

BUDGET INFORMATION IN THE COMMUNITY:

Learn more about the proposed school budget by attending community budget presentations in each of the local towns. School district representatives will present information and answer questions from interested residents at 6:30 pm on April 26th at the Milton Community Center, May 4th at the Ballston Town Hall, or May 10th at the Malta Community Center. Or attend a “Drop-in Session”, at the District Office, 70 Malta Avenue, on May 8th from 4:00 – 5:30 pm for an informal discussion with the Superintendent.

In addition, please call the district’s budget hotline with specific questions for the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 884-7195 ext. 1320. Questions and comments may also be sent via the district website at www.bscsd.org.

LEARN MORE

April 26 at 6:30 pm, Budget Presentation,
Milton Community Center

May 1 at 6:30 pm, Meet the BOE Candidates
Night, High School Library

May 3 at 6:30 pm, Mandated Budget Hearing,
High School Library

May 4 at 6:30 pm, Budget Presentation,
Ballston Town Hall

May 8 from 4:00-5:30 pm, Drop-In Session,
Superintendent’s Office

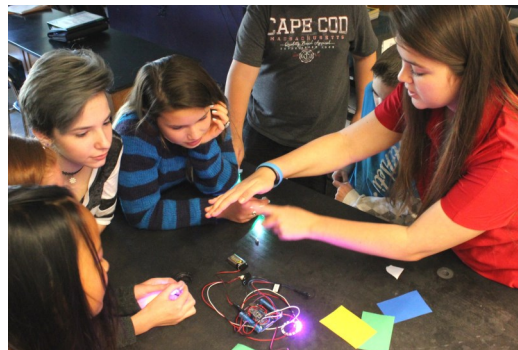
May 10 at 6:30 pm, Budget Presentation,
Malta Community Center

SCHOOL PRIDE DAY:

The annual SCHOOL PRIDE DAY will be held on May 16, 2017 concurrently with the school district vote. Student artwork and projects will be on display at the High School and at the Malta Town Hall throughout the day. The Middle School and High School Student Art Show will be held at the High School along with student musical performances in the cafeteria and old fashioned Ice Cream Social.

The annual Penny Harvest grant presentations will be held at 6:15 pm, followed by a Middle/High School Spring Concert at 7:30 pm in the auditorium. All performances are free and open to the public.

A community wide barbeque is also being sponsored by the Ballston Spa Association of Teaching Assistants from 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm at the High School for dine-in or take-out. Additional information and tickets are available in school and district offices. Come join the festivities and enjoy dinner while hearing the student performances.



Ballston Spa Central School District



Continuing Our Commitment to Academic Excellence

An Overview of the 2017–2018 Budget Proposal & Board of Education Elections



VOTE

Tuesday

May 16, 2017

7:00 am - 9:00 pm

Ballston Spa High School Library

(for Charlton, Ballston, & Milton residents)

&

Malta Town Hall

(for Malta residents)

CONTINUING OUR COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE:

The Board of Education recently approved a proposed budget of \$90,340,742 for the 2017-2018 school year after many discussions throughout the budget development process during the past several months. The fiscal plan sustains our investment in teaching and learning, supporting our budget and district goals as we constantly strive to provide value for our community's investment.

The proposed budget includes filling staffing positions that have been left vacant over the past several years as we work to meet program demands. Specifically, the budget supports:

- reinstating a full time Orchestra Teacher to address Middle School/High School program demands in the performing arts,
- reinstating a full time Technology Teacher to address district program goals in Computer and Technology coursework including offering national certifications in the building trades and AP Computer Science Principles,
- reinstating full time Teacher Leaders to strengthen our teacher leadership within departments,
- adding a part time English Language Arts instructor at the Middle School to support literacy at the 5th to 6th grade transition, and
- maintaining all current district wide athletic, co-curricular and extra-curricular programs at all levels.

Additional information and further budget details are located on the district website in the 2017-2018 Budget Planning section of the Board of Education webpage.

THE BOTTOM LINE:

The adopted budget reflects a 2.1% budget increase, and a 2.9% tax levy increase, with a 0.6% average tax rate increase. The approximate tax impact is \$22 for the average single family home assessed at \$225,000 across the district (tax rates are set in August).

Residents are encouraged to learn more about the proposed budget and the school board election before the statewide budget vote on May 16, 2017. Several budget information sessions are scheduled before the vote, including a budget hearing and informational sessions in the community.

"The district has prepared a budget that supports our educational goals, maintains all extra-curricular and co-curricular programming and provides strong academic programs and opportunities for the children in our community."

Joseph P. Dragone, Ph.D.
Superintendent of Schools

For additional information, please visit
our website

www.bscsd.org

or call our Business Office
at 884-7195 ext. 1320

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT:

In addition to the school budget (which is Proposition I on the ballot) voters will consider the following separate propositions:

Proposition II: School Vehicle Replacement

The district will spend up to \$907,000 to purchase and replace school buses and vehicles.

Proposition III: Ballston Spa Public Library

The district will be authorized to collect and contribute \$55,650 towards the expense of operating the public library.

Proposition IV: Ballston Area Recreation Commission

A contribution of \$30,000 will be collected and provided to the area recreation commission to support the operations, including Saturday school and summer programs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS:

There are two full term (three year) and one unexpired term (one year) Board seats up for election this year, commencing in July 2017. The two candidates receiving the most votes will fill the two full three year term vacancies; the unexpired term will be filled by the candidate receiving the third highest number of votes. Interested voters will select from the following candidates at the polls: Jeanne Obermayer, Mike O'Donnell, Lillian McCarthy and Katie Thimineur.

A **Meet the Candidates Night** will be held in the Ballston Spa High School Library on May 1, 2017 at 6:30 pm so voters may hear from the candidates directly in a program coordinated by students from our Participation in Government classes.