



"Together we teach and inspire excellence for all learners."

# Gates Chili Schools

Special Budget Edition - May 2018

## Annual School Budget Vote

Dear District Residents,

The Board of Education, along with our Administrative team that includes our Associate Superintendent, Carol Stehm; our Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources and Labor Relations, Michaela Perrotto; and our Interim Assistant Superintendent for Business, James Fichera have looked carefully at our budget process. This year the 2018-2019 Annual Budget is presented as a collaborative amongst our entire Administrative Team and input from building staff interested in helping us meet the challenging times associated with building a budget. The Property Tax Cap Levy continues to change the way districts across New York State develop a budget that is fiscally responsible, yet one that focuses on what is best for the students. In the Gates Chili Central School District, we are looking at a 2.51% Tax Cap Levy limit.

This year the New York State Budget was approved by April 1, but for the first time our initial state aid projections released in January were the revenue values we used to build the budget right up to the April 10th board approval, having received our final state aid numbers early in April. This made it especially difficult to balance a budget, and likewise present it. Our local Senators and Assemblymen continue to advocate for additional state aid funds to support education throughout New York State. We are truly grateful for their support of public education in our region. Additional aid, mainly in the form of Foundation Aid, was approved. This allowed for us to offset the budget gap with this additional/anticipated aid; along with reducing the use of appropriated reserves. We continue to strategically plan for long term use of reserves to ensure that we can balance future budgets when faced with challenging budget cycles well into the future.

On behalf of the Board of Education we present the proposed budget for the 2018-2019 academic school year. We are committed, dedicated, and determined to create an annual budget that sustains our fiscal health for many years to come, while maintaining school programs that meet the needs of ALL students, district wide.

The New York State Council of School Superintendents just recently posted the results of a survey that asked... Please tell us what you think is most important for the public to know and understand about the work of a school superintendent:

1. That we are constrained by local, state and federal laws and policies. There is very little left in a school district that is really under BOE/Superintendent control. For example, 76% of our budget is dedicated to the human cost of running a school district. Given the property tax cap, we have very little flexibility in spending; coupled with the decrease in state aid and federal grants.
2. The school superintendent is the educational leader of your community and the work is more important and challenging now than ever. The public needs to understand that we lead our schools but did not create these conditions that we are forced to lead our students through to opportunity.
3. It is the best job in the state. Period. The opportunity to make a positive contribution in the lives of students, families and staff is a remarkable gift that we (I) cherish greatly.
4. Being a superintendent is much more like a baseball umpire than a school teacher. Everyone knows the rules, and you are not alone behind the plate, but you are the only one who must make the call...and everyone has an opinion on that.
5. This job is 24/7 and involves many heartbreaking stories both from employees and students. On the other hand, there are many joys.
6. It is important to really believe in the value of public education-to be a strong advocate for every child's right to be well-educated.
7. The superintendent is the CEO who needs to be well versed in all aspects of the district's operations, able to balance competing and compelling demands, and skilled at knowing when to be traffic cop and when to be a cheerleader.
8. The superintendency is not a job, it is a vocation, a calling 24/7, 365 days per year of advocating for children in a system that is inequitable, overly bureaucratic and regulated, often overseen by people who are not and have never been educators, and manipulated by local, state, and federal politics. It is our mission to ensure that our

children are at the heart of every decision made, and that our vision must be to prepare those children to be thoughtful, compassionate, informed, and active citizens.

9. The school superintendent is the leader of a multi-million dollar business, and is ultimately responsible for all facets of the operation. The most critical responsibility is student achievement and welfare; but budget, maintenance, employee issues, and the Board of Education relations consume considerable time.
10. There are obvious and non-obvious facets to the job of a superintendent from the perspectives of the public. There are so many things superintendents do on a daily, weekly, monthly, and annual basis that are only noticed if they are not done, or not done well, and those are the things that are often the most essential to the success of the superintendent, and the District he/she serves.

I am proud to be in the Gates Chili Central School District serving as your Superintendent, I am proud to be a Spartan, and I am proud of the budget we have presented for 2018-2019.

This year you will find five (5) propositions on the ballot...our Annual Budget, the purchase of buses, the creation of a Capital Reserve, the use of our Energy Performance Contract to be eligible for additional aid at no cost to the taxpayer, and the election of Board members.

Please accept my sincere appreciation for the continual support of our community residents to ensure that every child is college and/or career ready upon graduation. We are committed to improving academically, while keeping fiscal responsibility at the forefront of all that we do. Our budget, our buses, and our buildings will provide the opportunity to be **EXTRAORDINARY** in so many terrific ways. This budget is presented in the spirit of **The Spartan Way... Respect, Responsibility, Hard Work, and Compassion!**

Kimberle A. Ward, Superintendent

# Three-Part Budget Information Proposed Budget 18-19

## Program Component \$ 80,441,945 or 75.40 % of budget

The Program Component represents the largest portion of expenditures. This component maintains all current programs and services and supports the District's mission and vision. This component provides funding for instruction and educational support services for all students. Transportation, health, library, co-curricular activities, and athletics are also included in this component.

Function or Account	2017-18	2018-19	Increase/ Decrease
Instruction	\$53,519,295	\$54,126,802	1.14%
District Transportation	\$4,664,291	\$4,854,839	4.09%
Community Services	\$170,187	\$175,849	3.33%
Employee Benefits	\$20,389,888	\$21,284,455	4.39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$78,743,661</b>	<b>\$80,441,945</b>	<b>2.16%</b>

## Capital Component \$ 15,479,596 or 14.51 % of budget

The Capital Component includes cost associated with the operation and maintenance of the District facilities, including utilities, building and equipment repairs and grounds maintenance. Funds area also included for principal and interest payments on capital projects.

Function or Account	2017-18	2018-19	Increase/ Decrease
Operation of Plant & Maintenance of Plant	\$5,144,208	\$5,214,308	1.36%
Employee Benefits	\$1,660,163	\$1,732,999	4.39%
Debt Service	\$8,018,759	\$8,532,289	6.40%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$14,823,130</b>	<b>\$15,479,596</b>	<b>4.43%</b>

## Administrative Component \$ 10,772,108 or 10.10 % of budget

The Administrative Component provides for the general support and management of the school buildings and the District.

Function or Account	2017-18	2018-19	Increase/ Decrease
Board of Education	\$19,400	\$10,175	-47.55%
Central Administration	\$286,722	\$294,971	2.88%
Finance	\$798,562	\$812,224	1.71%
Staff	\$604,582	\$588,382	-2.68%
Central Services	\$538,684	\$777,190	44.28%
Specialty Items	\$1,469,047	\$1,529,674	4.13%
Instructional Administration & Staff Development	\$1,178,709	\$1,105,549	-6.21%
Supervision ( Regular & Special School)	\$2,262,994	\$2,266,231	0.14%
Supervision Students with Special Needs	\$458,525	\$423,166	-7.71%
Employee Benefits	\$2,839,949	\$2,964,546	4.39%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,457,174</b>	<b>\$10,772,108</b>	<b>3.01%</b>

# VOTE

## Tuesday, May 15, 2018

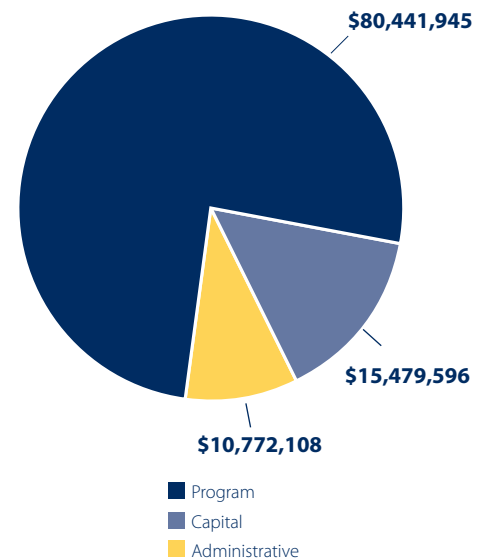
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Gates Chili High School  
Field House

1 Spartan Way



### 18-19 Use of Educational Funding



**Total Three-Part Budget**      **\$104,023,965**      **\$106,693,649**      **2.57%**

### Proposition 1: General Fund Budget

SHALL the Board of Education of the Gates Chili Central School District be authorized to spend for school purposes during the 2018-2019 fiscal year \$106,693,649 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

### Proposition 2: Bus Purchase

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Gates Chili Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$1,937,000, before trade-in value, and an estimated net aggregate cost of \$1,640,000 after such trade-in value, and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed \$1,640,000 shall be issued, or the School District may enter into an installment purchase contract if the board of education determines that it is in the best interest of the School District to finance the purchase in that method.

### Proposition 3: Capital Reserve Fund

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Gates Chili Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the "2018 Capital Reserve Fund"), with the purpose of such fund being to finance reconstruction and improvement of school buildings and facilities, and the acquisition of furnishings, equipment, machinery or apparatus; such capital costs being of a type that would be eligible for financing under the local finance law, and costs incidental thereto, the ultimate amount of such fund to be \$10,000,000, plus earnings thereon, the probable term of such fund to be 10 years, but such fund shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted, and the sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iii) New York State Aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time, all as permitted by law.

### Proposition 4: Energy Performance Savings

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Gates Chili Central School District is hereby authorized to request additional state aid for energy savings contract improvements under an energy performance contract previously authorized by the board of education, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$4,100,000; which energy savings contract requires additional voter approval to be eligible for additional enhanced state building aid.

### Board Of Education Candidates

Three (3) candidates will be elected to serve a three-year term from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021.

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Vote up to any four (4):

- Kerri Keyes
- Jeffrey Pettenski
- Andre (Andy) Bailey
- Andrea Hinchey Unson
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Write-in Candidate(s)

## 2018-2019 Bus Purchase Proposition

- Will not impact the tax levy
- Will generate approximately \$1,148,000 in State Aid
- The cost of each bus after State Aid is approximately \$6,420 per year for 5 years
- Including financing costs of approximately \$40,000

### Budget Proposition

Proposed Budget	\$106,693,649
Budget to Budget Increase	2.57%
Estimated Tax Rate Increase	0.80%
Tax Levy Increase	2.51%

# Capital Project Update

The following outlines the current status of our Capital Improvement Project the voters approved in May of 2017.

Throughout the Fall the District's Design Team from SEI Design Group and Watchdog Building Partners have been meeting with User Groups in each of our six (6) buildings. The user groups consist of administrators, teachers, and support staff. We thank them for their time and energy in helping to identify the needs for design in each of the areas

designated to be renovated in this project. We are currently on schedule for design and New York State Education Department submissions. You can hear about our updates at each of our Board meetings held on the fourth (4th) Tuesday of the month, and all updates will be posted to our website.

Thank you to our community for supporting this Capital Improvement Project, we are truly grateful!

## Submittals to NYS include:

### Phase 1.1: High School Site work that includes Track and Turf at HS, Roof Work

- Construction begins in July, completion to be August 2019.

### Phase 1.2: Florence Brassier Addition of two (2) new classrooms

- Construction begins in December, completion to be November 2019
- Design Phase Complete-Preparing Submittals

### Phase 1.3: Middle School Renovation

- Submittal in June
- Construction begins in June 2019, completion to be July 2021

### Phase 1.4: Paul Road Renovation and Florence Brassier BCS items

- Submittal in June
- Construction begins in May 2019, completion to be August 2020

### Phase 1.5: High School Auditorium and Music Wing Renovations

- Submittal in August
- Construction to begin July 2019, completion to be March 2021

### Phase 1.6: Walt Disney and Neil Armstrong Renovations

- Submittal in February 2019
- Construction to begin January 2020, completion to be September 2021

### Phase 1.7: District Wide Energy Performance Contract (EPC), improve energy performance, save district 10% of capital improvement costs

- Submittal in May
- Construction to begin March 2019, completion to be September 2019



# Spartan Pride



**80** students participated in the Hunchback of Notre Dame either on stage, in the pit orchestra or in stage crew

**26** Relay for Life students helped raise funds for cancer research

**35** High School students earned an Academic Varsity Letter for academic excellence

**27** Middle School students participate on our 3 FIRST Robotics Lego League teams

**50** High School Service Club members collected \$4,000 from fellow students and staff to provide a holiday meal and gifts to 50 families in our community

**46** high school students were inducted into the National Honor Society

**2** students, siblings Austin and Shiana Susa, presented at Portland State at the NASA CLERE Competition on the effect of angle on upwards capillary flow in a microgravity environment

**32** students participated in the Middle School Geography Bee by earning a top score on a geography test

**29** Latin students made us proud by earning high scores on the National Exam

**1** Gates Chili teacher, Kevin Cleland, was selected as a New York State Master Teacher

**23** students learned about Careers in Education at a local conference

**2** SAVVY Club high school students, Ajenee Williams and Zionah Campbell, were asked to serve on a panel at the Roc 2 Change student summit on race where 350 local high school students came together to make a difference

**90** High School Track team members worked together to help fundraise for Daniel's 5K

**1** DECA high school student, Kevonna Buchanan, completed and placed in the DECA competition for Business Students

**3000** students received arts-integrated curriculum this year, spanning grades K-12. Over 2100 from the GC community staff, students and parents attended a Broadway production at RBTL throughout the year as a culminating experience

**600** pieces of artwork in painting, drawing, photography and mixed media were showcased at the MS spring art show

**400** UPK and Kindergarten students and their families have participated in the summer Reading Caravan which welcomes incoming students and families

**1202** student-athletes participate in the 2017-2018 school year in 15 male athletic and 15 female athletic programs

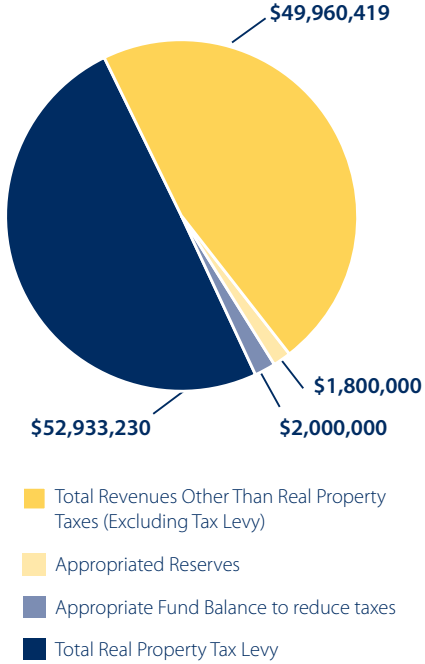


All other Residents with BASIC STAR benefits	
Assessed Value	Est. yr/yr tax increase
\$100,000	\$15

Residents 65 and older with Enhanced STAR benefits	
Assessed Value	Est. yr/yr tax increase
\$100,000	\$8

Estimated Comparison of Taxes				
	2017-18	2018-19	Change	
Tax Rates On Assessed Value:	Actual	Estimate	Amount	%
Gates Assessed Value (\$1,320,497,382)	\$26.55	\$26.76	\$0.21	0.80%
Chili Assessed Value (\$657,437,130)	\$26.55	\$26.76	\$0.21	0.80%
Tax Rates on True Value (\$1,977,934,512)	\$26.55	\$26.76	\$0.21	0.80%

**Sources of Education Funding**



**Calculations are based on the following assumptions:**

1. Assessment values in the Town of Gates will increase
2. Assessed values in the Town of Chili will increase
3. Equalization rated of 100% in the Towns of Gates and Chili were used to compute tax rates
4. The budgeted tax levy is \$52,933,230

**Voter Eligibility**

Anyone who is at least 18 years old, a US Citizen, and a resident of the Gates Chili Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the May 15, 2018 vote is eligible. You do not need to be registered to vote, but you must bring identification and proof of residency.

**Voting by Absentee Ballot**

APPLICATIONS for an absentee ballot for the May 15, 2018 Annual Meeting and Election to vote on the school budget and four (4) Board of Education members may be picked up at the Gates Chili School District's Administration Building, 3 Spartan Way, or by calling the office of the District Clerk, Joanne Doud, at 247-5050, Ext. 12101. Once the application is approved, an absentee ballot will be mailed or can be picked up. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on May 15, 2018.

**Exit Poll**

*Please consider completing the exit poll. High School students will help to facilitate.*

**FREE Summer Meals Program**

July 2 - August 17  
(closed July 4th)

The Gates Chili CSD is hosting the USDA funded Summer Meals Program. All children in the community under the age of 18 are welcome for breakfast and lunch. There is no income requirement or registration necessary. The meals will be served at Gates Chili High School, 1 Spartan Way, enter door 50, and at Paul Rd Elementary School, 571 Paul Rd. For more information call School Nutrition 247-7213.



The Gates Chili Education Foundation provided 6 teacher grants and 5 student scholarships in 2017-2018. To contribute to the education foundation, go to [www.gceducationfoundation.org](http://www.gceducationfoundation.org)



# Board of Education Candidates

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**Kerri Keyes:** Kerri and her husband Phil are long time Gates residents and Kerri has lived in the district her entire life. Her two children attend Gates-Chili and are 3rd generation in the district. Kerri attended SUNY Brockport and Genesee Community College. She currently works for Rochester Regional Health System, where she has been employed for the last 15 years. Community involvement has always been a priority for Kerri, she has volunteered with Gates Ambulance, Gates Soccer as a board member, served a secretary to the Gates Fire Department Board of Directors and involved in Boy Scouts.



**Jeffrey Pettenski:** Jeffrey Pettenski has spent the majority of his life as a Gates resident and for the last 24 years, he and his wife Sandee have chosen Gates as the community to raise their three children. He has experienced the Gates Chili School District with many different viewpoints: as a student; a parent of three graduates; as a parent volunteer; and as a PTO member. Jeffrey is looking forward to utilizing these different perspectives to continue his role as a school board member. Jeffrey holds an ICCP certification as a Certified Computing Professional and currently works as an Development Manager Enterprise for ISE Indy, a consulting and technology services company. Prior to that, Jeffrey has held the positions of Enterprise and Integration consultant, Enterprise and Integration Architect for Carestream Health, Eastman Kodak and Xerox Corporation. In his spare time, Jeffrey has earned his 2nd degree black belt in Isshin-Ryu karate and continues to work on his tennis game.



**Andre (Andy) Bailey:** Andy Bailey is a husband of 29 years and father of three. He has lived in Gates for the past 25 years. He holds a BSEE and an MBA and works as a Director of Product Management at Kodak Alaris Inc. He has served his community as a Cub Scout den leader (Chili) for 4 years, a girls and boys soccer coach for Gates and Chili over an 11 year span, as a crisis counselor since 1999 and as an Adjunct Professor of Business at the graduate level for the Saunders College of Business at RIT for 5 years. He is passionate about enabling children's potential and ensuring justice, fair treatment and accountability



**Andrea Hinchey Unson:** Andrea Hinchey Unson is a graduate of Gates Chili High School. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics with Secondary Education from Nazareth College, and a Master's Degree in Education from SUNY Brockport. She lives in Gates, in the house where she grew up, with her husband, John, a mathematics teacher at Gates Chili High School, and her two children Ian and Abigail. Ian is a freshman at UB. Abigail is in the 8th grade at GC middle school and will be going to the high school next year. Andrea is a mathematics teacher with the Hilton Central School District. She is a member of the Gates Presbyterian Church where she is a deacon and an usher and on the Guatemala Partners Committee. She has been a blood donor for the American Red Cross for many years. The Unson family sponsors three children from Kenya through the World Vision program. Andrea believes that she is called to make a positive difference in her community and feels continuing to serve on the Board of Education would be a wonderful way to make that happen.



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## 2018-2019 BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-2019 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$104,023,965	\$106,693,649	\$105,396,911
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$2,669,684	\$1,372,946
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.57%	1.32%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$51,636,492	\$52,933,230	
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)	\$51,636,492	\$52,933,230	\$51,636,492
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$2,797,090	\$3,005,000	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$48,839,402	\$49,928,230	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$48,839,402	\$49,928,230	
I. Difference: (G – H); ((Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$10,457,174	\$10,772,108	\$10,641,189
Program Component	\$78,743,661	\$80,441,945	\$79,464,256
Capital Component	\$14,823,130	\$15,479,596	\$15,291,466

\* If a contingent budget is required the Board of Education will review all areas of the budget to develop a contingency budget for the 2018-19 school year, pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Proposition # 2 Bus Purchases	\$1,640,000
Proposition #3 Establishment of Capital Reserve	\$10,000,000
Proposition #4 Approval of Energy Project for Additional Aid	\$4,100,000

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$813

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the Gates Chili Central School District, Monroe County, New York, will be held at Gates Chili High School, in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Gates Chili High School Field House, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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