

# Striving for Excellence Canastota

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## A message from the Superintendent

Once again, I am very thankful to the Canastota community for its support of the school budget. Each year we work hard to live up to our school motto – “Striving for Excellence,” and support from our stakeholders is the key to providing our students with a high-quality education.



The Canastota School District Board of Education has adopted a proposed budget for the 2017-18 school year in the amount of \$29,506,361. This amount represents a spending increase of \$901,010 (3.15%). The net effect to our taxpayers after state aid, federal aid and grants is a tax levy increase of \$190,954 (1.65%). This results in a \$38 increase on a \$100,000 home before STAR benefits. We work very hard to be good stewards of your tax monies and our goal is to provide an excellent education to each and every one of our students while being mindful of our fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers.

Our state aid was increased this year by \$677,517. Spending increases for this year can be attributed to costs that we do not control including BOCES and vendor services, Special Education and health care. The proposed budget is under our allowable tax levy limit and it does qualify our taxpayers for prospective state tax rebates.

The monies collected from the 1.65% tax levy will be used to offer our students a wealth of new opportunities including access to elementary science kits, transportation for summer school, drivers’ education classes and SAT preparation. In addition we will continue to invest in teacher training programs and summer curriculum work. We also plan to add classroom and cafeteria furniture and hope to add playground equipment.

The 2017-18 proposed budget also allows us to continue to offer our comprehensive academic programming by allowing us to maintain current staffing levels. In addition, we are able to provide our students with the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities, athletics and the arts.

I’d like to thank our School District Business Leader, Ms. Cara Stevens, our administrators and the members of our Audit Committee Ms. Martha Berry, Mr. Doug Gustin and Ms. Deborah New.

I would also like to thank Assemblyman Bill Magee, State Senator Dave Valesky and all those in the state legislature who supported additional aid for education.

Under New York State regulations, if voters defeat our budget twice we must adopt a contingency budget with no increase over the 2016-2017 tax levy. In this scenario, the district would be forced to reduce the budget by \$190,954. 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 p.m. May 9, 2017, in the Vincent V. Albanese Center auditorium.

Please remember to vote on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017, from noon to 9 p.m.** at your designated polling location (South Side Elementary School or Roberts Street Elementary School).

June C. Clarke  
Superintendent of Schools

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# Future Business Leaders Of America

## Students Qualify for California Competition

Nine students from Canastota High School joined more than 800 members of the Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) for the State Leadership Conference at Rochester's Riverside Convention Center in April.



Students participated in general sessions, workshops and competitive events. They also served as voting delegates. Lindsay Bazan, who completed her term as the State Vice President of District 7, was the recipient of the prestigious Outstanding State Officer Award. The award is given to state officers who have gone above or beyond their duties during the year. Lindsay also won first place in the Organizational Leadership event. She will now move on to the national competition in June in Anaheim, Calif. Matthew McDermott, who prepared the Local Chapter Annual Report, also placed first in that category. His work will be entered in the national competition.

At the conference, the Canastota Chapter was recognized as one of the top five outstanding chapters in the state – receiving fourth place recognition for their efforts during the year. Other awards included a second place finish in the Creativity Challenge, a first place finish in the Goose Chase Challenge and a special recognition for completing the state's program of work.

New York State FBLA includes nearly 8,000 members in 180 chapters. Canastota members are looking forward to representing New York State at the National Leadership Conference in June. We hope you will support the Canastota Chapter at their upcoming chicken barbeque being held at the school on May 16!

## RSES Scholars Campaign for Playground Improvements

Students in the Roberts Street School Government Club are working with teacher Tracy Timmins to secure funding to improve the playground at the school.

With the help of Ms. Timmins, the group has launched a Donorschoose.com site where they are soliciting donations. They made a presentation to the Canastota School Board at their April 25 meeting and are working on other fundraising opportunities with assistance from the Roberts Street PTO.



“The students know how important recess is to their success at school,” Ms. Timmins said. “I am currently researching grants through Peaceful Playgrounds and other groups.”

The group is also learning about the rules and regulations for school playgrounds and equipment as well. As they make progress toward their goal, they plan to meet with Director of Facilities John Reagan and School District Business Leader Cara Stevens, to ensure that their plans meet New York State Education Department specifications.

# Proposed 2017-18 School Budget Heads to Voters on May 16th

On Tuesday, May 16th, 2017, voters will be asked to consider two propositions. The first is the proposed 2017-18 school budget in the amount of \$29,506,361. This proposed budget represents a spending increase of \$901,010 (3.15%) from the 2016-17 budget. The net effect to our taxpayers after state aid, federal aid and grants is a tax levy increase of \$190,954 (1.65%). This results in a \$38 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 two candidates for two seats on the Board of Education. Please see page 7 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 expected, not exceeded for the school year 2017-18 in the amount of \$29,506,361?

## Proposition #2

Shall the Board of Education of the Canastota Central School District to be authorized to purchase and finance three (3) 65-passenger school buses, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$365,000, 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 \$365,000, shall be issued?

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## Transportation

As we prepare for the 2017-18 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 2016-17 assessment data, it is anticipated that the tax impact after transportation aid will be an estimated 3.5 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, or \$ 3.52 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.



<b>Overall Budget Proposal</b>	Budget Adopted for the 2016-17 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2017-18 School Year *						
<b>Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions</b>	<b>\$ 28,605,351</b>	<b>\$ 29,506,361</b>	<b>\$ 29,315,407</b>						
<b>Increase/Decrease for the 2016-17 School Year</b>		<b>\$ 901,010</b>	<b>\$ 710,056</b>						
<b>Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget</b>		<b>3.15%</b>	<b>2.48%</b>						
<b>Change in the Consumer Price Index</b>		<b>1.26%</b>							
<b>Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable</b>	<b>\$ 11,549,046</b>	<b>\$ 11,740,000</b>	<b>\$ 11,549,046</b>						
<b>Total Permissible Exclusions</b>	<b>\$ 352,055</b>	<b>\$ 193,054</b>							
<b>A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt</b>	<b>\$ 11,196,991</b>	<b>\$ 11,546,946</b>							
<b>B. School Tax Levy Limit, Not Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	<b>\$ 11,196,991</b>	<b>\$ 11,546,946</b>							
<b>Difference: A - B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>							
<b>Administrative Component</b>	<b>\$ 2,752,096</b>	<b>\$ 2,807,036</b>	<b>\$ 2,791,628</b>						
<b>Program Component</b>	<b>\$ 22,137,288</b>	<b>\$ 22,793,720</b>	<b>\$ 22,718,174</b>						
<b>Capital Component</b>	<b>\$ 3,715,967</b>	<b>\$ 3,905,605</b>	<b>\$ 3,805,605</b>						
<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 2016-17 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%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <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;">\$ 365,000</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.	\$ 365,000
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	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year
<b>Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>\$ 712</b>

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-2018 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 16, 2017 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.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

# Canastota Central School District 2017-18 Budget Summary

	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Budget
<b>PROGRAM BUDGET COMPONENT</b>		
Teaching Regular School	6,625,080	6,710,574
Teaching Students with Disabilities	4,755,394	4,949,784
Co-Curricular, Community Service, and Athletics	384,226	399,130
Computer Assisted Education	302,164	310,040
Employee Benefits	5,885,505	6,195,515
Guidance	322,443	323,162
Health Services	238,750	243,245
In-Service Training	116,000	119,303
Attendance	53,885	55,133
Legal Services	40,625	47,125
Library and Audiovisual	335,120	344,377
Occupation and Special Schools	1,245,191	1,335,083
Other Centralized Services	117,675	84,675
Student Transportation	1,450,745	1,421,441
Bus Garage	164,485	155,133
Transfers	100,000	100,000
<b>Program Budget Total</b>	<b>22,137,288</b>	<b>22,793,720</b>
<b>CAPITAL BUDGET COMPONENT</b>		
Maintenance of Plant	752,277	758,616
Operation of Plant	887,114	891,350
Employee Benefits	553,929	583,107
Debt Service	1,522,646	1,672,532
<b>Capital Budget Total</b>	<b>3,715,966</b>	<b>3,905,605</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET COMPONENT</b>		
Board of Education	21,473	21,584
Central Administration	191,194	193,481
Research Planning and Evaluation	3,492	5,842
Curriculum Development and Support	55,000	55,000
Employee Benefits	484,689	510,219
Finance	385,721	388,547
Legal Services	21,875	25,375
Personnel	45,870	47,000
Public Information and Other Special Items	577,337	577,384
Supervision Regular School	965,446	982,604
<b>Administrative Budget Total</b>	<b>2,752,097</b>	<b>2,807,036</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR VOTER APPROVAL</b>	<b>28,605,351</b>	<b>\$ 29,506,361</b>

2017-18 Budget Information

**CANASTOTA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
2017-18 Budget Summary  
District Budget Breakdown by Township**

Township	TV 2017-18	Eq. Rate	Full Value	% Levy	\$ of Levy	TV w/ex	Tax Rate
Fenner	11,951,146	98%	12,195,047	2.48%	291,448.00	11,951,146	24.386616
Lenox	396,388,685	100%	396,393,185	80.69%	9,473,354.40	396,393,185	23.899154
Lincoln	65,047,878	100%	65,047,878	13.24%	1,554,571.63	65,047,878	23.898883
Smith.	3,075,740	98%	3,138,510	0.64%	75,006.88	3,075,740	24.386614
Sullivan	14,461,725	100%	14,461,725	2.94%	345,619.08	14,461,725	23.898883
<b>TOTALS</b>	490,925,174		491,236,345	100.00%	11,740,000	490,929,674	

Tax Levy	FVT Rate	% Change
11,740,000	23.90	1.00%

**Canastota Central School District 2017-18 Estimated Revenues and Tax Impact**

Estimated Revenues	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Budget	% Change
State Aid	14,647,273	15,324,790	4.63%
Property Taxes	11,549,046	11,740,000	1.65%
Fund Balance	1,017,334	1,000,000	-1.70%
Other Income	1,391,698	1,441,571	3.58%
<b>Total Budget for Voter Approval</b>	<b>28,605,351</b>	<b>29,506,361</b>	<b>3.15%</b>

**Canastota Central School District 2017-18 Proposed Educational Budget**

**Public Budget Hearing**

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017 at 6 p.m., Auditorium at Roberts Street Elementary School

**Voter Information**

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017, 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.  
Auditorium of the Roberts Street Elementary School AND  
School Gymnasium at the South Side Elementary School

**Voter Qulaifications**

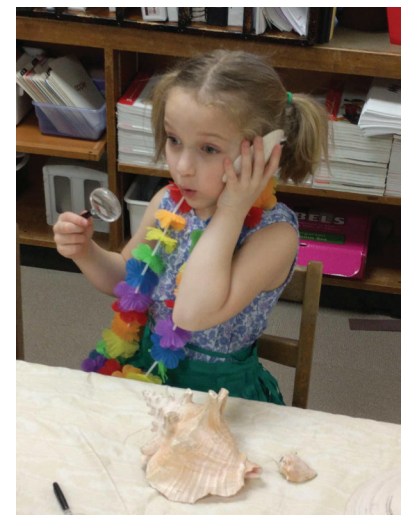
U.S. Citizen  
18 years of age or older  
Resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to elections  
Registration within your proper school election district

**Absentee Ballots**

Absentee ballots may be obtained from the Business Office  
120 Roberts Street, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

**Questions?**

Please call 315-697-2025





**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 President. 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 focus on serving all of the children of the community and working to make our school superior. I will continue to provide a forum for open communication between the school, and community so that all are heard.

**Wesley R. Hood**

**Residence:** Canastota, NY

**Employment:** Project Superintendent for Barrett Paving Materials Inc.



**Community, volunteer, professional activities:** Currently treasurer for Canastota Varsity Wrestling Boosters Club; current Board of Education Trustee.

**Education:** 1981 Canastota High School Graduate, AAS Civil Engineering - Mohawk Valley Community College, BS Civil Engineering Technology - SUNYIT

**Family:** Married to Jacqueline A. Hood (Tomarchio) a 1981 CHS Graduate, twin sons Wesley R. Hood Jr. and Matthew J. Hood, 2014 CHS Graduates

**Why are you running for the board?** I am running for reelection so that I may continue to play a part in the improvement, success and growth of our students, staff and facilities while working to serve our community in a fashion that benefits the tax payer's best interest. I am thankful for the past opportunity and look forward to serving for another term.

2017-18 BOE Candidates

Students Celebrate Spring!



# district

## administration

**Ms. June C. Clarke**  
Superintendent of Schools

**Mr. Jason Mitchell**  
Assistant Superintendent for Instruction

**Ms. Cara Stevens**  
School District Business Leader

**Mr. Jay Altobello**  
Jr./Sr. High School Principal

**Mr. Stanley Congden**  
Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal

**Ms. Melissa Stanek**  
Roberts St. Elementary School Principal

**Ms. Jennifer Carnahan**  
Peterboro St. and South Side Elementary School Principal

**Mr. Jason Stefanski**  
K-3 Assistant Principal

**Ms. Carolyn Ortolano**  
Director of Special Programs

**Mr. Michael Klenotiz**  
Transportation Supervisor

**Mr. Christopher Clancy**  
Director of Instructional Technology

**Mr. John Regan**  
Director of Facilities

**Public Hearing**  
On the Proposed 2017-2018 Budget  
**TUESDAY, May 9, 2017**  
6 p.m. RSES Auditorium



**Tuesday, May 16, 2017**  
Canastota High School  
Cafeteria A  
120 Roberts St., Canastota  
Take Outs Available at 3 p.m.  
Sit-Down Dinners 4 p.m. until sold out  
Tickets Available At the Door - \$10.00  
½ Chicken, Baked Beans, Salt  
Potatoes, Cole Slaw,  
Bread and Butter, Beverage, Dessert  
Sponsored by: FBLA and Canastota Alumni Association

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE**  
Tuesday, May 16th, from noon to 9 p.m.  
at your designated polling locations  
(South Side Elementary School or  
Roberts Street Elementary School)

**Save the Date!**  
Class of 2017 Commencement  
**SATURDAY, June 24th, 9:30 a.m., Dimao Gymnasium**

# board of

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Vice President

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**Mr. Bill Haddad**

**Mr. Wesley Hood**

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