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Gates Chili Schools

Special Budget Edition - May 2016

Annual School Budget Vote

The Gates Chili Central School District residents will vote on the Annual School Budget on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM at the Gates Chili High School Field House. The budget proposition would authorize the appropriation of \$100,845,294 to meet estimated school district expenditures for the 2016-2017 school year.

Budget Proposition - 0.38 % Tax Decrease

Proposed Budget	\$100,845,294
Budget to Budget Increase	1.14%
Estimated Tax Rate Decrease	- 0.38%
Tax Levy Increase	0.60%

VOTE

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

6:00 AM - 9:00 PM
Gates Chili High School
Field House
1 Spartan Way



This budget newsletter provides information on the three-part budget, bus purchase proposition and Board of Education candidates.

May 2016

Dear District Residents,

The budget process in school districts across New York State comes with many challenges. 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. Many districts throughout the state are looking at tax cap levies below 2%, and will likely look for taxpayer approval to go out above the cap to balance their budgets. In the Gates Chili district we are looking at a 0.60% Tax Cap Levy limit that can generate \$298,360. The New York State budget was passed on time and state aid runs were presented to the school districts on April 1, 2016. We are pleased to see that the legislature was successful with the elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA), this has been a long time coming. In addition, our Senate and Assembly were able to advocate for additional state aid funds to support education throughout New York State. Thank you to our legislative representatives. You have listened, and you have acknowledged the value of public education in Monroe County and Upstate New York.

On behalf of the Board of Education we present the proposed budget for the 2016-2017 academic school year. We are committed, dedicated, and determined to create an annual budget that sustains our fiscal health for many years to come.

We have worked hard to reduce our expenditures by presenting a budget increase of **1.14%**.

We have proposed a budget with a **Tax Cap Levy Limit of 0.60%**, reflecting the calculation that allows for us to level our debt without spikes in tax increases that burden our local residents.

NOTE: We anticipate a negative (-) tax increase due to additional property added to tax roll and increased assessments.

We continue our **use of Reserves** appropriately and strategically to balance the budget. These reserves are created to cover liability costs that are often the most expensive. Reserves can only be used as they are designated, and once we allocate funds from these reserves they are gone. Thus, we continue to replenish reserves with any additional fund balance at the end of each fiscal year to remain solvent well into the future.

We have a long range plan for the **utilization of the Fund Balance** that includes supporting the Capital Reserve to help reduce the taxpayer burden for future Capital

Improvement projects. The district is in the process of planning for Phase XI of a Capital Project to be presented to voters on December 8, 2016. Thank you to the 60+ volunteers that include community members, students, parents, staff, administrators and members of the Board of Education working to help identify the scope of this project. We need to respond to the 21st Century learner. Our current school buildings were built in the 20th Century when teaching and learning was very different. Preparing our students for college and career means looking closely at the learning environments that provide opportunities to explore rich content, the arts and music, use of technology to collaborate with others, problem solve, and think critically.

These are our commitments to our students and families that have trusted the Gates Chili School District to provide an excellent education for ALL...

Together we teach and inspire excellence for all learners.

Our work continues to focus on... investing our revenue on critical needs that ensure that every student graduates college and career ready, while meeting their individual learning needs impacted by changing demographics and the influences of poverty within our own communities. We are committed to the hard work needed to improve academic achievement district wide. Most of All...our budget development is all about making the tough decisions that are guided by the ***Spartan Way***:

- **Respect** - the need to be fiscally responsible to our taxpayers, while meeting the needs of all learners.
- **Responsibility** - to ensure that every child is successful.
- **Compassion** - needed to engage our community in support of Public Education that is fair and equitable.
- **Hard Work** - represents commitment, dedication, and loyalty to the children and families of Gates Chili.

Thank you for trusting me and our Board of Education in all that we do to ensure that the Gates Chili School District is a High Performing School District.

Sincerely,



Kimberle A. Ward, Superintendent

Three-Part Budget Information

Proposed Budget 16-17

Program Component

\$76,478,021 or 75.84% 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	2015-16	2016-17	Increase/Decrease
Instruction	\$49,893,963	\$51,442,086	3.10%
District Transportation	\$4,129,702	\$4,010,700	-2.88%
Community Services	\$134,629	\$192,991	43.35%
Employee Benefits	\$20,608,802	\$20,832,244	1.08%
Total	\$74,767,096	\$76,478,021	2.29%

Capital Component

\$14,910,515 or 14.79 % 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	2015-16	2016-17	Increase/Decrease
Operation of Plant & Maintenance of Plant	\$4,978,872	\$5,066,389	1.76%
Employee Benefits	\$1,629,181	\$1,647,887	1.15%
Debt Service	\$9,017,105	\$8,196,239	-9.10%
Total	\$15,625,158	\$14,910,515	-4.57%

Administrative Component

\$9,456,758 or 9.38% of budget

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

Function or Account	2015-16	2016-17	Increase/Decrease
Board of Education	\$22,011	\$19,523	-11.30%
Central Administration	\$264,242	\$286,713	8.50%
Finance	\$776,228	\$772,800	-0.44%
Staff	\$606,798	\$604,391	-0.40%
Central Services	\$538,661	\$546,373	1.43%
Specialty Items	\$1,368,007	\$1,395,139	1.98%
Instructional Administration & Staff Development	\$918,635	\$775,629	-15.57%
Supervision (Regular & Special School)	\$2,250,741	\$2,443,043	8.54%
Supervision Students with Special Needs	\$470,830	\$497,949	5.76%
Employee Benefits	\$2,095,478	\$2,115,198	0.94%
Total	\$9,311,631	\$9,456,758	1.56%

Total Three-Part Budget	\$99,703,885	\$100,845,294	1.14%
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Proposition 1

General Fund Budget

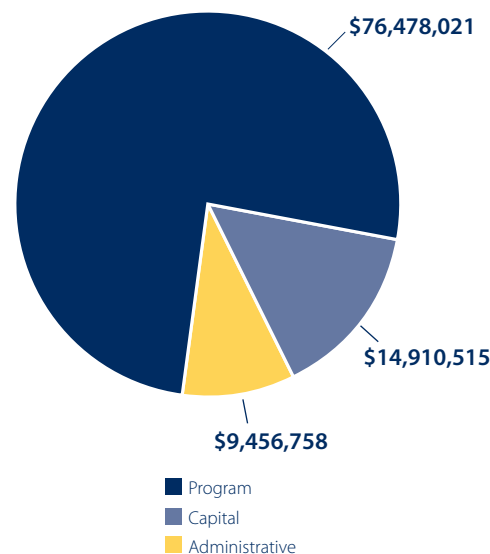
SHALL the Board of Education of the Gates Chili Central School District be authorized to spend for school purposes during the 2016-2017 fiscal year Proposed \$100,845,294 and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Proposition 2

Bus Purchase Proposition

SHALL the Board of Education of the Gates Chili Central School District be authorized to undertake the acquisition of fifteen (15) school buses, at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$1,800,000, and that such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be partially offset by state aid available therefore; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district as may be necessary not to exceed such estimated maximum aggregate cost 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?

16-17 Use of Educational Funding



Showcasing



- WWII Veteran James Cassidy was awarded his Gates Chili High School diploma through Operation Recognition at his 90th birthday party from Superintendent Ward. James also accepted his twin brother, Bob Cassidy's, diploma which was posthumously awarded.
- Gates Chili High School Senior Emily DeFillipo received the Do the Right Thing Award. She was nominated by another District's coach for her maturity, patience and dedication to helping others. The Do the Right Thing Award is a program of the Rochester Police Dept.
- Fifteen fourth-and fifth-graders in the Geography Club participated in the preliminary round of questions in the first Paul Road School National Geography Bee. Ten students were finalist with Eagan Woodward earning first place, Adam Rogers earning second place and Trisha Stubbings earning third. Geography Club Advisors are Mrs. Deni, Mr. Harvey and Mrs. Anello.

- Twenty-two Gates Chili Middle School students qualified to participate in the National Geography Bee by earning top scores in a qualifying round test in their social studies class. Yatin Vij took first place to be the Middle School Geography Bee Champion. Rebecca Bready took second place and Ian Hahn took third place.
- Neil Armstrong PE teachers taught students snowshoeing and each class hiked on the nature trail.
- One hundred and ten students participated in the Brasser Learning Fair to share their knowledge of a favorite subject with students and families.



- 2005 Gates Chili Graduate Elann Zelig who is now a Fashion Designer in Los Angeles had one of her creations worn on the Red Carpet at the SAG Awards.
- Gates Chili High School Teacher Donna Smith was a finalist for the Leadership in STEM Education Award at the Secondary Level given by the Rochester Museum and Science Center (RMSC).
- Middle School teachers worked with the Transportation Department to offer Safety Bus Training to students during their health classes. Jill Henchen's students were the first Middle School class to learn how to evacuate the Safety Bus.



Kindergarten Registration is OPEN

Contact Cathy Phillips, registrar,
at 247-5050 ext. 12224
to register your incoming
kindergarten student.

RELAY FOR LIFE EVENT!

May 20, 2016 • 5-10 PM

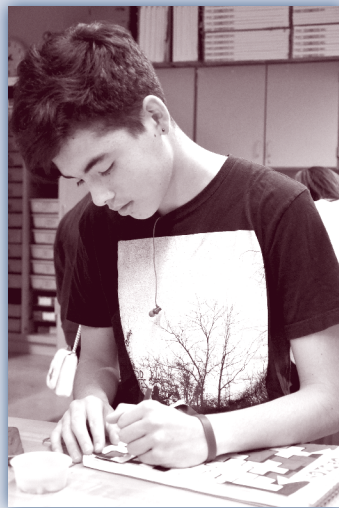
Gates Chili Field House

Relay for Life brings together communities to raise awareness and much needed funds to save lives and create a world with less cancer and more birthdays.

our Spartan Pride



- Latin students from Gates Chili Middle and High School competed in an academic challenge of teams according to their level of study called certamen. Students also took individual academic tests in areas of Roman Civilization and History, Derivatives, Mythology, Latin Vocabulary and Pentathlon (a combination of all). The following Gates Chili students placed at the academic challenge: Emily Ecija, Jonathan O'Connor, Ajay Bhattacharya and Michael Herweg, James Schmidt, Silas Johnson, Xavier Solivan, J.D. Kroth, Ian Unson, Brian Bullis, Steven Scheidt, Emilie DeGray, Brian Pope, Steven Scheidt, Kyle Lincoln, Ajay Bhattacharya, Ashley Perry, and Meshach Cornelius.



- Gates Chili Math League students competed in the Monroe County Math League All-Star Meet. They were: Brennan Bala, Ivana Re' Baldie, Ben Bartula, Brian Bullis, Nathan Cannon, Joey Cilento, Rebekah Distaffen, Tyler Groves, Billy Harmon, Jonatha Kroth, Jacob O'Connor, Ryan Pappa, Becky Shust, Ian Unson, and Juliet Yates. Ian Unson finished the season ranked 37th in Monroe County and as a result will represent Monroe County at the New York State Meet.
- Gates Chili Freshman Erica Ellis is a New York State and National Pole Vault Champion.

- The Middle School Spartan Original Singers performed both the Canadian and the United States National Anthems at the Gates Chili Amerks Night. Thank you SOS for an outstanding performance and to music teachers Julie Ciarvella and Michael Murphy.
- High School Science students in Forensic studies created a mock crime scene as a Problem Based Learning (PBL) experience for third-graders from Brasser, Armstrong and Disney Elementary schools. Six stations were set-up for students to look at the evidence and find a solution to solve the mystery.
- Disney Elementary hosted their Pint Size Heroes blood drive with the American Red Cross and collected over 40 usable units, each unit can save three lives. Way to go Disney families, staff and retirees!



Additional Spartan Pride moments are under quicklinks at www.gateschili.org

Look for a Back to School newsletter in August.

A District calendar will not be mailed home.

All events will be posted on the District website calendar.

FREE Summer Meals Program

July 5 - August- 19

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.

For more information call 247-7213.

Programs, expectations and opportunities that make a difference for Gates Chili students:

Hillside Work Scholarship

Connection - The expansion of our partnership will provide support to more students. The partnership connects students with youth advocates who provide mentoring and enrichment opportunities to help students focus on graduation, college and career.

New York State Science and Technology Entry Program (STEP)

- STEP is a collaborative grant with Monroe Community College to increase the number of students pursuing careers in mathematics, science, technology and health-related fields. STEP youth advisors will be assigned at the Middle School and High School level to provide academic tutoring and enrichment opportunities throughout the school year.

Early Childhood Programing -

Next year is the third year of our UPK Program which is expanding to include 126 four-year-olds. Our UPK program is a caring, active, play-based learning environment that is rich with adult-child interactions. Daily instruction provides natural opportunities for children to learn readiness skills, exercise their curiosity and imaginations, and strengthen their ability to work well with others.

Family Engagement - The District continues to focus on engaging all families. We will welcome a full-time Social Worker at the District level to work with families and make community connections.

Technology Integration - In order to prepare our 21st century learners for the work place two innovation coaches will work with teachers district wide to improve Technology Integration.

Artist in Residence - We are expanding our partnership with Rochester Broadway Theater League to include a full time Arts Integration Teacher position for next year. This position will help us provide more enrichment opportunities for students at all levels with a focus on arts, theater and music.

New District Exit Standards - The District recently revised the Gates Chili Graduation Standards to District Exit Standards which align with college and career readiness expectations. These standards identify student attitudes and attributes that support mastery of State Standards, promote life-long learning and prepare students as contributors in a global society.

Rigorous Coursework - Our programs help students develop a deep understanding of content by developing independent thinking skills such as inquiry, problem solving, and critical thinking.

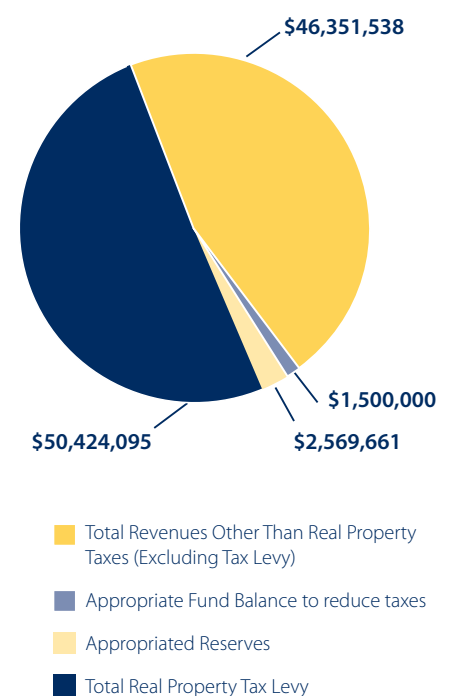
All other Residents with BASIC STAR benefits		Residents 65 and older with Enhanced STAR benefits	
Assessed Value	Est. yr/yr tax decrease	Assessed Value	Est. yr/yr tax decrease
\$60,000	\$32	\$60,000	\$0
\$80,000	\$34	\$80,000	\$40
\$100,000	\$36	\$100,000	\$42
\$120,000	\$38	\$120,000	\$44

Estimated Comparison of Taxes				
	2015-16	2016-17	Change	
Tax Rates On Assessed Value:		Estimate	Amount	%
Gates Assessed Value (\$1,290,874,039)	\$26.29	\$26.19	-\$0.10	-0.38%
Chili Assessed Value (\$634,350,672)	\$26.29	\$26.19	-\$0.10	-0.38%
Tax Rates on True Value (\$1,925,324,711)	\$26.29	\$26.19	-\$0.10	-0.38%

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 \$50,424,095

Sources of Education Funding



Board of Education Candidates

Three (3) candidates will be elected to serve three-year terms from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2019. Two individuals have submitted candidate petitions.



KELLY J. GLOVER

Kelly Glover works as Controller for Flower City Habitat for Humanity, Inc. She has more than 30 years non-profit budget and financial analysis experience. She holds a M.S. Finance, Rochester Institute of Technology, B.S. Finance, Alabama State University and is a Notary Public, State of New York. Kelly has served on the Gates Chili Board of Education for seven years. Kelly's board service includes District's Strategic Planning Committee, Audit

Committee (Finance and Facilities Committee), Community School Improvement Council CSIC (District Improvement Team), Monroe County School Board Association's Legislative Committee alternate, Board Team Leader for the Student lead, Relay for Life and member of the District's Diversity Team. Kelly is a Trustee of the Mt. Vernon Missionary Baptist Church. Kelly's other community service involvement includes Imagine Me Community Outreach, Inc., YWCA of Greater Rochester & Monroe County and a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., Rochester Alumnae Chapter public service organization. Kelly is married to Kent; they have five children of which, three are Gates Chili graduates. Kelly strongly believes in the quality education provided to all learners by the Gates Chili School District.



DEBRA A. BENNETT

Debra (Koesterer) Bennett works as a Controller for Companion Care of Rochester. She is a graduate of Gates Chili High School and earned a Bachelor's Degree in Accounting from St. Bonaventure University. After a short time living in Virginia, she returned to Gates and became active in the Rochester Area Preschool, where she served as Board President for three years.

Debra then became a building volunteer at Neil Armstrong and participated in the Parent Teacher Organization, serving as President for four years. Through the years, she has served on many District committees. She is completing her third term as a Board of Education member. Deb has been a district resident for most of her life. She and her husband have two daughters, both are Gates Chili graduates.

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 17, 2016 vote is eligible. You do not need to be registered to vote, but you must bring identification and proof of residency.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available to residents who will be out of town or unable to vote in person due to illness or disability. To receive a ballot you must first submit an absentee ballot application. For an application, contact the District Clerk's office by calling 585-247-5050 ext. 12101. Complete absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2016.

There are new voting machines this year throughout New York State. Should you need any assistance casting your vote, election inspectors will be available to assist you.

This year Gates Chili will be conducting an exit poll. When you have completed voting please consider taking a few minutes to participate. High School students will help to facilitate the exit poll.



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2016-2017 BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Proposed for 2015-16 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2016-17 School Year	Contingency Budget for 2016-17 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$99,703,885	\$100,845,294	\$100,546,934
Increase/Decrease for the 2016-17 School Year		\$1,141,409	\$298,360
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.14%	0.85%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		0.12%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$50,125,735	\$50,424,095	
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)	\$50,125,735	\$50,424,095	\$50,125,735
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$2,700,951	\$2,758,082	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$47,424,784	\$47,666,013	
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)	\$47,424,784	\$47,666,013	
I. Difference: (G - H); ((Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$9,311,631	\$9,456,758	\$9,438,027
Program Component	\$74,767,096	\$76,478,021	\$76,240,985
Capital Component	\$15,625,158	\$14,910,515	\$14,867,922

Note: Proposition #2 proposed with the 2016-17 budget does not impact the proposed property tax levy limit.

Description	Amount
Proposition #2 Bus Purchases	\$1,800,000

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: emscmgts@nysed.gov

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2016-17 School Year

Estimated Basic **STAR** Exemption Savings¹

\$804

Tax Rate Increases

Tax Rate Per \$1,000 Assessed Valuation for the towns of Gates and Chili			
Estimated 2015-16	Estimated 2016-17	Difference	
\$26.29	\$26.19	-\$0.10	-0.38%
* This is the rate per \$1,000 assessed value. The tax bill for a home in Gates/Chili valued at \$100,000 is estimated to decrease \$10.00			

Basic STAR Exemption Impact

Budget Proposed for the 2016-17 School year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$804
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2016-17 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 17, 2016, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. 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.	
¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by Section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law. Maximum STAR savings amount is determined by NYS Department of Taxation and Finance.	