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BUDGET ISSUE MAY 2018

Budget and Trustee Vote

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 12 noon to 9 p.m.

High School Band Room*

*Please park in main (south) lot and use side entrances (adjacent to the parking lot) into the music area

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Information on Voting Tues., May 15

- Voting takes place in the band room in the music wing of the High School from 12 to 9 p.m.
- A person must be a citizen of the United States of America.
- A person must be 18 years of age or older.
- A person must be a resident of the Cheektowaga Central School District for at least 30 days.

No prior registration is required and residents do not have to be registered voters.

Identification will be required. The preferred forms are a Board of Elections' card, driver's license, postmarked mail, rental/lease receipt, a non-driver identification card or a utility bill.

Central's First-ever State Champs



The Lady Warriors bowling team of Emily Crone, Paige Onisk, Emma Rome, Alyssa Chorazak, Sarah Hencinski, Krista Hoctor and Caitlin Kirst won the New York State championship in Syracuse in March, becoming the first team from Cheektowaga Central School District to ever win a state title. Coaches Carroll, Fritsch and Kaplan said they couldn't be more proud of what these girls accomplished this past year culminating with a state title.

Triumphant "Beauty and the Beast" Takes the Stage in April



Cheektowaga Central High School students proved the show must go on in a spectacular production of "Beauty and the Beast" April 13, 15 and 16. When an early-spring ice storm forced the cancellation of Saturday night and Sunday afternoon performances, additional shows were added Sun., April 15 and Mon., April 16 at 6:30 p.m. Shown here is the cast taking their final bow. The musical was directed by Marissa Baker with vocal direction by Kimberly Harrison. Shawn Rydzik directed the pit orchestra, Mary Beth Petre managed the stage crew, and Kate Barbati produced. (Photo by Kate Barbati)

Board of Education President's Message

Building a school budget is quite the complex task. We began with the preliminary budget workshop after weeks of budget developments meetings with district administrators

and department heads. We then received the governor's preliminary state aid runs in January. At that time, the district was faced with a deficit of more than \$625,000. Keeping in mind our two main goals of the budget process — maintaining existing programs and crafting a budget that did not exceed the tax cap levy — we worked diligently to balance the budget. Both of these goals were met with the use of fund balance



Board of Education President Renee M. Wilson

and revised state aid runs that offered a bit more revenue to the district.

Some major highlights of the 2018-19 budget include retaining all Pupil Personnel Services staff (counselors, social workers and school psychologists). Given the nonacademic challenges, distressing experiences and crisis situations our students face, the services these professionals provide to our students are crucial. While we had to reduce some staff and trim some programming to stay within the tax cap, we prioritized our options and tried to keep any cuts as far away from the classroom as possible.

Some of the major appropriation adjustments necessary to balance our proposed 2018-19 budget are mainly due to the closing of Pine Hill Education Center, and include:

- Reduce 1 social studies position
- Reduce 6 special education positions
- Reduce 1 teaching assistant position
- Reduce .5 speech teacher
- Reduce 5 teacher aide positions
- Reduce 1 nurse position
- · Reduce 1 art position

Some of the major items included in the proposed 2018-19 budget include:

- Three additional elementary teaching positions due to enrollment
- Addition of a chief information officer/instructional technology director
- Addition of an assistant principal for the new Alternative Education wing
- Continuation of Capital Outlay Exception Project
- Special Education summer school
- Increase physical education and music due to enrollment

I am proud to bring to the taxpayers a spending plan that is both fiscally and educationally responsible. I urge everyone to come to our May 1 Budget Hearing and to vote on May 15. Thank you for your continued support of our Cheektowaga Central Schools.

Project Positive:

A Reason to Celebrate and Be Positive Schoolwide

- Nicole Kerner, Coordinator, Project Positive

This year as a district, Cheektowaga Central made a concerted effort to collect data, analyze it, and use it to determine our behavioral goals and help shape students' specific behavior in order to reach our goals. Teachers and staff consistently acknowledged students by praising and giving them a ticket when demonstrating the desired behavior. When students had an error in behavioral learning, teachers gently reminded them of the expectations and retaught them.

Once the students were successful in reaching their behavioral goal, they earned a schoolwide celebration to acknowledge their diligence in working together to master the specific skill. There were times that students did not reach their schoolwide behavioral goal, which

let us know that they needed to be retaught the specific desired behavior and needed more time to learn and strengthen that specific skill. When this happened the school-wide celebration was postponed, to allow the students the necessary time to learn and practice the desired behavior.

Having these schoolwide celebrations helps build community and a sense of family and belonging within our buildings. It acknowledges every student for their efforts to demonstrate positive behaviors and work toward a common goal together, while teaching students the value in continuing to demonstrate those behaviors in the future.

Together as a district partnering with parents and caregivers, we will continue to cultivate a learning environment that promotes positive behaviors and endless opportunities for learning for all of our students.

Shown here are Central students in each school enjoying their well-earned schoolwide celebrations.
Shown from top to bottom are Pine Hill Education Center, the High School, the Middle School, and Union East Elementary.









Sharing Random Act of Kindness – and Cookies

Teacher aide Lori Conti and nine students from Cheektowaga Central High School's Warriors for Life/Donate Life club baked and frosted cookies during the week before St. Patrick's Day. They then surprised school bus drivers with the sweet treats as a random act of kindness and to thank the drivers for all they do. Shown here is Lo-lo Davis-Harmon, who drives Bus #6. She keeps her bus and students in order, never has a complaint, and is a favorite of parents too, according to WNY Bus Company. Also shown here are Joel Mead and Tariq Whitaker, who were among the club members who participated.





Fun at the Middle School

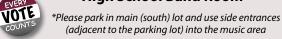
Kelly Hawkins, Bryce Hinton, Corynn Aiken and Deanna Young pose for a photo as they enjoy the seventh- and eighth-grade dance at the Middle School in February.



- Photo by Nicole Kerner, Project Positive Coordinator

Budget and Trustee Vote

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Message from the Superintendent

The 2018-19 Proposed Budget of \$45,156,821 is a 4.4% increase over the 2017-18 budget. School district administrators and the Board of Education worked diligently to develop a fiscally responsible budget that maintains educational programming and student opportunities.



Superintendent

Some positive factors that helped to balance **Mary Morris** the budget include the following: increases in Foundation Aid, Excess Cost Aid, Transportation Aid, Charter School Transition Aid and BOCES Aid. In addition, Debt Service is reduced as the debt for older capital projects is diminished. These factors allow us to maintain next year's instructional offerings, class sizes, and interscholastic activities. We also had some challenges, such as increases to contractual Salaries and Benefits, as well as a substantial increases to Transportation and Outside Tuition Expense.

Every year we evaluate student programming and make decisions based on providing the best service that is also fiscally responsible. A decision was made in 2016-17 to close the Pine Hill Education Center effective in the 2018-19 school year. Erie 1 BOCES approached us to rent the building for their Alternative Education programs for the next five years. This decision benefits district residents in several ways. First, it is a cost-savings measure because it reduces the number of staff needed in the district. Secondly, many of our students who were at Pine Hill will return to the main campus to have the opportunity to participate in more educational activities and programs.

The District's proposed tax rate per \$1,000 of assessed value is \$17.54 or \$.57 more than the tax rate per \$1,000 last year. Tax levy increases combined with maximizing State Aid opportunities and effective use of reserves allow us to offer a fiscally responsible solution to school district budgeting.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 1 at 7 p.m. when the Proposed Budget will be presented in the Board Room at 3600 Union Road. Please also remember to vote on May 15 between noon and 9 p.m.

Down on the Farm

Prekindergarten students in Mrs. Matusiak's class at Union East Elementary School enjoy some new farm items in the dramatic play area.



UPK Accepting Students for September

Registration is open for Cheektowaga Central School District's universal prekindergarten program (UPK) for the 2018-2019 school year. The program begins Sept. 5, pending state funding, and is open to district residents who will be age 3 or 4 on or before Dec. 1, 2018. There will be a random-draw lottery to select the UPK students to fill the available slots.

The 3-year-old UPK program will be held at Little Angels Day Care Center, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The 4-year-old UPK program will be held at Union East Elementary School, Little Angels, and Watch Me Grow Daycare Center. Hours will be Monday through Friday from 9:15 a.m. to 3 p.m., except at Little Angels, which will be 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The UPK program curriculum implements Common Core Learning Standards and is taught by New York State-certified teachers.

Bus transportation will be provided for all children age 3 and above. Parents are responsible for transportation until their child turns 3. Children must be residents of the Cheektowaga Central School District. Random draw applications may be picked from Audra Cyrulik, UPK assistant coordinator, in the Registration Office, located in the High School building. Applications are also available at www. cheektowagak12.org.

For more information, contact Audra Cyrulik at 686-3616 or acyrulik@ccsd-k12.net.

WNY Regional Science and Engineering Fair Winners



Capri Polizzi, Karissa Vullo, Bailey Budziszewski and Joshua Fronczak (left to right), shown here with science teacher Karin Cyganovich, won medals and prizes at the Western New York Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Buffalo State College on March 24. See story on page 5.

2018-19 Proposed Expenditures

Three-Part Components	2018-19	2017-18	Change
Administrative	4,703,676	4,677,939	25,737
Program	35,304,743	33,312,171	1,992,572
Capital	5,148,402	5,261,910	(113,508)
TOTAL	\$45,156,821	\$43,252,020	\$1,904,801

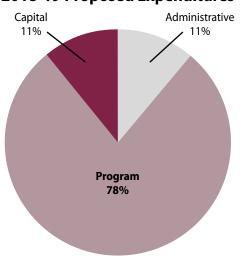
Administrative Expenses							
Account	2018-19	2017-18	Change				
Board of Education	19,223	22,973	(3,750)				
Central Administration	239,439	231,742	7,697				
Finance	459,330	448,189	11,141				
Staff	194,744	197,860	(3,116)				
Central Services	452,181	434,629	17,552				
Special Items	372,346	382,302	(9,956)				
Administration & Improvement	1,827,552	1,794,373	33,179				
Employee Benefits	1,138,861	1,165,871	(27,010)				
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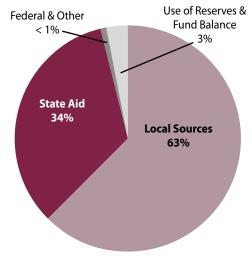
Program Expenses							
Account	2018-19	2017-18	Change				
Administration & Improvement	75,382	78,855	(3,473)				
Teaching - Regular School	12,424,839	12,408,958	15,881				
Program for Students with Disabilities	5,452,647	5,226,893	225,754				
Occupational Education	1,082,753	1,083,038	(285)				
Teaching - Special Schools	25,256	58,600	(33,344)				
Instructional Media	1,269,337	1,091,818	177,519				
Pupil Peronnel Services	2,215,795	2,067,527	148,268				
Pupil Transportation	4,509,860	3,589,369	920,491				
Employee Benefits	8,073,874	7,425,113	648,761				
Interfund Transfers - to Special Aid	175,000	282,000	(107,000)				
TOTAL	\$35,304,743	\$33,312,171	\$1,992,572				

Capital Expenses			
Account	2018-19	2017-18	Change
Central Services	2,155,696	2,256,747	(101,051)
Special Items	82,266	925	81,341
Employee Benefits	607,934	619,595	(11,661)
Debt Service	2,202,506	2,384,643	(182,137)
Interfund Transfers - to Capital	100,000	-	100,000
TOTAL	\$5,148,402	\$5,261,910	\$(113,508)

2018-19 Proposed Expenditures

2018-19 Estimated Revenues





2018-19 Estimated Revenue

Account	2018-19	2017-18	Change
Real Property Tax Items	25,090,563	24,419,667	670,896
Non-property Tax Distribution by County	2,575,642	2,453,676	121,966
Charges for Services	114,000	600,928	(486,928)
Use of Money and Property	442,394	13,751	428,643
Sale of Property	1,500	300	1,200
Miscellaneous Revenue	194,927	217,732	(22,805)
Total, Local Sources	\$28,419,026	\$27,706,054	\$712,972
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Basic Formula Aid	9,155,784	7,819,184	1,336,600
Basic Formula Aid - Excess Cost	2,414,749	2,182,594	232,155
Lottery Aid	1,972,949	2,603,368	(630,419)
BOCES Aid	1,038,740	967,923	70,817
Textbook Aid	144,096	144,111	(15)
Software/Hardware Aid	63,340	63,354	(14)
Library Materials Aid	13,850	13,869	(19)
Other State Aid (Charter Tuition)	403,157	324,197	78,960
Total, State Aid	\$15,206,665	\$14,118,600	\$1,088,065
Medicaid Assistance	250,000	265,000	(15,000)
Interfund Transfers, Special Aid	20,000	20,000	-
Use of Reserves	261,130	159,750	101,380
Use of Appropriated Fund Balance	1,000,000	982,616	17,384
Total, Other Sources	\$1,531,130	\$1,427,366	\$103,764
TOTAL	\$45.456.024	£42.252.020	÷1 004 001

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2018-19 Estimated School Tax Bill

assumes STAR property tax exemption applied

Property Assessed Value	2018-19 Estimate	2017-18 Actual	Change
\$100,000	\$1,754	\$1,697	\$57
\$150,000	\$2,631	\$2,546	\$85
\$200,000	\$3,508	\$3,394	\$114

Science Scholars are Active at High School

Karin Cyganovich, Science
 Department Chairperson

Cheektowaga Central High school students have been very active in science this year, participating in many events that deserve special recognition.

Four science research students, sponsored by Mrs. Cyganovich, competed in the Western New York Regional Science and Engineering Fair at Buffalo State College on Sat., March 24. Senior Karissa Vullo earned a silver medal and \$100 for her project "Does Sugar Advertised on Drink Labels Match the Actual Amount in the Drinks?" Bailey Budziszewski, also a senior, earned a bronze medal and \$50 for her project "Does Surface Type and Temperature Affect Fingerprints?" Senior Joshua Fronczak won an honorable mention medal for his project "Do Hand Dryers Clean Your Hands Better than Paper Towels?" Capri Polizzi, a junior, won an honorable mention medal for her project "Which Ingredient in Bottled Water do Students Prefer?"

Juniors Kathy Le and Da'Vaughn Pereira and sophomore Nick Buettner, led by Ms. Lorenz, competed in three events Nov. 18 at a regional Physics Olympics, placing 10th out of 40 schools. They created a parachute that allowed an egg to land safely on a target.

Junior Capri Polizzi, with the guidance of Mrs. Cyganovich, entered the Kids to Park National School Contest in February and won a fully funded school trip for the students in science research class to Niagara State Park, the Maid of the Mist and Cave of the Winds.

In other activities, senior Khan Nguyen and junior Kathy Le, along with Ms. Lorenz, were volunteer helpers at the Regional Science Olympiad at Buffalo State College on Sat., Feb. 10. On March 27, 146 high school students and 56 middle school students were recognized at the Cheektowaga Central School District Science Honor Society ceremony. And on Sat. April 21st, Senior Josh Wolf and juniors Chris Bevan, Chaiann Richardson and Jon'Eva Williams, along with Ms. Lorenz, collaborated with physicists at the University at Buffalo in analyzing data collected from a particle collider.

Congratulations to these fine students and their teachers, parents and guardians.

(See photo of the WNY Regional Science and Engineering Fair winners on page 4.)

Playing for Pulaski Dinner

Seventh-grader Jack Schihl performed March 2 at the General Pulaski Installation Dinner

held at The Protocol restaurant. He played the service themes of the branches of military service and played "Taps" on his bugle, shown here joined by music teacher Kacy Dolan. The event was emceed by



Kevin O'Connell from WGRZ-Channel 2, and among those in attendance were New York State Lieutenant Governor Kathy Hochul, Erie County District Attorney John Flynn, New York State Comptroller Thomas DiNapoli, and Cheektowaga Police Department Assistant Chief James Spyer. Jack did a terrific job representing his school and the Cheektowaga community.

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Important Health Information for Parents and Guardians











NYS and NYC Screening & Health Exam Requirements														
	New Entrant	Pre K or K*	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
HEARING SCREENING:														
Pure Tone	х	х	Х		х		х		х				х	
SCOLIOSIS SCREENING														
Boys											х			
Girls							х		х					
VISION SCREEN	ING													
Color Perception	х													
Color Perception	х													
Fusion		Х	Х											
Near Vision	х	Х	Х		Х		Х		Х				Х	
Near Vision	х	Х	Х		Х		Х							
Distance Acuity	х	х	Х		Х		х		х				х	
Distance Activy	х	Х	Х		Х		х							
Hyperopia	х													

^{*}Determine if your Kindergarten or Pre K students are your district's new entrants.

Health Examination Overview														
	New Entrant	Pre K or K	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Health Examination**	х	х	х		х		х		х		х		х	
Health Examination	х													
Dental Certificate	х	х	х		х		х		х		х		х	

^{**}Health Examinations may be either a Health Appraisal (health exam performed by the School Medical Director) or Health Certificate (health exam performed by the student's primary medicalprovider). They must be dated no more than 12 months prior to the start of the school year in which they are required, or the date of entrance to the school for new entrants

This sample resource was created by the New York State Center for School Health and is located at www.schoolhealthny.com in the Laws | Guidelines | Memos - Effective July 2018 (revised 2/2018)

Patriotic Pride at Union East



Congratulations to Union East Elementary School third-grader Averie Schuder, who won first place in Erie County for her poster in the annual VFW Ladies Auxiliary Americanism contest. Congratulations

also to the kindergarten classes at Union East Elementary School for winning first place as a group countywide in the scrapbook category. Winners were announced in March. Union East students participated in November in a variety of Veterans Day activities. Kindergarten students made an Americanism scrapbook; first- and

second-graders entered the coloring contest; and third- and fourth-graders made posters.



Establish procedures that clarify expectations & enhance learning

"It's all about the learning"

Build meaningful relationships with staff, students and community to promote learning

<u>Vision</u>
To inspire...

CHEEKTOWAGA
CENTRAL SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Mission

To provide every student with the resources and opportunities for academic success and personal growth.

<u>Develop</u> a culture of thinking & learning

Goal

Inspire a high level of learning for all students

Motivate staff and students to do their best work & inspire the love of learning

One Member of the

PROPOSITION NO. 1

BUDGET FOR CHEEKTOWAGA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2018-2019

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the budget for Cheektowaga Central School District for the school year 2018-2019, as presented by the Board of Education at the Annual Budget Hearing on May 1, 2018, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on taxable property of said School District to be levied and collected as required by law.

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Board of Education	
(5 year term) (Vote for ONE)	
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School Board meetings are generally held the second Tuesday of the month at the District Office, 3600 Union Road, Cheektowaga, at 7 p.m.

Those planning on attending are encouraged to verify meeting date and time by calling 686-3606.

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School District Budget Notice

School District Dauget Notice							
Overall Budget Proposal Cheektowaga Central School District 140701	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year *				
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$43,252,020	\$45,156,821	\$44,388,635				
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$1,904,821	\$1,136,615				
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.40 %	2.63%				
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%					
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$43,252,020	\$24,765,445					
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	0	0					
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$23,997,259	\$24,765,445	\$23,997,259				
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$787,991	\$848,229					
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$23,259,268	\$23,917,216					
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$23,209,268	\$23,917,216					
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$50,000	\$0					
Administrative Component	\$4,677,939	\$4,703,676	\$4,616,303				
Program Component	\$33,312,171	\$35,304,743	\$34,791,117				
Capital Component	\$5,261,910	\$5,148,402	\$4,981,215				

^{*}A defeat of the proposed budget and adoption of a contingency budget would mean a decrease of approximately \$768,000. First to be removed are non-contingent expenses. This includes most equipment, certain student supplies, new and mutli-year contractual arrangements, and salary increases for non-instructional confidential management. After non-contingent expenses are removed ordinary contingent expenses are removed. This includes reduction in non-mandated programming, interscholastic athletics, extracurricular activities, summer school programs, field trips and related transportation, additional materials and supplies, and professional development. **Not Applicable.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-2019 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Tax Saving ¹	\$519

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the Cheektowaga Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at the Band Room of the High School in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.