

The Grand Island Central School District BRIDGE

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The Community Newsletter for the Grand Island Central School District

VOTE

**Grand Island Schools
2018-2019
Budget/Trustee Vote
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
8 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

Grand Island High School Gym
1100 Ransom Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Find Out More

Copies of the District's proposed budget will be available at any of the District's five schools, the Grand Island Public Library and in the District Office as of May 1, 2018.

Please contact your district with questions about the budget development process. Visit the district website at www.grandislandschools.org for more information.

Voter Registration Information

Poll books will be used during this vote/election. If you have not registered for the primary or general election, please do so now. If you are not registered in advance, you will be required to register on vote/election day.

Message From Your Superintendent

Dear Grand Island Families and Community:

Over the last two years, I have been continuously impressed with our incredible school system and the wonderful opportunities available for all of our students. I have also been impressed with our Board of Education and their commitment to the budget planning process. Each board member has been actively involved in the development of the budget, asking thoughtful questions and reviewing all aspects of our expenditures as well as anticipated revenues.

As a result of the extensive planning, analysis and future projections, the Grand Island Central School District is committed to providing our families and community with the necessary budget information to make an informed decision on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Our proposed budget balances the needs of both the taxpayers of the Grand Island School Community and our students through the development of a fiscally responsible budget designed to provide our students with the best diversified educational program.

The proposed 2018-19 school budget is \$157,309 less than the 2017-18 budget. The 2018-19 budget total is \$62,481,712. This budget will result in a tax increase for Grand Island homeowners of 1.02%, which is within the state's tax levy cap limit. The school tax bill on a \$180,000 home, with a basic STAR assessment reduction, will increase by \$29.25.

This fiscal plan upholds the goals of the Board of Education and maintains our current elementary class sizes; continues the implementation of our regular instructional program; maintains current transportation services; enhances our student support programs, improves upon a safe and secure campus and provides exceptional literacy support in our elementary schools. Furthermore, it maintains the current interscholastic athletic and co-curricular programs and appropriates well-planned reserves to address potential future reductions in federal and state aid, while still considering the District's fiscal future.

Please take the time to read our newsletter before going to vote on May 15. You may also wish to review our Budget presentation, which can be accessed on our website at www.grandislandschools.org. Your consideration of the 2018-19 school budget is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Brian Graham, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



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The annual Community Perception Survey will be available at the budget vote. Please consider taking a few moments to provide us with your valuable feedback and input on our district. The survey will also be available on the district website May 14-25.

The Grand Island Board of Education supports this budget and encourages residents to call with questions or attend the regularly scheduled meetings. For further information call 773-8805 or visit www.grandislandschools.org.

Ballot Information

Proposition No. 1

Shall the Board of Education of the Grand Island Central School District appropriate the sum of \$62,481,712 for the 2018-19 school budget as published?

YES NO

Proposition No. 2

RESOLVED: (a) That the Board of Education of the Grand Island Central School District, in the County of Erie, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to acquire various school buses and vehicles, and to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$650,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$650,000 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that the District is authorized to issue serial bonds to finance all or part of said cost, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) that, in lieu of bonds, the District is authorized to enter into one or more installment purchase contracts for the purchase of some or all of said buses and vehicles, for a term of not to exceed five (5) years; and a tax is hereby voted to pay each installment on any such contract.

YES NO

Board of Education Election

Elect three (3) members to the Board of Education.

1. Robin McCreary
2. Glenn Bobeck
3. Joy LaMarca

Budget Public Hearing

Monday, May 7, 2018

7 p.m.

Grand Island High School

Professional Development Room

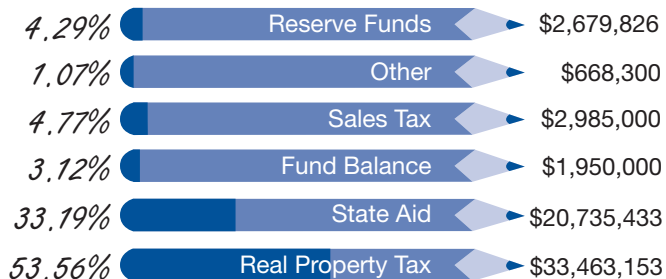
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2018-2019 Budget Proposal at a Glance

	2017-2018	2018-2019	\$ Change	% Change
ADMINISTRATION - 9% Consists of these examples and others: Daily operating activities which indirectly provide a benefit to students and staff.	\$5,191,360	\$5,546,224	\$354,864	6.84%
PROGRAM - 71% Consists of these examples and others: Activities which directly benefit students.	\$45,463,773	\$44,519,638	-\$944,135	-2.08%
CAPITAL - 20% Consists of these examples and others: Activities involving maintenance and up-keep of district buildings.	\$11,983,888	\$12,415,850	\$431,962	3.60%
TOTAL	\$62,639,021	\$62,481,712	-\$157,309	-0.25%

Where Does School Funding Come From?



Total Budget \$62,481,712

What are some of the items included in the 2018-2019 proposed budget?

- Maintains our current elementary class sizes
- Continues the implementation of our regular instructional program
- Maintains current transportation services
- Enhances our student support programs
- Improves upon a safe and secure campus
- Provides exceptional literacy support in our elementary schools
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2018-2019 Tax Information

	2017-2018 Actual	2018-2019 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Full Assessed Value *	\$1,709,737,388	\$1,709,737,388	\$0	0%
Tax Levy	\$33,126,393	\$33,463,153	\$336,760	1.02%
Full Value Tax Rate	\$19.375135	\$19.572101	\$0.196966	1.01%

Full Assessed Value*

The 2018-2019 proposed tax rate is based on estimated full value assessment. Final assessment values for calculation of the 2018-2019 tax rate are not available at this time.

Tax Levy

The tax levy is the total amount of property taxes a school district must collect to balance its budget, after accounting for all other revenue sources including state aid. The tax levy is the basis for determining the tax rate for each of the cities, towns or villages that make up a school district.

Full Value Tax Rate

Tax rate is determined by your property's assessed value divided by 1,000, and multiplied by the full value tax rate. This rate is established using the Town of Grand Island Full Assessed Value (which will be established in July 2018).

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Contingent Budget Information

	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	Contingency Budget 2018-2019
Total Budget	\$62,481,712	\$62,144,952
Budget Increase/Decrease	-\$157,309	-\$494,069
% Increase/Decrease	-0.25%	-0.79%
Change in Consumer Price Index	2.13%	2.13%

What happens if the proposed budget is not approved?

If a proposed budget is defeated by voters, a school district - as in the past - has two options: to put the same or a revised budget up for a revote, or to adopt a contingent budget. If a proposed budget is defeated twice by voters, a district must adopt a contingent budget.

Does the law make any changes to the requirements for a contingent budget?

Certain existing contingent budget requirements remain in effect which prohibit spending in specific areas including community use of buildings, elimination of all proposed increases in staff, prohibit purchasing of new equipment (i.e. buses) and prevent any member of a bargaining unit which does not have a contract beyond June 30, 2018 from having an increase in salary in 2018-2019.

However, under the new law, a district that adopts a contingent budget may not increase its current tax levy by any amount which would impose, in effect, a zero percent cap. Districts will not be allowed to increase the tax levy to the extent needed to fund expenditures excluded from the tax cap (no growth factor, nor capital, court order/judgements, or pension expenditures.).

Highlighting Our Successes

Sidway Elementary School - Our Early Childhood Center houses the youngest students in the district. With two sections of UPK, Sidway provides programming for students PK-1. Each classroom is home to either a Smart board or an Interactive TV for group lessons. The technology is interactive and engages students in cutting edge learning in all subjects. Each classroom also houses a set of iPads for student use during small group and independent work time.

Huth Road Elementary School - Huth Road was one of 15 schools in NYS recognized as National PTA Schools of Excellence 2016-2018. Our faculty, staff, parents and students build strong, effective family-school partnerships. Our students' NYSED outcomes rose 15% last year, twice as much as the state average. One reason for the growth is the collaborative efforts of teachers and families under the guidance of our Shared Decision Making Team.

Kaegebein Elementary School - Our school continues to host the District's English as a New Language (ENL) students. We are one of the founding members of the Buffalo State Professional Development Consortium. We continue to support the Growth Mindset initiative and this year we implemented "Kindness is My Superpower". Our music teachers hosted the second annual Chamber Music Recital as well as "It's A Small World" musical. Our Garden Club participated in the Grand Island Garden Walk and we launched our first monarch butterfly from the pollinator garden. Kaegebein staff participated in the Light Up the Boulevard parade and helped raise money for the Grand Island room at the Oishei Children's Hospital of Buffalo.

Veronica E. Connor Middle School - The mission of our school is to provide engaging instruction focused on learning, in a safe environment, where everyone matters. We have a number of Teacher Action Committees that are committed to improving our school in many different ways from providing after school homework help, the Kids for Kids Club, F.A.C.E.S (Finding a Connection Among Every Student) to implementing a new "Makerspace" Club with the help of our school librarian, among so much more.

Grand Island High School - In September, the technology and business departments will offer new electives in robotics, CAD 3, and travel and tourism as part of our revised high school CTE curriculum. Robotics and CAD 3 will further advance engineering topics. Travel and tourism is accredited for three SUNY credits through ECC.

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Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$62,639,021	\$62,481,712	\$62,144,952
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-2019 School Year		-\$157,309	-\$494,069
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		-.025 %	-0.79%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$33,126,393	\$33,463,153	
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)	\$33,126,393	\$33,463,153	\$33,126,393
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,430,146	\$915,375	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$33,126,560	\$33,463,196	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$31,696,247	\$32,547,778	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval)	\$1,430,313	915,418	
Administrative Component	\$5,191,360	\$5,546,224	\$5,130,969
Program Component	\$45,463,773	\$44,519,638	\$44,598,133
Capital Component	\$11,983,888	\$12,415,850	\$12,415,850

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: The contingent budget is calculated using the NYS Contingent budget formula which excludes non-contingent budget items. In addition, a contingency budget would require the district to charge for the use of its facilities.

Separate Proposition for Vehicle Purchase

Description	Amount
Vehicle Purchase	\$650,000

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$593

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-2019 by the qualified voters of the Grand Island Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at the High School in said District on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 8:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the High School Gymnasium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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