

EAGLE SPOTLIGHT

GALWAY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWS

BUDGET 2018-19



HOME OF THE
GOLDEN EAGLES

Budget Vote Set for Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

The Galway Central School District is continuing its Multi-Year Financial Plan to maintain financial stability. The overarching goal is to connect the district's financial resources to instructional goals of:

1. Student Learning and Achievement
2. Quality Instruction
3. Creative and Critical Thinking Skills
4. Partnerships
5. School Climate and Culture

The Galway Central School District Board of Education is proposing a budget of \$21,500,482 for the 2018-19 school year. This is an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$441,564 or 2.10%, resulting in an estimated 2.62% increase in the tax levy, which is below the district's maximum allowable tax levy cap of 2.66%.

To offset the tax levy, the district will apply \$1,400,000 from the Fund Balance. In addition, the district will make a targeted, one-time purchase from the undesignated fund balance for one 72-passenger school bus and two minivans on NYS Contract.

The capital component of the proposed budget (debt service) includes funding for one Bond Anticipation Notice for the first phase of the Capital Project, which encompasses abatement (spring 2018) and contractor work (spring 2019). 78.6% of the Capital Project expenditures will be returned to the district in ensuing years in the form of revenue from NYS Building Aid.

The proposed budget fully supports the students, families, and taxpayers of the district. It stays within the Tax Cap limitations, preserves programs and opportunities for students, utilizes available resources to keep rising costs at a minimum, and strategically manages reserves and fund balance.

We encourage you to vote on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 in the Galway Junior/Senior High School gym between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m.

Joseph Henry Elementary School Science Fair

Galway students in grades 3-8 entered over 50 projects in the 2018 Joseph Henry Elementary School Science Fair. Each inquiry-based project included a poster, data, and an interactive component. In addition to the fantastic displays, Science Fair attendees had the chance to read Critter Reports written by first graders.

Grades 3-5 Winners

- 1st Place – James Hill
2nd Place – Deidre McElhinney and Beena McElhinney
3rd Place – Anna Spadero and Magdalene Maciag
Runners-Up – Shamus Evans and Noah Montague

Grades 6-8 Winners

- 1st Place – Sophia Fasolino
2nd Place – Van Horvath
3rd Place – Sydney Mariani and Jayden DeVellis
Runners-up – Kaleigh Jankowski and Grace O'Brien



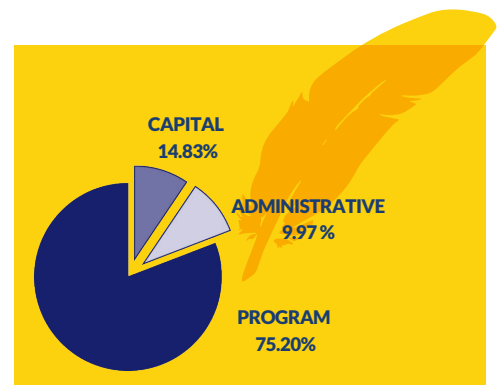
Expenditure Summary

Estimated Expenditures

ADMINISTRATIVE	2017-18	2018-19	Change
Board of Education	\$28,300	\$24,655	(\$ 3,645)
Central Administration	\$641,094	\$664,225	\$23,131
Public Information	\$170,649	\$178,283	\$7,634
Other Central Services	\$421,544	\$442,621	\$21,077
Supervision-Regular School	\$698,880	\$814,056	\$115,176
Employee Benefits	\$376,040	\$392,050	\$16,010
SUBTOTAL	\$2,336,507	\$2,515,890	\$179,383

PROGRAM	2017-18	2018-19	Change
Instruction	\$7,891,898	\$7,113,923	(\$777,975)
Special Education	\$2,033,721	\$2,807,634	\$773,913
District Transportation	\$1,241,125	\$1,351,859	\$110,734
Employee Benefits	\$4,420,833	\$4,508,822	\$87,989
Interfund Transfers	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
SUBTOTAL	\$15,617,577	\$15,812,238	\$194,661

CAPITAL	2017-18	2018-19	Change
Operation of Plant	\$1,008,335	\$1,050,670	\$42,335
Maintenance of Plant	\$469,522	\$470,648	\$1,126
Refund of Taxes	\$1,260	\$1,323	\$63
Employee Benefits	\$297,932	\$100,000	(\$197,932)
Debt Service	\$1,327,785	\$1,549,713	\$221,928
SUBTOTAL	\$3,104,834	\$3,172,354	\$67,520
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$21,058,918	\$21,500,482	\$441,564



Notes

- ADMINISTRATIVE expenditures cover expenses related to district management. The Administrative expenses comprise 9.97% of the overall budget.
- PROGRAM expenditures include items directly related to instruction. These include salaries, benefits, and transportation. The Program budget comprises approximately 75.20% of the total budget.
- CAPITAL expenditures account for 14.83% of the total budget. They include the cost of maintenance, operations, utilities, and debt service.

You Are Invited

to the 5th Annual

Golden Eagles Wall of Fame Induction and Athletic Awards Ceremony

June 9, 2018

6:30 p.m.

Galway High School Auditorium

Please help us honor the 2018 inductees listed on pages 4 & 5.

Wrestling Coach Poplaski Earned 400 Wins



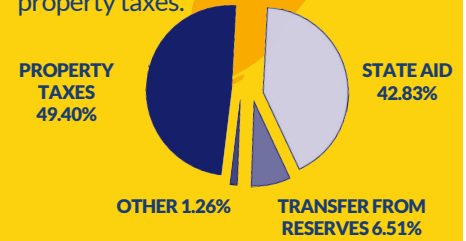
Congratulations to Galway Wrestling Coach Rick Poplaski, who earned his 400th dual meet win at the Wappingers Duals in January.

Revenue Summary

Estimated Revenues

	2017-18	2018-19	Change
Real Property Taxes	\$10,350,093	\$10,621,234	\$271,141
State Aid	\$8,726,893	\$9,208,558	\$481,665
Transfer from Reserves	\$1,550,254	\$1,400,000	(\$150,254)
Other Sources	\$431,678	\$270,690	(\$160,988)
TOTAL REVENUES	\$21,058,918	\$21,500,482	\$441,564

The majority of district revenue comes from state aid and property taxes.



Property Tax Report Card

	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget	Percent Change
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$21,058,918	\$21,500,482	2.10%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,350,093	\$10,621,234	
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)	\$10,350,093	\$10,621,234	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$249,476	\$346,466	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,100,617	\$10,274,768	
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)	\$10,100,617	\$10,274,768	
I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	808	812	0.5%
Consumer Price Index			1.26%
	2017-18 Actual	2018-19 Estimated	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,266,434	\$2,630,000	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,550,254	\$1,400,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$2,457,558	\$1,230,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	11.67%	5.72%	

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

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 \$21,201,130 and would eliminate additional programs, equipment, pupil supplies, and community use of buildings and grounds as required by state regulations.

REMINDER

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

Please Join Us Before or After Voting

May 15, 2018 | Galway CSD

PTSA Book Fair
Joseph Henry
Elementary School
5-7 p.m.

Elementary School
Spring Concert
Auditorium
6:30 p.m.

K-12 Art Show
Jr/Sr High School
Gym
10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Introducing the 2018 Inductees into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame



HOME OF THE
GOLDEN EAGLES



Crystal Eaton Collins, Class of 1984



Corbin Daino, Class of 2007

**Golden Eagles Athletic
Wall of Fame
Induction Ceremony
June 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.
in the High School Auditorium**

The Galway Central School District is proud to announce the 2018 Inductees into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame. Galway's Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame recognizes and honors student athletes, coaches, teams, and community supporters who have made significant contributions to the Galway athletic program.

Individuals were nominated for their service, performance, dedication, and commitment to Galway Athletics by members of the Galway community. A selection committee then voted to induct the following athletes, community member, and team into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame.

CRYSTAL EATON COLLINS

Crystal Eaton Collins, class of 1984, was a four-sport athlete for the Galway Central School District competing at the Varsity level in soccer, volleyball, basketball and track. She was a goalkeeper for a Galway soccer team that participated in a sectional finals contest. She coached JV volleyball for Galway while also coaching JV basketball and soccer at Niskayuna.

While attending Elmira College, Crystal played goalkeeper. During this time she was second in Elmira College history for saves – a total of 653 from 1986-1987. She was second with most saves per season in 1987 with 268, fourth in 1985 with 219, and 10th in 1986 with 169. She graduated from Elmira College with a degree in elementary education in 1988.

CORBIN DAINO

Corbin Daino, class of 2007, was a three-sport athlete for the Galway Central School District competing at the Varsity level in soccer for three seasons, track and field for four seasons, and the Ski Race Team for two seasons. Following his time at Galway, Corbin played soccer and skied for Castleton State College and later at Adirondack Community College.

Corbin earned several awards while at Galway which include the following:

- 2005 Track and Field – Best Track Performer
- 2006 Track and Field – MVP and Most Points Scored
- 2007 Track and Field – MVP and Most Points Scored
- 2006 Soccer – Offensive Player of the Year (20 goals, 10 assists)
- 2006-2007 Soccer – WAC and Section II Class C Champions
- Phillip Sowle Memorial Award – 2007
- Richard C. Gray Athletic Achievement Award – 2007
- Saratogian Skiing Dream Team – 2005-2006
- NYS Ski Racing Association – Eastern Finalist 2006, 2007
- Empire State Winter Games Participant – 2005, 2006, 2007

Inductees into the Golden Eagles Athletic Wall of Fame continued

KEVIN LOVELASS

Kevin Lovelass, class of 1987, was a three-sport Varsity athlete for the Galway Central School District. He participated in four years of Varsity baseball and was a captain his senior year. He was also a four-year member of the Varsity basketball team, a captain in his junior and senior years, and two-year member of the soccer team. Following his time at Galway he has coached soccer and baseball for Galway. During his career at Galway, Kevin accomplished the following:

- All League – Baseball, senior year
- All League – Basketball, sophomore, junior, senior years
- Section II All Tournament Team – sophomore, junior, senior years
- Section II Class C MVP
- Soccer – Member of 1985 Section II Soccer Championship team
- Basketball – scored 1311 career points, all while missing 13 games during his senior year to injury and not being afforded the luxury of a 3 point line
- Nominated for McDonald's All-American Team
- Exceptional Senior Game participant – basketball, baseball

JAY ANDERSON

Jay Anderson is a longtime community member and advocate of both Galway Schools and overall athletics within the community. As a community member he was instrumental in rejuvenating the youth basketball program for both boys and girls. As a Galway Central School District Board of Education Member, Jay played a vital role in improving the track and field facilities for the district in past years while most recently with a resurfacing of the current track. Past track improvement projects also included several improvements to the Varsity Soccer Field inside of the track. He was an advocate for a full-time Director of Athletics position and also promoted and secured the purchase of land that currently houses the JV soccer field and Varsity Baseball Field.

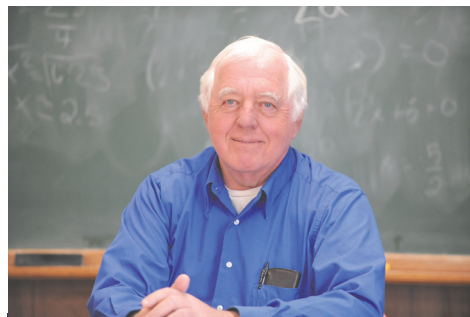
1976 BOYS VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM

The 1976 Galway Boys Varsity Basketball Team consisted of the following players: Brian O'Neil, Joe Collins, Mike Sivik, Earl Chase, Ron Stangle, Mike Wilkins, Keith Wilkins, Bill Milton, Bob Wood, Tom Benware, Don O'Neil, and Brooke Sawyer. They were coached by Head Coach Dick Gray and Assistant Coach Joe Yankowski. The Team accomplished the following:

- 20-3 Record – averaged 80 points per game
- Bob Wood, Earl Chase, and Mike Wilkins went on to be 1,000+ point scorers
- Tri-Valley North Division Champions 13-1
- Class D Champions, Class D-E Champions, Class D-E Intersectional Champions



Kevin Lovelass, Class of 1987



Jay Anderson



GALWAY D-E CHAMPS — Galway Central, pictured above, added new laurels by capturing Section II inter-class D-E honors with a 79-70 victory over Fort Edward last night at Saratoga. The triumph put the Golden Eagles into next Saturday's intersectionals and gave them a 20-3 record. Front row, left, Joe Yankowski, Brian O'Neil, Joe Collins, Mike Sivik, Earl Chase and Ron Stangle. Back row, left, Mike Wilkins, Keith Wilkins, Bill Milton, Bob Wood, Tom Benware, Don O'Neil and Coach Dick Gray (Swierowski).

1976 Boys Varsity Basketball Team

For more information, please contact the Galway Central School District Director of Athletics, Nathan Kocak at 518-882-1033 x3810 or nkocak@galwaycsd.org.



The Galway Drama Club performed *Cinderella* March 23-25, 2018. See more pictures on the district's photo gallery at www.flickr.com/photos/galwaycscd

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget 2018-19 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$21,058,918	\$21,500,482	\$21,201,130
Increase for the 2018-19 School Year		\$441,563	\$142,212
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		2.10%	0.68%
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		1.26%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,350,093	\$10,621,234	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$1,550,254	\$1,400,000	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$8,799,839	\$9,221,234	\$10,066,021
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$249,476	\$346,466	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,100,617	\$10,274,768	
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)	\$10,100,617	\$10,274,768	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$2,035,540	\$2,132,491	\$2,102,800
Program component	\$17,011,567	\$16,195,637	\$15,970,145
Capital component	\$2,011,811	\$3,172,354	\$3,128,185

* 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: The 2018-19 budget includes a \$204,000 proposition for the purchase of one 72-passenger bus and two minivans from NYS Contract at \$43,000 each. The funding will come from undesignated fund balance.

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.

Basic STAR tax savings

Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year

\$538



Odyssey of the Mind Was a Huge Success

Galway Central School District was proud to host the Region 6 Odyssey of the Mind Competition on March 17, 2018. The entire school was on display as over 300 students in 44 Teams from 15+ school districts creatively solved problems and performed for judges.

Odyssey of the Mind is a creative problem-solving competition for students of all ages. It encourages students to use their imaginations and work together to solve challenges. Each team has a volunteer adult coach to help with the entry forms, however the students make all the decisions regarding costumes, props, and their approach to solving and performing the problems.

Galway's Primary Team worked very hard to create their own cooking show, "Cooking with Smokey," with colorful characters, witty dialogue, a creative set, and perfect props. The team impressed the judges and came away with a rating of 40/42 stars.

The Division II "Classics...Mockumentary! Seriously?" Team earned a coveted lottery slot to the NYS Odyssey of the Mind competition in Binghamton after a humorous performance with a twist. The team continued on to place third out of 19 teams in the state competition.

The Division I "Emoji, Speak for Yourself" Team won first place for their silent depiction of a forgotten emoji. They also competed in the NYS Competition in Binghamton, where they earned fourth place out of 18 teams.

The Division I "Classics...Mockumentary! Seriously?" Team earned second place for their performance, which featured favorite storybook characters and scenes.

We would like to thank all the adult and student volunteers and staff members for making this event an incredible success!



From l.-r.: Erik Malanoski (Galway), Christian Hines (Galway), Lindsey Gileski (Galway), Derek Lyons (Fort Edward), and Jacob O'Brien (Galway).

P-Tech Students Heading to National Competition

The Galway Central P-Tech team, consisting of four 11th grade Galway students and one Fort Edward student, placed second at the Kid Wind Challenge at the General Electric (GE) facility in Schenectady on March 17, 2018.

The overall goal of The Kid Wind Challenge is to have fun building a device that converts moving wind into electricity. Along the way, students learn aspects of physics, engineering, environmental science, and policy. Students organized themselves into teams and did background research on turbines. They designed and built their own turbine, then tested the turbine to calculate its power output and improve the design.

This second place win qualified the team to compete in the National Kid Wind Challenge in Chicago May 8-10, 2018.

GE executives complimented the Galway/Fort Edward team on their PowerPoint presentation and question and answer session. The executives said their presentation was one of the best they had seen.

Go to www.eaglesmediacenter.com to read Christian Hines' article about the Kid Wind Competition.



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2018-19 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 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$21,500,482, 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: Purchase of School Bus and Mini Vans

Shall the Board of Education of the Galway Central School District be authorized to: (1) Acquire one school bus at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$118,000 and expend such sum for such purpose; (2) Acquire two minivans at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$86,000; (3) Expend an amount not to exceed \$204,000 of the district's unassigned fund balance to pay for the acquisition of these vehicles?

One Vacancy on the Board of Education

There is one vacancy on the Board of Education. It is a four-year term of office that begins on July 1, 2018 and ends on June 30, 2022. This seat is currently held by Joan Slagle, whose term expires on June 30, 2018. **Joan Slagle** is seeking re-election and will appear on the election ballot unopposed.

The Annual Budget Vote for the fiscal year 2018-2019 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 15, 2018 between the hours of 10 a.m. and 8 p.m. prevailing time, at which time the polls will be open to vote by electronic voting machine.

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 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote,
- You are a resident within the District for a period of 30 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 518-885-2249, the Fulton County Board of Elections Office at 518-793-5526 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 518-882-1033 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 at www.galwaycsd.org or by contacting the District Clerk, Linda Casatelli, at 518-882-1033 Ext. 3224. All applications for an absentee ballot must be received no later than seven 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 p.m. the day of the vote.

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