

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2015-16 School Year	Budget Proposed for 2016-17 School Year	Contingency Budget 2016-17 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$20,207,029	\$20,460,943	\$20,320,671
Increase for the 2016-17 School Year		\$253,914	\$113,642
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		1.26%	0.56%
Change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI)		0.12%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount			
	\$10,555,431	\$10,695,703	
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)			
	\$10,555,431	\$10,695,703	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit			
	\$493,526	\$572,054	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions			
	\$10,061,905	\$10,123,649	
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)			
	\$10,061,905	\$10,123,649	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**			
	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$1,490,750	\$1,347,845	\$1,347,845
Program component	\$14,913,353	\$15,712,361	\$15,673,650
Capital component	\$3,415,292	\$3,400,737	\$3,299,176

** Separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:

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.

All new exemptions must be filed online with NYS after March 1, 2016.

Basic STAR tax savings	\$315
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2016-17 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 17, 2016, 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 2016-17 BUDGET

Current 2015-2016 school budget	\$20,207,029
Proposed 2016-2017 school budget	\$20,460,943
Increase from current year	\$253,914
Percentage increase in the proposed budget	1.26%
Estimated increase in tax levy	1.33%

Public Hearing

A Public Hearing on the proposed 2016-17 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 9, 2016 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 2016-17 school year, exclusive of public monies, may be obtained by any resident of the district during business hours beginning Tuesday, May 3, 2016 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 17, 2016.

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 15, 2016, and only by appointment on Saturday, May 14, 2016. 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 12, 2016. 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 15, 2016 - from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. prevailing time and by appointment on Saturday, May 14, 2016.



Hadley-Luzerne Central School District (SMTES)

PO Box 200, 27 Hyland Drive
Lake Luzerne, New York 12846
518-696-2378

Board of Education

Mary Visscher, President
Eddie Joe Moulton, Vice President
Joseph Hanlon
Antoinette Lombardi
Gregory Novotarski

Administration

Beecher Baker, Superintendent
Patrick Cronin, High School Principal
Elizabeth Hayes, Elementary School Principal
Stephanie Steinhart, School Business Official

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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 Ext 104.

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

POSTAL CUSTOMER
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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 696-2378x108.
(Qualified voters are residents of the district who are registered to vote.)

2016 2017 Budget

Hadley-Luzerne Central School District

May 2016

The Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Board of Education is proposing a budget of \$20,460,943 for the 2016-17 school year. This is an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$253,914 or 1.26%, resulting in an estimated 1.33% increase in the tax levy.

The annual budget vote is on Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School in the Large Group Instruction Room (LGI), 27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne.

Each year, our school district strives to provide an academic program that supports a safe, positive, and rewarding learning experience. As we developed the annual budget for 2016-17, our goals were to stay within the tax levy limitations, recognize the current fiscal climate, preserve programs for students, and enhance school climate and safety. We are pleased to say we have been able to achieve these goals.

The Board of Education has adopted a budget of \$20,460,943 to fund programs for the 2016-17 school year. The proposed budget represents an increase of \$253,914 from last year's budget and a 1.33% increase in the tax levy, which stays within the district's tax levy cap.

The proposed budget takes advantage of the district's reconfiguration into PreK-6 and 7-12 buildings. With the money saved from the reassignment of administrators and the elimination of one administrative position, we were able to put more money into programs and give students additional opportunities to take more elective courses, which will prepare them for college and careers.

We are extremely proud of our children's test results on the NYS Regents exams. Out of the 31 schools in our BOCES supervisory area, Hadley-Luzerne students consistently score in the top ten on all Regents exams. The Hadley-Luzerne mathematics department currently ranks #1 in algebra, #2 in algebra 2/trigonometry, and #3 in geometry. On top of our outstanding Regents scores, we have developed an exceptional SAT/ACT preparatory course that familiarizes students with the exams so they can perform at a high level. Since this course was developed, our students' scores on the SAT and ACT have risen from below the national average to above the national average.

With safety as a top priority, we plan to utilize state funded Smart Bond Act money (and not our local taxes) to implement additional safety measures. We will upgrade and add cameras to the Jr/Sr High School and SMT Elementary School. This will enhance our ability to monitor activities and preclude unwarranted behaviors on school grounds. We will also install phones in classrooms with internal and external lines to give staff members the ability to call for assistance and also increase communication with parents.

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2016-17 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Line Item	Budget 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17	\$ Change
Instruction	\$9,253,756	\$9,552,876	\$299,120
Employee Benefits	6,108,878	5,995,637	(113,241)
General Support	2,140,184	2,102,790	(37,394)
Transportation	975,203	1,025,842	50,639
Debt Service	1,674,008	1,728,798	54,790
Transfers	55,000	55,000	0
TOTAL BUDGET	\$20,207,029	\$20,460,943	\$253,914

2016-17 REVENUE SUMMARY

Line Item	Budget 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17	\$ Change
Property Taxes	\$10,555,431	\$10,695,703	\$140,272
State Aid	8,025,431	8,212,590	187,159
Federal Aid	50,000	50,000	0
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,000,000	1,000,000	0
Reserves	100,000	100,000	0
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	12,000	12,000	0
Charges for Services	95,000	99,000	4,000
Use of Money & Property	10,500	10,500	0
Sale of Property & Comp for Loss	12,650	10,150	(2,500)
Miscellaneous	306,017	271,000	(35,017)
Legislative Grant	40,000	0	(40,000)
TOTAL BUDGET	\$20,207,029	\$20,460,943	\$253,914

ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

Town	Actual 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17	\$ Change Per \$1000	% Change
Day	\$15.8532	\$16.0639	\$0.2107	1.33%
Edinburg	\$19.7882	\$20.0512	\$0.2630	1.33%
Hadley	\$13.1141	\$13.2884	\$0.1743	1.33%
Lake Luzerne	\$11.8519	\$12.0094	\$0.1575	1.33%
Stony Creek	\$1,035.6457	\$1,049.4085	\$13.7628	1.33%
Warrensburg	\$11.0814	\$11.2287	\$0.1473	1.33%

Please Note: These Estimated Tax Rates for 2016-17 are subject to change.

They are based on assessed value and equalization rates from 2015-16.

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Budget	Percent Change
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I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	764	780	2.09%
Consumer Price Index		0.12%	
	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Budget	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$1,921,656	\$2,312,978	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,046,360	\$1,000,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$983,048	\$818,588	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.86%	4.00%	

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.

SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

As a veteran of 14 years in the district, I maintain great pride in our children's advances academically, athletically, and socially. I am also proud of the outstanding Hadley-Luzerne school community, which places children as its top priority. The continued success of our school is based upon your involvement and support.

We encourage you to attend our public hearing to review the budget on Monday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School Large Group Instruction (LGI) room. We also encourage you to vote on Tuesday, May 17 from noon-8 p.m. at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School.

ON THE BALLOT

2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$20,460,943 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

PROPOSITION I - ONE (1) SCHOOL BUS

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to acquire one (1) 65-passenger school bus at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$130,000, 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 \$130,000 and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.
(Vote for any One)
YES
NO

PROPOSITION II - TWO (2) SUBURBAN SCHOOL PASSENGER VEHICLES

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to acquire two (2) suburban school passenger vehicles at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$100,000, 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 \$100,000 and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.

(Vote for any One)
YES
NO

PROPOSITION III - FUND REPAIR RESERVE

SHALL the Board of Education of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District be authorized to fund the Repair Reserve established by the Board pursuant to the provisions of Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law, by transferring up to \$300,000 of anticipated surplus from the 2015-2016 school year to the Repair Reserve fund?

(Vote for any One)
YES
NO

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Vote to elect two (2) members to the Board of Education each to a three (3) year term, commencing on July 1, 2016 and expiring on June 30, 2019.

(Vote for any Two)

Jean Romer-Cieslik
Susan Hoffman
Gregory Novotarski

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

Noon - 8 p.m.

Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School

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 1.33%

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 \$320

in Stony Creek to \$33,160 in Hadley. Enhanced STAR exemption range is \$700 in Stony Creek to \$72,180 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, as well as to receive a STAR application.