

# News

**Vote May 17**

May 2016

...of the Horseheads Central School District

## BUDGET EDITION

### Budget snapshot

- \$73,737,117
- Budget to budget increase: 0.13%
- Tax Levy: -0.05%
- Estimated Tax Rate: -\$0.18 per \$1,000 of assessed value

### Ballot items

**Proposition 1: Adoption of the 2016-17 School Budget.....\$73,737,117**

**Proposition 2: Purchase of Buses.....\$1,100,000**  
for six 65-passenger buses and two wheelchair-accessible buses

### Board of Education Election.....

Four candidates are running for three seats. See page 8.

## *Proposed budget includes 0.05% decrease in tax levy*

Dear Community Members:

On May 17, voters in the Horseheads Central School District will consider a proposed budget for 2016-17 that increases spending by 0.13% and decreases the tax levy by 0.05%.

The proposed spending plan reinstates several programs and positions eliminated in recent years and adds additional positions and services to the district's educational program. It also reduces the district's reliance on fund balance.

We've been through some difficult financial times in our district in recent years. This budget improves the education we offer our children, and it is also a step toward repositioning the budget for long term financial health.

The budget complies with the state tax cap, resulting in a decrease in the tax levy of \$16,231, or -0.05%. The tax levy is the total amount of taxes to be collected by the district in 2016-17.

We are able to add programs while seeing a decrease in the tax levy because of reductions in other areas and because the state has eliminated the GEA, or Gap Elimination Adjustment. The GEA reduced districts' allotment of state aid since 2009 in order to meet the state's budget shortfall. For the 2016-17 school year, the Legislature eliminated the GEA.

On May 17, please vote on the 2016-17 school budget. Thank you.

Sincerely,



James Jacobus  
Board of Education President



*Students across the district made hundreds of cards for Meals on Wheels for Valentines Day this year.*

**VOTE!**  
**Tuesday, May 17**  
**7am-9pm**  
**Big Flats/Ridge Road/**  
**High School**

# Education and value in Horseheads

The Horseheads district strives to provide a quality, well-rounded education to all students, with an eye toward continuous improvement.

Students in the Horseheads district consistently achieve at a rate equal to or higher than the state average and schools in the region.

Our teachers and administrators work to not just improve achievement, but to increase opportunities for students to help them be successful in school, college, work, and beyond.

Initiatives in Horseheads include the following:

- Rigorous and relevant curriculum
- Innovation in and out of the classroom through student-driven programs, project-based learning, MakerSpace, collaborations with area businesses and organizations, and more.
- Effective, innovative professional development
- Long-term strategic plan and facilities planning
- Technology across the district with planned upgrades using Smart Schools Bond Act funds
- Character education programs with a Growth Mindset approach

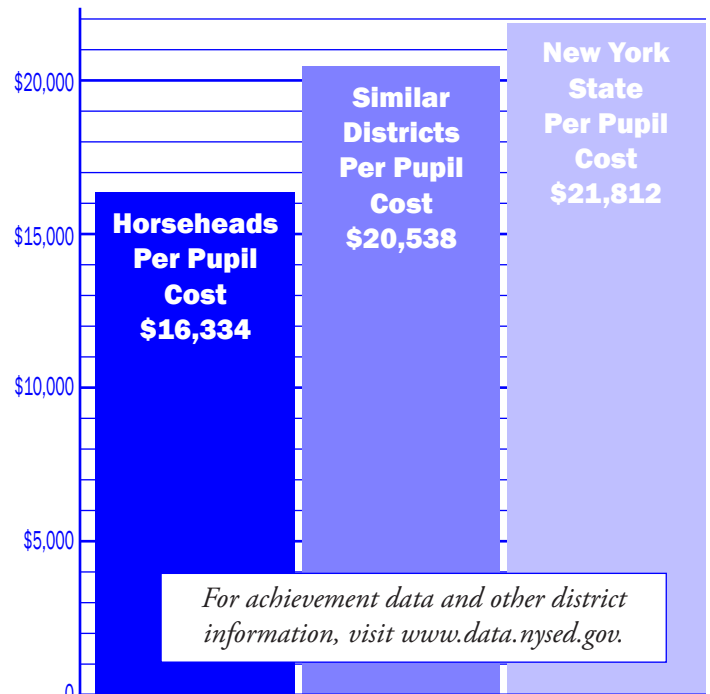
*For achievement data and other district information, visit [www.data.nysed.gov](http://www.data.nysed.gov).*

## Raider pride

- Horseheads High School was included in the 2015 Advanced Placement (AP®) Honor Roll for maintaining excellence and increasing opportunities.
- Horseheads art students earn more Scholastic Art Awards than any other district in the eight county region. This year, nearly 25% of the honored works were from Horseheads students.
- Horseheads is one of just five districts nationwide chosen to pilot the Harmony Bridge program, connecting students to senior citizens through music. Music students in grades 6-12 performed at ten adult living facilities throughout the region this year.
- In 2015-16, 21 Varsity athletic teams were honored for having a cumulative average of 90% or above. Five teams earned sectional championships.
- For the seventh year, the district received the Titanium with Honors Safety Excellence Award from Utica Mutual Insurance, the company's highest award.
- The district's transportation department has a 96.6% passing rate for bus inspections. The state inspects school buses twice a year.
- Since enrolling in an energy management program in 1997, the district has avoided more than \$7.5 million in energy costs, a total cost avoidance of 32.1%. For the fiscal year to date, the district has achieved a cost avoidance of \$353,000, or 43.7%.

## Average per pupil expenditures: 2013-14

The most recent information available from the New York State Education Department, from 2013-14, shows expenditures per pupil in Horseheads to be nearly \$5,500 less than the state average and \$4,200 less than similar districts.



*Center Street first-grader Kelsie Lewis reads a poem to Principal Patricia Sotero and a classmate on Poem in Your Pocket Day April 1.*



# Proposition 1: Adoption of the 2016-17 School Budget

## Comparative Expenditures

Description	2015-16	2016-17	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Administrative	\$10,092,368	\$10,536,830	\$444,462	4.40%
Program	\$54,334,823	\$54,811,990	\$477,167	0.88%
Capital	\$9,214,000	\$8,388,297	-\$825,703	-8.96%
<b>Total</b>	<b>73,641,191</b>	<b>73,737,117</b>	<b>95,926</b>	<b>0.13%</b>

## Comparative Revenues

Description	2015-16	2016-17	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Taxes/STAR	\$35,323,835	\$35,307,604	-\$16,231	-0.05%
State Aid	\$30,652,126	\$31,923,940	\$1,271,814	4.15%
Other*	\$3,130,102	\$3,620,324	\$490,222	15.66%
Appropriated Reserves - Retirement Contributions	\$0	\$300,000	\$300,000	100.00%
Appropriated Reserves - Employee Benefits Accrued Liability	\$0	\$85,249	\$85,249	100.00%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$4,535,128	\$2,500,000	-\$2,035,128	-44.87%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$73,641,191</b>	<b>\$73,737,117</b>	<b>\$95,926</b>	<b>0.13%</b>

\*Other includes items such as interest, rental income, tax penalties, donations and gifts, and gate receipts.

## Key elements in the 2016-17 proposed budget

### Restorations:

- Two elementary art teaching positions
- Two library media specialist positions
- Grade 4 swimming program
- High School off-campus physical education
- K-12 intramurals
- Increase in access to extra-curricular programming for students with disabilities
- Department and grade level chairpeople
- One administrative position at the High School
- Three modified athletic teams/coaches - boys' and girls' basketball and girls' volleyball
- Increase in marching band competition
- Two cleaning positions
- Repair/replace cycles for music, physical education, athletics, and technology
- Increases in field trips, extra-curricular stipends, athletic uniforms, transportation parts, and facilities equipment
- Increase school business administrator position to full time

### Additions:

- Four elementary Response to Intervention (RTI) teachers
- One additional pre-kindergarten classroom
- Increase in BOCES services: math curriculum mentor, itinerant special education, and technology support
- Equipment for computer-based testing
- GST BOCES STEM Academy
- Transportation truck

### Reductions:

- Breakage (savings in salary and benefits from retirements)
- Bonding bus purchases rather than purchasing them with cash on hand
- Right-sizing budget items based on historical trends



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# Proposition 1: Adoption of the 2016-17 School Budget

## Expenditures - Administrative

The administrative component refers to all expenditures related to the operation of the district, including all school offices; the board of education; district offices such as the superintendent's office, business office, and human resources; legal fees; the district's portion of the GST BOCES administrative budget; and salaries and benefits of all school administrators, supervisors and their support staffs. Employee salaries in the Administrative area are included in the following budget lines: Superintendent's Office, Supervision/Regular School, Business Administration, Human Resources, Public Information and Services, Curriculum Development, and Research.

Description	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Board of Education	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0	0.00%
District Meeting	\$115,561	\$15,282	-\$100,279	-86.78%
Superintendent's Office	\$353,886	\$311,699	-\$42,187	-11.92%
Supervision, Regular School	\$1,696,096	\$1,796,816	\$100,720	5.94%
Business Administration	\$973,213	\$981,264	\$8,051	0.83%
Auditing	\$25,000	\$24,000	-\$1,000	-4.00%
Tax Collection	\$600	\$5,620	\$5,020	836.67%
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0.00%
Legal	\$44,625	\$44,625	\$0	0.00%
Human Resources	\$453,875	\$482,213	\$28,338	6.24%
Public Information and Services	\$73,583	\$74,383	\$800	1.09%
Central Printing and Mailing	\$309,656	\$351,328	\$41,672	13.46%
Central Data Processing	\$1,446,954	\$1,622,203	\$175,249	12.11%
Insurance	\$189,000	\$189,000	\$0	0.00%
Association Dues	\$11,900	\$12,048	\$148	1.24%
BOCES Administration/Capital	\$1,341,176	\$1,432,951	\$91,775	6.84%
Curriculum Development/Supervision	\$732,221	\$802,040	\$69,819	9.54%
Research, Planning, and Evaluation	\$191,747	\$185,925	-\$5,822	-3.04%
Total Benefits	\$2,116,275	\$2,188,433	\$72,158	3.41%
<b>Total Administrative</b>	<b>\$10,092,368</b>	<b>\$10,536,830</b>	<b>\$444,462</b>	<b>4.40%</b>

### Key Elements

- The decrease in the District Meeting line is because the district budgeted for possible additional votes (merger and consolidation votes) using new voting machines as required by law in the current year.
- The increase in the Supervision, Regular School line is due to the restoration of an additional administrative position at the High School and contractual salary increases.
- The increase in the Tax Collection line includes costs for materials and supplies for new voting machines required by law.
- The increase in the Central Data Processing line is for costs for computer-based testing equipment and monies for technology needs for the additional pre-kindergarten classroom.
- The increase in the BOCES Administration/Capital line is due to the increase in the district's share of BOCES administrative and capital expenses.
- The increase in the Curriculum Development line includes an increase in the BOCES Math Curriculum Mentor service from two days to four days per week.
- The increase in the Benefits line is due to the restoration/addition of positions.



# Proposition 1: Adoption of the 2016-17 School Budget

## Expenditures - Program

*Program expenditures refer to all expenditures necessary for the instruction and transportation of our PreK-12 students, including salaries and benefits of teachers, teaching assistants, guidance counselors, school nurses, social workers, school psychologists, drivers, and any other positions involved in the teaching and transporting of students. Each budget line below, with the exception of Total Benefits, includes salaries, materials and supplies, and contractual items such as conferences, repairs, and service contracts for that area of the budget, as well as other costs associated with that area.*

Description	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Teaching	\$18,089,114	\$18,495,794	\$406,680	2.25%
Special Education	\$7,847,117	\$7,882,192	\$35,075	0.45%
Occupational Education	\$2,707,321	\$2,593,199	-\$114,122	-4.22%
Teaching - Special Schools	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0	0.00%
School Library	\$595,555	\$707,335	\$111,780	18.77%
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$495,627	\$581,085	\$85,458	17.24%
Attendance	\$139,679	\$154,889	\$15,210	10.89%
Guidance	\$935,014	\$944,667	\$9,653	1.03%
Health Services	\$381,093	\$440,961	\$59,868	15.71%
Psychological Services	\$515,905	\$515,900	-\$5	0.00%
Social Work Services	\$380,099	\$393,536	\$13,437	3.54%
Co-Curricular	\$120,900	\$152,800	\$31,900	26.39%
Interscholastic Athletics	\$479,073	\$511,735	\$32,662	6.82%
In-Service Training	\$181,110	\$186,290	\$5,180	2.86%
Transportation Services	\$2,686,856	\$2,599,494	-\$87,362	-3.25%
Garage Building	\$42,100	\$40,000	-\$2,100	-4.99%
Legal Services	\$44,625	\$44,625	\$0	0.00%
Transfer to Other Funds	\$247,000	\$217,000	-\$30,000	-12.15%
Total Benefits	\$18,443,635	\$18,347,488	-\$96,147	-0.52%
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>\$54,334,823</b>	<b>\$54,811,990</b>	<b>\$477,167</b>	<b>0.88%</b>

### Key Elements

- The increase in the Teaching line includes the addition of pre-kindergarten teaching and teaching assistant positions and four Response to Intervention teachers at the elementary level. It also includes the restoration of several items listed on page 3, including two art teaching positions and the grade 4 swimming program.
- The decrease in the Occupational Education line is based on the percentage average enrollment in GST BOCES career and technical education programs.
- The increase in the School Library line is due to the restoration of two elementary library positions.
- The increase in the Computer Assisted Instruction is due to an increase in BOCES technology support.
- The increase in the Health Services line is due to an increase in health and welfare agreements the district is required to pay for our students attending schools in other districts.
- The increase in Co-Curricular includes restoration of intramurals and additional extra-curricular stipends.
- The decrease in the Transportation Services line is due to retirements, replacements, and adjustments to the transportation budget to more accurately reflect actual expenditures.
- The increase in Athletics includes three modified coaching positions, uniforms, and helmet reconditioning.
- The decrease in the Benefits line is the net result of replacing retirements at lower salaries and the restoration/addition of several positions.

# Proposition 1: Adoption of the 2016-17 School Budget

## Expenditures - Capital

The capital component includes all costs related to the operations, maintenance, financing, and debt service for our district's buildings, buses, and other large equipment. This component also includes funds for court-ordered judgments in tax certiorari proceedings and all expenditures associated with custodial salaries and benefits, service contracts, supplies, utilities, and maintenance and repair of school facilities. Salaries and benefits are included in the Operation of Plant and Maintenance lines.

Description	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Operation of Plant	\$2,302,498	\$2,311,917	\$9,419	0.41%
Maintenance of Plant	\$1,283,150	\$1,337,505	\$54,355	4.24%
Refund on Real Property Taxes	\$50,000	\$0	-\$50,000	-100.00%
Bus Purchases	\$925,000	\$0	-\$925,000	-100.00%
Bus Purchase Financing	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
School Construction Financing	\$2,358,738	\$2,352,688	-\$6,050	-0.26%
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$0	0.00%
Total Benefits	\$1,294,614	\$1,386,187	\$91,573	7.07%
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$9,214,000</b>	<b>\$8,388,297</b>	<b>-\$825,703</b>	<b>-8.96%</b>

### Key Elements

- The Transfer to Capital Fund is for capital work planned for 2016-17. The scope of the work includes field house renovations, HVAC controls, roofing and asphalt replacement at the Middle/Intermediate complex and High School.
- The increase in the Maintenance of Plant line reflects the restoration of two cleaning positions.
- The decrease in the Bus Purchases line is because the district plans to bond the purchase of buses in the 2016-17 school year rather than purchase them with cash on hand. See Proposition 2 on page 8.
- The Refund on Real Property Taxes line is for tax certiorari settlements. The district transfers monies into this line as needed from the tax certiorari reserve.
- The increase in the Benefits line is due to the restoration/addition of positions.

## Expenditures:

For every dollar the district spends...



Nearly 75 cents go to instruction;  
 Just over 11 cents go to capital;  
 Slightly over 14 cents go to administrative costs.



The district's transportation department was featured on the cover of the March edition of 'School Bus' magazine and in a story about school bus maintenance efficiency. The magazine's editors sent the district two framed copies of the cover. Left to right are Director of Secondary Education Tony Gill, Superintendent Thomas J. Douglas, and Equipment Manager Jason Johnson.

# Proposition 1: Adoption of the 2016-17 School Budget

## Revenues

### Property Tax

The district meets the property levy limit law in the 2016-17 budget, resulting in a \$16,231 decrease in the tax levy, which refers to the total amount collected in school taxes across the district. This is a 0.05% decrease from the current year.

The Horseheads Central School District serves all or part of seven municipalities: Horseheads, Big Flats, Catlin, Erin, Veteran, Cayuta, and Baldwin.

The school district receives a portion of its funding through taxes levied on real property within these municipalities. The district calculates the tax levy and the corresponding tax rate based on assessments provided by the assessing body of each municipality.

New York State law states that all property within a municipality be assessed at a uniform percentage of market value. In the summer, the state sets equalization rates, which are meant to equalize the assessments from one municipality to the other.

The current full value tax rate in the district is \$18.04 per \$1,000 of assessment. Using estimated assessments from each municipality and without knowing state equalization rates, the district can only estimate the tax rate for 2016-17. The projected full value tax rate is expected to decrease 0.05% to \$17.86 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

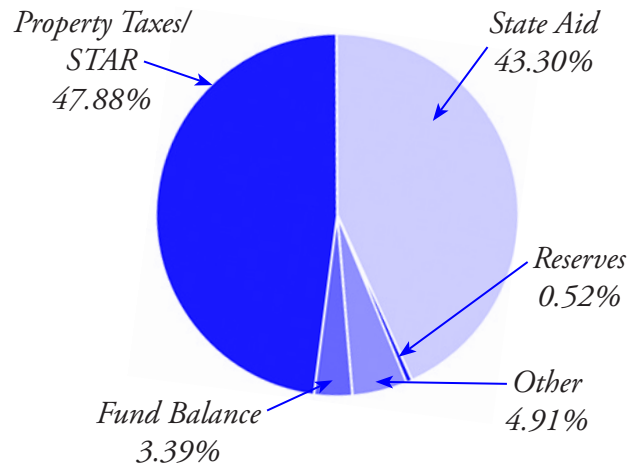
### State Education Aid

The New York State budget for fiscal year 2016-17 includes a 4.15% increase in state aid to the Horseheads district.

Most of this increase is due to the elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA), which was enacted by the state in 2009 in response to the economic downturn. It eliminated a portion of the state aid allotted to districts each year since 2009.

### Other Revenue Sources

The district plans to use \$2.5 million of fund balance in this budget. This is nearly 50% less than what was budgeted in the current year. Decreasing the use of fund balance was one of the initiatives in this year's budget development process.



The district will also use \$385,249 in reserve funds in the coming year: \$300,000 from the Employee Retirement Contributions - Employees Retirement System (ERS) Reserve, and \$85,249 from the Employee Benefits Accrued Liability Reserve.

Other revenue of \$3.1 million includes interest income, rental income, and gate receipts.

The sale of the Broad Street building to Pathways, Inc. for \$900,000 is pending. By law, the district must use the proceeds to pay off outstanding bonds on the property that was sold.

There are specific options for any remaining funds: the district can set up a reserve fund to reduce property taxes for a period of ten years, or place the monies in the general fund for any lawful expenditures.



Seniors Taner Melez and Matthew Wieland work out their budget at the Mad City Money simulation sponsored by Corning Credit Union in December.

## Proposition 2 - Purchase of Buses

A second proposition on the ballot May 17 involves the purchase of six 65-passenger buses and two wheelchair-accessible buses at a cost not to exceed \$1,100,000.

The new vehicles would replace those that are ten years old or older and have 120,000-150,000 miles.

The district will finance the purchase through a five-year serial bond. The state will reimburse a portion of the cost to the district in the years following the expenditure.



## Board of Education Candidates

Voters will elect three residents to the Board of Education May 17. The three people with the highest number of votes will be elected to three-year terms beginning July 1, 2016.

Below are the candidates running for election in the order their names will appear on the ballot:

### Katina Howard



Katina Howard has lived in the Horseheads district for 12 years. She is a retired educator in the Troy Area School District.

She holds a bachelor's degree in education from Brigham Young University, a master's degree as a reading specialist from Mansfield University, and a degree in school administration from Bucknell University. She has four children and seven grandchildren, many of whom live in the district.

### Daniel Christmas



Daniel Christmas has lived in the district for nine years. He is an attorney with Corning Incorporated.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University and a juris doctorate from the University of Virginia School of Law. He and his wife, Wendy, have five children, all currently attending Horseheads schools.

### Karen Boulas (incumbent)



Karen Boulas, a resident of the district for 47 years, was first elected to the board three years ago. She is the registrar at Corning Community College.

She is a graduate of Horseheads High School, has a bachelor's degree from the University of Dayton, and a master's degree from Keuka College. She has a son who graduated from Horseheads in 2013. During this school year, Boulas was the vice president of the board.

### David Sadler (incumbent)



David Sadler has been a resident of the district for more than 60 years. He was first elected to the board three years ago.

He is retired from the Elmira Police Department and is currently a small-business owner. He is a 1968 graduate of Horseheads High School and a graduate of both the FBI National Academy and Elmira College. He and his wife, Yvonne, have two children who attended Horseheads, and their two grandsons are currently attending Horseheads schools.



# Happenings...



Fifth-graders in Stephanie Lewis and Amy Rial's classes have been working for months on a project they call "The SIZle Project." SIZ stands for Social Improvement Zone. Noting that students often feel there's nothing to do in our area, the teachers tasked them with coming up with ideas to fill vacant buildings in our region with fun and educational businesses. On April 21, teams of students presented their proposals to a panel of school and business leaders, "Shark Tank" style. Above, left to right, are Kent Schneider, Sophia McMaster, Ciana Crout, and Michael Evans.



Five of our students made history April 1. They were in a group of students who connected via ham radio and TV to the International Space Station, part of a six-week program at the National Soaring Museum. This was the first time the Space Station connected via Ham TV. Each student was able to ask British Astronaut Timothy Peake several questions about the space station and space travel. Left to right are Ella Bradley, Aidyn Bahantka, Ashley French, Michael Yu, and Ashwin Senawiratne.



Students in Cindy Hamilton, Morgan Hillard, and Pat Carlisle's classes prepared lunches for staff each Wednesday in April to commemorate Autism Awareness Month. They made salads, soups, and even macaroni and cheese. From left to right are Justin Poorman, Troy Magee, and Sarah Bargesser.



Denise Pronti and Melissa Fullmer's classes at Ridge Road picked up debris from the school grounds April 21 for Earth Day.

## End of Year Information

Below is the 2015-16 end-of-year information for our schools:

### Grades PreK-6:

- There will be no school Friday, June 17 for students in grades PreK-6.
- Monday and Tuesday, June 20 and 21, will be regular days in session.
- Wednesday, June 22, will be the last day of school for students in grades PreK-6 and will be a half-day. Dismissal will be at 11am.

### Grades 7-8:

- Monday-Wednesday, June 20-21, will be half days for students in grades 7-8. Dismissal on June 20 and 21 will be at 11am. Dismissal on June 22 will be at noon (to accommodate dismissal of elementary students).

### Grades 9-12:

- The last day of regular classes for students in grades 9-12 is Monday, June 13.
- Regents examinations are June 14-23. Only students taking Regents exams will attend school on those days.

# 2016-17 Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2015-16	Proposed Budget 2016-17	Percent Change
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$73,641,191	\$73,737,117	0.13%
Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$35,323,835	\$35,307,604	
Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$35,323,835	\$35,307,604	-0.05%
Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$0	
School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$35,323,835	\$35,307,604	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions	\$35,323,835	\$35,307,604	
Difference	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	4,011	3,991	-0.50%
Consumer Price Index			0.12%

	Actual 2015-16	Estimated 2016-17
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$6,331,139	\$16,299,528
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$4,535,128	\$2,500,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$10,394,733	\$5,091,602
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	14.12%	6.91%

## Estimated Full Value Tax Rate\*

	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Projected	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Estimated Full Value Tax Rate Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value	\$18.04	\$17.86	-\$0.18	-0.05%

\*This figure is based on estimated assessments and equalization rates. Municipalities issue initial assessments on May 1. The state issues final equalization rates in July or August. Actual change in the tax rate will vary from town to town. If a home is reassessed this year at a higher or lower level, the tax change may be higher or lower than this estimate. Additionally, equalization rates are set by the state and are meant to “equalize” housing values from town to town. Homes are assessed by the assessor in the municipality; the district does not have any part in determining housing assessments. Seven different municipalities are in the Horseheads Central School District.

### *Area comparison: 2015-16 full value tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed value*

Corning	\$23.80
Elmira Heights	\$21.59
Elmira	\$19.59
Horseheads	\$18.04

*Music students perform for residents at Appleridge Senior Living as part of the Harmony Bridge program.*



# School District Budget Notice

<b>Overall Budget Proposal</b>	Budget Adopted for 2015-16 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2016-17 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2016- 17 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$73,641,191	\$73,737,117	\$71,689,617
Increase/Decrease for the 2016-17 School Year		\$95,926	-\$1,951,574
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.13%	-2.65%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		0.12%	
Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$35,323,835	\$35,307,604	
Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$35,323,835	\$35,307,604	\$35,323,835
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$35,323,835	\$35,307,604	
Total Proposed Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions	\$35,323,835	\$35,307,604	
Difference: (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval)	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$10,092,368	\$10,536,830	\$10,096,379
Program Component	\$54,334,823	\$54,811,990	\$54,398,145
Capital Component	\$9,214,000	\$8,388,297	\$7,195,093

\*A contingent budget includes ordinary contingent expenses and salaries subject to a cap on the administrative portion of the budget, with no increase in the tax levy over the prior year. There would be no purchase of new equipment, including buses unless approved by separate proposition, no capital expenditures unless approved by separate proposition and except in emergency situations, no non-essential maintenance, and outside organizations would have to pay for all facilities use.

## Separate Propositions

Description	Amount
Acquisition of six (6) sixty-five passenger buses and two (2) wheelchair accessible buses	\$1,100,000

## Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

	Budget Proposed for 2016-17 School Year
Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$552

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

*The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2016-2017 by the qualified voters of the Horseheads Central School District, Chemung and Schuyler County, New York, will be held at the High School, Ridge Road Elementary School and Big Flats Elementary School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the High School, Ridge Road Elementary School and Big Flats Elementary School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.*

## Absentee Ballots

Registered voters who cannot get to the polls on May 17 due to illness or travel may vote by using an absentee ballot.

Applications for absentee ballots are available in the district's Business Office, South Wing of the High School, from 8am to 3:30pm, up to May 16.

As long as their application is completed by May 16, voters may visit the Business Office and complete an absentee ballot up to May 17.

The district mails absentee ballots to voters listed as "permanently disabled" by the Chemung County Board of Elections.

**Questions? Call 739-5601, x4260.**

## Events

- May 12 Budget Q&A, Millport Village Hall, 7pm  
May 16-20 Center Street Book Fair  
May 16 Budget Q&A, Horseheads Town Hall, 7pm  
May 17 Budget Vote/Board of Education Election, Big Flats/Ridge Road/High School, 7am-9pm  
May 18 Board of Education, Multi-Media Center, 6pm; Big Flats Grade 4 Concert, High School Auditorium, 7pm  
May 19 High School/Middle School Orchestras, Auditorium, 7:30pm  
May 20 Gardner Road/Big Flats Kindergarten Orientation, 8:45am; Center Street Kindergarten Orientation, 8:45am and 10:15am; Gardner Road PTO Fun Night, 6:30pm; Ridge Road Grade 4 Concert, High School Auditorium, 7pm  
May 21 Ridge Road Grade 4 Car Wash, 11am-5pm  
May 23 Gardner Road Grade 4 Concert, High School Auditorium, 7pm

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## Budget Vote/School Board Election

### May 17, 2016

### 7am - 9pm

### Big Flats, Ridge Road, High School

#### *Who is eligible to vote?*

All district residents are eligible to vote, as long as they meet the following requirements:

- Are a U.S. citizen
- Are 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- Have lived in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote on May 17
- Are not restricted from voting in general elections based on election law
- Please bring identification to the vote May 17

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#### **Board of Education**

Jim Jacobus, President  
Karen Boulas, Vice President  
Lisa Christiansen; Warren Conklin;  
Kristine Dale; Doug Johnson; Brian Lynch; David Sadler; Pam Strollo;  
Sruti Akula (student representative)

#### **Superintendent of Schools**

Dr. Thomas J. Douglas

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