

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	\$20,896,487	\$21,483,701	\$21,417,951
Increase for the 2018-19 School Year		\$587,214	\$521,464
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		2.81%	2.5%
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		2.13%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount			
	\$10,872,182	\$10,970,032	
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)			
	\$10,872,182	\$10,970,032	0.9%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit			
	\$575,065	\$530,275	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions			
	\$10,297,117	\$10,439,757	
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)			
	\$10,297,117	\$10,439,757	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**			
	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$1,431,591	\$1,579,608	\$1,351,914
Program component	\$16,033,430	\$15,344,411	\$15,506,355
Capital component	\$3,431,466	\$4,559,682	\$4,559,682

** Separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: two (2) 65-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$260,000 and three (3) school mini-vans at a maximum cost not to exceed \$75,000.

BASIC STAR EXEMPTION IMPACT

Estimated Basic STAR* Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) and a Basic Star exemption of \$30,000. *The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law. Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year

Basic STAR tax savings	\$329
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District, Warren and Saratoga Counties, New York, will be held at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, between the hours of 12 Noon and 8 p.m., prevailing time (or for as long as necessary to enable qualified voters who are in the polling place at 8 p.m. to cast their ballots) at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

In accordance with Chapter 258 of the Laws of 2008 added to Section 495 of the Real Property Tax Law, a report of tax exemptions, showing how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment rolls used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, will be annexed to the budget document and posted on the district website.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 2018-19 BUDGET

Current 2017-2018 school budget	\$20,896,487
Proposed 2018-2019 school budget	\$21,483,701
Increase from current year	\$587,214
Percentage increase in the proposed budget	2.81%
Estimated increase in tax levy	0.9%

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2018-19 budget for the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District shall be held in the Elementary School Large Group Instructional Room of the Hadley-Luzerne Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY, on Monday, May 7, 2018 at 6:30 p.m., prevailing time.

Copies of the Budget

Copies of the statement of the amount of money which will be required to fund the school district's budget for the 2018-19 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at the School Business Office and the main office of each school building between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m., prevailing. Copies shall also be available at the Annual District Meeting.

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots for election of a board member and voting on the budget and propositions may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days prior to the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 15, 2018.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the office of the District Clerk at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School on each of the five days prior to the day of election, except

Sunday, May 13, 2018, and only by appointment on Saturday, May 12, 2018. Any qualified voter may challenge the acceptance of the ballot of any person on such list by making his/her challenge and reasons known to the Chief Inspector of Election before the close of the polls.

Voter Registration

Personal registration of voters is required pursuant to Section 2014 of Education Law or Article 5 of Election Law. If a voter has already registered pursuant to Section 2014 of Education Law and has voted at an annual or special district meeting within the last four (4) calendar years, he or she is eligible to vote at this election. If a voter is registered and eligible to vote under Article 5 of the Election Law, he or she is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register.

Personal registration for all qualified voters of the District shall occur at the District Office, Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School, during business hours of the school, but no later than May 10, 2018. At this time, any person will be entitled to have his or her name placed in the Register, provided that during registration, the prospective voter is known or can prove to the satisfaction of the District that he or she is entitled to vote in the election.

Please note: the Register prepared pursuant to Education Law shall be filed in the Office of the District Clerk and shall be open for inspection by any qualified voter of the District on each of five days prior to the day of the election - except Sunday, May 13, 2018 - from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. prevailing time and by appointment on Saturday, May 12, 2018.



Hadley-Luzerne Central School District (SMTES)
PO Box 200, 27 Hyland Drive
Lake Luzerne, New York 12846
518-696-2378

Board of Education

Eddie Joe Moulton, President
Mary Visscher, Vice President
Joseph Hanlon
Susan Hoffman
Gregory Novotarski

Administration

Beecher Baker, Superintendent
Patrick Cronin, Elementary School Principal (PK-6)
Burgess O'vitt, Junior-Senior High School Principal
T. Gregory Dale, School Business Administrator

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The Hadley-Luzerne Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, creed, sex, age, handicap, or as otherwise decreed by Law, and is in compliance with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 and with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Inquiries concerning this policy of equal opportunity should be made to the Title IX and Section 504/DASA Coordinator at 518-696-2378.

Hadley-Luzerne Central School District
NON-PROFIT ORG.
Lake Luzerne, NY 12846
PERMIT #7

POSTAL CUSTOMER

*****ECRWSS*****

If you have not voted on a school budget in the past four years, or in the local elections, please come to the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School to register or call 518-696-2378x1108. (Qualified voters are residents of the district who are registered to vote.)

2018 2019 Budget

Hadley-Luzerne Central School District

May 2018

The Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Board of Education is proposing a budget of \$21,483,701 for the 2018-19 school year. This is an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$587,214 or 2.81%, resulting in an estimated 0.9% increase in the tax levy.

The annual budget vote is on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School in the Large Group Instruction Room (LG1), 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne.

The proposed budget for 2018-19 fully supports and protects the students, families, and taxpayers of the district. It stays within the Tax Cap limitations, preserves programs for students, utilizes all available resources to keep rising costs at a minimum, explores cost saving options, strategically manages reserves and fund balance, adds a half-time special education teacher and business teacher, and increases security with one safety monitor and one school resource officer at each building.

As superintendent, I want to reassure the Hadley-Luzerne Community of our ongoing commitment to comprehensive campus safety and security. Our multi-faceted approach includes more hallway presence, updated security cameras, ongoing dialog with the Warren County Sheriff, increased staff training/drills, and proactive mental health services provided in-district.

The district has been working with Northern Rivers (Parsons) to establish a satellite office for mental health services within the schools. Beginning in September 2018, a Parsons clinician will provide services to students and families on-site, which will alleviate obstacles for families in need. The agreement costs the district nothing other than office space, a phone, and a computer. The clinician will be paid on a fee-for-services basis and collect insurance when applicable. If a patient has no insurance, he/she will not be turned away. Referrals for visits will go through Director of Special Education Jennifer Sanford, who will work closely with Parsons. This service is based on successful models that are in operation in other school districts including Queensbury and Ballston Spa. By adding mental health services to the services our students are already being provided in-house by Glens Falls Hospital, the district will become a true "Community" school that cares for the academic, athletic, physical, and mental health of all students.

Hadley-Luzerne Central School District is currently awaiting approval from the NYS Education Department (SED) on the Capital Project that voters approved in December 2016. The district submitted plans on time; however, districts across the state are experiencing wait times of up to 34-weeks for SED to review their plans. Delays in the state approval process may mean that bidding will take place in the fall of 2018. If that occurs, construction would begin over the winter of 2018-19 on a second-shift schedule when students are not in the building so instruction is not compromised. We will keep you informed as more information develops.

2018-19 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Line Item	Budget 2017-18	Proposed 2018-19	\$ Change
Instruction	\$9,637,740	\$10,161,680	\$523,940
Employee Benefits	5,836,291	5,687,258	(149,033)
General Support	2,546,982	2,691,085	144,103
Transportation	1,099,827	1,120,693	20,866
Debt Service	1,720,647	1,767,985	47,338
Transfers	55,000	55,000	0
TOTAL BUDGET	\$20,896,487	\$21,483,701	\$587,214

2018-19 REVENUE SUMMARY

Line Item	Budget 2017-18	Proposed 2018-19	\$ Change
Property Tax	\$10,872,182	\$10,970,032	\$97,850
State Aid	8,421,055	8,794,087	373,032
Federal Aid	90,000	90,000	0
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,000,000	1,216,332	216,332
Reserves	100,000	0	(100,000)
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	12,000	12,000	0
Charges for Services	75,000	75,000	0
Use of Money & Property	23,000	23,000	0
Sale of Property & Comp for Loss	13,250	13,250	0
Miscellaneous	290,000	290,000	0
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ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

Town	Actual 2017-18	Proposed 2018-19	\$ Change Per \$1000	% Change
Day	\$15.9890	\$16.1329	\$0.1439	0.90%
Edinburg	\$20.1344	\$20.3156	\$0.1812	0.90%
Hadley	\$12.6425	\$12.7563	\$0.1138	0.90%
Lake Luzerne	\$10.8727	\$10.9706	\$0.0979	0.90%
Stony Creek	\$1,087.2549	\$1,097.0403	\$9.7853	0.90%
Warrensburg	\$10.8725	\$10.9704	\$0.0979	0.90%

Please Note: These Estimated Tax Rates for 2018-19 are subject to change. They are based on assessed value and equalization rates from 2017-18.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

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Public School Enrollment	738	743	0.67%
Consumer Price Index			2.13%
	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,764,666	\$2,764,666	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,143,326	\$1,143,326	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$1,904,843	\$1,904,843	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	9.12%	8.87%	

More information regarding the proposed school budget is available in the main offices of the school buildings and in the District Office (SMTES), 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. You may also visit the district website at www.hlcs.org.

PROPERTY TAX AND STAR PROGRAM

Based on a property with a current tax of \$1,000, using the tax-on-true rates for the district and a proposed increase of 0.9%

STAR Program provides property tax relief for homeowners on their primary residence. The enhanced or basic STAR exemption is the amount that your assessment will be reduced prior to the levy of school taxes. Basic STAR exemption amounts vary by municipality, and range from \$300 in Stony Creek to \$32,990 in Hadley. Enhanced STAR exemption range is \$670 in Stony Creek to \$73,450 in Hadley. For clarity, the calculations included here are based upon a \$30,000 Basic exemption and a \$65,300 Enhanced exemption. Additionally, tax on true figures were also used in the calculations. Please contact your local assessment office for STAR information specific to your town.

ON THE BALLOT

2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget for the 2018-2019 school year in the amount of \$21,483,701 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

(Vote for any One)

YES

NO

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Vote to elect two (2) members to the Board of Education to three (3) year terms, commencing on July 1, 2018 and expiring on June 30, 2021.

(Vote for any Two)

Joseph Hanlon

Mary Visscher

Lia Braico

PROPOSITION I - TWO (2) SCHOOL BUSES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to acquire two (2) 65-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$260,000, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, and to expend such sum for such purpose and to levy the necessary tax therefore taking into account state aid received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the district at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$260,000 and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.

(Vote for any One)

YES

NO

PROPOSITION II - THREE (3) SCHOOL MINI-VANS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to acquire three (3) school mini-vans at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$75,000, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, and to expend such sum for such purpose and to levy the necessary tax therefore taking into account state aid received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the district at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$75,000 and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.

(Vote for any One)

YES

NO



Budget Vote | Tuesday, May 15, 2018 | Noon - 8 p.m.
Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School



Hadley-Luzerne Mini-Marathon Dance participants.