

Vote on school budgets, boards is Tuesday

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Local school budget and Board of Education elections are Tuesday across the area. Here's a district-by-district primer:

Brighton

The Brighton Central School District is proposing a \$71,879,115 budget for the 2015-16 school year, a 2.88 percent increase.

The proposed tax levy is \$49,971,511, up 2.2 percent, and the proposed tax rate is \$27.15 per \$1,000 of assessed value in Brighton, up 2.36 percent, and \$25.79 in Pittsford, down 0.8 percent. There are three propositions on the ballot — one to approve \$1.4 million for capital improvements, a second to approve \$500,000 in technology purchases, and a third to establish a 2015 Capital Reserve Fund. Three candidates are running for two school board positions. Martha Sciremammano and Mark Kokanovich are running as incumbents, and Virginia Hall is a challenger.

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Brighton High School, 1150 S. Winton Road.

Brockport

The Brockport Central School District is proposing a \$75,946,267 budget with a tax levy of \$30,197,980, a 1.89 percent increase. The true value tax rate is \$24.96 per \$1,000 assessed value, a 0.89 percent increase.

There is a proposition to purchase nine school buses and four 20-person vans at an estimated cost of \$1.2 million. Incumbent Ray Gabriel is running against David Howlett for a school board seat. Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Technology and Training Center, 40 Allen St., Building 800.

Churchville-Chili

The Churchville-Chili Central School District is proposing a \$79,498,144 budget with a tax levy of \$34,440,706, an increase of 1.9 percent. The estimated tax rate is \$23.70 per \$1,000 assessed value for Chili, Ogden, Riga and Sweden residents.

There is a proposition to authorize the district to purchase 12 66-passenger school buses and one wheelchair school bus at an estimated maximum cost of about \$1.5 million.

Three candidates are running for three spots on the Board of Education: Dr. Cheryl Repass, Sheryl Johnson and John P. Connelly III. All three are incumbents.

Polls are open from noon to 9 p.m. at Middle School North Cafeteria, 139 Fairbanks Road.

East Irondequoit

The East Irondequoit School District is proposing a \$74,009,525 budget for the 2015-16 school year, up 3.4 percent. The proposed tax levy is \$40,279,495, an increase of 1.9 percent. The estimated tax rate would be \$30.28 per \$1,000 assessed value, up 1.9 percent. Four candidates are running for three Board of Education seats. Kimberly Kane, Douglas Spallina and Doreen Swan are running as incumbents, and Patrina Freeman is running as a challenger.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Eastridge High School, 2350 E. Ridge Road.

East Rochester

The East Rochester Union Free School District is proposing a \$26,520,888 budget for the 2015-16 school year, up 4.9 percent. The proposed tax levy is \$13,457,376, up 2.74 percent. The estimated tax rate in East Rochester, Perinton and Pittsford is \$26.21 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up 2.7 percent.

There is one proposition to approve \$50,000 in spending for an air conditioning project.

Two candidates, incumbents Tim Henry and Margy Richards, are running for two Board of Education seats. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the district office conference room, 222 Woodbine Ave.

Fairport

The Fairport Central School District's proposed 2015-16 budget is \$119,205,832, up 4.55 percent.

The proposed tax levy is \$70,225,400, up 3.49 percent. The proposed tax rate is \$22.83 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up 2.6 percent.

There are two propositions on the ballot. One proposes to expend a maximum of \$300,000 from the bus reserve fund for the purchase of replacement buses, and one authorizes a maximum of \$29.2 million for a capital project, \$5.475 million of which would come from the capital reserve fund.

Two incumbents are running for two open Board of Education seats — Marilyn Monkelbaan and Peter Forsgren. Polls will be open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Johanna Perrin Middle School, 85 Potter Place.

Gates Chili

The Gates Chili Central School District is proposing a \$99,703,885 budget, with a tax levy of \$50,125,735, a 2.28 percent increase. The estimated tax rate is \$26.57 per \$1,000 assessed value for Gates and Chili residents, a 2.28 percent increase. There is a bus purchase proposition authorizing the district to acquire 16 school buses at an estimated cost of \$1.875 million. Three are three candidates running for three seats on the Board of Education: Incumbents Barbara Huether Clark and Jeffrey Pettenski and newcomer Andrea Hinchey Unson.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Gates Chili High School, 1 Spartan Way.

Greece

The Greece Central School District is proposing a \$217,724,729 budget, a 3.6 percent increase. The estimated tax levy is \$103,270,437, up 1.89 percent.

The estimated tax rate is \$23.77 per \$1,000 in assessed value, up 1.36 percent.

A proposition asks voters to authorize the purchase of 25 buses and one transportation vehicle at a cost not to exceed \$2,538,565. Of that amount, \$826,000 would come from the district's bus purchase reserve fund. Three candidates are seeking three-year terms on the Board of Education. Incumbent Joe Grinnan is running for re-election, while Richard Cunningham and Emmy Thevanesan are running for the first time. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at 11 of the district's elementary schools.

Hilton

The Hilton Central School District is proposing a \$76,925,369 budget, a 2.99 percent increase. The estimated tax levy is \$36,986,687, a 2.2 percent increase. The projected tax rate is \$23.36, a 0.05 percent increase.

There is a proposition authorizing the district to acquire nine school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$915,000. There are three candidates seeking two open positions on the Board of Election: incumbents Thomas Abbott and Daniel Wellington and challenger Mark Hilburger.

Polls are open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Hilton High School, 400 East Ave. in Hilton, for Parma, Clarkson and Hamlin residents, and Northwood Elementary School, 433 N. Greece Road, for Greece residents.

Honeoye Falls-Lima

The Honeoye Falls-Lima Central School District is proposing a budget of \$47,426,328, an increase of 3.4 percent. The tax levy is \$26,975,588, up 2.34 percent. The true value tax rate is \$23.83, up 2.34 percent.

There is a proposition authorizing the school district to purchase four buses and one van at a cost not to exceed \$494,200. There are three seats on the Board of Education (three-year terms) up for election. Running are incumbents Joe Alati and Carol Bellavia, challenger Michael Shannon and Michael Williams, who served on the board from 1994-99.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the high school lobby, 20 Church St.

Penfield

The Penfield Central School District's proposed 2015-16 budget is \$90,826,964, up 1.9 percent. The tax levy is \$59,814,816, up 2.2 percent.

The proposed tax rate is \$25.67 per \$1,000 of assessed value for Penfield residents, up 0.71 percent. The rate is the same for the parts of the district in Perinton, Pittsford and Macedon; in Brighton, the rate is \$27.02; in Walworth, it's \$25.41.

Two propositions are on the ballot — one to buy six school buses for \$720,000, and one to repair roofs, ceiling tiles and other building projects at several district schools for \$2,885,200.

There are six candidates for three seats on the Board of Education. Catherine Dean, Carole Nasra and Mark Elledge are running as incumbents, and Brett Dawson, Dale Nower and James H. Barton are running as challengers. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Penfield High School Gym, 25 High School Drive.

Pittsford

The Pittsford Central School District is proposing a \$122,588,393 budget, up 2.24 percent. The proposed tax levy is \$94,750,493, up 2.25 percent.

The tax rate in most of the district is \$25.60 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up by 1.51 percent; in Brighton and Victor, the estimated tax rate is \$26.93. There is one proposition on the ballot to authorize spending of \$1.4 million for 12 replacement school buses and the reestablishment of the bus purchase reserve fund.

Running for three open seats are incumbent Irene Narotsky and newcomers Michael Allington and Valerie Baum. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Barker Road Middle School gymnasium, 75 Barker Road.

Rush-Henrietta

Rush-Henrietta school district is proposing a \$112,533,282 budget, up 2.1 percent. The estimated tax levy is \$70,273,678, up 3.22 percent. The tax rate is \$19.80, a 1.74 percent increase. Propositions include authorization to spend \$2.6 million from the 2009 bus reserve fund to purchase and replace school buses, and \$12.5 million to fund the district's full-day kindergarten and enrollment management capital project, and reconstruction of several buildings, grounds and facilities. There is also a proposition to establish a 2016 bus reserve fund. Four candidates are seeking election to three seats on the school board — incumbent Sue A. Smith and newcomers Bob Cook, William SM Hall Sr. and Sean McCormick.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Transportation and Operations Center, 1133 Lehigh Station Road.

Spencerport

The Spencerport Central School District is proposing a \$74,898,073 budget, a 2.47 percent increase. The estimated tax levy is \$35,377,919, a 1.47 percent increase. The projected tax rate is \$24.28, a 0.78 percent increase.

There is a proposition authorizing the district to undertake capital improvements at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$12,436,200. Two seats on the Board of Education will be up for election. Those terms are currently held by Jim Oberlin and Janet Tyler, both of whom are not seeking re-election. Running are Kevin Hutton and Michael Miceli. Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Spencerport Administration Building, 71 Lyell Ave., Munn Elementary School, 2333 Manitou Road, and Taylor Elementary School, 399 Ogden Parma Town Line Road.

Victor

The Victor Central School District is proposing a 2015-16 budget of \$63,969,683, up 2.92 percent. The tax levy is \$39,695,157, up 3 percent.

The proposed tax rate is \$16.48 per \$1,000 of assessed value, unchanged from this year. There is one proposition on the ballot to authorize \$855,000 for six school buses and a van.

Three candidates are running for two seats on the Board of Education: incumbent Gary Gilbert and challengers Karen Ballard and Paul Estabrooks.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Victor Intermediate School, 953 High St.

Webster

The Webster Central School District is proposing a \$158,309,719 budget for 2015-16, up 3.86 percent. The proposed tax levy is \$97,248,862, up 3.5 percent. The proposed tax rate is \$23.98 in Webster, up 1.97 percent. The tax rate would be \$21.58 in Penfield (1.98 percent increase), Ontario and Walworth (0.37 percent increases).

There is one proposition to authorize \$1,510,000 for 13 buses.

Two incumbents are running for two school board seats: Suzanne Casey and Mike Dedee.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Webster Schroeder Gymnasium, 875 Ridge Road.

West Irondequoit

The West Irondequoit School District is proposing a 2015-16 budget of \$68,368,086, up 2.9 percent. The proposed tax levy is \$37,417,370, up 2.6 percent. The proposed tax rate is \$28.37 per \$1,000 of assessed value, up 2.6 percent.

Six candidates are running for three seats on the Board of Education: incumbents Charles Perreaud and Rebecca Schultz and challengers John R. Shafer, William Evans, Amanda R. Insalaco and Margaret Steckley.

Polls are open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Irondequoit High School Music Room, 260 Cooper Road.

Wheatland-Chili

The Wheatland-Chili Central School District is proposing a \$17,384,949 budget, a 4.23 percent increase. The estimated tax levy is \$9,130,392, a 3 percent increase.

The projected tax rate is \$24.10, a 3.04 percent increase.

There are two propositions on the ballot. One is the purchase of three buses and a tractor/mower at a cost not to exceed \$305,000. The other is the purchase of replacement musical instruments and other items to support instruction at a cost not to exceed \$15,000. Two incumbents are running for two seats on the Board of Election: James Musshafen and Tiffany Passmore.

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