



# 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 2018-19 school year in the amount of \$30,251,183. This represents a spending increase of \$744,822 (2.52%) from the 2017-18 budget. The net effect to our taxpayers after state aid, federal aid and grants is a tax levy increase of \$211,060 (1.80%), which means a \$43 increase on a \$100,000 home before STAR. We work very hard to be good stewards of your tax monies and our goal is to provide an excellent education for our students while being mindful of our fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers.

Our state aid was increased this year by \$516,618. Many of our 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.

The monies collected from the 1.80% tax levy will be used to offer our students a wealth of new opportunities including adding more Chromebooks to expand our Raider 1:1 program and upgrading athletic equipment. In addition we will continue to invest in teacher training programs and summer curriculum work; we plan to add classroom and cafeteria furniture and hope to add playground equipment.

The 2018-19 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 Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations, Ms. Cara Stevens, our administrators and the members of our Audit Committee Mr. Doug Gustin, Mr. Wesley Hood and Mr. Loran Crosby. 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 in the 2018-19 New York State budget.

Under New York State regulations, if voters defeat our budget twice we must adopt a contingency budget with no increase over the 2017-2018 tax levy. In this scenario, the district would be forced to reduce the budget by \$211,060. 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 8, 2018, in the Vincent V. Albanese Education Center auditorium. Please remember to vote on **Tuesday, May 15, 2018, from noon to 9 p.m.** at your designated polling location (South Side Elementary School or Roberts Street Elementary School). We are also asking voters to participate in a short survey on community engagement in our schools. The survey will be available at your polling place.

June C. Clarke  
Superintendent of Schools

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# RSES Students Compete for Super Soakers

Students at Roberts Street Elementary School read the book, *Clementine*, by Sara Pennypacker as part of the One School One Book program. While reading the book students could compete in a shoe design contest. The book's main character, Clementine, lived in an apartment where the windows were at ground level. Clementine would recognize people she knew by seeing their shoes in the windows.

The students were invited to design a shoe that Clementine would be able to spot. Four winners were selected at each grade level in the following categories: "Most Detailed", "Fanciest or Blingiest", "Most Realistic," and "Most Imaginative." All of the shoe designs entered in the contest were displayed in the first floor hallway at RSES.

In addition to the shoe design contest, there was also a trivia contest. While reading the book students were asked questions about what they were reading. For the final question, they were asked to write about a character from the book that demonstrated acceptance. The four winners of the trivia contest were each given a Super Soaker.



# Scholars Place in History Competition

Twenty-three students from Canastota joined others from throughout the area at the Central New York Regional History Day competition at Onondaga Community College in late March. Students who placed first or second in their category had the option of attending the state competition in Cooperstown. Students who placed third were alternates for the state competition. Eden LaRonde (center photo) placed first in the Individual Exhibit category for her project on the Sepoy Rebellion. Payten Shirley (left photo) placed second in that category for her project on the assassination of Archduke Franz Ferdinand.

In the Group Exhibit category Alyse Stockbridge and Lexi Stout received a third place for their project on the Crimean War.



## Proposed 2018-19 School Budget Heads to Voters on May 15th

On Tuesday, May 15th, voters will be asked to consider three propositions. The first is the proposed 2018-19 school budget in the amount of \$30,251,183. This proposed budget represents a spending increase of \$744,822 (2.52%) from the 2017-18 budget. The net effect to our taxpayers after state aid, federal aid and grants is a tax levy increase of \$211,060 (1.80%). This results in a \$43 increase on a \$100,000 home before STAR. The second proposition is to purchase and finance three 65-passenger school buses, and one 28-passenger wheelchair bus. The third provides funding for Canastota Public Library. Voters will also choose from among three candidates for two seats on the Board of Education.

### Proposition #1

Resolved, that 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 2018-2019 in the amount of \$30,251,183?

### Proposition #2

Resolved, that the Board of Education of the Canastota Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase and finance three 65-passenger student transport vehicles and one 28-passenger wheelchair student transport vehicle, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto, and expend a total sum not to exceed \$470,000, 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 \$470,000, shall be issued?

### Proposition #3

Resolved, that pursuant to Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of the Canastota Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$334,822 (which is an increase of \$6,565 from the levy in effect from 2017-2018 in the sum of \$328,257) which shall be paid to the Canastota Public Library for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Canastota Central School District.

### Transportation

As we prepare for the 2018-19 school year, the District carefully examined its needs in the Transportation Department. 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, and one 28-passenger wheelchair bus. Using 2017-18 assessment data, it is anticipated that the tax impact after transportation aid will be an estimated 4.6 cents per thousand dollars of assessed value, or \$ 4.55 per \$ 100,000 home per year for five (5) years.

<b>Overall Budget Proposal</b>	<b>the 2017-18 School Year</b>	<b>the 2018-19 School Year</b>	<b>Budget for the 2018-19 School Year *</b>
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 29,506,361	\$ 30,251,183	\$ 30,040,123
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$ 744,010	\$ 533,762
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.52%	1.81%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$ 11,740,000	\$ 11,951,060	\$ 11,740,000
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 193,054	\$ 211,060	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$ 11,546,946	\$ 11,740,000	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 11,546,946	\$ 11,740,000	
Difference: A - B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	\$ 0	\$ 0	
Administrative Component	\$ 2,807,036	\$ 2,824,402	\$ 2,795,800
Program Component	\$ 22,793,720	\$ 23,229,149	\$ 23,150,691
Capital Component	\$ 3,905,605	\$ 4,197,632	\$ 4,093,632

\* 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 2017-18 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.

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, and one (1) twenty-eight (28) passenger wheelchair bus.	\$ 470,000

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year
	\$ 726

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-2019 by the qualified voters of the Canastota Central School District, Madison County, New York, will be held at the Vincent V. Albanese Education Center and South Side Elementary School Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 12:00 noon and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Vincent V. Albanese Education Center 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 2018-19 Budget Summary

	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget
<b>PROGRAM BUDGET COMPONENT</b>		
Teaching Regular School	6,710,574	6,826,800
Teaching Students with Disabilities	4,949,784	5,053,838
Co-Curricular, Community Service, and Athletics	399,130	440,899
Computer Assisted Education	310,040	347,260
Employee Benefits	6,195,515	6,229,367
Guidance	323,162	323,162
Health Services	243,245	247,452
In-Service Training	119,303	117,870
Attendance	55,133	56,450
Legal Services	47,125	47,125
Library and Audiovisual	344,377	351,465
Occupation and Special Schools	1,335,083	1,437,955
Other Centralized Services	84,675	88,775
Student Transportation	1,421,441	1,400,688
Bus Garage	155,133	160,043
Transfers	100,000	100,000
<b>Program Budget Total</b>	<b>22,793,720</b>	<b>23,229,149</b>
<b>CAPITAL BUDGET COMPONENT</b>		
Maintenance of Plant	758,616	773,910
Operation of Plant	891,350	866,203
Employee Benefits	583,106	586,293
Debt Service	1,672,533	1,971,226
<b>Capital Budget Total</b>	<b>3,905,605</b>	<b>4,197,632</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET COMPONENT</b>		
Board of Education	21,584	21,584
Central Administration	193,481	201,724
Research Planning and Evaluation	5,842	3,710
Curriculum Development and Support	55,000	55,000
Employee Benefits	510,219	513,007
Finance	388,547	407,992
Legal Services	25,375	25,375
Personnel	47,000	42,130
Public Information and Other Special Items	577,384	568,219
Supervision Regular School	982,604	985,661
<b>Administrative Budget Total</b>	<b>2,807,036</b>	<b>2,824,402</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET FOR VOTER APPROVAL</b>	<b>29,506,361</b>	<b>\$ 30,251,183</b>

2018-19 Budget Information

Tenth-grade student Cody Gushea received a first place for his painting, at right, and junior Riley Notarthomas was awarded an honorable mention for his illustration in an art contest. The students' work is being displayed at the Old Forge Library until May 26, 2018!



**Canastota Central School District  
2018-19 Budget Summary  
District Budget Breakdown by Township**

Township	TV 2018-19	Eq. Rate	Full Value	% Levy	\$ of Levy	TV w/ex	Tax Rate
Fenner	12,054,180	98.00%	12,300,184	2.50%	298,792	12,054,180	24.787418
Lenox	396,217,861	100.00%	396,220,861	80.54%	9,624,868	396,220,861	24.291863
Lincoln	65,366,381	100.00%	65,366,381	13.29%	1,587,859	65,366,381	24.291677
Smith.	3,214,641	98.00%	3,280,246	0.67%	79,683	3,214,641	24.787527
Sullivan	14,517,755	98.00%	14,814,036	3.01%	359,858	14,517,755	24.787441
<b>TOTALS</b>	491,370,818		491,981,708	100.00%	11,951,060	491,373,818	

Tax Levy	FVT Rate	% Change
11,951,060	24.29	1.80%

**Canastota Central School District 2018-19 Estimated Revenues and Tax Impact**

Estimated Revenues	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget
State Aid	15,324,790	15,841,408
Property Taxes	11,740,000	11,951,060
Fund Balance	1,000,000	1,000,000
Other Income	1,441,571	1,458,715
<b>Total Budget for Voter Approval</b>	<b>29,506,361</b>	<b>30,251,183</b>

**Canastota Central School District 2018-19 Proposed Educational Budget**

**Public Budget Hearing**

TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018 at 6 p.m., Auditorium at Vincent V. Albanese Education Center

**Voter Information**

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018, 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Auditorium of the Vincent V. Albanese Education Center 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



**Deborah New**

**Residence:** Canastota, NY

**Employment:** Retired from Canastota Central Schools in 2010. Work as a substitute teacher in various local schools.

**Education:** Graduated from Dryden High School and received a bachelor's degree from Bryn Mawr College..

**Family:** My husband, Don, a 1963 Canastota High School graduate, and I have lived on our farm since 1968. We raised five children there, all are college graduates. We are the proud grandparents of 16 grandchildren, two of whom attend Canastota schools.

**Why are you running for the board?** I am seeking a second term on the Canastota Board of Education because I believe that my goal of bringing positive change to this District has begun but is nowhere near complete. I hope that the community will support my continued efforts to bring communication, transparency, academic improvement and a positive learning environment to all of our students. As I have said often to area residents, especially alumni, "I want the school that you attended and of which you were so proud, to be restored."

**Kathleen M Niles**

**Residence:** Canastota, NY

**Timothy M. Devine**

**Residence:** Canastota, NY

**Employment:** Self-employed

**Education:** 1996 graduate of Cornell University.

**Family:** I am a single father, raising three sons.

**Why are you running for the board?** My main goal is to increase the education standards for our kids without increasing the cost.

**Voters choose from the three listed candidates for two open seats on the Board of Education.**

2018-19 BOE Candidates

# Arbor Day Fun

The Great Swamp Conservancy paid a visit to students from Peterboro Street Elementary School and South Side Elementary School in honor of Arbor Day. The students learned about White Pine trees in a presentation by Rusty and Camille!



# district

## administration

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

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

**Ms. Cara Stevens**  
Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

**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

**Ms. Cynthia Clark**  
Transportation Supervisor

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

**Mr. Nick Campbell**  
Facilities Leader

**Public Hearing**  
On the Proposed 2018-2019 Budget  
**TUESDAY, May 8, 2018**  
6 p.m. RSES Auditorium



**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**  
Canastota Central Schools  
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 15th, 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 2018 Commencement  
**SATURDAY, June 23, 9:30 a.m., Dimao Gymnasium**

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