



"The Quote"

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May 2018

Special District Budget Edition

Quick Facts:

\$0.80 Estimated Tax Rate **decrease** per \$1,000 assessed value

0.52% Budget Increase

2.21% Tax Levy Increase, within allowable tax cap

In this newsletter you will find information on the annual district vote. Residents are asked to vote on three items: the 2018-19 district budget, the Renewal Project and three of the three residents running for seats on the Board of Education. Our polling place is once again at the St. Paul Blvd. Fire Department, just across the street from the high school.

Proposed 2018-19 District Budget: \$72,371,573

Budget objectives:

- Adjust for enrollment and balancing class sizes to support Tier 1 instruction and planning,
- Continue to increase our sophistication with Response to Intervention (RtI), especially as it relates to K-3 mathematics instruction,
- Prepare for increased technology integration in the classrooms, and
- Maintain a sustainable 3 to 5 year financial plan while staying within the Tax Levy Cap.

Our successful launch of 1:1 computers at Dake Junior High School this year means we will continue our instructional technology initiative as we move to 1:1 computers for all students in grades 4-10. Computers will be purchased through BOCES generating a 74% state aid reimbursement.

The budget includes \$100,000 to replace the boiler at the Sproule Field House. The boiler is reaching the point where repairs are not practical and financially prudent. This will result in long-term savings as we will receive \$80,000 back in state building aid in 2019-20 and will have reduced energy and maintenance costs.



The proposed tax levy increase is 2.21%, which meets our tax levy cap. Because the proposed budget falls within our tax levy cap, it requires a simple majority for passage.

The Renewal Project is detailed on pages 7 through 10. Note that no local taxes are needed to fund these renovations and improvements.

Information is also available on the district website at www.westirondequoit.org or by calling 585-336-3067. You can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter. We're West Irondequoit CSD. [W](#)

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Revenue and Expenses

Revenue	2017-18	2018-19 (estimate)	\$ Change	% Change	% of Budget
Local Property Tax	\$38,290,570	\$39,136,194	\$845,624	2.21%	54.08%
Foundation Aid	\$14,937,113	15,736,800	\$799,687	5.35%	21.74%
Expense Drive Aid	\$5,592,029	6,820,234	\$1,228,205	21.96%	9.42%
Building Aid	\$5,840,252	3,100,467	-\$2,739,785	-46.91%	4.28%
Sales Tax	\$3,050,000	3,150,000	\$100,000	3.28%	4.35%
Misc. Revenues	\$1,070,690	\$1,069,692	-\$998	-0.09%	1.48%
Fund Balance	\$2,594,608	\$2,754,923	\$160,315	6.18%	3.81%
Reserve: Unemployment	\$30,000	\$15,000	-\$15,000	-50.00%	0.02%
Reserve: Worker's Comp	\$60,000	\$0	-\$60,000	-100.00%	0.00%
Reserve: Retirement	\$532,087	\$588,263	\$56,176	10.56%	0.81%
TOTAL	\$71,997,349	\$72,371,573	\$374,224	0.52%	100%

Expenses	2017-18	2018-19 (proposed)	\$ Change	% Change	% of Budget
Central Services	\$3,977,676	\$3,663,961	-\$313,715	-7.89%	5.1%
Operations and Maintenance	\$5,552,452	\$5,926,238	\$373,786	6.73%	8.2%
Curriculum and Supervision	\$2,989,439	\$2,869,990	-\$119,449	-4.00%	4.0%
Instruction and Student Programs	\$34,218,639	\$35,304,854	\$1,086,215	3.17%	48.8%
Fuel and Contract Transportation	\$2,752,488	\$2,869,435	\$116,947	4.25%	4.0%
Debt Service (Mortgage)	\$4,987,900	\$2,620,405	-\$2,367,495	-47.46%	3.6%
Employee Benefits (Health, Retirement, FICA, Disability)	\$17,518,755	\$19,116,690	\$1,597,935	9.12%	26.4%
TOTAL	\$71,997,349	\$72,371,573	\$374,224	0.52%	100.0%

Proposed Tax Levy Increase: 2.21%

Projected Tax Levy \$39,136,194

Projected Rate per \$1000 Assessed Value \$27.92

Based on a \$100,000 Assessed Value Home

Monthly Decrease - No STAR \$6.67

Annual Decrease - No STAR \$80.00

STAR Savings

Basic \$879

Enhanced \$1,790

Due to the townwide property reassessment, the total assessed value of the district has increased.

What if the budget is not approved by voters?

A simple majority vote is required for the proposed budget to be approved, as the proposal meets the acceptable tax levy threshold for West Irondequoit with a 2.21% tax levy increase. The Board of Education could propose one more budget for voter approval, or it could elect to adopt a contingency budget. A contingency budget cannot contain a tax levy that is greater than the levy of the previous year. [22](#)

Proposed Expenditures

TOTAL BUDGET = \$72,371,573

Administrative Component

\$8,506,971 = 11.8% of Budget

Provides general support and management for the District

- Board of Education and superintendent's office
- Finance, Personnel and Public Information
- Technology infrastructure
- Legal services and liability insurance
- Auditing services
- Curriculum development
- Supervision of the schools by principals and assistant principals

Capital Component

\$10,119,365 = 14.0% of Budget

Maintaining the infrastructure and facilities for the District

- Upkeep of 134 acres of District property
- Maintenance of 10 schools and 7 additional buildings
- Utility bills (natural gas, electric, fuel, telephone)
- Refund of property tax claims
- Principal and interest payments on District debt for previous capital improvements

Program Component

\$53,745,237 = 74.3% of Budget

Provides instruction and support services to schools

- General education faculty and staff
- Special education faculty and staff
- Co-curricular and extra-curricular programs
- Transportation
- Health services
- Guidance counselors, social workers, psychologists
- School supplies, textbooks, library books, software, instructional computers

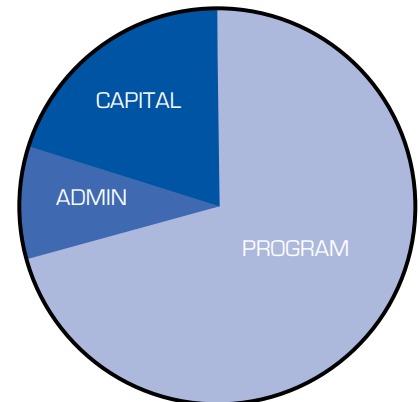
BUDGET DETAILS

Budget figures in greater detail are available at the District Office, 321 List Avenue, at each school building and at the Irondequoit Public Library, 1290 Titus Avenue. Budget information is also available on the district's Web site, www.westirondequoit.org.

Tax Levy

The amount of money needed to balance the budget between expenditures and all other revenue. It is the total amount of revenue raised through property taxes.

Proposed Expenditures



Board of Education Candidates

Three candidates are running for three seats on the Board of Education. The seven member board is made up of community volunteers who serve three-year terms.

Names will appear on the ballot in the following order as drawn by lottery.



Dr. Margaret (Meg) Callahan Steckley

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585-727-2508
margaret_steckley@westiron.monroe.edu

Family:

Phil Steckley (husband)
Claire Steckley (IHS—grade 9)
Maeve Steckley (Dake—grade 7)

Occupation:

Professor & Program Director,
Adolescence Education, Nazareth College

Education:

B.A., English, University of Notre Dame (with honors)
Ed.M, English Education, SUNY Buffalo
Ph.D., Education, SUNY Buffalo (Presidential Fellow)

Community Involvement:

- ROC Teen Summit Coordinator (Nazareth College & Rochester Area Schools)
- Founding Director, Genesee Valley Writing Project (University of Rochester)

- Founding Member, Rochester Participatory Educational Research Collaborative (East High School, Rochester City Schools)
- East High School Career Advisory Committee (Rochester City Schools)
- Coach, Odyssey of the Mind (Iroquois Middle School)
- Sports Day, Book Sale, Penny Carnival volunteer (Listwood Elementary)
- Vacation Bible School Instructor/Coordinator (Spiritus Christi Church)

Candidate Statement:

When my husband Phil and I bought our house in Irondequoit in 2002, we knew no one in the town. In the 16 years that we have lived here, we have grown to love this community, its residents, and the school district. I have been in the field of education for 25 years—as a teacher, researcher, and teacher educator—and I am a lifelong advocate for public schooling. These are challenging times in public education, and I have a good understanding of how recent policy and politics have shaped the state and national context. Over the past three years, I have been able to bring my experience and expertise in education to serve students, taxpayers, parents, and staff in the West Irondequoit School District. Because of my experience in the field of education, I have tried to be a voice for sustainable change and big picture goals. I would welcome the opportunity to continue serving our schools and community.



David G. Long

104 Lake Lea Rd.
585-474-7084
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Age: 39

Family:

Wife, Lindsey Long
Son, Benjamin – 4th grade at Iroquois
Son, Matthew – 2nd grade at Colebrook
Daughter, Erin – Pre-K at St. Kateri

Occupation:

Department Administrator, University of Rochester

Education:

MS in Business Administration, U of R (Simon School)
Master of Public Administration, The Ohio State University
BA, Political Science and Economics, The Ohio State University

Community Involvement:

- Town of Irondequoit's Conservation Board, Chairman
- Lakeside Neighborhood Association, President
- Board of Directors, Gilda's Club Rochester, Secretary

- Board of Directors, The Advocacy Center, Co-Chair of Development Committee
- Irondequoit Little League, Coach
- Rochester Business Journal's "40 Under Forty" award recipient
- Greater Rochester Parent Leadership Training Institute, 20-week seminar course and project completed

Candidate Statement:

As a member of the Board of Education, I will...

- Help to ensure our schools are top performing and well known as such.
- Engage and listen to all the stakeholders in our schools and community.
- Work to keep our schools safe and welcoming.
- Strive for the most efficient use of every dollar.
- Collaborate with my fellow board members to create consensus.

I am...

- A husband and father of three; the son of a career public school teacher.
- Proud to be in this community.

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- Honored for the opportunity to give my time and talents as a board member.
- A champion for West Irondequoit.

I believe...

- Every student matters. Every student is worth investment.
- Schools are at the heart of our community. They are places in

our neighborhoods where families meet, friends are made, and learning happens.

- Our teachers influence the lives of our students to a profound degree. Educators must be supported, invested in, and empowered.
- Strong schools bring value to our community.



Matthew Metras

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585-967-1710

Age: 37

Family:

Spouse: Jessica

Son: Jack (6), Kindergarten at Listwood

Occupation:

Owner / Enrolled Agent, MDM Financial Services

Education:

Bishop Kearney High School

RIT School of Film and Animation

Community Involvement:

- Street Captain Eagle Heights Neighborhood Association (former member of the Leadership Team)
- Listwood School Penny Carnival Planning Committee
- Volunteer web designer: Summerville Nursery School / Rochester Youth Culinary Experience

Candidate Statement:

As a financial professional, I understand the importance of not compromising the education and opportunities of our students, while still making sure our tax dollars are spent as efficiently as possible.

As the parent of a Kindergartener, I am dedicated to ensuring our district remains competitive and attractive to young families for years to come. I will advocate to ensure the needs of our children always come first.

As the spouse of a teacher, I recognize the challenges our educators face, including government mandated high stakes testing that does little to benefit the student.

As a local small business owner, I bring a unique perspective regarding the necessity of making difficult decisions when it comes to finances. I also appreciate the importance of giving back to the community where I live and work. We are all responsible for empowering our students to be strong members of our community.

As a board member, I will endeavor to continue to make West Irondequoit the best place to raise a family, continuing the tradition of producing exceptional graduates. 

Vote Date, Location and Parking

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, from 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

St. Paul Blvd. Fire Department

433 Cooper Road

This location provides residents with convenient and extensive parking. The firehouse is universally accessible. If you require handicapped parking or any form of assistance, please speak to one of our security workers.

The Board of Elections no longer provides mechanical voting machines. We will use paper ballots and the optical scanners you have used for other government elections.

The chicken barbecue will be held in its traditional location in front of Duke Junior High School. We invite you to stop by and support our junior and senior class parties! 



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-2019 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$71,997,349	\$72,371,573	\$71,525,949										
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$374,224	\$(471,400)										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.52 %	-0.65%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$38,290,570	\$39,136,194											
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable													
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **													
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy													
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$38,290,570	\$39,136,194	2.21%										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$	\$											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$38,291,570	\$39,136,194											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$38,290,570	\$39,136,194											
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$1,000	\$0											
Administrative Component	\$8,696,813	\$8,506,971	\$8,639,871										
Program Component	\$51,400,657	\$53,745,237	\$53,117,252										
Capital Component	\$11,899,879	\$10,119,365	\$9,768,826										
* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2018-19 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. Contingent budget will remove all non-contingent budget items (e.g. equipment), reduce the levy increase to 0% and meet the administrative cap requirement.													
** 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) <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th><th>Amount</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Capital Project ("Renewal") Proposition</td><td>\$9,625,382</td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> <tr> <td></td><td></td></tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	Capital Project ("Renewal") Proposition	\$9,625,382						
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NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$879

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the West Irondequoit school district, Monroe County, New York, will be held at St Paul Fire Hall in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

WEST IRONDEQUOIT SCHOOL DISTRICT

Renewal Project

On May 15, residents will be asked to vote for a capital project, the scope of which is detailed on the following pages. Proposed work includes renovations, repairs and improvements to maintain our properties. All of the work is taken from the district's Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan.



By the numbers:

The total cost of the project is \$9,625,382.

\$6,000,000 from our already established Capital Reserve Fund

\$3,625,382 State Building Aid

There would be no impact on the tax rate.

If the Renewal Project is approved, work will occur mainly during the summer of 2020 and be focused on the following major areas:

- Roofs (IHS, Seneca, Rogers and 45 Cooper Road)
- Flooring (carpets and gym floors)
- Playgrounds – all K-6 buildings
- Masonry and concrete repair/replacement at Iroquois, Dake and IHS
- Interior renovations – bathrooms and locker rooms at IHS, Dake, and Iroquois.
- LED Enhancements – Lighting at IHS and Dake. Message signs at Iroquois and Rogers.
- Security improvements at Dake entrance and hallways.

Project Timeline:

- May - September 2018 – Clark Patterson Lee develops detailed plans for State Education Department
- November 2018 – Submit plans to State Education Department
- July 2019 – Anticipated State Education Department approval (8 months)
- December 2019 – Bid process
- February - June 2020 – Shop drawings and mobilization
- July 2020 – Begin construction

Renewal Project

All K-3 Schools

- replace playground equipment
- interior work related to replacements and upgrades

In addition:

Seneca School

- replace chain link fence
- replace roof

Southlawn School

- new playground equipment to include items for students with disabilities

Iroquois Middle School

- replace roof over 4th grade wing
- replace roof over library
- resurface play area
- replace sidewalks on east side of building toward recreational area
- replace, repoint masonry walls/repair masonry
- replace counter tops and sinks throughout original portion of building
- renovate basement restrooms
- replace hallway carpets
- add LED message board outside

Rogers Middle School

- install hard surface play area
- replace roof over mechanical room and gym
- replace cove base tiles and wall in gym
- replace carpet in hallways and classrooms
- asbestos abatement in basement as needed
- add LED message board outside



Dake Junior High School

- renovations to increase security
- complete LED lighting conversion
- replace obsolete electric panels
- renovate gym (floor, wall pads, scoreboard, backboard)
- replace electric distribution panel in boiler room
- replace/modernize concrete area between Dake and high school
- repoint masonry walls/repair masonry
- add and renovate bathrooms
- renovate locker room,
- replace carpet in hallways and classrooms
- install generator and associated electric wiring



Irondequoit High School

- replace public address system
- replace gym floor and backboards
- replace roofs
- renovate locker rooms
- construct athletic equipment storage building
- install mat lift and storage system in gym
- install acoustic isolated music wall
- replace obsolete electric panels
- replace pool heat exchanger (original equipment from old pool)
- repoint masonry walls/repair masonry
- LED lighting conversion
- replace carpet in hallways and classrooms
- add and renovate bathrooms
- install generator transfer switch

45 Cooper Road

- replace roof over original part of building
- install generator and associated wiring

Sproule Field House

- replace floor and bleachers
- reconfigure fields for three softball fields



Obsolete electrical panels

FAQs

Why is West Irondequoit holding a Capital Project vote at this time?

The District Facilities Committee meets regularly to review and evaluate our buildings. With the assistance of our architectural firm, Clark Patterson Lee, the committee has planned the Renewal Project. Due to the lengthy NYS Education Department approval and bid process, most of the work will be done during the summer of 2020, two years from now.

What is the total cost of this project?

The total cost of the project is \$9,625,382.

How will we fund the project?

The district will use \$6,000,000 from our already established Capital Reserve Fund and \$3,625,382 will be covered by State Building Aid.

What will be the impact on the taxpayers?

Because the project will be funded through the Capital Reserve Fund and State Building Aid, there will be no increase in the tax rate. The project will not increase your tax bill.

Why can't the money in the Capital Reserve Fund be used to lower the tax rate?

By law, money in the Capital Reserve Fund can only be used for capital projects. Remember, voters approved establishment of the Capital Reserve Fund in 2016. Voters must approve any expenditures from the fund.

The project includes replacement of playground equipment. Is this necessary?

Playground equipment at our elementary schools was installed primarily between 2002 and 2004 and has reached end of its lifespan. Recent inspections have identified wear and tear issues such as deteriorated plastic coatings, and some replacement parts are no longer available. New playground equipment will be ADA compliant. Our playgrounds are not only used by our students during recess but by community members.

In light of recent national events, school security is a concern.

Do any of the projects address security improvements?

Plans call for a redesigned entryway at Dake Junior High School and replacement of hallway doors at Dake to improve security. We are studying improvements in other buildings, but any work will not be a part of the Renewal Project.

Does the project add additional space to our schools?

The project focuses on renewing and maintaining facilities rather adding new space. An exception is the construction of an athletic equipment storage building to be located to the south of the bleachers at the Gordon Allen Field (turf field).

It seems like every Capital Project includes some roof replacement.

We do own a lot of roofs! The repairs become necessary as roofs age out of warranty and in some cases, begin to leak. (There are leaks in the technology and counseling areas at the high school.) Note that at Iroquois, Rogers and 45 Cooper Road we are replacing a portion of the roof.

Will the work affect the use of our buildings or our educational program?

The majority of the work will occur during the summers. Our past practice is to schedule work so that it has the least amount of impact on students.

West Irondequoit Schools Are Community Schools!

The Fitness Center at Irondequoit High School

is open to West Irondequoit residents

Fitness Center Hours:

Thursday, Friday / 5:00-6:00 a.m.

Monday / 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday / 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thursday / 7:00-8:00 p.m.



Equipment includes: free weights, treadmills, ellipticals, stationary bikes, step machines, and additional upper and lower body strengthening equipment

There is no charge for current IHS students w/ID.

All other adults - \$3 per visit. Visitors may also preregister and purchase a 1-month pass for \$10.

The facility will be supervised at all times, but personal training services are not available. The center is located on the first floor of Irondequoit High School and is most easily accessed from entrance #3 at the north end of the building.

Hours may vary by season, check <http://bit.ly/244z4PG>

WICSD Senior Citizen Gold Card Program

West Irondequoit residents who are 62 years old or better are invited to join our Gold Card Program. The card is free of charge and entitles holders to:

- Discounted fees for select Community Education courses
- The opportunity to participate in the Senior Lap Swim Program at a discounted rate
- A special invitation and free admission to select student theater performances
- A special invitation to our Senior Citizen Dinner Theater
- A special invitation and free tickets for Senior Citizen Fun Night, sponsored by the Irondequoit High School Student Council
- Free admission to regular season home sports events

Please call the Public Information Office at 336-3067 with questions about school events or the Community Education office at 336-3014 with questions concerning adult classes and opportunities.



For a complete list of aquatic programs, visit <http://bit.ly/WICSDaquatics> or call the Aquatic Office at 336-0621.

Student Achievement Data

Information regarding the New York State Report Card containing Profile, Assessment, and Accountability Data is available at <http://bit.ly/2pLb2ve>

A link to this document is provided on our website at www.westirondequoit.org. Click on District, then on NYS Report Card. A hard copy of the report is available from the District Office at 321 List Avenue, 336-3067.

Non-discrimination Notice

The West Irondequoit Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of an individual's actual or perceived race, color, weight, national origin, ethnic group, religion, disability, age, sex, sexual orientation or gender identity, political affiliation, familial status, military status, veteran status, domestic violence victim status, arrest or conviction record (except as permitted by law), genetic information or any other basis prohibited by New York State and/or federal non-discrimination laws in its programs and activities. In addition, it provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated patriotic youth groups.

Stay Connected with West Irondequoit

We urge families to utilize all of the various methods we provide to stay connected to their child's school. In addition to the district website and school newsletters, we invite you to make the most of the following initiatives:

Infinite Campus Parent/Student Portal

Infinite Campus is our school management system. Parents of students in all grades can create an account that allows them to view schedules, attendance, grades, and teacher contact information. (Exact information varies by grade.) High school and junior high students all have accounts to view their own information. Login credentials are available from school main offices, parents must present ID to obtain them. If you registered in a previous year, your account is still active.

Report cards are now available for all students through the portal. Paper report cards may be mailed to families by request.

E-news

E-news allows us to send e-mail messages to parents telling of an event that occurred at school, or reminders and information regarding upcoming activities, deadlines and opportunities for students and parents. We continue to send home printed newsletters and letters, but e-news allows us to send messages to you quickly at home or at work. Register by sending an e-mail to your child's school. Be sure to include your name, and the names and grades of your children. This allows us to send you grade specific information.

Broadcast Call System

We use a system provided by Blackboard Connect to contact parents when we need to send out information immediately. Phone numbers are pulled from Infinite Campus using a secure system, please be sure that we have your most up-to-date home, work and cell phone numbers. The system will leave a voicemail message if you do not answer the phone. ☎



Follow us on Social Media

Stay connected with Twitter, Instagram & Facebook

Follow **Irondequoit High School** on:

 Irondequoit HS
 Irondequoit HS Art



Follow **Dake Junior High School** on:

 Dake Junior High School



Follow our **DISTRICT** on:

 West Irondequoit CSD
 West Irondequoit CSD



Follow **ATHLETICS** on:

 WIEagles
 WIEagles

Follow **HELMER NATURE CENTER** on:

 Helmer Nature Center

Follow the **WEST IRONDEQUOIT FOUNDATION** on:

 West Irondequoit Foundation
 WIFoundation

The Safe School Helpline®

TELL US ABOUT IT!

Let us know ANONYMOUSLY when you know of anything that threatens the safety of our schools.

Anyone can call: Parents, Students, Staff

800-4-1-VOICE ext. 359 / 800-418-6423 ext. 359

web: www.safeschoolhelpline.com

text: 66746, then type TIPS

facebook.com/safeschoolhelpline

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For a drug-free community

Drug Free Irondequoit (D-Fi) is a grass roots coalition that was formed in 2016 to create systemic change in order to build a safe, healthy, and drug free community.

We invite you to check out the D-Fi website to become informed, learn of local events, and view available resources: www.dfitogether.org. 

Equal Access for All Students

Each student attending West Irondequoit programs shall have equal access to educational opportunities and will not be excluded or prevented from participating in or having admittance to the educational courses, programs or activities, school services, and extracurricular events on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, creed, religion, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, weight, marital status, military status, veteran status, disability, or use of a recognized guide dog, hearing dog or service dog. (West Irondequoit CSD Policy 8140) 

Child Abuse Hotline

The NYS Office of Child and Family Services operates a toll-free telephone number to receive reports of child abuse or neglect. The number is 1-800-342-3720.

The Office of Child and Family Services website can be accessed here:
<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/faqs.asp>

La Oficina de Servicios para Niños y Familias del Estado de Nueva York opera un número de teléfono gratuito para recibir informes de abuso o negligencia infantil. El número es 1-800-342-3720.

La Oficina de Servicios para Niños y Familias sitio web se puede acceder aquí:
<http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/cps/faqs.asp> 



Public Internet Access

is now available in most large areas of our buildings and at the Gordon Allen Field.

Look for WIGUEST
Username: wicsd
Password: goeagles

Access is available:

- After 3 p.m.
Monday-Friday
- All day/night
Saturday & Sunday

Please note that access is filtered at a student level. 

Current Snapshot of West Irondequoit Schools

“Public schools in Monroe County are recognized nationally for rigorous programs in the arts, sciences, music and athletics.” West Irondequoit is one of five districts that consistently rank high for academic performance.

2018 Explore Greater Rochester guide, published by the Rochester Business Journal

<u>Top 7</u>	Rochester Area School Districts (of 67 area districts) - Business First magazine
<u>92%</u>	Graduation Rate (Total 2013 West Irondequoit Cohort/Class of 2017) <u>98%</u> Regents Diplomas Awarded (5 Regents Courses/Exams) <u>71%</u> Advanced Regents Diplomas Awarded (9 Regents Courses/Exams)
<u>93%</u>	of Class of 2017 graduates accessed college coursework during their high school career
<u>20</u>	Advanced Placement Courses offered <u>70%</u> Mastery 2017 (College Credit Possible) <u>593</u> AP Tests Written 2017 IHS was recognized as one of America's Most Challenging High Schools for 2016 in the National ranking by the Washington Post.
<u>Top 7</u>	Dake Junior High Academic Rating (of 95 area Middle/Jr. High Schools–Business First magazine)
<u>3</u>	of 8 elementary schools are in top 10 of 161 area elementary schools rated by Business First
<u>Top 5</u>	Monroe County Schools Mastery Rate 2017 ELA and Math Gr. 3-8
<u>Top 4</u>	Monroe County Schools 2017 Proficiency Rate Math & ELA Exam combined Gr. 3-8
<u>6</u>	Neighborhood K-3 Buildings (average student enrollment of 171)
<u>5</u>	World Languages ... French, German, Italian, Spanish IHS offers Turkish as the world language elective this year.
<u>15</u>	Art Courses Offered (Grades 9-12)
<u>5</u>	Project Lead The Way/Engineering Courses Offered (initiated 1997)
<u>4</u>	Major Dramatic Presentations per Year (Grades 7-12)
<u>Recognized</u>	One of “Best Communities for Music Education in America” (17 of 19 Past Years)
<u>10</u>	Participants in International Model U.N. at The Hague (since 1990)
<u>7</u>	Students qualify to compete in International Career Development Conference
<u>20 Teams</u>	in Odyssey of the Mind Competition
<u>PTSA</u>	Supportive partnerships in all 10 school buildings.
<u>Ninth</u>	Consecutive Year - a WISE BLUE-STAR High School for Student Financial Literacy
<u>Numerous</u>	Scholar/Athlete, Sportsmanship and Sectional Recognitions
<u>First</u>	District Based Nature Center in Monroe County (Helmer Nature Center)
<u>\$250,000</u>	Three-year total donation to STEM education by West Irondequoit Foundation and Farash Grants
<u>All</u>	District Facilities Rebuilt or Renovated 1999-2009 (Fixed Rate Mortgage Thru 2018)
<u>Full Day K</u>	Began in September 2016 - Promise Project approved by voters in May 2014
<u>Under 2%</u>	10 Year Average Tax Levy Increase (1.83% 2009-10 to 2018-19)

We believe that each child ... belongs to all of us.

April 2018

West Irondequoit CSD 2018-19 School Calendar



Faculty Orientation/Supt. Workshop Day



First Day for Students



Holiday/Recess



Local/Regents Exams



Regents Rating Day



Conference Days

July

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
2	3	4	5	6
9	10	11	12	13
16	17	18	19	20
23	24	25	26	27
30	31			

August

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
		1	2	3
6	7	8	9	10
13	14	15	16	17
20	21	22	23	24
27	28	29	30	31

September

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28

October

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30	31		

November

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
			1	2
5	6	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

December

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3	4	5	6	7
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
31				

January

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
	1	2	3	4
7	8	9	10	11
14	15	16	17	18
21	22	23	24	25
28	29	30	31	

February

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	

March

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
				1
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15
18	19	20	21	22
25	26	27	28	29

April

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1	2	3	4	5
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
22	23	24	25	26
29	30			

May

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
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June

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Sept. 3	Labor Day – No School
Sept. 4	Faculty Orientation/Supt. Workshop Day
Sept. 5	Superintendent Workshop Day
Sept. 6	School Opens – Grades K - 12
Oct. 8	Columbus Day – No School
Nov. 12	Veterans Day – No School
Nov. 14	Gr. K-4 Full-day Conf. – No School K-4
Nov. 21-23	Thanksgiving Recess – No School
Dec. 24-31	Holiday Recess – No School
Jan. 1	Holiday Recess – No School
Jan. 2	School Resumes
Jan. 21	Martin Luther King Day – No School
Jan. 22-25	IHS Local/Regents Exams
Feb. 18-22	Winter Recess - No School
Apr. 15-19	Spring Recess – No School
Apr. 24	Gr. K-4 Half-Day Release for Conferences
May 21	Annual Budget Vote/Election
May 24-27	Memorial Day Recess – No School
June 3	Regents Exams
June 18-26	Local/Regents Exams
June 16	Graduation
June 24	Last Day of School for Grades K-6
June 26	Regents Rating Day – Last K-12 Faculty Day

Faculty Days 187 Student Days 185



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DISTRICT VOTE: MAY 15

Tune in to Irondequoit TV

A video of a presentation of the proposed budget is available on our website and will air on ICAT at the following times:

Monday @ 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday @ 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday @ 1:00 p.m.
Thursday @ 6:00 p.m.
Friday @ 9:00 p.m.



VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

You are eligible to vote if you are a U.S. citizen; you have lived in the West Irondequoit School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote; you are at least 18 years of age by the day of the vote.

The West Irondequoit Board of Education requires **proof of residency at the polls**. Examples include a driver's license or other documentation proving residence in West Irondequoit. [W](#)

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

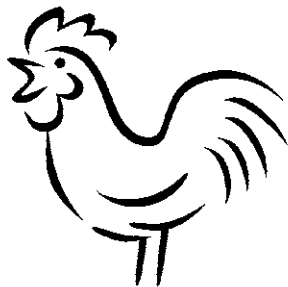
West Irondequoit residents, who qualify, can vote on the annual budget and board election by absentee ballot. Residents unable to vote in person because of disabilities, illness, travel or other valid reasons listed under election law, may request an application for an absentee ballot in person weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. from District Clerk Patricia Kelly, District Office, 321 List Avenue, Rochester, NY 14617. The application is also available on the district website at www.westirondequoit.org. Completed applications must be received in the district clerk's office at least 7 days before the vote (May 8) if ballot is to be mailed, or by 4:30 p.m. the day prior to the vote (May 14) if ballot is to be delivered in person. Absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 15. [W](#)

Chicken Barbecue

VOTE DAY – May 15 – 3:30 until gone
Central Campus – Between Dake and IHS

\$12 dinner includes:

- Quarter chicken
- Pulled pork
- Two homemade sides
- Fresh baked cornbread



Catering provided by
Sticky Lips BBQ. Proceeds benefit
the Junior and Senior Class
Substance Free Parties. [W](#)