

Voorheesville

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Voters may be required to show proof of residency before voting. Please be prepared to provide the clerk with identification: ex. driver's license or utility bill

To learn more, please attend a budget hearing on Monday, May 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. in the Large Group Instruction Room at the Clayton A. Bouton High School

Vote on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 from 2-9:00 p.m. for the following:

- 2014-2015 School Budget
- Election of School Board Trustees
- Purchase of Buses & Truck (Separate Proposition)
- Capital Improvements (Separate Proposition)

During the 2014-15 budgeting process, the Board of Education and Administration carefully reviewed estimated numbers to ensure that budgeted allocations for 2014-2015 fully aligned with the projected educational program and anticipated use of resources. Salaries, fringe benefits, supplies, and contractual costs were reviewed to minimize budget increases and, in many cases, this yielded budget-to-budget decreases. Although not perfect, this process has produced an expense budget of **\$22,713,608**, with a **budget increase of \$151,216 or .67%** with many fluctuations, up and down, in the budget-to-budget numbers. (See details of the Three-Part Budget inside this brochure).

The long-term goal of the Board is stability in the tax levy and to remain under the Tax Cap. This has required multi-year planning on the use of fund balance and reserves to avoid wide swings in the tax levy. Using multi-year planning, the Board has adopted a **tax levy of \$16,437,998 or a 2.04% increase** which is **under the calculated Tax Cap**. Further, the Administration has reviewed revenue sources so that only predictable, sustainable revenues are included in the 2014-15 revenue plan.

MAJOR CHANGES	
Salaries	\$ (83,512)
Fringe Benefits	157,598
BOCES Services	30,796
Special Education Tuitions	126,430
Debt on Facilities & Buses	(28,510)
All Other Costs	(51,586)
Total Budget Increase	\$151,216
% Increase	0.67%

If you have further questions about the budget or propositions, please call the District Office at 765-3313, ext. 101.

The terms of Kristine L. Gravino and Cynthia M. Monaghan expire this year. Dr. Gravino and Ms. Monaghan have chosen to seek re-election. Petitions have been received by the following persons:

Kristine L. Gravino, Voorheesville, NY 12186

Cynthia M. Monaghan, Voorheesville, NY 12186

The Tax Cap

Setting the Limit on the Tax Levy

The State Legislature and the Governor enacted legislation that establishes a “property tax cap” which limits growth in the property tax levy to 2 percent or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, with some exceptions. School District voters would need to approve the budget by at least 60% if the tax levy goes over the Tax Cap. Because of the permissible exceptions, the tax levy may vary widely from the 2 percent or rate of inflation number and still be within the Cap. The District Tax Cap for 2014-15 is \$16,437,998 or a 2.04% increase in the tax levy.

Tax Rebate Checks this Fall

The Legislature has put in place a tax rebate program for school districts that stay at or below the Tax Cap in 2014-15. Under this legislation, for one year only, a District taxpayer who qualifies for a STAR exemption should receive a rebate check from the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance, for the difference between their 2013-14 tax bill and the 2014-15 tax bill. Checks are to be mailed before the General Election.

Revenues

State Aid: The District did not receive State Aid numbers until March 31, 2014. This meant that after calculating the Tax Cap number, an expense budget had to be developed using the January State Aid numbers from the Governor’s budget. This has caused much confusion as to what Voorheesville had to cut to stay under the Cap. The Legislature’s increase in State Aid from what the Governor proposed allowed the District to raise expense levels and still be under the Tax Cap. Budget-to-budget, the increase in State Aid is \$114,671.

Transfer for Debt & Appropriated Fund Balance: In 2013-14, the District used up the remaining \$100,000 in State Aid that was generated when full-day kindergarten went into effect in 2012. This dropped the Appropriated Fund Balance from \$700,000 to \$600,000. In addition, the District is going to use the remaining money it has from the Debt Service Fund over two years instead of using it in one year. Even though this is a drop in these funds (from \$225,000 to \$140,000), over the two-year period it will have the same cumulative effect on the tax levy.

Other Revenues: The Administration had to adjust estimates for other revenues the District had previously counted on. For example, in the past the District rented a classroom to a BOCES program. BOCES no longer needs this classroom, so the revenue budget had to reflect the decrease in this revenue source. Other revenue sources were examined to ensure that 2014-15 revenues were not overestimated.

Assessment Information:

**Sliding Scale Senior Citizen Property
Tax Exemptions Available**

For more information, contact the Town Assessor’s
Office in your township

Town of New Scotland 439-9020
Town of Berne..... 872-2259
Town of Guilderland 356-1980, x 1025

Basic STAR and Enhanced (Senior) STAR Programs

These are exemptions for owner-occupied
primary residences. Basic STAR is available to
homeowners. Enhanced STAR is available for
senior citizens (65 years or older) with yearly
household incomes not exceeding the statewide
maximum. You must apply for the STAR
Exemption at your Town Assessor’s office.

For further information on STAR consult:
www.orps.state.ny.us/star/index.cfm

ESTIMATED REVENUES

	2013-2014 Budgeted Revenues	2014-2015 Budgeted Revenues	Net Change	% of Total Revenues
Property Tax/STAR	\$16,110,103	\$16,437,998	\$ 327,895	72.37%
Charges for Services	176,250	140,500	(35,750)	0.62%
Interest & Use of Property	63,000	39,000	(24,000)	0.17%
Refunds on Expenses	155,000	114,000	(41,000)	0.50%
State Aid	5,034,039	5,148,710	114,671	22.67%
Transfer for Debt/Appropriated Fund Balance	925,000	740,000	(185,000)	3.26%
Miscellaneous	99,000	93,400	(5,600)	0.41%
Total Revenues	\$22,562,392	\$22,713,608	\$ 151,216	100.00%

Increase in the tax levy is \$327,895 or 2.04%

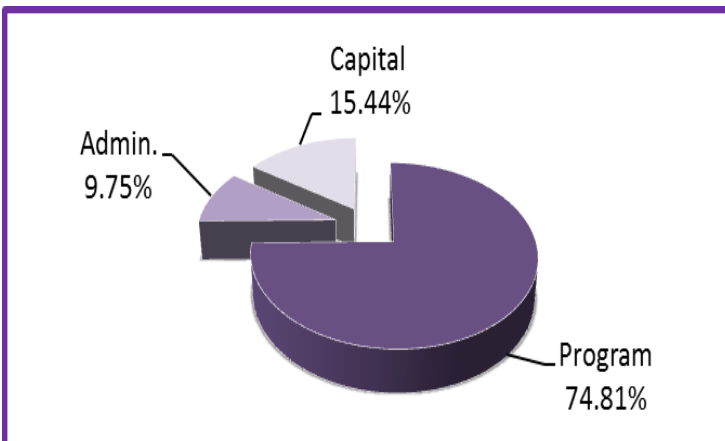
ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

The budget is divided into three sections as required by New York State. Each section includes fringe benefit costs for personnel.

	2013-2014 Budgeted Expenditures	2014-2015 Budgeted Expenditures	Net Change	% of Total Expenditures
Program	\$16,879,981	\$16,990,971	\$110,990	74.81%
Administrative	2,198,710	2,215,486	16,776	9.75%
Capital	3,483,701	3,507,151	23,450	15.44%
Totals	\$22,562,392	\$22,713,608	\$151,216	100.00%

The budget will increase by \$151,216 or .67%

Three-Part Budget



The pie chart (left) delineates the percent of the whole represented by each of the three component budgets.

Complete line items are available for review in the District Office between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or on-line at : <http://vcasd.neric.org>

Three-Part Budget Details

The following pages detail the 2014-2015 budget in the required three-part format. Fringe benefits for each section are listed with that section.

The **Program Budget** includes all expense items directly attributed to the education of students, or to providing services directly to students. This includes the cost of transporting students.

The **Administrative Budget** includes all costs for the Superintendent, Business Office, and Principals. This includes administration and/or supervision of: curriculum and instruction; operations and maintenance; transportation; budgeting and finance; insurance; and compliance with Federal, State, and Local laws and regulations.

The **Capital Budget** includes all expenditures attributed to operating and maintaining the District's facilities, debt service, and payments for large capital expenditures such as the purchase of school buses.

Staffing:

\$83,512 Budget-to-Budget Decrease

The District Administration continually evaluates the number of teachers against enrollment numbers per grade and subject area. The District looks for further efficiencies in both the instructional and non-instructional staff to help offset rising salary costs. The following changes are in the proposed 2014-15 budget.

Staffing decreases due to declining enrollment: *(in full-time equivalents or FTEs)*

- **1.0 FTE Elementary Classroom Teacher**
The 5th grade class in 4 sections moves to the Middle School, but current student screening projects the need for only 3 sections of kindergarten.
- **1.0 FTE Elementary Remedial Teaching Assistant**
A retirement will not be replaced.
- **1.0 FTE Combination Special Education Teacher/Teaching Assistant in the High School**
- **1.0 FTE Bus Driver**
Reconfiguration of bus routes.

Staffing decreases due to budget cuts:

- **.2 FTE Speech Therapist – Elementary School**
- **.2 FTE Family & Consumer Science Teacher**
- **.2 FTE English**
8th grade English will be taught in 4 sections instead of 5 to match the section number for Social Studies and Science for that grade level.
- **1.0 FTE Custodial Worker**
Middle/High School
- **1.0 FTE Clerical K-12**
Assignment to be determined.

Other staffing reductions:

- **Elimination of Coordinator for Humanities Program**
- **Two 12-month clerical positions reduced to 11 months**
- **One 11-month clerical position reduced to 10 months**

Fringe Benefits:

\$157,598 Budget-to-Budget Increase

In the three-part budget format, fringe benefits for each section are listed with that section. For details on costs for Administration, Capital, and Program areas, please see each section.

District contributions to the Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the Employees' Retirement System (ERS) are mandated. Rates are set by the systems and reflect actuarial requirements to fund future retirement payments. For 2014-15 the contribution rate for TRS is 17.53% and 21.1% for ERS.

The rollout of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) for health insurance has added costs that are contributing about 3% to health premium increases in 2014-15 (due to a premium tax, a reinsurance tax, and a PCORI* fee). Employee contribution rates to premium are a negotiated contract item with the contribution of premiums as follows:

Administration	20%
Teaching staff	15%
Non-instructional staff hired prior to July 1, 2013	11%
Non-instructional staff hired after July 1, 2013	20%

** The Affordable Care Act imposes a fee on issuers of specified health insurance policies and plan sponsors of applicable self-insured health plans to help fund the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute.*

2014-2015 Proposed Staffing

(In Full-Time Equivalents)

Elementary School

K-5	Classroom Teachers	21.0
K-5	Art, Music, Library, PE, Computer	7.0
K-5	Special / Remedial Education	11.4
K-5	Psychologist, Guidance	2.0
K-5	Principal	1.0

Middle School / High School

6-12	English	6.4
6-12	Social Studies	6.6
6-12	Math	7.0
6-12	Science	9.9
6-12	Language	3.4
6-12	PE, Health	3.0
6-12	Art, Music, Library	6.6
6-12	Technology, Business, Family & Consumer Science	3.8
6-12	Psychologist, Soc. Worker, Guidance	5.0
6-12	Special Education, Remediation	6.0
6-12	Dean of Students	1.0
6-12	Director of Physical Education	.5
6-8	Principal	1.0
9-12	Principal	1.0

K-12 Administration

	Director for Curriculum, Data & Grants	1.0
	Director of Special Education	1.0
	Superintendent of Schools	1.0
	School Business Official	1.0

BOCES Services (Non-Special Education)

\$30,796 Budget-to-Budget Increase

The Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) provides services to component school districts that would be inefficient or prohibitively expensive for individual school districts. This includes vocational education for 11th and 12th grade students, teacher and staff training, financial services to the Business Office, Risk Management services, and student data management services. BOCES costs generate State Aid to the District with 2013-14 Aid at \$300,169. The budgeted increase in BOCES service costs, besides normal increases in prices, are as follows:

Business Office audit report for GASB45:.....	\$ 6,500
ESL * teacher:.....	\$ 20,095

* English as a Second Language services must be provided to students who are not proficient in English. The District does not have anyone on staff to provide these services.

Special Education Tuition: \$126,430 Budget-to-Budget Increase

Special Education services are provided to District students at private schools or BOCES when unique individual educational needs cannot be met within our District. The development of programs for these students is governed by the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) and New York State laws and regulations. These programs are quite expensive and, therefore, the District must budget with enough flexibility in case new students move into the District or a new placement is required.

BOCES tuition costs have significantly increased due to an audit of their services. Programs for students from Voorheesville rose an average of 17%.

Private School Tuition:.....	\$ 45,688
BOCES Tuition:	\$ 80,742

Debt on Facilities and Buses: \$28,510 Budget-to-Budget Decrease

The District uses a five-year model to monitor debt for capital projects. The District has in place two outstanding bond issues: one that will be completed in June of 2021, and the other in July of 2023. Both of these bonds have declining payment schedules. The voters approved a \$2,147,700 bond in December 2013, which will be used to complete a roof replacement at the High School and technology updates District-wide. It is anticipated that the bond will be issued in June 2014 as a Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) with the first interest payment of approximately \$22,000 due in June 2015. This has been added to the 2014-15 budget. Budget-to-budget decrease in debt on facilities is \$34,749.

Included in Debt Service is the cost of Statutory Installment Bonds that the District uses to pay for school buses. Budget-to-budget will be an increase of \$6,239. (See page 11 for further explanation on the bus purchase plan and State Aid on those purchases).

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PROGRAM BUDGET

74.81% of Total Budget; 0.66% Expense Increase

The **Program Budget** includes all expense items directly attributed to the education of students. This includes the cost of transporting students.

	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Proposed Budget	\$ Change Budget-to-Budget
Classroom Teaching			
Teacher Salaries	\$ 5,183,085	\$ 5,103,024	\$ (80,061)
Substitute Teacher Salaries	90,000	90,000	0
Aides & Teachers' Secretary	392,346	428,300	35,954
Equipment	12,500	12,500	0
Contractual Expense	110,950	106,100	(4,850)
Supplies	117,350	111,590	(5,760)
Textbooks	90,000	87,300	(2,700)
Tuition – Charter Schools	26,000	24,000	(2,000)
BOCES Services	114,340	142,000	27,660
Subtotal	\$ 6,136,571	\$ 6,104,814	\$ (31,757)
Programs for Students with Disabilities			
Salaries	\$ 1,416,411	\$ 1,361,560	\$ (54,851)
Equipment	1,000	1,000	0
Supplies & Contractual Expenses	38,100	29,700	(8,400)
Tuition – Private & BOCES	941,218	1,067,648	126,430
Subtotal	\$ 2,396,729	\$ 2,459,908	\$ 63,179
Occupational Education	\$ 237,866	\$ 236,300	\$ (1,566)
Adult Education/Summer School	\$ 37,050	\$ 36,350	\$ (700)
Instructional Media			
Library & Audiovisual	\$ 199,484	\$ 203,250	\$ 3,766
Computer Assisted Instruction	109,000	110,500	1,500
Subtotal	\$ 308,484	\$ 313,750	\$ 5,266
Pupil Services			
Attendance	\$ 64,643	\$ 62,930	\$ (1,713)
Guidance Services	381,845	389,665	7,820
Health, Psychological & Other Counseling Svcs.	374,450	388,385	13,935
Co-Curricular Activities	72,378	61,100	(11,278)
Subtotal	\$ 893,316	\$ 902,080	\$ 8,764
Interscholastic Athletics	\$ 307,626	\$ 310,720	\$ 3,094

PROGRAM BUDGET

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	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Proposed Budget	\$ Change Budget-to-Budget
Transportation of Students			
<i>(See bus purchase as a separate proposition)</i>			
Salaries	\$ 587,112	\$ 586,054	\$ (1,058)
Equipment	6,000	6,000	0
Contractual Expenses	104,034	102,300	(1,734)
Supplies, Parts, Gasoline, etc.	193,668	177,500	(16,168)
Training by BOCES	500	500	0
Cost of Utilities for Bus Garage	23,700	23,700	0
Private Contract Transportation	0	0	0
Subtotal	\$ 915,014	\$ 896,054	\$ (18,960)
Community Service			
	\$ 37,748	\$ 48,000	\$ 10,252
Employee Benefits			
Retirement System	\$ 1,511,057	\$ 1,673,227	\$ 162,170
Social Security	680,854	691,977	11,123
Workers' Compensation	64,444	54,991	(9,453)
Unemployment Insurance	30,000	0	(30,000)
Health Insurance	3,293,722	3,233,300	(60,422)
Wellness Program	6,500	6,500	0
Subtotal	\$ 5,586,577	\$ 5,659,995	\$ 73,418
Interfund Transfers			
Transfer to School Lunch Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	23,000	23,000	0
Subtotal	\$ 23,000	\$ 23,000	\$ 0
Total Program Budget	\$ 16,879,981	\$16,990,971	\$ 110,990
Budget-to-Budget Change			0.66%

PROJECTED ENROLLMENTS: 2014-2015					
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:		MIDDLE SCHOOL:		HIGH SCHOOL:	
Grade	Projected Enrollment	Grade	Projected Enrollment	Grade	Projected Enrollment
Kdg.	70	6	81	9	102
1	65	7	92	10	97
2	93	8	96	11	98
3	63			12	103
4	104				
5	86				
TOTAL:	<u>481</u>	TOTAL:	<u>269</u>	TOTAL:	<u>400</u>
TOTAL DISTRICT ENROLLMENT: 1,150					

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

9.75% of Total Budget; 0.76% Expense Increase

The **Administrative Budget** includes all costs for the Superintendent, Business Office, and Principals. This includes administration and/or supervision of: curriculum and instruction, operation and maintenance staff, budgeting and finance, insurance, and compliance with Federal, State and Local laws and regulations.

	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Proposed Budget	\$ Change Budget-to-Budget
Board of Education	\$ 24,580	\$ 23,830	\$ (750)
Central/Business Administration			
Central Administration	\$ 221,989	\$ 222,554	\$ 565
Finance / Business / Transportation	486,728	495,785	9,057
Legal Services	65,300	67,300	2,000
Public Information	7,250	4,450	(2,800)
Subtotal	\$ 781,267	\$ 790,089	\$ 8,822
Other Centralized Costs			
District Mailing	\$ 23,199	\$ 22,000	\$ (1,199)
Liability Insurance	55,565	58,300	2,735
BOCES Administrative Charges	133,600	131,243	(2,357)
Subtotal	\$ 212,364	\$ 211,543	\$ (821)
Supervision – Principals & Staff			
Salary – Principals & Staff	\$ 619,536	\$ 593,450	\$ (26,086)
Adult Education Director	7,100	7,054	(46)
Equipment, Materials & Supplies	7,600	2,900	(4,700)
Contractual Expenses	9,100	9,925	825
Subtotal	\$ 643,336	\$ 613,329	\$ (30,007)
Employee Benefits for Administration			
Retirement System	\$ 229,474	\$ 218,837	\$ (10,637)
Social Security	95,005	86,505	(8,500)
Workers' Compensation	4,049	4,987	938
Health Insurance	208,635	266,366	57,731
Subtotal	\$ 537,163	\$ 576,695	\$ 39,532
Total Administrative Budget	\$ 2,198,710	\$ 2,215,486	\$ 16,776
Budget-to-Budget Change			0.76%

Do You Want More Budget Information?

Go online: <http://vcasd.neric.org>

A detailed outline of the 2014-2015 proposed school budget is available by clicking the "Budget" link on the home page of the District web site.

Or please call: Dr. Teresa T. Snyder, 765-3313 x104
Sarita Winchell, 765-3313 x102

CAPITAL BUDGET

15.44% of Total Budget; 0.67% Expense Increase

The **Capital Budget** includes all expenditures attributed to operating and maintaining the District's facilities, debt service, and payments for large capital expenditures.

	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Proposed Budget	\$ Change Budget-to-Budget
Operation & Maintenance of Plant			
Non-Instructional Salary	\$ 603,137	\$ 612,682	\$ 9,545
Equipment	11,500	12,000	500
Contractual Expenses	599,182	596,050	(3,132)
Materials & Supplies	99,600	102,000	2,400
Subtotal	\$ 1,313,419	\$ 1,322,732	\$ 9,313
Debt Service - Facilities			
Principal on Bonds	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 1,145,000	\$ (10,000)
Interest on Bonds	402,734	377,985	(24,749)
Statutory Bond	0	0	0
BANS for Construction	0	0	0
Revenue & Tax Anticipation Notes	0	0	0
Subtotal	\$ 1,557,734	\$ 1,522,985	\$ (34,749)
Other Capital Expenses			
Refund of Property Tax	\$ 2,000	\$ 0	\$ (2,000)
Purchase of Buses – Installment Bonds	206,715	212,954	6,239
Subtotal	\$ 208,715	\$ 212,954	\$ 4,239
Fringe Benefits – Capital			
Retirement System	\$ 127,262	\$ 133,848	\$ 6,586
Social Security	46,140	49,359	3,219
Workers' Compensation	16,508	23,022	6,514
Health Insurance	213,923	242,251	28,328
Subtotal	\$ 403,833	\$ 448,480	\$ 44,647
Interfund Transfer			
Capital Fund	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
Total Capital Budget	\$ 3,483,701	\$ 3,507,151	\$ 23,450
Budget-to-Budget Change			0.67%

	2013-2014 Budget	2014-2015 Proposed Budget	\$ Change Budget-to-Budget
TOTAL BUDGET	\$22,562,392	\$22,713,608	\$ 151,216

**All Other Costs:
\$51,586 Budget-to-Budget Decrease**

The District continues to look for efficiencies and cost cutting measures to stay within the Tax Cap. Over time, this has become harder and harder given the percentage of the budget that is driven by the costs noted on pages 4 and 5. The category "All Other Costs" does not include salary and fringe benefits, but includes equipment, supplies; textbooks; computers; utilities; gasoline; costs for running the buildings and

transportation; interscholastic athletic program needs; contracted repairs; and many, many other items that support the academic program and keep the school running. Within this area are mandated costs that run the gambit of required actuarial reports; audits; student testing; concussion management; and health costs for students attending private schools. These are things the school cannot say no to.

The comparison chart below shows the trend in the budget's main areas since 2008-09, the last year before the recession hit schools and before the Tax Cap.				
	Budget 2008-2009	Budget 2013-2014	Budget 2014-2015	Change 2008-09 to 2014-15
<u>Budgeted Expense Changes Since 2008-2009</u>				
Salaries	\$ 10,833,590	\$ 10,745,090	\$ 10,661,578	\$ (172,012)
Fringe Benefits	\$ 4,732,602	\$ 6,527,572	\$ 6,685,170	\$ 1,952,568
BOCES (Non-Special Ed.)	\$ 870,470	\$ 667,912	\$ 698,708	\$ (171,762)
Special Ed. Tuitions	\$ 760,000	\$ 941,218	\$ 1,067,648	\$ 307,648
Debt Service	\$ 2,285,147	\$ 1,764,449	\$ 1,735,939	\$ (549,208)
All Other Expenses	\$ 2,180,629	\$ 1,916,151	\$ 1,864,565	\$ (316,064)
TOTAL	\$ 21,662,438	\$ 22,562,392	\$ 22,713,608	\$ 1,051,170
<u>Budgeted Revenue Changes Since 2008-2009</u>				
Tax Levy	\$ 14,508,947	\$ 16,110,103	\$ 16,437,998	\$ 1,929,051
State Aid	\$ 6,122,191	\$ 5,034,039	\$ 5,148,710	\$ (973,481)
All Other	\$ 1,031,300	\$ 1,418,250	\$ 1,126,900	\$ 95,600
TOTAL	\$ 21,662,438	\$ 22,562,392	\$ 22,713,608	\$ 1,051,170

2014 – 2015 BUDGET PROPOSITION FOR VOTERS

This is the exact wording of the Budget Proposition:

Shall the Board of Education of the Voorheesville CSD be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the 2014-2015 Annual Budget in the total amount of **\$22,713,608**, and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Bus Purchase & One-Ton Truck Proposition

The District maintains a multi-year plan for replacing buses. In general, the District runs buses ten to twelve years, and buses must continuously meet stringent NYS Department of Transportation inspection requirements. The District plans to purchase one 72-passenger bus and one wheelchair bus. We will auction off Bus #104 and Bus #108.

The District continues to review bus routes for added efficiencies, but routing is not only a function of bus capacity, but also of the distance and time constraints within which the bus is run. The District is required by law to transport students attending non-public schools who live within 15 miles of their school, and to transport students with special needs placed in schools outside the District. This adds considerably to the cost of transportation and the number of buses needed.

The District also needs to replace its only one-ton truck. This truck is used year-round, but does 25% of the snowplowing and holds the salting equipment for the winter. It is, literally, falling apart from the effects of the salt.

These vehicles will be paid for with a five-year Statutory Installment Bond. The District will receive State Aid on the bus purchases over those five years at approximately 52% of costs. There will be no State Aid received for the truck purchase.

This is the exact wording of the Bus & Truck Proposition:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Voorheesville Central School District is hereby authorized to pay the cost of the purchase of school buses and a truck, including incidental expenses, at a maximum estimated cost of **\$220,000**, and that 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 shall be issued.

Capital Improvements Proposition

The District is proposing a small Capital Project to replace the fire doors and one exterior door in the Middle School / High School. These doors are not closing properly and need to be replaced. The District will use \$99,800 of money it already has in the Repair Reserve to fund this project; therefore, **there will be no effect on the tax levy**. By packaging these costs as a Capital Project and keeping the costs under \$100,000, the District will receive 61.8% of the cost back from the State (approximately \$61,600) in 2015-16. Voter approval is required in order to generate State Aid.

This is the exact wording of the Capital Improvement Proposition:

Shall the proposition set forth in the legal notice of this special voter meeting, authorizing addition to, construction, reconstruction of doors at the Voorheesville MS/HS all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$99,800 to be appropriated, encumbered, and expended from the repair reserve fund, less any state aid received, therefor all as more fully described in said notice, be approved?

Voorheesville School Report Card:

To view the 2012-13 New York State School Report Card with the latest available information on student performance, please visit the New York State Education Department web site:

<https://reportcards.nysed.gov/schools.php?district=800000055278&year=2012>

Who can vote on May 20?

Qualifications of Voters

To vote, you must be at least 18 years old, a citizen of the United States, and a resident of the Voorheesville Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

- Date of the vote
- Reason you are unable to vote
- Your address and signature on the letter

Absentee Ballots

Residents who will be unable to vote in person can vote by absentee ballot. You may obtain an absentee ballot by sending a letter to the district Clerk with the following information:

If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you, the Clerk must receive your request letter by Tuesday, May 13, 2014. You may obtain a ballot after May 13 by submitting your letter, in person, to the Clerk. Completed absentee ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 20.

Voters may be required to show proof of residency before voting. If you did not vote in the last election, please be prepared to provide the clerk with identification, such as a driver's license or utility bill.

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