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A Message From the Superintendent

I am pleased to announce that our District has earned a Bronze medal ranking from *U.S. News & World Report* in its 2016 evaluation of more than 21,000 public high schools! This outstanding accomplishment shows the progress our District is making.

I am very thankful to the Canastota community for its support of the school budget each year. Our school motto is, "Striving for Excellence," and engaged stakeholders are key to providing every student with a high-quality education.

The Canastota Central School District Board of Education has adopted a proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year in the amount of \$28,605,351. This amount represents a spending increase of \$967,331 (3.5%). The net effect to our taxpayers after state aid, federal aid and grants is a tax levy increase of \$114,348 (1%). This results in a \$24 increase on a \$100,000 home before STAR benefits. We work diligently to be good stewards of your tax monies and our goal is to provide the best possible education to each and every one of our students while being fiscally responsible to our taxpayers.

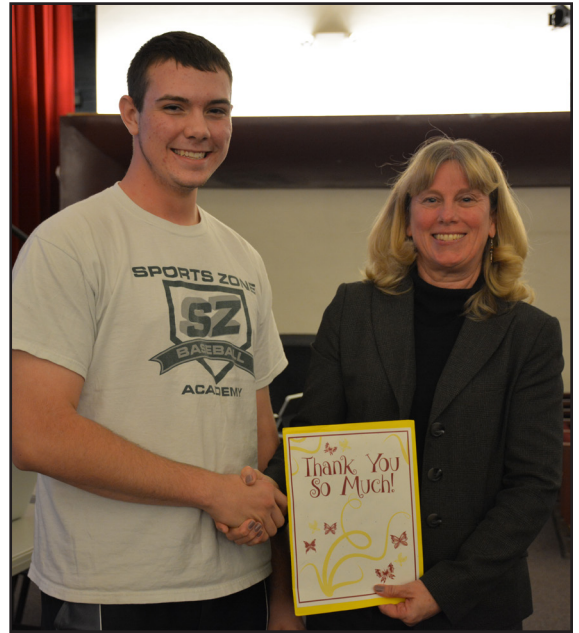
An increase in revenue was due in part to an additional \$861,045 in state aid. The increases in spending over the prior budget reflect costs that we do not control that are related to health care, Special Education, BOCES and vendor services. The proposed budget is under our allowable tax levy limit and qualifies our taxpayers for prospective state tax rebates.

The monies collected from the 1 percent tax levy will be used for a Capital Outlay Project that will cover a small facility project (as opposed to a major, lengthy construction and renovation project) that is a one-time expense. Once the project is completed, aid (at 82%) will be received and applied toward the next year's project. This allows the District to keep up with facilities maintenance on an annual basis.

Most importantly, our proposed budget allows us to maintain a comprehensive academic program with opportunities for students to participate in the arts, athletics and co-curricular activities. It also allows us to maintain current staffing levels. You will see highlights of some of our recent student and faculty activities and achievements in the pages that follow.

I'd like to thank our School District Business Leader, Ms. Cara Stevens, our administrators and members of our Audit Committee, Mr. Bernard Gleeson, Ms. Martha Berry and Mr. Doug Gustin, for their efforts in the development of the proposed budget. I would also like to thank Assemblyman Bill Magee, State Senator David Valesky, and all those in the state legislature who supported

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additional aid for education and worked to abolish the Gap Elimination Adjustment.

Under new regulations, if voters defeat our budget twice we must adopt a contingency budget with no increase over the 2015-2016 tax levy. In this scenario, the District would be forced to reduce the budget by \$152,599. This would be done by spending down reserves or by reducing staff or programs. The other rules of a contingency budget remain the same: All groups would be required to pay for facility and grounds use and funding for equipment would be eliminated.

A public hearing on the proposed budget will be held at 6:00 pm May 10th in the Vincent V. Albanese Center auditorium.

Please remember to **vote on Tuesday, May 17th from Noon to 9:00 pm** at your designated polling locations (South Side Elementary School or Roberts Street Elementary School).

Best,
June C. Clarke
Superintendent of Schools



Great News!

We're pleased to report that the magazine *U.S. News & World Report* has bestowed Canastota High School with a Bronze Medal ranking in its 2016 evaluation of over 21,000 public high schools across the country.

Each year the magazine looks at state assessments, graduation rates and how well schools prepare students for college in making its ranking of the best high schools.

In an assessment of Canastota High School on the magazine's "Education Rankings & Advice" page,

findings indicate that Canastota High School is a "Fringe Rural" district that has an 81% graduation rate. Students have the opportunity to take Advance Placement® coursework and exams, with an AP® participation rate of 19 percent. There are 51 full-time teachers for 716 high school students (with a makeup of 9% minority enrollment and 38% of students that are classified as economically disadvantaged). In English proficiency, 79% of students rank as meeting learning standards or better. In Math proficiency, 84% of students rank as meeting learning standards or better.

Canastota High School was ranked as having a 13.7 on the College Readiness Index (CRI), meriting the Bronze medal status. *U.S. News* calculated a College Readiness Index based on exam participation rates and percentage of students passing at least one exam. The index determined which types of medals (gold, silver or bronze) were awarded to top-performing schools. CRI values greater than 20.17% in a four-part evaluation of testing scores meet the criteria for Silver or Gold status.

"This is great news! It is a testimonial to all the hard work and dedication our faculty, staff, administrators, parents, Board of Education members and students, themselves put in day after day," says Superintendent June C. Clarke.

To look up Canastota High School's complete evaluation page, go to www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools and use the "Find a School" search box.

What is a Capital Outlay project?

A Capital Outlay covers smaller facilities projects around the district, as opposed to major, lengthy construction and renovation projects. The State Education Department allows districts to take on small projects through their general budget at a maximum of \$100,000, and requires that the work be completed in one calendar year. The state will reimburse the district at its current building aid rate of 82% in the following budget year, so we will be spending 18 cents of local money for every dollar of facilities work.

Why did the district decide to do its facilities work this way?

Addressing smaller building needs in an ongoing fashion allows us to keep up with facilities maintenance on an annual basis, rather than waiting to include this work in our next large capital project. It is similar to repair or replacement work you might do at your house each year to avoid spending on many projects all at once. Major district work that exceeds \$100,000 will still be included in future capital projects.

Why are you doing this now?

With the larger capital project ready to begin in a few months, we felt this was a good time to begin thinking about smaller projects. This allows us to effectively utilize our tax dollars and state reimbursements for building work.

What materials are you using in this project?

The material we're planning to use is called Dryvit. It is a high-quality material that simultaneously insulates and finishes a building using a single wall system. Many schools and buildings use this material because it is durable, moisture repellent and offers insulation. For more detailed information on Dryvit visit www.dryvit.com.

Can residents make suggestions for future capital outlay projects?

Yes. Our standard process is for the Board of Education's Facilities Committee to review our Comprehensive Building Condition Survey, which is a 5-year look at our facilities and needs, and use that to prioritize facilities projects. If suggestions come in from the public for work that could qualify for this treatment, the Facilities Committee may take it under advisement during its normal work.

Will I be able to vote on this proposal?

This money is included in the general budget that will be on the May 17 ballot. This is not a separate proposition. However, since this is something new for our district, we wanted to provide information to the community that is specific to the Capital Outlay concept.

Will this work disrupt school activities?

We try to coordinate our facilities work with school breaks to minimize any disruption to school activities. As this first project is exterior work, we anticipate little disruption.

Does this plan affect the larger, district-wide capital project?

No, that plan was voted on by residents and is moving forward independently of this proposal. Work scheduled to begin this summer includes new windows and flooring at Peterboro Street and South Side Elementary Schools, renovations to the high school science wing and upgrades to the HVAC system in the Roberts Street complex.

Capital Outlay Project

Q&A

What does this project entail?

We're planning to replace the finish on the exterior walls of the high school cafeteria and gymnasium. Many visible portions of the finish on the exterior walls are broken, cracked and worn away. Our maintenance team repairs the current exterior as needed, but the surface is near the end of its life.



Students Honored for Service at Lions Club Dinner

23 Canastota students were honored for their community service by the Lions Club at a Young Leaders in Service Recognition Dinner held April 11th at the Rusty Rail. Superintendent June C. Clarke, in remarks to the CCSD Board of Education on April 12th, noted some students each put in 100-200 hours of community service. Said Clarke, "It speaks volumes about our students' hearts and integrity, and how they want to be involved." Find a complete list of honorees in the School News section of the CCSD website homepage, canastotacs.org.



FBLA Shines at State Leadership Conference

From April 13th to 15th, ten members of the Canastota Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) joined 650 fellow students from across the state in Rochester for FBLA's annual State Leadership Conference. Students participated in general sessions, workshops and competitive events, and served as voting delegates during the three-day event. Canastota Senior Nichole Delaney completed her term as state treasurer of the NYS FBLA during the conference. Lindsay Bazan, Linsey Smith and Rebecca Winchell advanced to the national level by finishing in first place in the Partnership with Business competition. The Canastota Chapter was recognized as one of the top five outstanding chapters in the state - receiving fourth place recognition (with over 175 chapters & almost 8,000 members statewide), and will represent NYS at the National Leadership Conference in Atlanta, GA in June. Please attend the Chicken Barbeque at the school on May 17th to help raise funds.



Community Enjoys Health and Wellness Fair

Nearly 1,200 community members attended this year's Health and Wellness Fair, a fun and family-oriented event held this past March.

The fair featured more than 80 information tables focusing on a wide variety of health, education and community service topics. Tables were staffed by medical and healthcare services, churches, museums, financial services, dance studios, law enforcement, childcare, social services, local businesses and community organizations.



Nineteen tables were manned by Canastota school district students representing their classes, activities and clubs. CNY Central news media stopped by to see a training session on Narcan, a heroin and opioid emergency response drug.

History Class/Club Trip to DC

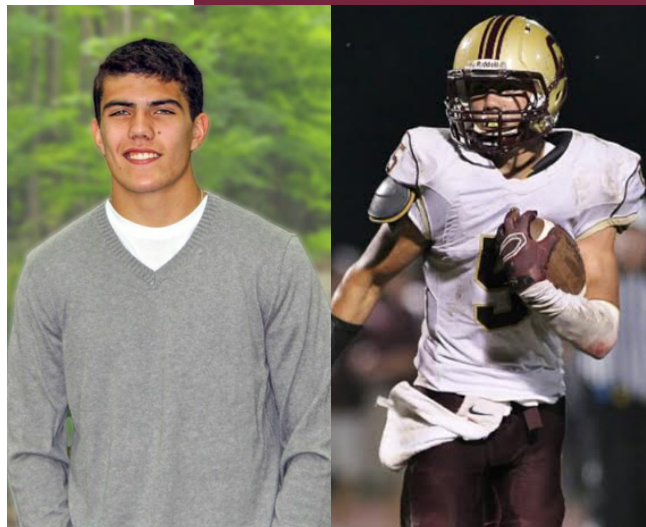
This past March, a group of 21 high school students from Ms. Jeanneret's US History Class and the History Club spent a week in Washington, DC, visiting monuments as well as the museums of the Smithsonian Institution, the National Zoo, the National WWII Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery.

The trip was made possible in part by a Canastota Higher Education and Enrichment Program (CHEEP) grant awarded by the Canastota Central School District Board of Education, and student fundraising.

Sports Page

Spotlight on: Cameron Bellino

- National Football Foundation Scholar Athlete (with a \$500 college scholarship)
- Snapple Player of the Week
- Class C Scholar Athlete of the Year
- Set a school record with 172 tackles in one season
- All State Scholar Athlete Team
(One of 30 student-athletes throughout New York State)
- 1st Team All CNY (Defense)
- 3rd Team All State (Defense)



Scholar Athletes Recognized

During the April 12th CCSD Board of Education meeting, Athletic Director Andy Pino recognized an admirable group of students on winter sports teams that made the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) list of Scholar Athlete Teams. Athletes on those teams, collectively, maintain a 90+ average while participating in their respective sports. Each student received a certificate and a special pin. A complete list of scholar athletes can be found in the School News section of the CCSD website homepage, canastotacsd.org.



8th Grader Mike Leibl won the Middle School Championship title (230 lbs.) at the 27th Annual NHSCA National Wrestling Championships held April 1st-3rd in Virginia.

Sports Highlights:

- Congratulations to Alexandra Jones (middle hitter) and Josie Sgarlata (setter) for being named to the All-CNY Volleyball Team 2016. Their photos and bios appeared in the High School Sports section of syracuse.com. Josie was also named Center State Conference Division I Volleyball MVP earlier this year.
- Canastota Physical Education teacher and Varsity Track, Field and Cross Country coach John Copp ran in and completed the Boston Marathon in April. Way to go coach! To see his race stats, go to bostonmarathon.org/individual.html
- Visit the Athletics Page of the CCSD website (canastotacsd.org) to view the sports calendars for upcoming home and away events, so you can plan to come out and support The Raiders as they compete in Modified, Junior Varsity and Varsity softball, baseball, golf, track & field, and tennis.

Safe Driving

SADD Pre-Prom Presentation Helps Drivers Become Safe Drivers

On Tuesday, April 5th, The Canastota Chapter of SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions), invited Karen Torres, a distracted

driving advocate with the Governor's Traffic Safety Committee, to speak to high school students about the dangers of distracted driving, ahead of the 2016 Junior Prom.

In a presentation entitled, "Helping Drivers Become Safe Drivers," Ms. Torres shared the alarming statistic that drivers are 23% more likely to crash while texting and driving, than when driving without distraction. Through a series of anecdotes, videos and games/quizzes, Ms. Torres demonstrated how distracted driving, including talking or texting on the phone, eating, applying makeup, looking up music and so forth, even for a few seconds, could have devastating consequences. Ms. Torres speaks from personal experience, as 10 years ago her father was killed by a driver who was distracted by reaching for his fallen water bottle. That moment of distraction caused the driver to swerve into her father's roadside worksite and, hitting and killing him.

Students gave a big and positive response to the slogan, "Get Our Heads Out of Our Apps," shared by Ms. Torres during her presentation. However, Ms. Torres did go on to encourage cell phone users to acquire apps to shut off phones when a car is in motion, and that also send messages to callers and text senders letting them know the recipient is driving and cannot answer right now.

Madison County Sheriff Allen Riley introduced Ms. Torres, and cautioned students that local law enforcement has zero tolerance for distracted driving, so please drive safe.



Digital score board in action at a Varsity Baseball game against Madison in April.

Tech Club Earns Second Place in First Time Contest Outing

On Friday, April 15th, twenty students from the Canastota High School Technology Club competed in a bridge building contest at the State University of New York College of Environmental Science and Forestry at Syracuse University.

Students designed and constructed balsa wood bridges to specifications provided by SUNY ESF. This is the first time our students competed in this contest, and they placed second against other schools from Central New York.





Canastota Teacher to Receive Distinguished Service Award

Jr./Sr. High School Social Studies teacher Carrie-Ann Ronalds has been named the recipient of the Distinguished Service Award by the Central New York Council for the Social Studies (CNYCSS).

Ms. Ronalds will be presented with her honor at the annual CNYCSS Spring Dinner to be held in Syracuse May 12th.

In a letter to Ms. Ronalds, the organization acknowledged that she had played an invaluable role with them for the last two years, and had contributed integral work to a number of CNYCSS programs, most notably as the chair for the state convention in 2015.

"Serving the CNYCSS membership and Social Studies education has been a privilege, and I am honored to be recognized by my peers for the work that I have done," said Ms. Ronalds in reaction to the announcement. "To me this award is a reminder that whenever we strive to truly place ourselves in the service of others as educators - even if behind the scenes or in small ways - our efforts make a difference."

Junior Prom

April 9th, 2016

"Candlelit Garden"

Wolf Oak Acres, Oneida



New York State History Day Competition

After placing in the Central New York Regional History Day Competition at Onondaga Community College on March 12th, six Canastota High School students represented the district in the New York State History Day Competition in Cooperstown on April 18th. Approximately 11,000 students had participated in regional competitions across New York State by creating entries aligned to the theme, "Exploration, Encounter and Exchange in History." The top two entries from each category progressed to the competition in Cooperstown.

This was the second year Canastota has participated in the event. Students not only presented their entries and research to judges, but also took advantage of various offerings throughout the day. Time was spent in the Baseball Hall of Fame (and on a scavenger hunt that took them through the history of baseball), The Farmer's Museum, Fenimore Art Gallery, downtown Cooperstown, and viewing other entries created by students from across the state. Sponsoring teacher and chaperone, Mrs. Ronalds, was extremely proud of how well the students conducted themselves in front of the judges, represented Canastota, and behaved with professionalism by congratulating and complimenting other students on their entries and awards. Involvement in the state competition is a beneficial experience in-and-of-itself and the following students deserve kudos for their journey in the process. Presentations:

- Cassandra Clute, Samuel Evans and Zachary Piatkowski, who placed first for group performance in the regional competition, performed "A Divided Country: The Berlin Wall."
- Ethan Stockbridge, who placed first for individual website in the regional competition, presented "Exploration, Encounter, and Exchange of the Internet."
- Dominique Cesario, who placed second for individual performance at the regional competition performed "Gabrielle Giffords: From Target to Triumph" (Dominique actually returned to the competition this year after placing second at last year's regional competition and competing at the state level in a group performance titled "S.A.M.E.: South Africans Made Equal" which aligned to the theme "Legacy and Leadership").
- Salvatore Cesario, who placed second for a historical paper at the regional competition, presented "The Berlin Conference: Exploration, Encounter and Exchange."



Special Events Mark 100th Day of School

Elementary students at Peterboro Street and South Side schools celebrated the 100th day of school this year on February 23rd.

Students were encouraged to dress as if they were 100 years old - walkers, canes, curlers, suspenders and gray wigs could be spotted all over the building. In class, students practiced counting to 100 and identifying 10 groups of 10 things. Students were also challenged to bring in 100 cans of food that the school donated to the Opportunity Shop.

The day's activities were planned with the help of the PTA, which brought in treats for the students.

5th Graders “Jump” In With Support

RSES students participated in the American Heart Association’s Jump Rope for Heart fundraising project, collecting over \$800 in pledges for the charity.

5th grader Trista Robinson went above and beyond, raising \$275 in pledges in memory of her uncle, Charlie Mettler, who passed away 3 years ago. When Trista’s fellow classmates in Ms. Retrosi’s class learned she was jumping rope in honor of her late uncle, they decided to join in and jump 275 times with her.

At noon on April 6th, Trista and her classmates completed their jumps for Jump Rope for Heart in Ms. Bonczek’s Physical Education class. They were joined by Trista’s mom, Ashley Robinson, who told the students about Uncle Charlie and how important this fundraising has been for Trista.

According to the American Heart Association’s (AHA) website, Jump Rope for Heart (along with Hoops for Heart) is a national education and fundraising event by the AHA and the Society for Health and Physical Educators (SHAPE).

The event engages elementary and middle school students with jumping rope while empowering them to improve their own health and help other kids.



Elementary Schools Celebrated PARP Month in March

Students in Peterboro Street and South Side Elementary Schools celebrated March as PARP Month. PARP stands for People as Reading Partners. Both schools held “read-in” events, where students and teachers sat in the halls and read books. The PTAs delivered snack bags of trail mix for each student to coincide with the PARP theme of, “Hot on the Trail of a Good Book.”

Throughout March, the schools held a number of events, including a “Read My Shirt” Day for both students and staff.

10th Annual Erick D. Stevens Concert

The 10th Annual Erick D. Stevens Concert, in memory and celebration of Erick’s life, was held April 13th. Attendees enjoyed a selection of music performed by students and community members.

Erick Stevens was an enthusiastic lover of music and enjoyed making music. He was lost in an automobile accident in June 2005. The Rick and Penny Stevens family raises and contributes thousands of dollars to the community in memory of their son, and through those efforts the Canastota Music Department has received musical instruments, recording equipment and a keyboard lab.



Proposed 2016-2017 School Budget Heads to Voters on May 17th

On Tuesday, May 17th, voters will be asked to consider two propositions. The first is the proposed 2016-17 school budget in the amount of \$28,605,351. This proposed budget represents a spending increase of \$967,331 (3.50%) from the 2015-16 budget. The net effect to our taxpayers after state aid, federal aid and grants is a tax levy increase of \$114,348 (1.0%). This results in a \$24 increase on a \$100,000 home before STAR. The second proposition is to purchase and finance four 65-passenger school buses. Voters will also choose from among eight candidates for four seats on the Board of Education. Please see pages 14-15 for more information about the candidates.

Proposition #1

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 2016-2017 in the amount of \$28,605,351?

Proposition #2

Shall the Board of Education of the Canastota Central School District be authorized to purchase and finance four (4) school buses, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$468,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and said amount, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District, in the principal amount not to exceed \$468,000, shall be issued?

Transportation

As we prepare for the 2016-17 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 four 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 95% 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 2015-16 assessment data, it is anticipated that the tax impact after transportation aid will be an estimated 4.8 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, or \$ 4.81 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.

Capital Outlay Project

This year's general fund budget includes a Capital Outlay Project that will be completed during the school year. We are planning to replace the finish on the exterior walls of the high school cafeteria and gymnasium. The total cost of the project will not exceed \$100,000 and this amount is aided at the regular capital aid rate of 82 percent. By completing this work as a capital outlay project, the district will receive the aid from the state the following year.

Canastota Central School District 2016-2017 Budget Notice

2016-17 Budget Information

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2015-16 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2016-17 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2016-17 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 27,638,020	\$ 28,605,351	\$ 28,452,752
Increase/Decrease for the 2016-17 School Year		\$ 967,331	\$ 814,732
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.50%	2.95%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		0.12%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$ 11,434,698	\$ 11,549,046	\$ 11,434,698
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 267,809	\$ 352,055	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$ 11,166,889	\$ 11,196,991	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 11,166,889	\$ 11,196,991	
Difference: A - B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 2,609,714	\$ 2,752,096	\$ 2,752,096
Program Component	\$ 21,408,791	\$ 22,137,288	\$ 22,083,689
Capital Component	\$ 3,619,515	\$ 3,715,967	\$ 3,616,967
<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 2015-16 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>			
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 four (4) sixty-five (65) passenger buses.		\$ 468,000

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2016-17 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 707.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2016-2017 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 17, 2016 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 2016-2017 Budget Notice

2016-17 Budget Information

<h3>Canastota Central School District 2016-17 Budget Summary</h3>		
	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Budget
PROGRAM BUDGET COMPONENT		
Teaching Regular School	6,494,318	6,625,080
Teaching Students with Disabilities	4,463,542	4,755,394
Co-Curricular, Community Service, and Athletics	391,608	384,226
Computer Assisted Education	299,754	302,164
Employee Benefits	5,695,072	5,885,505
Guidance	315,301	322,443
Health Services	234,789	238,750
In-Service Training	93,589	116,000
Attendance	52,761	53,885
Legal Services	34,450	40,625
Library and Audiovisual	354,225	335,120
Occupation and Special Schools	1,234,702	1,245,191
Other Centralized Services	117,675	117,675
Student Transportation	1,450,745	1,450,745
Bus Garage	161,260	164,485
Transfers	15,000	100,000
Program Budget Total	21,408,791	22,137,288
CAPITAL BUDGET COMPONENT		
Maintenance of Plant	673,702	752,277
Operation of Plant	887,114	887,114
Employee Benefits	536,007	553,930
Debt Service	1,522,692	1,522,646
Capital Budget Total	3,619,515	3,715,967
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET COMPONENT		
Board of Education	21,365	21,473
Central Administration	184,459	191,194
Research Planning and Evaluation	2,575	3,492
Curriculum Development and Support	55,000	55,000
Employee Benefits	469,006	484,689
Finance	342,913	385,721
Legal Services	18,550	21,874
Personnel	45,760	45,870
Public Information and Other Special Items	539,046	577,337
Supervision Regular School	931,040	965,446
Administrative Budget Total	2,609,714	2,752,096
TOTAL BUDGET FOR VOTER APPROVAL	\$ 27,638,020	\$ 28,605,351

Canastota Central School District 2016-2017 District Budget Breakdown by Township

Township	TV 2016-17	Eq. Rate	Full Value	% Levy	\$ of Levy	TV w/ex	Tax Rate
Fenner	6,724,798	98%	6,862,039	1.41%	162,782.70	6,724,798	24.206334
Lenox	392,854,541	99%	396,827,314	81.51%	9,413,619.37	392,859,041	23.962099
Lincoln	64,828,318	99%	65,483,149	13.45%	1,553,404.76	64,828,318	23.961824
Smith.	3,049,849	98%	3,112,091	0.64%	73,825.66	3,049,849	24.206334
Sullivan	14,415,158	99%	14,560,766	2.99%	345,413.49	14,415,158	23.961825
TOTALS	481,872,664		486,845,359	100.00%	11,549,046	481,877,164	

Tax Levy	FVT Rate	% Change
11,549,046	23.96	1.00%

Canastota Central School District 2016-2017 District Budget Estimated Revenues and Tax Impact

Estimated Revenues	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Budget	% Change
State Aid	13,786,228	14,647,273	6.25%
Property Taxes	11,434,698	11,549,046	1.00%
Fund Balance	1,384,832	1,017,334	-26.54%
Other Income	1,032,262	1,391,698	34.82%
Total Budget for Voter Approval	27,638,020	28,605,351	3.50%

Canastota Central School District 2016-2017 Proposed Educational Budget

Public Budget Hearing

TUESDAY, May 10, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Auditorium at the Roberts Street Elementary School

Voter Information

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016, 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Auditorium at the Roberts Street Elementary School AND
School Gymnasium at the South Side Elementary School

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. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday.

Questions?

Please call 315-697-2025



2016-17 Budget Information

2016-17 BOE Meet the Candidates



Timothy J. Bazan

Residence: Canastota, NY

Employment: Currently a 6th-8th grade ELA educator at the Ihsan School of Excellence in Syracuse.

Community, volunteer, professional activities: I enjoyed working at Canastota Central Schools from 1976-2015 as a teacher, advisor, mentor, facilitator, tutor, Drama Club coach, curriculum/grant writer, ISS Supervisor, and Syracuse University Adjunct Instructor. For the last 10 years, I have voluntarily been teaching a 7th grade religious education class at St. Agathas where I have also been an Adorer for 3 years.

Education: B.A. in Secondary Education/English from SUNY Oswego, (also earned the majority of my graduate hours here).

Family: Happily married to wife Janet for 38 years, and we're proud parents of seven children: Courtney, Colvin, Zachary, Gregory, Kaitlin, Joshua and Alexander - all CHS graduates - and Lindsay, a junior at CHS.

Why are you running for the board? I am passionate about education and expecting the best from all the students in Canastota. I am displeased that we are currently ranked near the bottom of the schools in Madison County and have not improved over the last three years, and I pledge to work with the Board and community to accomplish academic advancement and enrichment in our district while maintaining fiscal responsibility.



Marian J. Cerio

Residence: Canastota, NY

Employment: I have been self-employed as an attorney with my office in Canastota the majority of my career

Community, volunteer, professional activities: I am currently serving as President of the Canastota Central School District Board of Education, and I am completing my third term as a member of the Board. I am a member of the Canastota Lion's Club, a member of the Board of Directors of the Canastota Alumni Association, and a lector at St. Agatha's Church.

Education: I am a graduate of Canastota High School, and received my Bachelor's degree in political science and history from SUNY Brockport. I received my law degree from Syracuse University College of Law.

Family: My husband, Vic J. Koprinsky, and I have two children. Our son Joe, is a math teacher at Ripon Middle School in Woodbridge, VA. Our daughter Maria, is a project manager at ProZ.com, currently based in La Plata, Argentina.

Why are you running for the board? I am very proud of the progress that our district has been making, as evidenced by the bronze medal status in national rankings recently awarded to the Canastota Central School District by US News, and by our building renovation projects. My goal is to continue to be a part of that progress as we continue our path to excellence.



Loran H. Crosby

Residence: Canastota, NY

Employment: Business Intelligence Analyst, Time Warner Cable

Community, volunteer, professional activities: I am currently a Little League Board member and Little League coach.

Education: I graduated from Canastota High School (Class of 1997). I earned an undergraduate degree at Syracuse University. I earned an MBA at LeMoyné College.

Family: I am married to my high school sweetheart Jill (Green) and we have two sons, Carter (age 6) and Mason (age 4).

Why are you running for the board? I like being actively involved in the community and have a vested interest in our schools, both as a concerned parent and as someone who has decided to raise his family in his hometown and recognizes the importance the school district plays in our community.



Douglas M. Gustin

Residence: Canastota, NY

Employment: 32 years as a City Carrier, United States Postal Service, Canastota.

Community, volunteer, professional activities: I have served a total of 17 years on the Canastota Board of Education. I am a representative to the Madison-Oneida Board of Education (since 2003), and the NYS Rural Schools Board of Directors (since 2013). I serve on the School Boards Resolutions Committee, Area 5. Over the years I have served as Director and President of the Syracuse Bowling Association, and I am a past member of the Canastota Civic Club and the Canastota Fire Dept. I am a Vice President on the Canastota Alumni Association.

Education: I have an A.A.S. degree in Food Science Technology from SUNY Morrisville.

Family: Girlfriend Christine, and daughters Kassandra (class of 2009), Stephanie (class of 2011), Rebecca (class of 2013), Jessica (class of 2018), and Jenna (class of 2023).

Why are you running for the board? To continue offering every student here in Canastota the opportunity to better themselves, and be all they can be. Giving them the courses, the extracurricular activities, and the opportunities every well-rounded student needs to find their passion. It's a collaboration of all of us to make these opportunities happen.



Bill Haddad

Residence: Canastota, NY

Employment: Operations Area Manager for Windstream Communications, and President/Owner of Haddad Telecom Consulting Services, Inc.

Community, volunteer, professional activities: I formerly served as a Canastota Little League coach. I am currently a Canastota Village Trustee, an ADA NYS District 9 Little League coach, Pop Warner coach, and Boy Scout Troop 43 leader. I serve with the CNY Medical Reserve Corps, and I am a US Army veteran. I am a member of the Madison County Republican Party.

Education: AAS in Electrical Engineering, US Army Signal Corps.

Family: My wife Jen and I have sons Bill, Jr., Cameron, David and Andrew, and daughter Samantha, as well as three grandchildren.

Why are you running for the board? My efforts, as a board member, would focus on serving all of the children of the community and working to make our school superior. I want to restore open two-way communications between the school, teachers, staff and the community so that all are heard.



Peter A. Palamara, Jr.

Residence: Canastota, NY

Employment: General Contractor

Community, volunteer, professional activities: I am currently serving in a three-year term as a member of the Canastota Central School District Board of Education. I am a past member of the Canastota Fire Department and a past member of the Village of Canastota Zoning Board of Appeals. I volunteer with various local organizations, including Pop Warner football and my church.

Education: I am a graduate of Canastota High School (Class of 1982).

Family: Married to wife Chrissy. We have three daughters - Laura (a 2015 graduate of SUNY Geneseo), Juli (currently a college student), and Olivia (graduating Canastota High School in 2016).

Why are you running for the board? I want to continue the good work that this Board does every day to move our district forward.



Joseph A. Vaccaro

Residence: Canastota, NY

Employment: I am in the New York Air National Guard and work as a Cyber Transport Technician there one weekend per month.

Community, volunteer, professional activities: A volunteer ass't coach for Canastota Boys Varsity Basketball. Head coach for the Tri-Valley Nets Girls AAU basketball team.

Former Student Director of Public Relations for the Canastota Central School District. President of the Canastota Optimist Club. I have sat on the Public Facilities Committee for the Capital Project at the school and try to attend all the board meetings.

Education: I am a commuter student at SUNY Oswego, and I am transferring to SUNY Morrisville next semester for Information Technology Management.

Family: My family consists of my mother (Jackie Vaccaro), my father (John Vaccaro III), and my two sisters (Felicia and Julia).

Why are you running for the board? Being a recent graduate of the Canastota School District, I know first hand the things that go on there and since my Junior year in high school I have been trying to change the school for the better. I am young but I have some great ideas on how we can improve the school and make it a better environment for the students and faculty. I believe that with the right people, we can bring back that Raider Pride and make our school one that the community can be proud of and supports.



Maureen Wood

Residence: Canastota, NY

Employment: I am a supervisor for the State Insurance Fund.

Community, volunteer, professional activities: For the last two years I have been the administrator of a Facebook group named Canastota Informational Group on Education Reform. It is an informational group for the Canastota community to share information and to explain the effects of the various educational reform issues on our school, our community, our teachers, and our children. I am active and involved with my daughters' school activities and Girl Scout troops, and was an adult member of the Girl Scouts.

Education: I have an Associate's Degree from Mohawk Valley Community College and a Bachelor's Degree from SUNY Tech in Utica.

Family: I have been happily married to Jeff Wood for 16 years. We have two daughters - Carley is in 7th grade and Cassondra (Casey) is in 5th grade.

Why are you running for the board? I am running for school board because I believe in the importance of a strong public education. I want to improve the opportunities available for all students, and give back to the community. I feel that my knowledge and fresh perspective will help to bring a well rounded voice to the school board.

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