

PROPOSITIONS

Budget Proposal

Shall the Board of Education of the West Genesee Central School District at Camillus be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$85,216,870 for the fiscal year 2017-18 and to levy the necessary tax for the local contribution thereto?

- The proposed 2017-18 budget requires an estimated 2.15% tax levy increase which is within the calculated tax cap.

Proposition #1 - School Bus/Snow Plow Purchase

Shall the Board of Education purchase and, at the option of the Board, finance nine (9) school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$1,110,305, and one (1) 2018 International Snow Plow at an estimated cost not to exceed \$195,000 including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other necessary costs incidental thereto, and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$1,305,305 which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax which is hereby voted for the foregoing in the amount of \$1,305,305, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds, notes or installment purchase contracts are hereby authorized to be issued or executed at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$1,305,305 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

Proposition #2 - Fairmount and Maxwell Public Libraries

Shall the West Genesee Central School District levy and collect a tax, pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, in the sum of \$580,079 (which is an increase of \$89,000 from the combined levies in effect from 2016-2017 in the sum of \$491,079) for the continuing support and maintenance of the free library services offered to District residents by the public libraries historically supported by the West Genesee Central School District, with said monies to be apportioned as follows:

- \$291,000 to Fairmount Community Library (an increase of \$33,000)
- \$289,079 to Maxwell Memorial Library (an increase of \$56,000)?

Budget Public Hearing:

Wednesday, May 3, 2017
High School Library – 7:00 p.m.

Annual School District Election:

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
High School Auditorium Lobby

REVENUE SOURCES

| | |
|-------------------|-------|
| Real Property Tax | 46.0% |
| State Aid/STAR | 50.1% |
| Other Revenue | 2.2% |
| Fund Balance | 1.7% |

Estimated Tax Rates

per \$1,000 of assessed value

| Town | 2016-17 Actual | 2017-18 Projected | \$ Change in Rate | Percent Increase | Percent of Tax Base |
|-----------|----------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Camillus | \$23.05 | \$23.55 | \$0.50 | 2.15% | 76.2% |
| Elbridge | \$23.07 | \$23.57 | \$0.50 | 2.15% | 0.1% |
| Geddes | \$25.16 | \$25.70 | \$0.54 | 2.15% | 5.3% |
| Onondaga | \$23.43 | \$23.93 | \$0.50 | 2.15% | 15.6% |
| Van Buren | \$23.07 | \$23.57 | \$0.50 | 2.15% | 2.8% |

We Strategically Focus our Resources to Enhance Learning

Embed the New York State Common Core Learning Standards for Mathematics and English Language Arts into Grades 6-12 Curriculum and Instruction.

- Continue to align grade level scope and sequences with the New York State Standards.
- Enhance professional learning communities for teacher training.

Refine Academic Support at All Instructional Levels with an emphasis on English Language Learners and the Response to Intervention Model, specifically on Tier I interventions

- Provide teacher training on differentiated instruction to support all students' academic growth.
- Utilize research-based interventions to close gaps in student achievement.

Implement NYS K-12 Social Studies Framework and analyze NYS Science Learning Standards.

- Provide teacher training on the new Standards and Framework to begin a methodical understanding and incorporation.
- Create professional learning communities for teacher training.

Refine academic and social emotional counseling services to maintain a safe and supportive environment promoting the dignity and achievement of all members of the school community.

- Celebrate our diversity and help all stakeholders understand that our differences make us stronger.
- Continue to enhance safety and security in all school buildings.
- Increase student and family support through school and community connections that can minimize hurdles to academic success.

Increase support and access to instructional technology including but not limited to professional development, human resources, and equipment.

- Enhance the District's technology plan to incorporate support for increased connectivity and computing needs of the 21st Century classroom.
- Incorporate instructional technologies into curricula to support learners on all levels.

BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

Below is a schedule of visual presentations by Superintendent Dr. Christopher Brown of the proposed 2017-2018 school budget at these PTA/PTO and public meetings:

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Meeting & Location</u> | <u>Time</u> |
|-------------|--|-------------|
| April 25 | PTA/PTO Presentations at the WGHS LGI Room | 7:00 p.m. |
| May 3 | Budget Public Hearing at the WGHS Library | 7:00 p.m. |

The public is invited to attend any of these presentations.

Demographics of our Graduating Seniors

| Class | Number of Students | Graduation Rate | Percent of Class Receiving Special Education Services | Percent of Class Receiving Free or Reduced Lunch |
|-------|--------------------|-----------------|---|--|
| 2016 | 386 | 92% | 9.3% | 21.8% |
| 2015 | 437 | 92% | 9.2% | 21.3% |
| 2014 | 420 | 92% | 8.6% | 19.8% |
| 2013 | 396 | 93% | 8.1% | 18.2% |
| 2012 | 414 | 90% | 9.4% | 16.9% |

Voter Qualifications:

1. 18 years old
2. U. S. Citizen
3. District Resident for 30 days