

LEGAL NOTICE
West Valley Central School District
5359 School Street
West Valley, New York 14171

NOTICE OF ANNUAL BUDGET HEARING AND VOTING DATE

BUDGET HEARING: May 9, 2023, WVCS Auditorium 6:30 P.M. EDT
ANNUAL VOTE: May 16, 2023, WVCS Gymnasium, 12:00 noon to 9:00 P.M.

2023-2024 School Budget
65-Passenger Bus funded by the Transportation Reserve Fund
Board Members Election

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual Budget Hearing (the “Budget Hearing”) on the proposed 2023-2024 budget for the West Valley Central School District (the “District”), will be held on Tuesday evening, May 9, 2023, at 6:30 P.M. EDT in the WVCS Auditorium, at 5359 School Street, West Valley, New York.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual District Vote (the “Annual Vote”) will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 12:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. EDT in the WVCS Gymnasium for the purposes of voting on the budget, 65-Passenger Bus funded by the Transportation Reserve Fund, and the election of three (3) members of the Board of Education of the District (the “Board”).

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that copies of the proposed 2023-2024 budget and the propositions will be available in the District’s Main Office, at 5359 School Street, West Valley, New York, beginning May 2, 2023, through May 16, 2023, upon request, to District residents during normal school hours (8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. EDT) Monday through Friday, except on holidays. Copies will also be available through the May issue of the School Newsletter, at the Budget Hearing and at the Annual Vote.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the voting to be conducted at the Annual Meeting and Vote will consist of voting on the following three propositions, as well as any other matters as may be lawfully presented at the meeting:

PROPOSITION NO. 1
PROPOSED 2023-2024 BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for the West Valley Central School District (the “District”) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

PROPOSITION NO. 2
**PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUS (AND RELATED EQUIPMENT) FOR THE
TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM (USING MONIES ALREADY ON HAND IN THE
TRANSPORTEATION RESERVE FUND).**

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the “Board”) of the West Valley Central School District, Cattaraugus County, New York (the “District”) be, and it hereby is, authorized to purchase for the use in the transportation program of the district, a 65-passenger Conventional Front-Engine Bus, (and related equipment) at a maximum estimated cost of \$167,000 by utilizing that amount of funds currently on hand in the District’s Transportation Reserve Fund, without therefore needing to borrow.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that an election for members of the Board shall be held to fill three (3) positions on the Board consisting of the following: a five-year term (resulting from the expiration of the term, which seat is currently held by Michael Harmony), a five-year term (resulting from the expiration of the term, which seat is currently held by Gary Niesyty) and four (4) years left of a five-year term, expiring June 30, 2027 (resulting from the resignation of Carla Heitman, seat is currently held by a Board appointee, George Kazmierczak until election May 16, 2023) Each position will be awarded to the candidate with the highest vote total for that position. The five-year term runs from July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2028. Candidates who are elected to the seats created by vacancies are eligible to take office immediately after the election.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Education of this District will have prepared and completed a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money which will be required during the 2023-2024 fiscal year for school purposes, specifying the several purposes and amount for each. The amount for each purpose estimated necessary for payments to Boards of Cooperative Educational Services shall be shown in full, with no deduction of estimated state aid. The amount of state aid provided and its percentage relationship to the total expenditure shall also be shown. Such statement shall be completed at least seven days before the budget hearing at which it is to be presented and copies thereof shall be prepared and made available, upon request, to residents within the District during the period of seven days before the budget hearing and/or fourteen days immediately preceding the annual meeting and election, and may be obtained by any resident in the District at each school house in the District in which school is maintained during the hours of 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. EDT on and after May 2, 2023, excluding Saturdays, Sundays or holidays, in the District Office or on our website at www.wvalley.org.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that all candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education shall be nominated by petition. The petitions are for a specific seat. All petitions shall be directed to the District Clerk, signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District or 2% of the voters from the 2022 election, whichever is higher, shall state the name and residence of the candidate, and shall describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated, including the name of the incumbent and the length of the term of office to be filled. All petitions must be filed in the office of the Clerk of the District between the hours from 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Signed petitions must be filed in the office of the District Clerk (in the Main Office) by 5:00 P.M. EDT on April 17, 2023.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that military voters who are qualified voters of the District may apply for a military ballot by requesting an application from the District Clerk. For a military voter to be issued a military ballot, the District Clerk must have received a valid ballot application by not later than 5:00 P.M. on April 21, 2023. In a request for a military ballot application or ballot, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application or ballot by mail, facsimile transmission, or electronic mail.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M. EDT, except Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Completed applications to request absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or on the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 P.M. EDT on May 16, 2023. A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots shall have been issued will be available in the Office of the Clerk of the District, where it shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the district between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. EDT until the day set for voting except for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays and said list will be posted at the polling place at the election.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the district is closely monitoring all current and future legal developments as they pertain to District elections and budget votes. Due to the ongoing COVID-19 health pandemic, the deadlines and procedures stated herein may change as required by law or consistent with further state guidance. All District residents are encouraged to closely monitor the district website at www.wvalley.wnyric.org for the most up-to-date information concerning the district's annual vote.

Dated: March 31, 2023

Carolyn Boberg, District Clerk
West Valley Central School District
Cattaraugus County