42%

Megan Malueg, daughter of Teresa Malueg and Walter Chyrywaty III of Red Creek, has been accepted at Jacob's School of Medicine through the Honors College at the University at Buffalo.

Megan has been active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Jazz Band, Class Vice President for both the freshman and sophomore classes, Science Olympiad, Special Olympics, Student Council, Sudden Light, Cross Country, Varsity Track, Varsity Club, and Assistant Manager for the "Mighty Milers" in the elementary school.

Megan will be pursuing a career in the field of Biochemistry when she attends the University at Buffalo next fall.

Salutatorian



Fisher Meddaugh
97.10%

Fisher Meddaugh, son of Kyle and Marnie Meddaugh of Fair Haven, has been accepted at the Rochester Institute of Technology, SUNY Canton, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Fisher has been active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, Drama Club - Vice President, Video Game Club - President, Jazz Band, and Select Choir.

Fisher will be pursuing a career in the field of Game Design and Development when he attends the Rochester Institute of Technology next year.

Congratulations to the top five seniors of the Class of 2018!

17 of our seniors attained a cumulative average of 90 or above.

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Commencement for the Class of 2018 is scheduled for
Friday, June 22, at the Red Creek Junior-Senior High School Auditorium.
Approximately 65 seniors are expected to receive diplomas at the 8:00 p.m. ceremony.

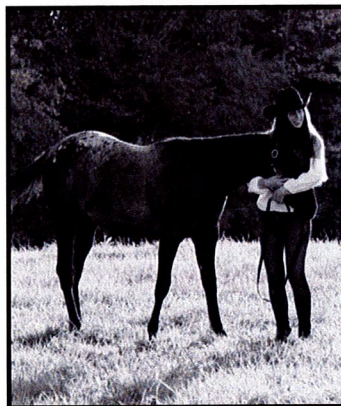


Joanna Brown - 96.37%

Joanna Brown, daughter of Christopher and Kayla Brown of Red Creek, has been accepted at SUNY Oswego and Upstate Medical University.

Joanna has been active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Cross Country, Indoor/Outdoor Track, Varsity Club - Secretary, Select Choir, and Assistant Manager for the "Mighty Milers" in the elementary school.

Joanna will be studying Pre-Physical Therapy next fall at the SUNY Oswego.



Gabriella Lagatella - 95.71%

Gabriella Lagatella, daughter of Jo-ell and Harry Lagatella of Martville, has been accepted at the University of Findlay and Cazenovia College.

Gabriella has been active in National Honor Society, Spanish Honor Society, Business Honor Society, Science Honor Society, Treasurer for the Freshman Class, Science Olympiad, Yearbook Treasurer, and is an award-winning equestrian.

Gabriella will be studying Equestrian Studies (Western), Equine Business Management, and Writing at the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio next year.



Nellie Geddes - 95.45%

Nellie Geddes, daughter of Danielle DuVall and Francis Geddes of Red Creek, has been accepted at SUNY Geneseo.

Nellie has been active in National Honor Society - Vice President, Spanish Honor Society - Treasurer, Drama Club - President, Sophomore Class Secretary, Junior Class Treasurer, and Dance.

Nellie will be studying Early Childhood Education when she attends the State University of New York at Geneseo in the fall.

Inventors Shine in Elementary School

Fostering the development of important science skills is an ongoing challenge. Students should be given opportunities to solve problems, think creatively, experiment, and work with data throughout the school year. Inven-



Pictured, from left to right, are: Bennett Weaver, Madalynn Madigan, and Marissa Prosser.

tive Minds is a program that gives students an opportunity to demonstrate these skills independently as they invent a new product or process, create the invention, design a display board, and present to judges.

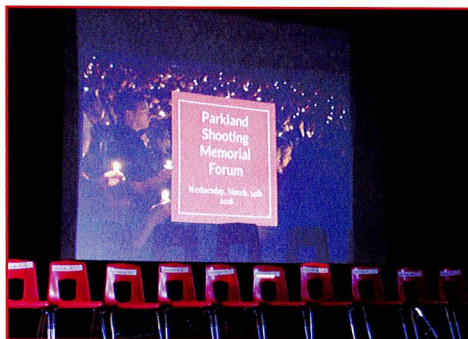
On Friday, March 9, third and fourth grade inventors competed against inventors from Clyde-Savannah, Hannibal, and North Rose-Wolcott in the 18th Annual Inventive Minds Competition. In this year's competition four Red Creek students placed in the top ten. Madalynn Madigan was awarded first place, Julia Rosser won second place, Bennett Weaver took sixth place, and tenth place was awarded to Marissa Prosser.

Congratulations to the 48 students who participated in Inventive Minds this year.

Students Inspired to Recognize Fallen Students

On March 14, 2018 an inspired group of students at Red Creek High School walked down into the front of the auditorium to engage in our own unique approach to recognize the fallen students of Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. In place of a walk-out, staff and students were provided a venue to voice their concerns about violence and to propose ideas for the school safety movement that is sweeping our nation. The echoed words of concerned students formed the backdrop for our personalized dedication in response to one of history's most heinous acts. With a nation divided on so many fronts, this tragedy brought together young minds to share a moment of their time to recognize those who were lost

and to appreciate the differences we all share. We as members of the Red Creek school community created an independent response that empowered students to take on an active role for a just cause.



Adventures in the Fifth Grade

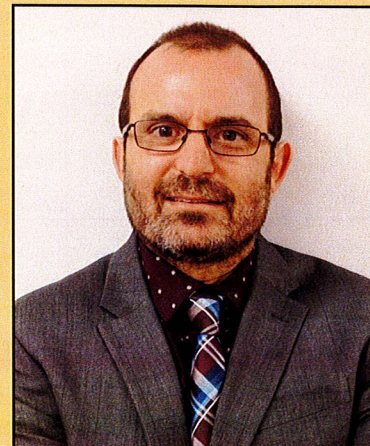
As the 2017-2018 school year winds down, so too does the current 5th graders' year at the M.W. Cuyler Elementary School. This class of 2025 will be moving on to Middle School in the Fall. Before their elementary years wrap up though, these students will be enjoying some fun-filled educational field trips. In May, 5th graders will travel to Auburn to visit both the Harriet Tubman Home and William Seward House. These historical landmarks are close to home and provide students the opportunity to learn about individuals who became a prominent part of our country's history.



In June, fifth grade students make their way to the M.O.S.T (Museum of Science and Technology) in Syracuse. While at the M.O.S.T., students will experience many hands-on exhibits, have the opportunity to climb a rock wall, play with magnets, investigate rocks and minerals, view a toothpick city, and much, much more. Students will also be treated to a planetarium show. Adventures abound for these young scholars!

Before exiting the doors of Cuyler, our 5th graders will proudly take center stage at their very own 5th grade Graduation Ceremony. This event will take place on June 20th at 1:30 pm in the High School auditorium. Family members are invited to attend. We encourage you to join us in sending our 5th graders off to Middle School as confident and goal-oriented individuals!

New Faces at Red Creek Central School



High School Principal
Patrick J. Chierichella

Patrick Chierichella, the District's High School Principal since last November, began his teaching career in the Rochester City School District (RCSd) as a high school science teacher, teaching Earth Science, Living Environment, and other science electives and coaching teachers in the department. After 13 years at RCSd, Mr. Chierichella joined the Genesee Valley Educational Partnership, serving as the Coordinator of Instructional Services. He lives in Rochester with his girlfriend Kathryn and has two boys, Camden and Colden, who attend school in Victor.



Assistant Superintendent for Business
Susan L. Gray

Susan Gray is the District's new Assistant Superintendent for Business and comes to Red Creek from the Geneva City School District. She received her Master's Degree in Educational Administration and a Certificate of Advanced Study in School District Business Leadership from SUNY Brockport and has previously worked for Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES and Midlakes. She lives near Newark with fiancé Kevin Wallace and has two adult daughters, Christina and Marissa.

Capital Project News

The \$18.5 Million Capital Project Red Creek voters approved in February 2016 has now been approved by the New York State Education Department, bids for contractors were solicited, and work is set to begin. Our Construction Manager is on site and you may have noticed trailers, construction equipment, and materials begin to appear at the District.

To facilitate the construction process and staging, the South Parking Lot will be closed until further notice. The High School parent drop-off loop will still be available and drivers are encouraged to be cautious when at the school due to increased traffic from construction and delivery vehicles. Excavation for the new all-weather track will begin as soon as the weather permits.

Inside, during April break, work will begin on ceiling removal in the Middle School to facilitate the addition of air conditioning and mechanical upgrades. The High School locker rooms have been emptied and are ready for renovation. The gymnasium and locker room work will take place from now through the summer to be ready for school in September. The High School kitchen and cafeteria will be renovated beginning June 12th and the Auditorium lighting will be upgraded at the end of May and beginning of June.

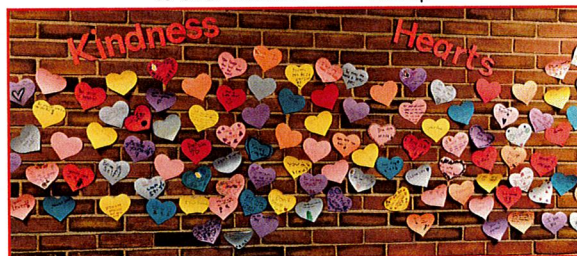
All inside work will take place outside of the school day (3:45 pm – 11:45 pm) when school is in session, but there may be some minor dust and noise disruption due to the work taking place.

Work will continue on the entire project until the Fall of 2019, which also includes security and safety infrastructure improvements; mechanical, electrical, and communication system upgrades; and other miscellaneous repairs and renovations necessary to maintain and keep our facilities in compliance. In the meantime, we ask for patience during times of inconvenience with the knowledge that we will have greatly improved our facilities when the project is complete.

Cuyler Hearts Promote Kindness

The Cuyler Kindness Committee consists of faculty and staff members across all areas of the building. The Committee began several years ago with the goal of implementing and promoting activities throughout the building, school, and community to raise awareness and encourage the practice of being kind. While the Kindness Committee took a short hiatus as PBIS was introduced this fall, we started back up this spring full of enthusiasm and many new ideas. Kindness Hearts were created by students to resemble conversation hearts that were focused on kind words to give to others. These hearts have been displayed through the hallways as you enter the gymnasium. The focus leading up to Spring Break was on themes of friendship and empathy from the book *Wonder*. Students had the opportunity to focus on these themes which culminated with a building-wide showing of the movie "Wonder." The students were sent off into Spring Break with hopes to have a "Wonder-ful" vacation. As always, the hope is to create an atmosphere focused on kindness and genuine care and concern for ourselves, those around us, and our environment.

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." — Aesop



Universal Pre-Kindergarten

The Red Creek Central School District is inviting parents of preschoolers to register their children for the fall 2018 Universal Pre-Kindergarten program.

To be eligible for the UPK program this fall, a child must be four years old on or before December 1, 2018.

It is our intention to provide bus transportation for students who are 4 years old.

UPK registration papers are available on the school website or at the M.W. Cuyler Elementary Main Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Hal Thomas, M.W. Cuyler Interim Principal, at (315) 754-2100.

Building Good Readers

During the first three weeks in March, Pick a Reading Partner, otherwise known as P.A.R.P., delighted the students of Cuyler Elementary School. Students, staff, families, and friends have worked together to help "Build Good Readers." Students and partners agreed to read 15 minutes a night, 5 days a week for 3 weeks. Along with the nightly reading, the students enjoyed an opening and closing assembly, a door decorating contest, and a scavenger hunt. The highlight was Lego workshops presented by Bricks4Kidz. In the workshops the students worked with partners to follow directions to build moving Lego creations. The students did a great job!

Personalized Learning Connects to District Goals

Throughout this school year Red Creek has had a team of teachers and administrators attending training at Wayne-Finger Lakes BOCES on Personalized Learning with a national company, Education Elements. This year Red Creek has been focused on five district goals, the first four aligning with the Core 4 Elements of Personalized Learning:

Targeted Instruction - Purposefully group students based on interest, need, or skill level, and intentionally align instructional activities to learning targets.

Integrated Digital Content - Leverage digital content to develop 21st Century skills such as collaboration, problem solving, digital literacy, and critical thinking, and provide an individualized path for students.

Evidence Based Decisions - Frequently collect data to identify areas of strength and opportunities for growth, and target instruction to meet the needs of students.

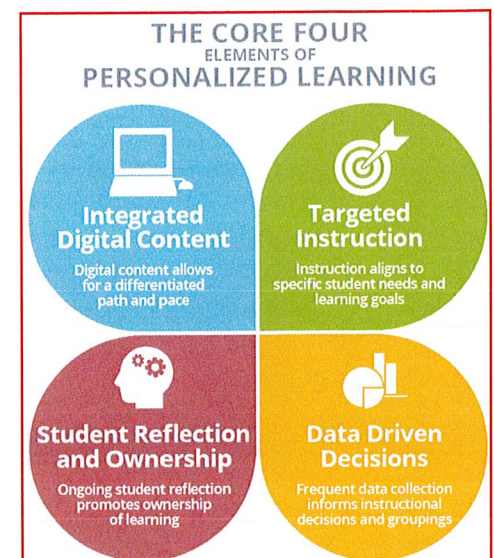
Student Reflection and Ownership - Frequently have students reflect on their own learning and identify action steps to achieve their goals.

Supporting Students' Social and Emotional Needs - Build strong, positive relationships with students and establish a safe space to help students grow socially and emotionally.

On the March 30th Conference Day, the six teachers who were part of the training and the Director of Curriculum, Michelle Robinette, presented a Personalized Learning Foundations Workshop showcasing what they have learned and implemented in their classrooms to the rest of the faculty. Videos of their classrooms in action were shown and the rest of the teachers discussed how they

are already working toward the district goals related to personalized learning using some of the strategies discussed or additional strategies they would like to implement in their classrooms.

Teachers will have the option of attending Design and Steps to Launch Workshops this summer to implement more personalized learning strategies into their instruction or receive these trainings in the 2018-19 school year on future Conference Days.



2018-2019 BUDGET



Red Creek Central School District 2018-2019 BUDGET & VOTER INFORMATION



On the Ballot:

PROPOSITION #1

Budget Approval

Voters of the Red Creek Central School District are requested to adopt a budget for the 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$21,610,000 in General Fund expenditures and to expend such funds as may be authorized by the Board of Education beginning July 1, 2018.

PROPOSITION #2

School Bus Purchase Approval

Voter approval is requested for the purchase and/or lease of two (2) 66-passenger school buses with diesel engines for a total amount not to exceed \$250,000. If purchased and/or leased, said buses will replace a 2008 diesel engine bus with over 163,000 miles and a 2009 diesel engine bus with over 140,000 miles. Eighty-five to ninety percent of the monies for such purchases will come from the State in the form of Transportation Aid.

PROPOSITION #3

Red Creek Free Library Proposition

The Board of Trustees of the Red Creek Free Library have requested voter approval authorizing the Board of Education to assess and levy upon the taxable property of the District the additional amount of \$7,000 for a total sum of \$44,500 annually. This proposition is separate and not related to the school budget.

Board of Education Membership Election

Three (3) vacancies on the Board of Education are up for election at this year's Annual Meeting/Election. They are for three year terms beginning on July 1, 2018 and ending on June 30, 2021. As per voter approval in May 1994, seats for the Board of Education are elected on an at-large basis. This means that if three seats are vacant, the top three vote getters out of all candidates will assume office. Three (3) candidates have filed a nominating petition for the three (3) vacancies: **William "Steven" Smith**, Main Street, Sterling; **incumbent Molly L. Goodwin**, West Bay Road, Sterling and **incumbent Kyle D. Meddaugh**, State Route 104A, Red Creek.

CANDIDATES

★ Vote for any three (3) ★

William "Steven" Smith	Three (3) vacant seats Three (3) ending June 30, 2021 *Denotes incumbent
Molly L. Goodwin *	
Kyle D. Meddaugh*	

The vacant seats will be filled by the three (3) highest vote getters (including write-ins).

Budgets Available

Line Item Composite Budgets will be available on May 1st, 2018 at the District Office, South Street Campus, Red Creek, New York. Stop by during regular business hours 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, or contact the Business Office at 315-754-2011.

Plan to attend!

2018-19 BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 7:00 PM

Red Creek High School Auditorium

QUESTIONS? Call 315-754-2010

Don't miss this important date! VOTING

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 Noon to 9 p.m.

Red Creek High School Main Foyer South St., Red Creek

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- ★ Citizen of the United States
 - ★ Eighteen (18) Years of Age or Over
 - ★ Resident of the School District for Thirty (30) Days
- Pre-Voter Registration Not Required

What you need to know:

WERE THERE ANY STAFF ADDITIONS OR REDUCTIONS IN THIS BUDGET?

There are no staff reductions included in the 2018-2019 budget. However, due to the needs of our students, the Board of Education authorized the addition of a Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) Coordinator and an Academic Intervention Service (AIS) Math teacher. More importantly, the Board added an additional \$100,000 to the budget to address safety and security. This could be in the form of a School Resource Officer (SRO), additional mental health services, or additional structural safety features.

WILL RED CREEK GET ADDITIONAL STATE AID IN THE 2018-19 SCHOOL YEAR?

Yes, Red Creek was fortunate to receive additional aid of approximately \$331,500 in the form of Foundation Aid (operation aid).

HOW MUCH IS THE PROJECTED TAX LEVY INCREASE FOR 2018-19?

In order to maintain all programs and address district needs in safety and support services, a 3% tax levy increase is proposed by the Board of Education for 2018-2019. This increase is within the tax cap law limits. Assuming no change in assessment or equalization rates, on average a person that paid \$1,000 in school taxes in 2017 will pay approximately \$33.00 more in 2018.

IS USING RESERVES TO SUPPORT THE BUDGET A GOOD IDEA?

Yes, however relying on reserves for extended years could eventually lead to financial distress. Over the years, the Board of Education has carefully funded the district's reserves and will use that same care when spending those reserves. The reserve fund balances will continue to be evaluated at the end of each year.

HOW ARE ELEMENTARY CLASS SIZES?

Elementary class sizes are consistent with previous years. The Board of Education is committed to keeping class sizes at what they believe is a manageable number based on enrollments and the makeup of said enrollment. As enrollment continuously changes, class sizes will be constantly monitored and adjusted as feasible.

HOW DOES THE CAPITAL BUILDING PROJECT IMPACT THE BUDGET?

There is no increase in taxes due to the financing plan for the project, which is funded by State Aid and District Reserve Funds. Red Creek building projects are highly aided by the State and we will also use New York State EXCEL Building Aid to pay for the project. The budget may be impacted by additional operating costs but will be offset by new energy efficiency upgrades included in the project.

Vote Day Activities Tues., May 15, 2018

ROTARY / CENTRALITE YEARBOOK CLUBS SPAGHETTI SUPPER
4:30 - 7:00 p.m. — *HS Cafeteria*

GRADES 4-5 CONCERT

7:00 p.m. — *HS Auditorium*

BUDGET VOTE

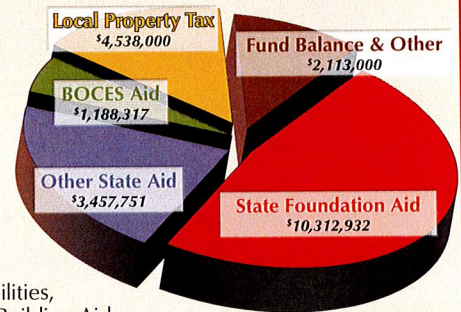
12:00 - 9:00 p.m. — *HS Foyer*

At a Glance:

2018-19 BUDGET REVENUES Where our money comes from:

Explanation of Revenues

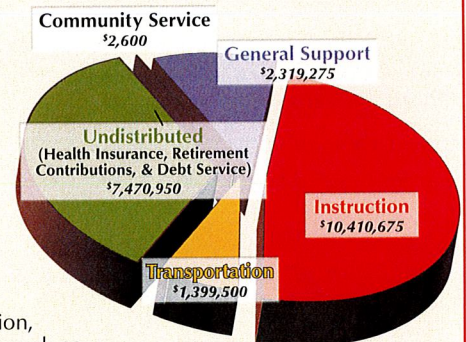
- The district will receive approximately \$331,500 more in Foundation Aid which is considered unrestricted operating aid.
- Students with Disabilities, Transportation, and Building Aid make up the major portion of the "Other State Aid" category and are paid by the State based on prior year expenditures.
- Major items in "Local Sources" include sales tax received from Wayne County, Interest and Earnings, and Appropriated Fund Balance from the prior year's budget.
- The district will increase the tax levy by 3.0% which is within the mandated tax cap.
- The district receives \$44,060 for every 1% increase on the tax levy and, as such, expects to receive an additional \$132,000 or 3.0% from taxes in the 2018-19 school year for a total levy of \$4,538,000.



2018-19 BUDGET EXPENDITURES Where our money goes:

Explanation of Major Expenses

- The budget for 2018-19 is \$21,610,000 which is an increase of \$387,000 or 1.82% from the current budget.
- The Instruction section, which includes items such as teacher salaries, classroom textbooks and supplies, programs for students with disabilities, and interscholastic athletics, accounts for 48.2% of the overall budget and has increased \$339,200 or 3.37% from the current year.
- The increase in instructional costs includes an additional \$100,000 for safety and security, and \$77,000 for the Math AIS position and the MTSS Coordinator, offset by savings from educating some of our special education students here in the District instead of sending them out to BOCES programs (the CTE Program).
- Inter-fund transfers have decreased due to a reduction in long-term debt service payments, but are offset by Bond Anticipation Note principal and interest payments due on the current capital project.
- The Undistributed section of the budget accounts for 34.3% of the overall budget and includes such things as group health insurance, employee retirement system contributions, and debt service.
- The undistributed section of the budget again includes a \$100,000 Transfer to the Capital Fund for minor improvements to school district buildings in the form of a Capital Outlay Project. It is important to note that approximately 90% of this expense will be returned to the district in the form of Building Aid in the following year.



2018-2019 BUDGET

2018-2019 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

The Numbers:

-----SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS-----

	ADOPTED BUDGET 2017-18	% TOTAL BUDGET 2017-18	PROPOSED * BUDGET 2018-19	% TOTAL BUDGET 2018-19
EXPENDITURES:				
General Support	\$ 2,214,875	10.4%	\$ 2,319,275	10.8%
Instruction	\$ 10,078,475	47.5%	\$ 10,417,675	48.2%
Transportation	\$ 1,369,150	6.5%	\$ 1,399,500	6.5%
Community Services	\$ 2,600	0.0%	\$ 2,600	0.0%
Undistributed	\$ 7,507,900	35.4%	\$ 7,420,950	34.3%
Planned Fund Balance	\$ 50,000	0.2%	\$ 50,000	0.2%
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 21,223,000	100.0%	\$ 21,610,000	100.0%

-----SUMMARY OF REVENUES-----

	ADOPTED BUDGET 2017-18	% TOTAL BUDGET 2017-18	PROPOSED * BUDGET 2018-19	% TOTAL BUDGET 2018-19
LOCAL SOURCES:				
Property Tax	\$ 4,406,000	20.8%	\$ 4,538,000 **	21.0%
Planned Balance	\$ 50,000	0.3%	\$ 50,000	0.2%
Sales Tax	\$ 146,000	0.7%	\$ 150,000	0.7%
Interest and Earnings	\$ 13,000	0.1%	\$ 13,000	0.1%
Rentals	\$ 24,000	0.1%	\$ 24,000	0.1%
Other Sources	\$ 392,000	1.8%	\$ 485,000	2.2%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 678,000	3.2%	\$ 678,000	3.2%
Reserves (Unemployment, Retirement, Bus Purchase, Liability)	\$ 262,000	1.2%	\$ 642,000	3.0%
SUB TOTAL	\$ 5,971,000	28.2%	\$ 6,580,000	30.5%
STATE SOURCES:				
Foundation Aid	\$ 10,087,530	47.5%	\$ 10,312,932	47.7%
Other State Aid	\$ 4,028,470	19.0%	\$ 3,457,751	16.0%
BOCES Aid	\$ 1,065,000	5.0%	\$ 1,188,317	5.5%
Textbook Aid	\$ 71,000	0.3%	\$ 71,000	0.3%
SUB TOTAL	\$ 15,252,000	71.8%	\$ 15,030,000	69.5%
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 21,223,000	100.0%	\$ 21,610,000	100.0%

* Estimate

** Estimated Tax Levy increase = 3%

Tax Rate on True Valuation

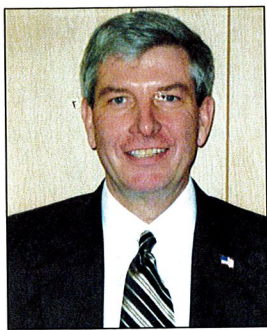
2017-18 Actual Tax Rate on True Value	\$14.17
2018-19 Tax Rate on True Value (Estimate based on 2017 assessments and equalization rates)	\$14.50 *

* The Tax Rate on True Valuation and the final Local Tax Levy will be determined in August 2018 or as soon as the certified tax rolls (assessments) and equalization rates (as set by the State) are finalized.

Absentee Ballot for School District Elections

Requests for absentee ballots to be mailed to the absentee voter must be received at the District Office on South Street, Red Creek, New York, at least seven (7) days in advance of the election on May 15, 2018. Requests for absentee ballots to be picked up personally by the absentee voter can be accepted until 5:00 PM, local time, the day before the vote on May 14, 2018.

Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.



Superintendent David Sholes

Message from the Superintendent

Last year I wrote about the terrific news of Red Creek High School being named a Blue Ribbon School nominee. I am pleased to report that we were selected to be a National Blue Ribbon School in November 2017 in the Exemplary High

Performing School category (see article on the front cover). Out of the 17 New York winners, Red Creek was the only high-need, rural district that won the award.

Congratulations are in order for the 65 seniors who will graduate on June 22, 2018. Our seniors are well prepared for college and/or careers and are ready to be successful in our society, as evidenced by our "Top 5" and their achievements throughout their school years.

Our budget for 2018-19 is sound and includes additions for safety, coordination of student services, and additional Mathematics help at the Middle School. Our State Aid increase, coupled with a 3% local property tax increase, will greatly enhance our services to students. The 3% property tax increase is within the Tax Cap law allowable amount.

Our Capital Project is now in full swing. Bids were favorable and well within our budget. There will be many distractions over the next 18-20 months in the form of construction and renovation, but when the work is completed in the fall of 2019, our facilities will be totally air-conditioned and up-to-date in many ways.

As you may or may not know, the Board of Education accepted my resignation for retirement. My last day in this marvelous district will be January 4, 2019. After 27 years here, with the last 19 being your Superintendent, it is time to move on to another chapter of my life. I am proud of the successes we have had during my tenure and believe the district is on sound footing. Our successes would not be possible without the community/parent support, student devotion, excellent teaching and support staff, and dedicated administrators that I have been fortunate enough to work with over the years. I will always have a special place in my heart for the Red Creek Central School District.

This year the Board of Education has three (3) open seats, all for three (3) year terms. Three candidates have filed petitions to run (see inside).

Along with the budget proposition is a proposition to purchase school buses, a proposition to provide additional funding to the Red Creek Library, as well as the election of the three Board of Education members. I urge you to attend the budget hearing on May 8, 2018 in the High School Auditorium at 7:00 p.m. Voting will take place on May 15, 2018 from 12:00 - 9:00 p.m. in the main foyer of the High School.

As always, thank you for your support, and if you have any questions, please contact me at (315) 754-2010 or dsholes@rccsd.org.

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VOTE DATE — TUESDAY, MAY 15, 12 - 9 P.M.

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