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2015 - 2016 School Budget Vote
Tuesday, May 19 12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
RSES Auditorium & SSES Gymnasium

A Message from the Superintendent

Warmer weather is finally here! Spring is a time of renewal and growth! One of Canastota's signature events highlighting student talent and growth across all grade levels is our annual Health and Wellness Fair which was held on March 19th at the Vincent V. Albanese Center. The Health and Wellness Fair featured student artwork, displays and demonstrations in all subject areas from pre-k through grade 12. In addition, our local businesses and organizations showcased their services to provide information to our parents and community members. This was a wonderful event that allowed students, parents, grandparents, family members, teachers, friends, neighbors, and residents to see the best our District and community has to offer!

Looking back on the winter of 2014-15, we congratulate the Canastota Girls Indoor Track, Girls Volleyball, and Boys Volleyball teams for earning a prestigious NYS Scholar/Athlete Team Award with a team academic average of 90 or higher.

In addition, all of our Varsity teams made it to sectionals with Girls Volleyball and Boys Volleyball earning Section III championships. Girls Volleyball and Boys Basketball won Center State Conference Championships in their respective divisions. Individually Elijah Sampo won a NYSPHSAA Division II Wrestling championship at 220 pounds with Nate Walker finishing third in his weight class. Rachel Bargabos won the Girls Section III Class championship for 3000 meters and Coach Marcia Laidlaw was awarded the NFHS "Coach of the Year" for Girls Volleyball.

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A Message from the Superintendent Continued...

A few special upcoming events to mark on your calendar are the District Wide Art Show at the Vincent V. Albanese Center on May 15th, the 7-12 Band Awards Concert on May 20th and the 7-12 Chorus Awards Concert on May 27th. In addition, our spring elementary concerts are slated for June 3rd and June 4th. All are fabulous events you won't want to miss!

The Canastota CSD Board of Education has adopted a proposed budget for the 2015-2016 school year in the amount of \$27,638,020. This proposed budget represents a spending increase of \$980,880 (3.68%) from the 2014-2015 budget. The net effect to our taxpayers after state aid, federal aid and grants is a tax levy increase of \$213,293 (1.9%). This results in a \$44 increase on a \$100,000 home before STAR. We have worked diligently to be good stewards of our taxpayers' monies and have been very careful in our spending. Our priority, as always, is to provide the best possible education to each and every one of our students while being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.

An increase in revenue was due in part to the inclusion of an additional \$822,899 in state aid that came with the finalization of the State budget. The increases in spending over the prior budget reflect costs that we do not control: healthcare, fuel, Special Education services, BOCES and vendor costs.

The proposed budget allows us to maintain our programming for students. We are not cutting any staff or faculty. This proposed budget is under our allowable tax levy limit and qualifies our taxpayers for tax rebates proposed by Governor Cuomo.

I'd like to thank our Business Official, Ms. Cara Stevens, our administrators and members of our audit committee, Mr. Bernard Gleeson, Ms. Martha Berry and Mr. Doug Gustin for their tireless efforts in the development of next year's proposed budget. Our thanks also to Assemblyman Bill MaGee, Senator Dave Valesky and their Legislative colleagues for their support of additional aid and a reduction in the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

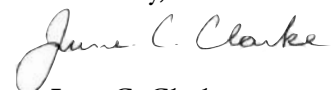
CONTINGENT BUDGET

Under the new regulations, if our budget is defeated two times we must adopt a budget with no increase over the 2014-2015 tax levy. This means the District would be forced to reduce the tax levy by \$213,293 either by spending down reserves or by reducing staff or programs. The other rules of a contingent budget remain the same. All groups would be required to pay for facility and grounds use and funding for equipment would be eliminated from the budget.

On May 12th at 6:00 p.m. at the Vincent V. Albanese Center auditorium, we will host a public hearing on the proposed 2015-2016 budget.

Please remember to **vote on May 19th from noon to 9 p.m.** at your designated polling locations (South Side Elementary School or Roberts Street Elementary School)

Sincerely,



June C. Clarke
Superintendent of Schools

Canastota Community Celebrates Winter at Snowblast 2015



Canastota students made many decorations to promote our town's festivities, like snowflakes from Jreck's donated coffee filters and wooden snowmen to adorn the Roberts Street schoolyard. Traced on wooden boards by Jeremy Domena and Wayne Wallace, the snowmen were distributed to clubs, businesses and teams for painting. Students also helped to paint the snowmen used in games during Snowblast. Emily Snyder designed and painted the music themed snowman to honor the Canastota music program and Mr. Button. Lily Carr designed and painted a pink snowman to show support for breast cancer. Children enjoyed many activities including birdseed and peanut butter on pinecones, coloring, hay rides, onion golf, couch racing and snowball tossing.



RSES Students Practice Fluencies with Technology

The students in Mrs. Timmins' 4th grade ELA and Math classes worked to build fluency with the use of the iPad. During reading instruction, students are able to access online materials to read in order to increase oral reading fluency and comprehension. During math classes, students use YouTube music videos to aid in skip counting and multiplication and division fact memorization. The students have really taken off with their fluencies and they look forward to even more great progress!



Welcome to our New Staff

Carolyn Grady: High School Nurse



Ensuring your child's health care needs by keeping him/her safe, healthy, and educated is my priority. I graduated from St. Elizabeth's College of Nursing in Utica, and formerly worked at St. Josephs Hospital Health Center in Syracuse on a Cardiac Unit. While juggling 3 children, I substituted at Fayetteville-Manlius School District for 8 years before coming to Canastota Central Schools. I am enjoying getting to know your children and the Canastota District Community. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns at my office via phone or email. I am excited to be a part of the Canastota Central School District.

Laurene Nourse: Custodian

We would like to welcome Laurene Nourse as our newest full-time cleaner. Laurene has lived in Canastota for 15 years, and has worked in the District as a substitute cleaner since November 2013. During that time she proved to be an exceptionally hard worker and a great team player. She is very excited to be continuing her work in the district!



Steven Jeffris: Bus Driver



Steve Jeffris' roots are here in Canastota. He is proud of the accomplishments he has made to be able to join the Canastota drivers' team. Steve is an avid race fan, and likes to work on cars in his spare time.

Agricultural Literacy Week at SSES

March 17, 2015 was a special day for second grade students at SSES. As part of Agricultural Literacy Week, Madison County Cooperative Extension 4-H Community Educator, Kim Nowakowski, visited each second grade classroom with a special treat.

She read the book Weaving the Rainbow by George Ella Lyon. Using simple text and beautiful illustrations, the story explains the process of how raw wool becomes colorful yarn and then items like clothing and blankets.

Children were given the opportunity to touch real wool in each phase of its processing. The Cooperative Extension then donated a copy of Weaving the Rainbow to our library. It was an exciting day!



High School Chess Club Gains Popularity

In the High School Library students love their computers, laptops, tablets and phones. But last year, a few students brought in a chess set, and a phenomenon began. Those children, some of whom have graduated, taught a few more kids to play, and then those students taught others. Soon, thanks to donations from students, coaches, and teachers, we now have eight chess sets, several sets of checkers, many scrabble sets, cards, UNO, and Apples to Apples. Now, every



Wednesday when we can, we have “chess club”, where students can sit down together and engage in strategic social battles face to face. It has been really neat to watch the students teach each other, cheer each other on, and shake hands to congratulate the winner. Not only do these games encourage critical thinking skills, advance planning, and careful deliberation, it also allows for students of differing ages and personal inclination to play in a competitive yet friendly atmosphere. And the computers? The students set their bags by them, and the gaming begins.



RSES Students Collaborate with High School Students

Students in Mrs. LeBlanc's and Mrs. Hollibaugh's classes worked with high school students on a biography project. The kids read books together, completed a graphic organizer and then designed t-shirt "book reports" about the person they read about. Lots was learned and a fantastic time was had by all!



Spring Safety Reminders from the Transportation Department

Finally! We can put away the boots, mittens, hats and heavy coats! Winter is done! With that in mind please remember that all of those winter items have been replaced with sneakers, sunglasses, jump ropes, balls, bats, skateboards, and bicycles. The excitement of getting out of school after a long day is tremendous for our children. Please keep an eye out for them and what they are doing after school.

Please be cautious when you see yellow! Yellow is for the color of the bus and for the color of the warning lights to let you know when to slow down for a student stop. Yellow lights = slow down! Red lights = STOP! Please keep this in mind while on school grounds in our driveways and parking lots.

Together we can help to keep our children safe.

Students Excel at CNY Regional History Day Competition

On Saturday, March 25th, twenty-five Honors Global II students represented Canastota for the first time in the Central New York Regional History Day Competition at Onondaga Community College, sponsored by the Onondaga Historical Association of Syracuse.

Students had the option of competing individually or as a group and were charged with the task of creating an entry in the form of a historical paper, exhibit, website, documentary, or performance aligned to the theme "Leadership and Legacy." Students conducted primary and secondary research, employed critical thinking skills and were required to develop their own conclusions about the significance of a topic over time. Approximately ten schools sent over one hundred and thirty students to compete in the regional event. Students discussed their entries, topics and research with judges from many backgrounds (including current and retired educators, librarians, town historians,

community professionals, writers, a children's book illustrator and professional performers). All students who participated gained valuable experience in historical inquiry and conversing with professionals. Please join us in congratulating our students who received special



recognition at this event: Nicholas Wright (2nd place, historical paper, "The Feministic Leadership Through Olympe de Gouges"), Dominique Cesario, Makayla LaRue, and Danielle McCallops (2nd place, group performance, "S.A.M.E. – South Africans Made Equal"), and runner-up Cody Tannahill (3rd place,

historical paper, "Osama Bin Laden"). The first and second place winners in each category have the option of progressing to the State History Day Competition in Cooperstown, NY. Students were accompanied by their classroom teacher, Mrs. Ronalds, as well as chaperones Mr. Rogers and Mr. Jones, all of whom were very proud of the effort, positive attitudes, and professionalism displayed by students.

FBLA Students Shine at Regional and State Competitions

On February 11th, Canastota Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed with nearly 150 students from Madison, Oneida, and Herkimer Counties. The Canastota FBLA chapter sent 15 members to compete, and each of them professionally and respectfully represented themselves and the school. Students who competed are listed below. Students highlighted in red advanced to the state level in their speaking events and represented District 7 at the State Leadership Conference. Students highlighted in gold advanced to the national level and will compete in Chicago this summer. Please join us in congratulating all of our members for their accomplishments:

Accounting I	5th: Rebecca Winchell	Agribusiness	1st: Jacob Smith
Agribusiness	2nd: Autumn Mitchell	Banking and Financial	2nd: Lindsay Bazan
Business Calc. 9-10	4th: Lindsay Bazan	Business Comm. 11-12	5th: Olivia Palamara
Business Law	2nd: Lindsey Smith	Business Law	5th: Rebecca Winchell
Business Management 9-10	3rd: Shannon Nirelli	Business Ownership and Marketing 11-12	3rd: Autumn Mitchell
Business Procedures 9-10	3rd: Shannon Nirelli	Desktop Publishing Written	1st: Derick Trost
E-Portfolio	2nd: Derick Trost	FBLA Principles and Procedures 9-10	2nd: Julia Diveronica
FBLA Principles and Procedures 11-12	1st: Nichole Delaney	Intro to Parliamentary Procedure 9-10	1st: Julia Diveronica
Intro to Parliamentary Procedure 11-12	2nd: Nichole Delaney	Intro to Word Processing	1st: Lindsay Bazan
Store Window Display	1st Olivia Palamara	Store Window Display	1st: Josie Sgarlata
Store Window Display	1st: Jacob Smith	Store Window Display	2nd: Rebecca Winchell
Store Window Display	2nd: Lindsey Smith	Store Window Display	2nd: Katrina Deminski
Store Window Display	4th: Ada Bartlett	Store Window Display	4th: Jamie Scordo
Store Window Display	4th: Jenalle Jeffris	Word Processing Written	1st: Olivia Palamara
Basic Decision Making	3rd: Julia Diveronica	Client Services	3rd: Jacob Smith
Impromptu Speaking	1st: Derick Trost	Job Interview	3rd: Katrina Deminski
Public Speaking 2	2nd: Nichole Delaney	Local Chapter Annual Report	1st: Rebecca Winchell

Valentines for Vets at SSES



The second grade students at SSES made Valentine wreaths for the Veterans at the VA Medical Center in Syracuse. The wreaths included hearts colored in the students' choice of Valentine colors. Many of them chose to color one of their hearts in a red, white and blue theme to show patriotism. On the back of the wreaths the students wrote a message to their recipient. Some of the messages included; "Thank you, Veteran, for protecting our country!", "Happy Valentine's Day, Veteran!" and "Thank you for keeping us safe." Over 80 wreaths were sent to brighten the day for

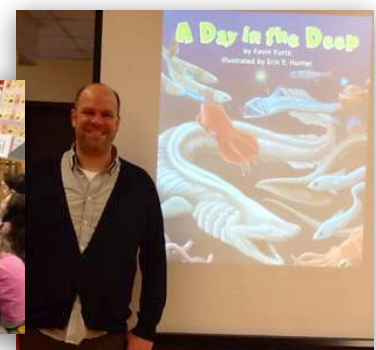
Kindergarteners Enjoy Beach Day

Kindergarten enjoyed their annual Beach Day on March 26th. Leading up to Beach Day, the students learned about the ocean and the creatures that are found in this habitat. Activities on that day included sand tables, puzzles, ocean patterning, discovering/observing shells, memory match, an ocean snack and beach bingo. Children dressed in beach clothing and were invited to bring beach towels and sunglasses to school. All kindergarten classes planned special activities for the children to enjoy. The students had a flip-flopping good time!



PARP a Tremendous Success at PSES and SSES

Students at PSES and SSES participated in the PARP (People as Reading Partners) program throughout the month of March. This program encourages students to read with another person every day for at least fifteen minutes. The theme for PARP this year was "Habitat Adventures." Many fun activities took place in each building. Guest readers visited our schools and building-wide DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) times were scheduled and enjoyed. We also had a visiting author, Kevin Kurtz, who spoke about his books which went along with our theme of habitats. March was filled with reading!



Senior Art Students Hold Solo Exhibitions

As part of a Portfolio Development class taught by high school teacher Kristie Boisen, each senior art student is required to develop his or her own solo exhibition within the community. *Portfolio Development* is a course in which senior art students take to develop their portfolio for college. This task was created for students to be able to bridge the gap between being an art student with the reality of being a practicing artist outside of the academia institution. They have to choose work to exhibit, secure a location and organize an opening reception, advertise, create a guest book, document the process and take down the work at the show closing.

The following seniors will exhibit their work within the next few months. Please attend their opening receptions and view their exhibitions to show your support for the Arts in Canastota. All shows are open to the public for viewing.

Rachel Bargabos already had her opening reception, which was a huge success with over 50 people in attendance on April 7th at the Canastota Public Library on the second floor. Her work can be viewed throughout the month on April. Upcoming shows include: **Skylinn Clemens** with her opening on April 20th from 4-6 in the lobby of Canastota Jr. Sr. High School. Her work will be on display until May 8th. **Brianne Wilcox's** opening reception will be held on May 6th from 6-8pm at the Canastota Public Library in the Crow's Nest on the second floor. Her work will be available for viewing during the month of May. **Shelby McGlothlin** and **Amanda Fairfield's** opening reception will be held on June 2nd from 4-6pm also at the Canastota Public Library. Shelby's work will be located in the Lawson Community Room and Amanda's work will be on display in the Crow's Nest on the second floor. Their work will be available for viewing during the month of June.

Thank you for all your continued support of the Arts in Canastota.



Canastota Football News

On January 25th, the Central New York Chapter of The National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame hosted its 15th annual Scholar Athlete Awards ceremony at the Turning Stone Casino Resorts. The ceremony honored seniors from over 60 Section III high school football teams with a \$500 scholarship. John Popple is this year's award recipient.

The following football players made the second marking period High Honor Roll list.

7th Grade: Andrew Marshall

8th Grade: Noah Gilgallon and Nicholas Rouse

9th Grade: James Aaserud, Michael Bigos, Benjamin Marshall, Brandon Otts, Douglas Simmons II and Ian Torkelson

11th Grade: Owen Albanese, Cameron Bellino, Andrew Clark, Tyler Doane, and Kyle McGovern,

12th Grade: Zachary Funari, Aaron Quaglia, and Nathan Walker

The following football players made the second marking period Honor Roll List.

7th Grade: Brandon Ball, Gregory Olden, and Nicholas Weber

8th Grade: Lucas Barnello, Samuel DiGeorge, and Caleb George

9th Grade: Corey Evans and Brandon Otts

10th Grade: Michael Prendergast Jr.

11th Grade: Kristopher Rutherford and Michael Zupan

12th Grade: Brandon Pickard, Elijah Sampo, and Trenton Zophy



Three footballs players competed in Canastota's Poundage Club Competition. Kyle McGovern, Dustin Tucker, and Michael Zupan each made the 1,000 Pound Club.

Summer Workout Schedule:

Starting July 6th, workouts are open for all players between the grades 7 – 12. The last day for workouts will be August 7th. Workouts will be held in the Fitness Center at the high school.

Monday and Friday lifts are from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm or 5:00 – 7:00 pm.

Wednesday lifts are from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm or 4:00 – 5:25 pm.

Tuesday and Thursdays speed and flexibility are from 5:00 – 7:00 pm only.

Starting July 8th Passing League and Linemen Games will be every Wednesday up to August 5th

Wednesday nights JV and Varsity skilled positions will have Passing League at Chittenango from 6:00 – 8:30 pm

Parents and athletes are responsible for transportation to and from Chittenango

Passing League participants will leave from Canastota High School at 5:30 pm

Wednesday nights the JV and Varsity linemen will have Linemen Games in Canastota from 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Football Team Camps:

This summer the Varsity football team will participate in the Utica Team Camp. The Utica Camp is July 13-16 from 5:00 – 9:00. The cost is \$75 per athlete.

Also we are in discussions with Chittenango for participating in a dual team camp at Chittenango. The Chittenango team camp is free to all Varsity football players. The date of the camp would be August 3-7. Time TBD. The cost would be free for all athletes.

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Canastota Football News *Continued*

The camps are a great way to not only work on individual skills and team skills, but also get recognized by our local colleges. This exposure has the potential to create exciting opportunities!

Practice Start Date:

Double Sessions for Varsity and Junior Varsity begins August 17th. After August 17th, practices will continue leading up to the start of school. Please plan vacations accordingly as practices missed not only affect the individual athlete, but also the entire team. Realistically a missed practice is a missed opportunity to better oneself which can never be made up.

CSSF Hat Day



Shane Pinard (L) and Robert Butler(R) both participated in Canastota Student Scholarship Fund Club's Hat Day. They were winners for sporting their zany hats. Each received \$5.

Students pay \$1 to wear a hat. All money raised goes into the CSSF account to benefit eligible students with school-related financial need.

A Wedding in Kindergarten



The letters Q and U got married in Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. Maison and Mrs. Roback's class on Valentines Day. Q is always followed with a U within words, so they are always together!

Upcoming Events

May 11-15: Kindergarten Screening

May 15: District Wide Art Show

May 20: Grades 7-12 Band Awards Concert

May 25: Memorial Day; No School

May 27: Grades 7-12 Chorus Awards Concert

May 28: Pre-K - 12 Staff Development 1/2 Day

Correction: A list of students who were inducted into the Junior National Honor Society was published in a recent Newsletter. **Meghan O'Dell's** name was inadvertently left off of the list. Congratulations on your induction, Meghan!

Annual Health and Wellness Fair Brings the Community Together



The 2015 Canastota Central School District Health and Wellness Fair was a tremendous success. Vendors from around the community, families, students, and staff came together to learn from each other. The District would like to extend its thanks to all of the vendors who participated in this year's Fair. Special thanks to the following students for their help and support throughout the evening.

Madison Bateman
 Ada Bartlett
 Lindsay Bazan
 Adam Burnor
 Hope Campanie
 Sam Clark
 Ashley Colvin
 Parker Cummings
 April Dabrowski
 Madisyn Davis
 Nichole Delaney

Katrina Deminski
 Alysa DeNeve
 Charles Duwel
 Danae Fowler
 Carter Gustin
 Jenall Jeffris
 Haley Jones
 Kari Kimball
 Maureen Krak
 Makayla LaRue
 Rachelle Maccarone

Ben Marshall
 Collin Meehan
 Marisa Meehan
 Autumn Mitchell
 Shannon Nirelli
 Wyatt Orcutt
 Olivia Palamara
 Colleen Russ
 Jamie Scordo
 Josie Sgarlata
 Victoria Shanahan

Emily Simmons
 Jake Smith
 Destiny Swanson
 Bekka Walker
 Brooke Weber
 Kelli Whitmeyer
 Nick Wright
 Reba Yerdon
 Lizzy Zupan



Proposed 2015-2016 School Budget Heads to Voters on May 19th

On Tuesday, May 19th, voters will be asked to consider two propositions. The first is the proposed 2015-2016 school budget in the amount of \$27,638,020. This proposed budget represents a spending increase of \$980,880 (3.68%) from the 2014-2015 budget. The net effect to our taxpayers after state aid, federal aid and grants is a tax levy increase of \$213,293 (1.9%). This results in a \$44 increase on a \$100,000 home before STAR. The second proposition is to purchase and finance three 65-passenger school buses. Voters will also choose from among four candidates for two seats on the Board of Education. Please see page 14 for more information about the candidates.

PROPOSITION #I

Shall the Board of Education of the Canastota Central School District, Madison County, New York, be authorized and directed to levy a school tax upon the taxable property of the District, necessary to provide total revenues to be expended, but not exceeded for the school year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$27,638,020?

PROPOSITION #II

Shall the Board of Education of the Canastota Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance three 65-passenger school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$320,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and expend a total sum not to exceed \$320,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax for the foregoing which is hereby voted for the foregoing in the amount of \$320,000, which shall 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, bonds, notes and installment purchase contracts of the District be authorized to be issued or executed at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$320,000, and a tax be voted to pay the interest and principal on said obligations when due?

Canastota Central School District 2015-2016 Proposed Educational Budget

Public Budget Hearing

May 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.
Vincent V. Albanese Complex/RSES Auditorium

Voter Information

Tuesday, May 19, 2015
12:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Roberts Street Elementary School Auditorium/
Albanese Educational Complex &
South Side Elementary School Gymnasium

Voter Qualifications

- ◆ U.S. Citizen
- ◆ 18 Years of age or older
- ◆ Resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to elections
- ◆ Registration within your proper school election district

Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots may be obtained from the Business Office, 120 Roberts Street from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

Questions?

Please call 697-2025

Voters to Consider 4 Candidates for 2 Seats on the Board of Education



Martha Berry is seeking her second term on the Board of Education. She is currently Board Vice President and has served as a member of the Policy, Safety, Audit, Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR), and Comprehensive District Educational Plan (CDEP) Committees.

A native of Madison County, Ms. Berry has lived in the district for 16 years. She has directed two Children’s Council musicals for students in grades 4-8 and has served on the Little League Board.

Ms. Berry earned her undergraduate degree from Mount Holyoke College and Masters Degree from Harvard University. She also holds a Juris Doctor in Law from Syracuse University. She has been practicing law in the Syracuse area since 1986.

Martha lives in Canastota with her two children, who are both enrolled at Canastota Jr.-Sr. High School.



Deborah New is seeking her first term on the Board of Education. She has lived in the district since 1968.

Mrs. New taught 5th and 6th grade, as well as grades 7, 8, & 9 social studies in Canastota for 42 years before retiring in 2010.

She served on the District’s Facilities Committee and was freshman class advisor, senior class advisor, and field hockey coach from 1987-2000.

Mrs. New earned her degree from Bryn Mawr College. She is currently substitute teaching in several area school districts.

Deborah lives in Canastota with her husband, Donald. Her children, Mike, Cadi, Jeff, Ben, and Meggie are all graduates of Canastota High School.

See pg. 18 for information about Meet the Candidates Night on May 11th



Loran Crosby is seeking his second term on the Board of Education, having previously served a one-year term from 2013-2014.

A lifelong resident of the district, Crosby has coached little league and served on the Little League

Board as Public Relations and Information Officer.

Mr. Crosby earned his undergraduate degree in Information Technology and Management from Syracuse University. He is currently pursuing his Masters in Business Administration from LeMoyne College. He is employed by Time Warner Media and oversees the Northeast Campaign Marketing Division.

Loran lives in Canastota with his wife, Jill, and his two children who will both be enrolled at Peterboro Street Elementary in September.



Bernard Gleeson is seeking his fifth term on the Board of Education. He currently serves as co-chair of the of the Audit and Facilities Committees and has served in the past on the Safety and Policy Committees.

A resident of the district for 42 years, Gleeson has coached little league, Pop Warner football, and junior varsity wrestling. He has also served on the Little League Board, and is a member of the Central New York chapter of the American Heart Association’s Leadership Committee.

Mr. Gleeson earned degrees from the State University of New York at Morrisville and Rochester Institute of Technology. He is currently employed at Falcone Associates, Inc. in Syracuse as Vice President of Advanced Benefit Designs. He also serves as an officer to the National Association of Health Underwriters of Central New York.

Mr. Gleeson lives in Canastota with his wife, Linda. His children, Giana and Taylor, are both graduates of Canastota High School.

Canastota Central School District 2015-2016 Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2014-15 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2015-16 School Year *						
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 26,657,140	\$ 27,638,020	\$ 27,421,520						
Increase/Decrease for the 2015-16 School Year		\$ 980,880	\$ 764,380						
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.68%	2.87%						
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.62%							
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$ 11,221,405	\$ 11,434,698	\$ 11,221,405						
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 251,074	\$ 267,809							
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$ 11,066,831	\$ 11,166,889							
B. School Tax Levy Limit, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 11,076,614	\$ 11,166,889							
Difference: A - B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ - 9,783	\$ 0							
Administrative Component	\$ 2,547,271	\$ 2,609,714	\$ 2,609,714						
Program Component	\$ 20,543,749	\$ 21,408,791	\$ 21,284,291						
Capital Component	\$ 3,566,120	\$ 3,619,515	\$ 3,527,515						
<p>* If the proposed budget is defeated, there could be a reduction in programs and staff due to the need to reduce the tax levy to zero increase over the 2014-15 tax levy under contingent budget regulations. There could also be a reduction in community use of facilities and grounds as the District would be restricted from offering free use to community groups under a contingent budget.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 10px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 70%;">List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements)</th> <th style="width: 30%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 10%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td>Referendum for the purchase of three (3) sixty-five (65) passenger buses.</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$ 320,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements)	Description	Amount		Referendum for the purchase of three (3) sixty-five (65) passenger buses.	\$ 320,000
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	Referendum for the purchase of three (3) sixty-five (65) passenger buses.	\$ 320,000							

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 693.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2015-2016 by the qualified voters of the Canastota Central School District, Madison County, New York, will be held at Canastota Junior Senior High Auditorium and South Side Elementary School Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Canastota Junior Senior High Auditorium and South Side Elementary School Gymnasium, 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.

Canastota Central School District 2015-2016 Budget Notice

2014-15 Budget 2015-16 Budget

PROGRAM BUDGET COMPONENT

Teaching Regular School	6,254,657	6,494,318
Teaching Students with Disabilities	4,152,498	4,463,542
Co-Curricular and Athletics	374,885	381,608
Community Service	10,000	10,000
Computer Assisted Education	210,543	299,754
Employee Benefits	5,618,050	5,695,072
Guidance	308,966	315,301
Health Services	230,057	234,789
In-Service Training	64,282	93,589
Attendance	52,741	52,761
Legal Services	34,450	34,450
Library and Audiovisual	352,046	354,225
Occupation and Special Schools	1,182,362	1,234,702
Other Centralized Services	107,675	117,675
Student Transportation	1,414,278	1,450,745
Bus Garage	161,260	161,260
Transfers	15,000	15,000
Program Budget Total	\$ 20,543,749	\$ 21,408,791

CAPITAL BUDGET COMPONENT

Maintenance of Plant	646,084	673,702
Operation of Plant	865,478	887,114
Employee Benefits	528,757	536,007
Debt Service	1,525,800	1,522,692
Capital Budget Total	\$ 3,566,120	\$ 3,619,515

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET COMPONENT

Board of Education	21,249	21,365
Central Administration	177,983	184,459
Research Planning and Evaluation	2,853	2,575
Curriculum Development and Support	55,000	55,000
Employee Benefits	462,663	469,006
Finance	344,003	342,913
Legal Services	18,550	18,550
Personnel	39,765	45,760
Public Information and Other Special Items	548,250	539,046
Supervision Regular School	876,955	931,040
Administrative Budget Total	\$ 2,547,271	\$ 2,609,714

TOTAL BUDGET FOR VOTER APPROVAL	\$ 26,657,140	\$ 27,638,020
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Canastota Central School District 2015-2016 District Budget Breakdown by Township

Township	TV 2015-2016	Eq. Rate	Full Value	% Levy	\$ of Levy	TV w/ex	Tax Rate
Fenner	6,601,949	100.00%	6,601,949	1.36%	155,806.64	6,601,949	23.600098
Lenox	395,643,306	100.00%	395,647,806	81.66%	9,337,327.09	395,647,806	23.600367
Lincoln	64,709,956	100.00%	64,709,956	13.36%	1,527,161.32	64,709,956	23.600098
Smith.	3,026,050	100.00%	3,026,050	0.62%	71,415.08	3,026,050	23.600098
Sullivan	14,533,324	100.00%	14,533,324	3.00%	342,987.87	14,533,324	23.600098
TOTALS	484,514,585		484,519,085	100.00%	11,434,698	484,519,085	

Tax Levy	FVT Rate	% Change
11,434,698	23.60	1.90%

Canastota Central School District 2015-2016 District Budget Estimated Revenues and Tax Impact

Estimated Revenues	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Budget	% Change
State Aid	12,963,329	13,786,228	6.35%
Property Taxes	11,221,405	11,434,698	1.90%
Fund Balance	820,000	1,384,832	68.88%
Other Income	1,555,906	1,032,262	-33.66%
Other Property Tax Income	96,500	0	-100.00%
Total Budget for Voter Approval	26,657,140	27,638,020	3.68%

School Bus Replacement Information

As we prepare for the 2015-16 school year, the District carefully examined its needs in the Transportation Department. Student transportation and safety remain valued components of the Canastota Central School District. To ensure our bus fleet consists of safe and efficient buses for our students that comply with New York State Department of Transportation (NYS DOT) mandates, the District is recommending the purchase of three new 65 passenger school buses.

Based on previous NYS DOT inspections, the District has seen the rewards of replacing buses sooner with an average passing rate of over 90% of its fleet over the past three years. The District has also been able to capitalize on an increased value for our bus trade-ins as well as keep repair costs at a manageable level. Using 2014-15 assessment data, it is anticipated that the tax impact after transportation aid will be an estimated 3 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, or \$3.26 per \$100,000 home per year for five (5) years. The State pays transportation aid for buses over a five year period; therefore, the District pays debt payments over the five years to coincide with the revenue being received. With our state aid ratio for bus purchases at 90%, the District is able to purchase buses with the State covering a majority of the purchase resulting in a lower cost to the community. We thank you for your continued support of the Canastota Central School District Transportation Department.

Announcements



Chicken BBQ

Tuesday, May 19
Canastota High School – Cafeteria A
101 Roberts Street
Take Outs Available – 4:00 pm
Sit down dinners 4:00 - ?

Tickets Available at the Door
\$9.00

Half Chicken, Salt Potatoes, Baked Beans, Cole Slaw,
Bread and Butter, Beverage, and Dessert

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May 9th, 2015
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BOE Meet the Candidates Night

The League of Women Voters and RSES PTO are hosting a Meet the Candidates Night at 7 PM on May 11, 2015 in the RSES Auditorium.

Come and hear what your candidates' visions are for the Canastota Central School District. Bring your questions! Educate yourself before you vote.

Board of Education

- Ms. Marian Cerio, President
- Ms. Martha Berry, Vice President
- Mr. Stanley Congden III
- Mr. Bernard Gleeson
- Mr. Douglas Gustin
- Mr. Wesley Hood
- Mr. Peter Palamara Jr.

Superintendent of Schools

Ms. June C. Clarke

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