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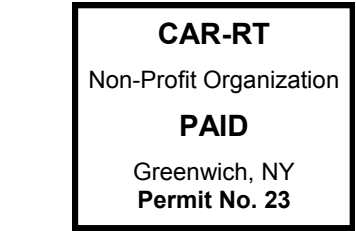
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School District Budget Notice Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2017-2018 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-2019 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018- 2019 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 20,930,570	\$ 21,663,160	\$ 21,264,078
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$ 732,590	\$ 333,508
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.50%	1.60%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$ 10,670,541	\$10,915,045	2.29%
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$368,572	\$270,748	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$10,301,969	\$10,644,297	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,301,969	\$10,644,297	
Difference: A - B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,871,555	\$1,933,084	\$1,891,672
Program Component	\$16,047,562	\$16,695,906	\$16,338,235
Capital Component	\$3,011,453	\$3,034,170	\$3,034,170
Included in the 2018-19 budget is a \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project. Districts may receive reimbursement for base year capital outlay expenses for projects that are wholly funded through capital outlay. This project would be planned in 2018-19, expensed in 2019-20 and aided at approximately 82% in 2020-21. * Staff would be reduced and equipment would be cut to offset the loss of tax levy.		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		\$521	

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-2019 by the qualified voters of the Greenwich Central School District, Washington County, New York, will be held at the Primary School in said district on **Tuesday, May 15, 2018** between the hours of **8:00am** and **8:00pm**, prevailing time in the **Primary school gym**, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.



Board President’s Remarks

A good school system is a vital community asset. It benefits those with children and those without. The Greenwich Central School employs administrators, faculty and staff with all types of education and skills, many who live in our community; supporting local businesses and giving their time to local organizations. Our reputation for academic achievement in a small-town atmosphere attracts young families, some who are Greenwich grads themselves, keeps property values stable and assures that our town remains vital and growing.

We have been fortunate that good financial management has allowed us to maintain the quality of our program through all the economic turmoil of the last decade while also fulfilling our duty to the taxpayers of the Greenwich school district by keeping our budgets within the tax cap. It hasn't been easy and there have been difficult choices to make but we have found ways to tighten our belts without shortchanging our students. As a result, our graduates have gone on to colleges and careers prepared to take on the world.

As a school board member, I have had the opportunity to see the impressive work of Greenwich Central School employees in all areas. Our Technology and Agriculture departments have successfully applied for grants that have brought in hundreds of thousands of dollars for equipment upgrades, our buildings and grounds staff has risen to the challenge of construction projects throwing the place into turmoil on a regular basis and our teachers have eagerly taken up opportunities to improve our students' education - from adopting and training Lola the service dog to creating math labs for the mastery of Algebra. The examples go on and on. We are also fortunate to have administrators who recognize and reward professionalism and innovation throughout the system, are dedicated to continuously assessing and improving what we do and truly love and appreciate the Greenwich school district community.

On behalf of the Greenwich Board of Education, I would like to thank all those who have helped develop our proposed 2018-19 budget. Over the years, I have learned that it is a very complicated process, with many moving parts and important pieces, like the State education budget, that are uncertain until very late in the day. Prudent planning and hard work have allowed us to create a budget with no significant cuts to staffing or resources while staying within the tax cap. Sincere thanks to the entire community for your continuing support.

Sincerely,

Annie Miller

Annie Miller
President, Board of Education

Please remember to vote!

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018
Primary School
8:00AM - 8:00PM**

We are voting on:

- 2018-2019 Budget
- Equipment Purchase
- Library Proposition
- Five Year Board of Education Seat
- Three Year Board of Education Seat

**Visit our website,
www.greenwichcsd.org
for detailed budget information.**

Revenues—Where does the money come from?

In 2018 - 2019 approximately 46% of our revenues will come from State and Federal Aid. Property taxes represent about 50% of the total revenues, and the remaining 4% of revenues come from penalties and interest, interest earnings, PILOT programs, fund balance and miscellaneous charges for services.

Estimated Revenue Sources	Current 2017-2018 Budget	Proposed 2018-2019 Budget	Difference
Tax Levy (paid by local property tax)	\$10,670,541	\$10,915,046	\$244,505
Penalties & Interest	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
State Aid	\$9,769,230	\$9,961,579	\$192,349
Interest Earnings/PILOT	\$15,200	\$37,000	\$21,800
Misc./Charges for Services	\$279,400	\$299,500	\$20,100
Fund Balance	\$141,199	\$425,035	\$283,836
Federal Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL	\$20,930,570	\$21,663,160	\$732,590

Expenditures—How is the money spent?

Mandated fringe benefit costs, salaries and special education are the contributing factors in this years budget. Salaries and benefits make approximately 74% of the school budget.

Budget Category	Current 2017-2018 Budget	Proposed 2018-2019 Budget	Difference
General Support	\$1,970,675	\$1,996,015	\$25,340
Regular Instruction	\$7,530,272	\$7,744,174	\$213,902
Mandated Special Education	\$2,484,185	\$2,579,666	\$95,481
Pupil Services	\$897,949	\$919,382	\$21,433
Transportation	\$676,460	\$734,714	\$58,254
Community Service	\$4,000	\$4,000	\$0
Benefits	\$5,748,535	\$6,041,715	\$293,180
Debt Service	\$1,593,494	\$1,518,494	(\$75,000)
Interfund Transfer	\$25,000	\$125,000	\$100,000
TOTAL	\$20,930,570	\$21,663,160	\$732,590

Homeowner Impact—How will this affect my property taxes?

The budget adopted by the Board of Education represents an **estimated tax levy increase of 2.29%**. Any attempt to determine tax rates in May *must be regarded as strictly an estimate*. All other factors being equal, taxes would increase \$39 on a \$100,000 home. The following items are required for determining the **actual** tax rates:

Assessed Valuation by Towns: This information is not officially available from the Town Assessors until July. Increases will lower the tax rate.

Equalization Rates: These rates are established by the New York State Office of Real Property Tax Services and may change each year. In the past, changes have been made to equalization rates as late as mid - August.

For complete budget information: **www.greenwichcsd.org**

The Propositions—What are we voting on?

☒ **BUDGET PROPOSITION**

RESOLVED, that the proposed budget of expenditures of the District for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$21,663,160 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law.

☒ **EQUIPMENT PROPOSITION**

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) acquire two (2) school buses, at a cost not to exceed \$230,000; (2) expend such sum for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District and/or enter into installment purchase agreements at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$230,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

☒ **LIBRARY PROPOSITION**

Shall the Board of Education of the Greenwich Central School District be authorized to increase the appropriation to support the Greenwich Library from \$95,252 to \$97,674 and the Easton Library from \$40,630 to \$41,442 annually?

FIVE YEAR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT

RESOLVED, for a member of the Board of Education, Greenwich Central School District, for a five-year term (commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2023).

☒ **James Nolan**

THREE YEAR BOARD OF EDUCATION SEAT

RESOLVED, for a member of the Board of Education, Greenwich Central School District, for a three-year term (commencing July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2021).

☒ **Erin Boivin**

Did you Know? - We are one of the top schools in the Northeast!

- 61% of the Class of 2017 earned an Advanced Regents diploma (second highest percentage in our school's history)
- 64% of students in grades K-6 were reading on or above grade level according to the January 2018 benchmark assessment
- The JSBS was the 6th best high school in the Capital Region in terms of Regents & Advanced Regents diploma rates
- Greenwich Elementary Teacher Leaders have been invited to present at the SUNY ADK Spring Teacher Leadership Project in June 2018

Absentee Ballots Available

Qualified voters who are unable to appear to vote must apply for an absentee ballot by contacting Denise Smith, District Clerk, in the District Office, or by calling 692-9542, Ext. 6800.

Completed applications for 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 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. on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.