

EAGLE SPOTLIGHT

GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS • MAY 2016 • BUDGET EDITION

See Inside for our **Top Ten** *Graduating Seniors*



Over 300 friends and family members attended the STEM/Science night.



Over 100 students are enrolled in Galway Scholars/after-school enrichment classes.



The JHE chorus sang the National Anthem at an Adirondack Thunder hockey game.

BUDGET VOTE SET FOR TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

The Board of Education is asking voters to consider a budget of \$20,159,607, which is an overall increase of \$608,227 or 3.11% from last year's budget. The proposed budget results in an estimated tax levy of \$10,066,021, or \$15.26 per \$1,000 of true value. This represents an increase of 1.37%, or \$0.21 per \$1,000, from last year. The proposed budget stays within the allowable tax levy for Galway, which is 1.37%.

The proposed 2016-17 budget supports all current programming and provides for the following: playground equipment, physical education supplies for the Elementary School, summer program for grades 3-12 and students with disabilities, reading program at the Jr/Sr High School, science lab tables in the Jr/Sr High School, On-line Advanced Placement and college courses, NYS Regents preparation, and credit recovery, TCI trainers, and tuition for Career Development Occupational Studies (CDOS) and the TEC-SMART/PTECH program (please read about this innovative program on page 11).

In addition to the budget proposal, voters will be asked to approve a bus proposition in the amount of \$195,000. This will provide one new 72-passenger bus, one minivan, and one sport utility vehicle, which will replace vehicles that have extended beyond their useful life. This proposition follows the bus replacement schedule that was created in 2012-13, which allows the district to replace approximately 1-3 vehicles per year on an as-needed basis.

During the last school budget vote in May 2015, residents approved the establishment of a Capital Reserve that will be used to offset the local share of the district's capital improvement project, which residents will also vote on May 17, 2016 (please see details on page 4-8). The Capital Reserve is funded up to a maximum amount of \$1,750,000, which comes from current fund balance, reserves, and from end-of-year savings. The main objective for the establishment of the Capital Reserve is to offset the year-to-year financial impact to taxpayers for the Capital Improvement Project, thus balancing our fiscal responsibility to residents with our need to maintain the district's infrastructure.

ADVANCING A CULTURE OF ACHIEVEMENT, PRIDE, AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Galway Board of Education takes an energetic approach to continuous improvement to create the best educational outcomes for every student and family in our district. To dramatically improve performance at every level of the district, the board adopted a series of foundational goals, one of which is to advance a culture of achievement, pride, and responsibility.

District faculty and staff have embraced this goal and taken it upon themselves to instill Eagle Pride on campus. They have used their time, talents, and resources to surprise students with something special each year on their first day of school. This year, Mrs. Donovan and Mr. Healey secretly designed the Jr/Sr High School entryway to represent the culture of academic excellence

Budget Vote & Board Election
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Galway High School Gym

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Congratulations to the Class of 2016 Top Ten graduates (l.-r.): Molly Wood, Roselyn Palaszewski, Luke Burgess, Trudi VanOmmeren, Casey Worcester, Sara LaRocca, Justin Hardcastle, Laura Gardner, Logan Ogden, and Matthew Zehl.

TOP TEN GRADUATING SENIORS

Galway Junior/Senior High School is proud to present the top 10 graduates in the Class of 2016.



VALEDICTORIAN

Molly Wood, daughter of Suzanne Harkness-Wood and John Wood of Galway, has been named the valedictorian for the Class of 2016. While in school, Molly has taken on leadership roles such as president of the National Honor Society, co-president of Student Senate, anchor and treasurer of Galway Television (GTV), and four-term treasurer of the Class of 2016. Molly has been a member of Impressions, as well as a youth and peer tutor. Outside of school, she has taken part in modern dance for eleven years, performing at the Egg in Albany each spring. Molly is undecided as to where she will attend college in the fall and plans to double major in Studio Art and Psychology. Her goal is to pursue a career in art therapy after continuing her education in a graduate program.



SALUTATORIAN

Justin Hardcastle, son of Cheryl and Jason Hardcastle of Galway, has been named the salutatorian for the Class of 2016. Justin was a member of the Varsity wrestling team for four years and was named co-captain during his senior year. Justin has worked at the Glenville Branch of the Capital District YMCA for the last three years as a lifeguard, childcare worker, and summer camp substitute. During the summer months, Justin volunteers with Brant Lake Association to eradicate Eurasian milfoil, an invasive species in the lake. Justin plans to attend the University of New Hampshire and study biomedical.

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TOP TEN GRADUATING SENIORS CONTINUED

Luke Burgess is the son of Pat and Keith Burgess of Middle Grove. Luke is an active member of Galway Boy Scout Troop 5. He also participated in a town recreation baseball league throughout all of his high school years. Luke has been a member of National Honor Society for two years. He often participates in community service opportunities through both the National Honor Society and Boy Scouts. He is planning to study chemistry at the University of Vermont.

Trudi VanOmmeren is the daughter of Susan and Leonard VanOmmeren of West Charlton. She plans to pursue a degree in music education. Trudi has played flute in select ensembles, including All-County Band, Area All-State Band, and the Capital Region Wind Ensemble, as well as in the Galway High School Concert Band, Jazz Band, and the Pit Band for Galway High Drama. Trudi has played bagpipes with the Scotia-Glenville Pipe Band since 2010 and is currently a student teacher for the band's beginner program. The band won the World Pipe Band Championships in Scotland in 2012. Trudi has received Academic Scholar recognitions, is a member of the National Honor Society, and enjoys doing community service with the West Charlton Fire Department. Trudi plans to attend either Nazareth College in Rochester or the SCCC School of Music.

Laura Gardner is the daughter of Judith Koskinen and James Gardner of Galway. Laura is an active member of the National Honor Society and spends three afternoons a week volunteering in a kindergarten classroom, mentoring and tutoring a student. She also participated on an Odyssey of the Mind Team for two years. Laura has been a varsity athlete on the Galway track team throughout her high school career. Outside of school, she participates in the equestrian program at Skidmore College and volunteers her time to help care for horses. Laura plans to study history and psychology at St. Lawrence University in the fall.

Sara LaRocca is the daughter of Leslie and Marc LaRocca of Galway. Sara has participated in many clubs including Junior Statesmen of America (JSA), student senate, and the yearbook. Sara was also the vice-president of her class for two years. During the past few years, she was a member of the soccer, cheerleading, and softball teams. Outside of school, she always stayed busy with a job and Girl Scouts. Sara will attend the University of Buffalo and major in biomedical sciences. She plans to go on to medical school and eventually become an anesthesiologist.

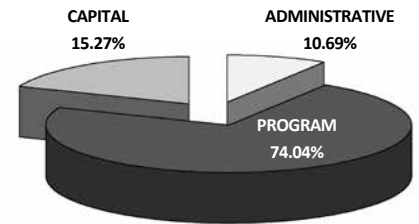
Logan Ogden is the son of Chris and Neil Ogden of Galway. He is vice-president of the Class of 2016, a member of the National Honor Society, and highly involved in the community. Logan is a nationally ranked member of the Galway Junior Rifle Team. He earned the title of New York State Air Rifle Champion for four years and the New York State Small Bore Champion for three years. He competed in the Junior Olympics in Colorado three times. Logan will attend the United States Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs, Colorado, and will likely pursue a major in engineering or medicine. He will compete on the Air Force Academy's Division 1 Rifle Team and when he graduates, he will serve as an officer in his respective branch.

Roselyn Palaszewski is the daughter of Mary and David Palaszewski of Galway. She has been a member of National Honor Society for two years. Roselyn was also on the Varsity volleyball team for two years and played for the Lakeside Volleyball Club for three years. She is an active volunteer in the community. Roselyn will attend the University of Vermont in the fall and major in nursing. She loves to help people and wants to make a difference in their lives.

Matthew Zehl is the son of Linda Strom and Michael Zehl of Middle Grove. He is an avid skier and a member of the track team. Matthew has been actively involved in National Honor Society, Eagle's Media Center, and is an anchor for Galway Television (GTV), the school's morning news broadcast. Matthew also participated in the Galway Youth Theatre, the West Charlton Firehouse, and others. He has been a tutor, writer, stage crewman, and more. Matthew is planning to attend SUNY Adirondack to major in history and political science.

Casey Worcester is the child of Melissa and David Worcester of Galway. Casey is the head editor of Galway Television (GTV) and a writer for Eagles Media Center (EMC). Casey was involved in two Galway High Drama productions, playing the narrator in "Into the Woods" and multiple roles in "Lucky Stiff." Casey was inducted into National Honor Society last year and had numerous community service projects, the biggest one being a mission trip to Africa.

2016-17 BUDGET EXPENDITURE SUMMARY



NOTES

- Administrative expenditures cover expenses related to district management. The Administrative expenses comprise 10.69% of the overall budget.
- Program expenditures include items directly related to instruction. These include salaries, benefits, and transportation. The Program budget comprises approximately 74.04% of the total budget.
- Capital expenditures account for 15.27% of the total budget. They include the cost of maintenance, operation, utilities, transportation, and debt service.

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATIVE	2015-16	2016-17	CHANGE
Board of Education	\$28,100	\$28,100	\$0
Central Administration	\$209,770	\$219,222	\$9,452
Finance	\$339,170	\$345,855	\$6,685
Legal	\$45,000	\$47,000	\$2,000
Personnel	\$2,650	\$2,700	\$50
Public Information	\$27,850	\$28,600	\$750
Central Services	\$198,510	\$243,978	\$45,468
Special Items	\$280,079	\$275,819	(\$4,260)
Curriculum Development	\$0	\$89,754	\$89,754
Supervision-Regular School	\$418,473	\$419,384	\$911
Professional Development	\$73,650	\$112,280	\$38,630
Employee Benefits	\$331,511	\$341,699	\$10,188
SUBTOTAL	\$1,954,763	\$2,154,391	\$199,628

PROGRAM	2015-16	2016-17	CHANGE
General Instruction	\$5,091,603	\$5,252,677	\$161,075
Special Education	\$2,319,713	\$2,010,608	(\$309,123)
Occupational Education	\$611,450	\$695,992	\$84,542
Summer Instruction	\$35,012	\$88,770	\$53,758
Technology	\$461,488	\$584,182	\$122,695
Student Support Services	\$889,221	\$930,540	\$41,319
Student Transportation	\$1,147,940	\$1,213,161	\$65,221
Employee Benefits	\$4,160,078	\$4,120,570	(\$39,508)
Interfund Transfer	\$17,000	\$30,000	\$13,000
SUBTOTAL	\$14,733,522	\$14,926,500	\$192,978

CAPITAL	2015-16	2016-17	CHANGE
Operations & Maintenance	\$1,349,848	\$1,477,435	\$127,587
Special Items	\$1,200	\$1,200	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$296,277	\$299,622	\$3,345
Debt Service & Interfund	\$1,215,770	\$1,300,459	\$84,689
SUBTOTAL	\$2,863,095	\$3,078,716	\$215,621
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$19,551,380	\$20,159,607	\$608,227

**Please Join us
Tuesday, May 17, 2016**

*PISA Book Fair,
Ice Cream Social &
Spring Stroll*
**Joseph Henry Elementary
School
5 to 7 p.m.**

**Elementary Spring
Concert**
**Auditorium
7 p.m.**

K-12 Art Show in the Gym

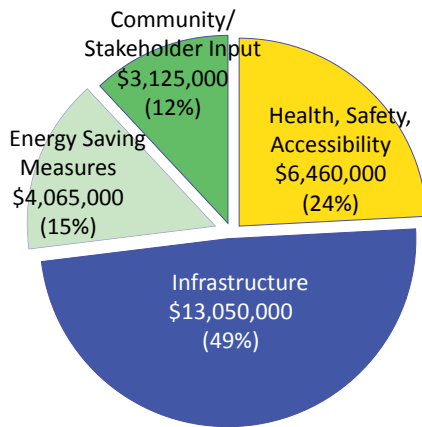
REMINDER

**Polls Close
at 8 p.m.**



Galway Central School District
5317 Sacandaga Road
Galway, New York 12074-0223

Project Components



Financial Impact in 2020-21

Tax Impact = 1.497%

Equivalent to \$22.54/year on a home assessed at \$100,000

To see pictures of GCSd buildings and grounds we hope to improve, go to:
www.galwaycsd.org/capital

**Capital Improvement
Project Vote
Tuesday, May 17, 2016
10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Galway High School Gym**

Capital Improvement Project *Taking Care of What We Have*

After two years of collecting information, listening to community members and groups who care about Galway Central Schools, researching options and price estimates, and analyzing district priorities, the Board of Education passed a resolution to bring forward a Capital Improvement Project for residents to consider.

On Tuesday, May 17, 2016, residents of the Galway Central School District will vote on a \$26.7 million Capital Improvement Project that fixes infrastructure, improves safety and accessibility, includes energy saving measures, and addresses community needs.

"We're not building anything new, and we're not gutting the inside, we're just taking care of what we have," said Superintendent Shannon Shine. "The work will probably take two summers to complete and will be done with minimal interference to students. The financial impact will begin in 2020 or 2021, just as some existing debt will be coming off the books."

The project scope is based on a building condition survey that was completed over the summer. The district's facilities committee worked closely with district architect and design firm, CSArch, and district construction management firm, Turner Construction, to gather input from faculty, staff, and the community; research options; and whittle the wish list down to the most essential elements.

"Transportation Supervisor Mike Sherman and Building Mechanic Glenn Vaillancourt provided valuable information and triple checked everything the architects presented," said Mr. Shine. "We are confident the project will help us maintain the facility cost-effectively for years to come."

The majority of the Capital Improvement Project attends to infrastructure items that are at, near, or past their useful life, such as plumbing, flooring, roofing, air handling units, and fixtures. A smaller portion relates to athletics and the arts, while another segment addresses the safety of the bus loop on the Elementary side of the building.








Funding

For aidable expenses, New York State Building Aid will reimburse 78.7% of the Capital Improvement Project, bringing the local share to \$5.77 million, which will be bonded over 15 years. After subtracting retiring debt, funds in the Capital Reserve, and energy savings from solar panels, the net local share will be approximately \$22.54 per \$100,000 of assessed value of the home per year.

Timetable if Capital Improvement Project is Approved

Design and Construction Document	April 2017
Approval by the NYS Education Department	January 2018
Bidding Process	January-March 2018
Work Inside School	March 2018-October 2019
Work in Transportation Department	March 2018-December 2018
Work in Maintenance Department	May 2018-July 2018

PROJECT SCOPE KEY

-  CEILING SYSTEM REPLACEMENT
-  FLOORING REPLACEMENT
-  CEILING & FLOORING REPLACEMENT
-  SPACE REMODELING
-  AUDITORIUM RENOVATION
-  WINDOW REPLACEMENT
-  UNIT VENTILATOR REPLACEMENT

Health, Safety, Accessibility

- Major reconfiguration of the bus drop-off and pick-up area (please see next page)
- ADA compliant ramp from the Elementary School to the track
- Sidewalk paving and replacement
- Masonry restoration
- Improve exterior lighting levels and upgrade to LED
- Select door and door hardware replacement
- Restroom renovations and accessibility upgrades
- Cabinetry replacement
- Replace Vinyl Asbestos Tile
- Loading dock canopy
- Egress window replacement
- Replace exit/emergency lighting



Infrastructure

- Select roofing replacement
- Select window replacement
- Select ceiling replacement
- Gymnasium renovations
- Replace Elementary School gym divider wall
- Replace metal panel wall system in Elementary gym, renovate equipment
- Replace High School gymnasium floor

Mechanical systems upgrades

- Boiler replacements
- Unit ventilator replacements
- Air handler replacements
- Provide ventilation to all interior occupied spaces and corridors
- Provide digital equipment controls

Electrical systems upgrades

- Panel Replacements
- Lighting replacements
- Connect generator at bus garage

Plumbing systems upgrades

- Water piping replacement
- Storm and sanitary piping replacement
- Fixture and faucet replacements
- Well house replacement/improvements
- Isolation valve replacements



Energy Saving Measures*

- Boiler efficiency upgrades
- Replace air handling units at gyms and auditorium, include demand control ventilation
- Convert water pumps to variable speed
- Replace classroom unit ventilators, include multi-speed fans
- Replace interior lighting with LED fixtures and occupancy sensors

*The Board of Education authorized a Power Purchase Agreement to provide a ground mount photovoltaic array at the bus garage property as part of the K-Solar Program at no cost to the district. To learn more about this separate but interrelated energy saving measure, please go to our website at www.galwaycsd.org/solar



Community Stakeholder Input

- Air conditioning in auditorium (coupled with the new air handling unit on the roof)
- Replace auditorium seating, sound, and stage lighting
- Renovate the High School cafeteria
- Replace chalk boards with white boards
- Provide door openers at bus garage
- Additional parking at bus garage
- Re-grade outfield of the softball field
- Re-surface the track
- Provide irrigation at softball, baseball, and soccer fields
- Replace maintenance building with storage structures
- Renovate Art/Home and Careers and Special Education classrooms



The Facilities Committee truly appreciates the time and effort the community has put into shaping this Capital Improvement Project. People made time to come to community forums and presentations; meet with board members; talk with administrators; and offer up their ideas, suggestions, questions, and concerns.

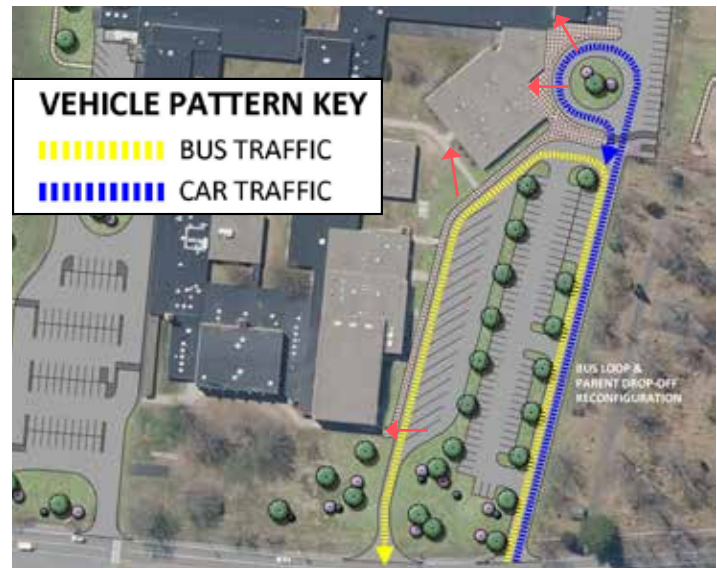
BEFORE



The Capital Improvement Project will include a major reconfiguration of the Joseph Henry Elementary School bus drop-off and pick-up area. Currently, children walk through buses to reach their bus or their parent's car, which is not an ideal situation.

The new traffic pattern provides for designated bus and car spaces so that buses are separated from parent traffic and vice versa. Buses would be able to park on a diagonal, giving the drivers better ability to see small children.

AFTER



The tennis courts will be relocated to the Jr/Sr High School side of the building, where the maintenance building currently sits. The dilapidated maintenance building will be removed, and tennis courts will be installed. The number of courts will be increased to four, per community input, to allow opportunities to grow and develop a lifelong sport.

Q&A

What if the Capital Improvement Project isn't passed?

As infrastructure deteriorates and breaks down, repairs would be made using funds from the annual budget. The money would either be taken from another area of the budget, or the work would not get done.

Are all the ideas from the community forums included in the project?

We looked into every suggestion we received from the community, and a lot of the ideas are included in the project. For instance, irrigation of the athletic fields and additional tennis courts for future tournaments were not on our original list. When the architects came back with pricing for some of the other suggestions, such as track lighting and restrooms at the softball field, we found that implementing them would be cost-prohibitive.

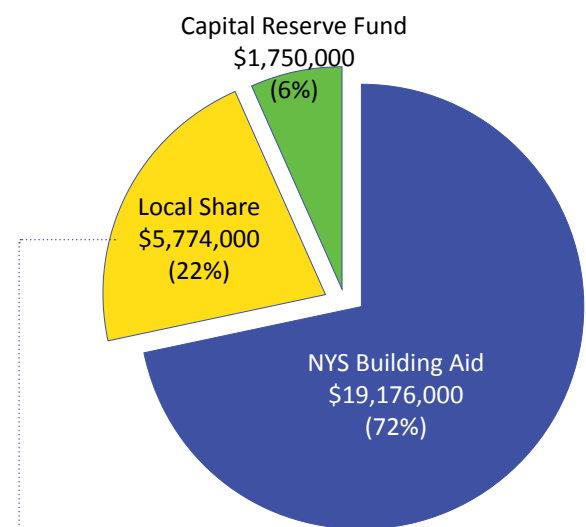
Are you going with a standard boiler system?

Yes, the plan is to have hot water as the standard throughout the buildings for efficiency and ease of maintenance and repair. Not all the boilers will be replaced in this capital project though, just the ones that are at or near the end of their useful life.

The scope of the roof work has been changed several times, which version are we voting on?

The architects have done their best to give us a reasonable estimate. Thermal testing will be done during the design phase of the project, which will dictate what work makes the most sense.

Funding Sources



Bonded Over 15 Years	=	\$385,000
Retiring Debt		(\$101,508)
Retiring Transportation Debt		(\$75,643)
Savings from Solar PPA		(\$59,203)
Net Budget Impact	=	\$148,646

Tax Impact = 1.497% (in 2020 school year)

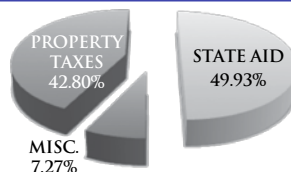
Equivalent to \$22.54 annually on a home assessed at \$100,000

REVENUE SUMMARY

ESTIMATED REVENUES

	2015-16	2016-17	CHANGE
Real Property Taxes	\$9,929,769	\$10,066,021	1.37%
Fund Balance	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	0%
Interest & Penalties on Taxes & PILOT	\$35,000	\$35,000	0%
Charges for Services	\$7,000	\$7,000	0%
Other Districts & Governments	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%
Use of Money & Property	\$10,000	\$10,000	0%
Sale of Property & Compensation for Loss	\$2,000	\$2,000	0%
Medicare	\$35,000	\$35,000	0%
Refunds of Prior Year's Expenditures	\$40,000	\$40,000	0%
Miscellaneous	\$81,000	\$81,000	0%
State Aid	\$8,156,611	\$8,628,586	5.79%
Medicaid	\$45,000	\$45,000	0%
Interfund Transfers	\$5,000	\$5,000	0%
TOTAL REVENUES	\$19,551,380	\$20,159,607	3.11%

THE MAJORITY OF DISTRICT REVENUE COMES FROM STATE AID AND OTHER SOURCES, SUCH AS GRANTS.



PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	2015-16 BUDGET	2016-17 BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$19,551,380	\$20,159,607	3.11%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$9,929,769	\$10,066,021	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$9,929,769	\$10,066,021	1.37%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$162,981	\$249,476	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$9,766,788	\$9,816,545	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$9,766,788	\$9,816,545	
I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	865	852	(1.53%)
Consumer Price Index			0.12%
	2015-16 ACTUAL	2016-17 ESTIMATED	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,633,968	\$2,633,968	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,200,000	\$1,200,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$1,361,519	\$1,486,375	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	6.96%	7.34%	

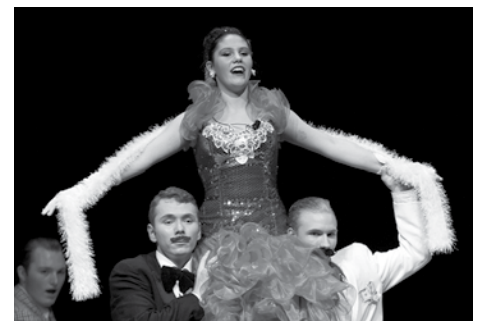
*Please note that this Property Tax Report Card presentation is in accordance with NYS Education Law sections 1608, 1716(7) and 2601-a(3).

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and pride we promote here at Galway. Complete with a giant Golden Eagle, new furniture, flags recognizing our foreign exchange students (past and present) and staff who hail from other countries, pictures of our students in action, and plaques displaying the number of students earning honor roll, high honor roll, and academic scholar status; our entryway sends the message that we are all Golden Eagles and we are proud to be members of the Galway community!

A formal Board committee for facilities was created to prioritize the needs of the facility, survey the community to refine priorities, and begin the process of identifying work to be done. Over the ensuing two years, the facilities committee met on a regular basis to gather information and bring it to the Board and the community. The result is the Capital Improvement Project that is included in this newsletter. We encourage you to read the information and call us if you have any questions.

Residents may also ask questions at the Public Hearing on Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m. in the Galway High School Library. The annual school budget will be presented at that time. The budget document will be available for review seven days prior to the Public Hearing in the Galway Central School District office.



The Drama Club presented the murder mystery farce, "Lucky Stiff."

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	BUDGET ADOPTED FOR 2015-16 SCHOOL YEAR	BUDGET PROPOSED FOR 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR	CONTINGENCY BUDGET 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$19,551,380	\$20,159,607	\$19,579,534
Increase for the 2016-17 School Year		\$608,227	\$28,154
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		3.11%	0.14%
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		0.12%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$9,929,769	\$10,066,021	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	\$0	\$0	
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H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E – B – F + D)	\$9,766,788	\$9,816,545	
I. Difference: (G – H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$1,954,763	\$2,154,391	\$2,123,429
Program component	\$14,733,522	\$14,926,500	\$14,544,522
Capital component	\$2,863,095	\$3,078,716	\$2,911,583
* Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, should the proposed budget be defeated, certain equipment in the capital and program components would be reduced.			
**Separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: Capital Project Referendum \$26,700,000; Bus Proposition \$195,000.			

BASIC STAR EXEMPTION IMPACT

The Estimated Basic STAR exemption savings is based on a hypothetical home within the school district with a full value of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.	BUDGET PROPOSED FOR THE 2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR
Basic STAR tax savings	\$517

The Annual Budget Vote for the fiscal year 2016-2017 by the qualified voters of the Galway Central School District, Saratoga County, New York, will be held at Galway Jr/Sr High School gym in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by electronic voting machine.

CONTINGENCY BUDGET

According to state law, the public may vote on a school budget only twice in any given year. In the event the proposed budget is defeated there are three options:

1. Put the same budget before the voters a second time
2. Put a revised (and typically lower) budget before the voters
3. Or adopt a contingent budget

After a second defeat, the board must adopt a contingent budget with a 0% tax cap.

The contingent budget amount would be \$19,579,534 and would eliminate additional programs, equipment, pupil supplies, and community use of buildings and grounds as required by state regulations.

WITH SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION

We would like to thank the following organizations for their extraordinary support of our students' education.

From the Dockstader Charitable Trust:

- \$1,550 for MiSci Learning Center Visit

From Organizations and Individuals:

- \$9,274.13 from the Ilisababy Foundation for the Arts in Education Program
- \$1,500 from the Galway Players for stage lighting upgrade
- \$1,750 from the PTSA for Books Reading Program
- \$3,500 from the PTSA for the Media Program and Post Office
- \$50 from the PTSA for the Elementary School
- \$1,000 from Walmart Miles for Education for Elementary School
- \$566.81 from Target for the Elementary School
- \$2,491 from Art to Remember, Inc. for Elementary art supplies
- \$1,000 Brita Donovan, DASA Training Funds, Custom Baseball Field Windscreen
- \$1,988.92 from the Galway Athletic Booster Club, Custom Baseball Field Windscreen

Donations to the Galway Robotics Club:

- Metro Ford of Schenectady
- Dockstader Charitable Trust
- Brita Donovan, DASA Training Funds
- The Robotics Education and Competition (REC) Foundation

TEC-SMART/ PTECH OPPORTUNITIES



Galway students in 9th, 10th, and 12th grade have the ability to participate in an innovative program that compresses the time it takes to complete a high school diploma and the first two years of college. The rigorous program is called Clean Technologies and Sustainable Industries Early College High School. It is a collaboration between Galway CSD, Ballston Spa CSD, and Hudson Valley Community College.

The Clean Technologies and Sustainable Industries Early College High School has multiple pathways that provide students with transdisciplinary learning and 21st Century skill sets so they can make informed decisions regarding college and careers. The pathways include Clean Energy; Computer Science and Information Systems; Mechatronics; and Leadership, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship.

Students involved in the program take both high school and college level coursework at Hudson Valley Community College's TEC-SMART campus in Malta. Through the Center for Economic Growth (CEG), Saratoga Economic Development Corporation (SEDC), and local Chambers of Commerce, students are connected with hundreds of businesses throughout the region, opening the door to learning and internships.

Galway Jr/Sr High School will have five students in each cohort next year.

STEM NIGHT & SCIENCE FAIR A HUGE SUCCESS

We would like to thank the families and friends who attended the annual STEM Night and Science Fair. Through the hard work of the Joseph Henry Elementary School Building Team and the Galway Parent Teacher Student Association (PTSA), and the generous support of the American Culinary Federation, Walmart (Glenville), Target (Glenville), Price Chopper (Glenville), Hannaford (Glenville), Shop Rite (Niskayuna), Conifer Park Dietary Department, and the Local Student Scholarships-Glens Falls Chapter, the evening was filled with great food, exciting interactive stations, amazing science demonstrations, and basket give-a-ways!

Congratulations to all the participants and winners of the 2016 Science Fair:

Grades 3-6

- 1st-Colin Anderson, Casey Clarke, Adam Hay (Fertilizer Frenzy)
- 2nd-Carson Eagan, Declan Dunn, Christopher Maher (Indestructible Egg)
- 3rd-Keegan Eddy, Xander Gotzen-Berg (Pop-Pop Goes the Balloon)

Grade 6-8

- 1st-Ariana Allen, Lindsey Wright (Plethora of Popcorn)
- 2nd-Ella Underwood (Blades in the Wind)
- 3rd-Henry Flint (Are Finger Prints Inherited?)

Honorable Mention

- Diane Colangelo, Isabella Mancini (Water Density)
- Eben Perkins (Thirsty Rocks and Minerals)





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2016-17 ELECTION BALLOT ITEMS AND VOTING INFORMATION

PROPOSITION #1:

PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Shall the proposed budget of expenditures for the Galway Central School District for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$20,159,607, and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education, be approved and the amount thereof be raised by a levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the school district, after first deducting monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by law?

PROPOSITION #2:

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to: (1) renovate and reconstruct various School District buildings, undertake site work, reconstruct athletic fields, construct storage buildings, and acquire original furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus required for the purpose for which such buildings are to be used, at a maximum cost of \$26,700,000; (2) expend \$1,750,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to pay a portion of the costs of 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 the amounts expended from the Capital Reserve Fund; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the School District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$24,950,000, and the levy of a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due, be approved?

PROPOSITION #3:

PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire a school bus and school vehicles at a maximum aggregate cost of not to exceed \$195,000; (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 \$195,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

TWO VACANCIES ON THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are two vacancies on the Board of Education. They are four year terms of office that are effective July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2020. These seats are currently held by Melodye Eldeen and Thomas Rumsey whose terms expire on June 30, 2016. All seats are at-large. The following candidates will appear on the Election Ballot. Melodye Eldeen is seeking re-election.

Melodye Eldeen
Michelle Bombard

VOTER REGISTRATION

Personal registration for Galway Central School District residents who are interested in registering to vote will be held on May 3, 2016 from 8 – 3:30 P.M. in the Office of the District Clerk located in the Jr./Sr. High School. Residents can also register by contacting their local Board of Elections office throughout the year.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

You are entitled to vote if you meet the following qualifications:

- You are a citizen of the United States,
- You are at least eighteen years of age or older on the day of the vote,
- You are a resident within the District for a period of thirty days prior to the vote
- You are registered to vote with your local Board of Elections and have voted in a local, county or national election within the last four years.

If you are not sure if you are registered to vote, please call the Saratoga County Board of Elections Office at 885-2249, the Fulton County Board of Elections Office at 793-5526 or the Board of Elections Office for the county in which you reside. You may also contact the Galway Central School District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, at 882-1033 Ext. 3224 or lcasatel@galwaycsd.org to confirm your registration.

No person shall have the right to register for or vote at any school meeting or election who would not be qualified to register for or vote at any election in accordance with the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law. This includes most convicted felons and those judged mentally incompetent by a court.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS AVAILABLE

Absentee ballots are available to registered voters of the Galway Central School District who will not be able to vote on Election Day. An absentee ballot application must be submitted before a ballot can be obtained. The ballot application, with instructions, is available on the District Website at www.galwaycsd.org or by contacting the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, at 882-1033 Ext. 3224. All applications for an absentee ballot must be received no later than 7 days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. If the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter, the application can be filed one day prior to the vote. All ballots must be returned to the District Clerk by 5:00 PM the day of the vote.