

BUDGET VOTE TUESDAY

MAY 16

7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

WHAT WILL I BE VOTING ON?

1. A \$92,157,156 budget for the 2017-18 school year
2. Two school bus propositions (see page 5)
3. Three capital project propositions (see page 6)
4. Three vacant Board of Education seats (see page 11)

**Tax levy
increase
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NYS
Property
Tax Cap**

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EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER
MAY 2017

2017-18 School Budget Maintains All Programs and Stays Within Tax Cap

On May 16, District residents will vote on the \$92.2 million proposed school budget. The proposed budget would maintain all current programs and services with a tax levy increase of 3.7%, which is consistent with the state property tax cap of 3.7% for EGCSd.

In addition to the school budget, residents will vote on the replacement of school buses and a capital project that addresses aging infrastructure in all school buildings.

BUDGET AT A GLANCE:

- Total 2017-18 proposed budget is \$92,157,156
- Property tax levy increase of 3.7%
- Replacement of 10 school buses
- \$39 million capital project that addresses aging infrastructure

Spring Festival!

You are invited to the 5th annual Spring Festival on Tuesday, May 16, 3-7 p.m at Howard L. Goff Middle School. The event will feature:

- Student Artwork
- Student Music
- Crafts
- Activities
- Food/Drinks

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www.egcsd.org



Budget Q & A

For more information about the budget, visit www.egcsd.org/budget

Who creates the school budget?

School administrators develop a budget in coordination with the Budget Review and Advisory Committee, the Board of Education and members of the community. The Board adopts the proposed budget and submits it for voter approval.

What ongoing strategies does the district use to contain costs?

East Greenbush has instituted a number of changes to reduce costs district-wide. Some examples include:

- Contract settlements with major unions including CSEA and EGTA increased co-pays on prescriptions and employee contributions toward health insurance, helping the district to realize nearly \$808,000 in savings in healthcare costs.
- Participation in an energy conservation program for the last 10 years saved an estimated \$3.4 million.
- Self-insurance for workers compensation and dental insurance.
- Reduced printed newsletters and correspondence.
- Use of Bus Purchase Reserve Fund approved by voters in 2010 to acquire new buses totaling \$3.2 million and avoiding interest payments.
- Modification of transportation for day care, changing bell times and consolidation of bus routes saved an estimated \$115,000.

If the tax levy increases by 3.7%, does that mean my tax bill will increase by 3.7%?

Not necessarily. Your tax bill is based on a number of factors outside the control of the school district – such as your home's assessment, equalization rates, the total assessment base, property exemptions and STAR savings.

What happens if the budget is defeated?

If voters do not approve the budget on May 16, the Board of Education has 3 options:

1. Present the same budget to voters on the statewide Budget Re-Vote Day, June 20
2. Present a modified budget to voters on Budget Re-Vote Day
3. Adopt a contingency budget

If the budget is again defeated on June 20, the Board is required to adopt a contingency budget.

What are the requirements of a contingency budget?

Under contingency budget rules, the district will need to remove all non-contingent items from the proposed budget, such as certain equipment, school food service financial support and unreimbursed community use of facilities. Certain contingent, but non-mandated expenses may also be affected, for example, interscholastic athletics; co-curricular activities; art, music and physical education for grades K-6; and library services.

A contingency budget would require the budget be reduced by an additional \$1,896,044. All state-mandated programs, whether funded by state aid or not, would need to be retained.



DISTRICT-WIDE

ARTS FESTIVAL

Thursday, May 11 • 6 – 8 p.m.

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

BUDGET REVENUES

Category	Current Budget 2016-2017	Proposed Budget 2017-2018
Local Property Tax Levy	\$ 51,294,933	\$ 53,190,977
State and Federal Aid	28,189,093	27,424,371
Other Receipts	5,518,354	5,512,486
Fund Balance	5,130,622	6,029,322
Totals:	\$ 90,133,002	\$ 92,157,156

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Category	Current Budget 2016-2017	Proposed Budget 2017-2018
Board of Education, Central Administration Operations, Legal Services, Personnel & Public Information	\$ 1,796,736	\$ 1,843,657
Central Services	5,970,536	5,967,062
Insurance & Contractual Items	1,086,033	1,168,289
Instructional Programs	43,383,423	44,396,552
Pupil Transportation	4,948,905	5,000,020
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	25,903,106	26,731,512
Voter Approved Referenda	7,044,263	7,050,064
Totals:	\$ 90,133,002	\$ 92,157,156

East Greenbush CSD Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2016-17 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2017-18 School Year *								
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 90,133,002	\$ 92,157,156	\$ 90,261,112								
Increase/Decrease for the 2017-18 School Year		\$ 2,024,154	\$ 128,110								
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.25 %	0.14 %								
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.26 %									
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve	\$ 51,294,933	\$ 53,190,977									
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ 0	\$ 0									
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ 0	\$ 0									
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 0	\$ 0									
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 51,294,933	\$ 53,190,977	\$ 51,294,933								
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 800,563	\$ 1,564,369									
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 51,214,506	\$ 51,626,613									
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 50,494,370	\$ 51,626,608									
I. Difference: (G – H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 720,136	\$ 5									
Administrative Component	\$ 10,600,160	\$ 10,975,809	\$ 10,659,139								
Program Component	\$ 65,592,661	\$ 67,197,613	\$ 65,963,237								
Capital Component	\$ 13,940,181	\$ 13,983,734	\$ 13,638,736								
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2017-18 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. A school district is limited to two votes annually; the second vote is optional and scheduled at the Board of Education's discretion. If a school budget is defeated twice, the Board must adopt a contingent budget, may not increase the tax levy from the prior year and must eliminate non-contingent expenses such as non-reimbursed community use of buildings and grounds, certain equipment, and financial support for school food service. Certain contingent, but non-mandated expenses may also be affected, including interscholastic athletics, co-curricular activities, certain art/music/physical education at grades K-6 and school library.</p> <p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p> <table><tr><th>Description</th><th>Amount</th></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td></tr></table>				Description	Amount						
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	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 536

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-2018 by the qualified voters of the East Greenbush Central School District, Rensselaer & Columbia Counties, New York, will be held at D.P. Sutherland, Green Meadow, Bell Top and Howard L. Goff Schools in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the above mentioned schools, 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.

Voter Propositions on the May 16 Ballot

Proposition No. 1 (Budget)

RESOLVED; That the operating budget, in the amount of \$92,157,156, as proposed by the Board of Education, be adopted for the school fiscal year 2017 – 2018 and the levy of taxes be assessed therefore in accordance with law.

Proposition No. 2 (School Buses)

RESOLVED; (a) That the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District, in the Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to purchase various school buses and to expend therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$591,086; (b) that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to expend \$591,086 for the vehicles referred to herein from the District’s “Capital Reserve Fund – Bus Purchase” which was established pursuant to voter approval on May 18, 2010; and (c) that the Board of Education is hereby further authorized to deposit in such fund an amount up to 100% of any State aid received in any year with respect to purchase of vehicles.

Proposition No. 3 (School Buses Bond)

RESOLVED; (a) That the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District, in the Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to purchase various school buses and to expend therefore, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto and the financing thereof, an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of \$229,026; (b) that a tax is hereby voted therefore in the aggregate amount of not to exceed \$229,026 to pay such cost, said tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$229,026 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) that an amount equal to 100% of any State aid received in any year with respect to the purchase of the vehicles referred to herein shall be deposited into the District’s “Capital Reserve Fund – Bus Purchase” which was established pursuant to voter approval on May 18, 2010.



Proposition No. 4 (Capital Project)

RESOLVED; (a) That the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District, in the Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to construct improvements to various District buildings and sites, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$17,206,812; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in an amount of not to exceed \$17,206,812 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; and (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$17,206,812 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable.

Proposition No. 5 (Capital Project)

RESOLVED; (a) **THAT IN THE EVENT PROPOSITION #4 IS APPROVED**, the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District, in the Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to construct additional improvements to various District buildings and sites, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$16,946,944; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in an amount of not to exceed \$16,946,944 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$16,946,944 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) **that if this Proposition #5 is approved, it shall become effective only in the event that Proposition #4 is approved.**

Proposition No. 6 (Capital Project)

RESOLVED; (a) **THAT IN THE EVENT PROPOSITIONS #4 AND #5 ARE APPROVED**, the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District, in the Counties of Rensselaer and Columbia, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to construct further improvements to various District buildings and sites, and to expend therefor not to exceed \$5,642,286; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in an amount of not to exceed \$5,642,286 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that in anticipation of said tax, bonds of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,642,286 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) **that if this Proposition #6 is approved, it shall become effective only in the event that Propositions #4 and #5 are approved.**

Bus Purchases

PROPOSITIONS 2 and 3

Bus Type	Quantity	Reserve (Prop #2)	Quantity	Borrowing (Prop #3)
66-Passenger	2	\$229,026	2	\$229,026
28-Passenger	4	\$243,708	0	\$0
22-Passenger	2	\$118,352	0	\$0
Total	8	\$591,086	2	\$229,026

What are the reasons for replacing old school buses?

To maintain the highest degree of safety for our students and drivers, better fuel efficiency, lower emissions and low repair costs.

How do you decide which buses to replace?

Several factors are taken into consideration, including: industry standards, total mileage, body condition and repair expenses over time. Normally, small buses have an expected life of 8 to 10 years while larger buses may last 12 to 15 years.

What is the cost to taxpayers for Propositions 2 and 3?

There is no impact to taxpayers for Proposition 2 because the purchases will be made out of the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund. There will be no impact to taxpayers in 2017-18 for Proposition 3 because the first bond payment would be made in 2018-19.

Why don't we buy all the buses from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund?

The Bus Purchase Reserve Fund has a balance of approximately \$606,306. The cost to purchase 10 buses would overdraw that account, which is not allowed by law. So the District must borrow to pay for the remainder of the buses.

Are there any rebates or refunds for these bus purchases?

Yes. New York State will reimburse the District for 60.2% of the total bus purchase. These funds will be deposited in the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, which was approved by voters in 2010.



With voter approval,
New York State will
reimburse the District
for 60.2% of the
total bus purchase.

Columbia Wins State Sportsmanship Award



Columbia High School student athletes are learning much more than X's and O's – they're practicing good sportsmanship. Out of 785 member high schools across the state, Columbia was one of three to receive the 2016 Sportsmanship Promotion Banner Award from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association.

It is the fourth consecutive year that Columbia has won the award.

"I'm extremely proud of our coaches, student athletes and families who continue to step up and do amazing things that promote good sportsmanship," said Columbia Director of Athletics Michael Leonard. "It speaks volumes about the people we have in our school community."

CAPITAL PROJECT PROPOSITIONS 4-6

In addition to the budget for the 2017-18 school year, district voters will decide on three capital project propositions that address aging infrastructure, safety and health, instructional classroom space and technology.

Propositions

- Proposition #4 – \$17,206,812 (Priority 1.1)
 - Classroom Modernization (STEM), Safety and Fire Systems, Roofs
- Proposition #5 – \$16,946,944 (Priority 1.2)
 - Plumbing, Electrical, Masonry
- Proposition #6 – \$5,642,286 (Priority 1.3)
 - Parking Lots, Turf Field (includes field, track and improved lighting)

Voting is cumulative on these propositions, so a higher number proposition cannot pass unless each lower number proposition passes (e.g., Propositions 5 and 6 can only pass if Proposition 4 passes).

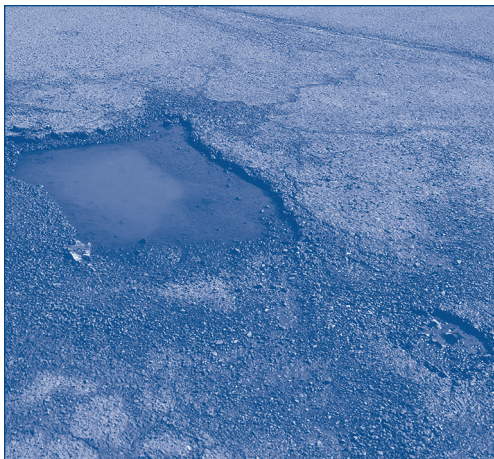
With voter approval,
New York State will pay
an estimated **72%**
of eligible expenses.

Cost of the Capital Project

The \$39,796,042 capital project will have **no additional local tax impact**. The district will be reimbursed for approximately 72% of all eligible projects, and the local share of the cost will be tax neutral due to the retirement of district debt following the 2018-19 school year.

District taxpayers will see no tax impact from the proposed project. Savings from expiring debt will cover all expected project costs disclosed below:

- No Impact in 2017-2018 and 2018-2019
- 1.6% of Tax Levy in 2019-2020
- 2.7% of Tax Levy in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022
- 2.5% of Tax Levy from 2022-2023 to 2036-2037
- The savings from retiring bonds (debt obligations) should cover the net impact of this proposed project. **Therefore, there will be no additional tax impact.**



Work Items by Proposition:

PROPOSITION 4

Bell Top Elementary School. Total: 1,185,664

- Replace shingle roof and wood decking on original 1940 building; replace roofing at areas where warranty expiring or expired
- Replace fire alarm system and add state-mandated carbon monoxide detectors
- Replace low resolution security cameras with digital equipment; add additional cameras
- Remove abandoned water tank for old well
- Replace public address system
- Replace phone system
- Replace clock system
- Replace card access and key entry systems
- Install emergency lighting at all exterior doors

Citizen Genet Elementary School. Total: 3,939,047

- Replace windows, including maintenance area, with energy-efficient units
- Replace fire alarm system and add state-mandated carbon monoxide detectors
- Replace low resolution security cameras with digital equipment; add additional cameras
- Replace wooden doors with insulated steel doors
- Re-work heating, ventilation and air conditioning distribution in west wing of both floors
- Install domestic hot water system heated by building boilers and small coil boiler for summer usage
- Replace public address system
- Replace phone system
- Replace card access and key entry systems
- Install emergency lighting at all exterior doors
- Reset granite stairs and landing at auditorium

To watch a video about the capital project,
visit www.egcsd.org



- Replace card access and key entry systems
- Add water softener if town does not change water source
- Provide code-compliant boiler emergency shutdown

Howard L. Goff Middle School Total: 3,829,882

- Replace roofing areas where warranty is expiring or expired
- Replace fire alarm system and add state-mandated carbon monoxide detectors
- Replace low resolution security cameras with digital equipment; add additional cameras
- Replace 200-ton cooling unit at end of useful life
- Upgrade nine science rooms to STEM rooms
- Upgrade four technology rooms to STEM technology rooms
- Add two new private bathrooms near main office
- Install domestic hot water system heated by building boilers and small coil boiler for summer usage
- Remove asbestos in deteriorated transite wall panels
- Remove remaining vinyl asbestos floor tile and replace with vinyl composition floor tile
- Replace public address system
- Replace phone system
- Replace clock system
- Replace card access and key entry systems
- Install emergency lighting at all exterior doors
- Replace two sets of double doors adjacent to cafeteria and replace two sets of double doors at service entrance

Columbia High School Total: 2,574,606

- Upgrade four biology, four chemistry and two physics rooms to STEM classrooms
- Upgrade two technology rooms to STEM technology rooms
- Upgrade Tech Computer/Printing Room to STEM technology room with 3D printing
- Upgrade three computer rooms to STEM technology rooms
- Replace public address system
- Replace phone system
- Replace card access and key entry systems
- Add cameras to security system
- Install domestic hot water system heated by building boilers and small coil boiler for summer usage
- Replace main entry steps; repair steps at loading dock
- Replace damaged capstones at main entry retaining walls
- Install metal panel soffit system to eliminate bird infestation
- Install emergency lighting at all exterior doors
- Replace gym curtains with manual curtains
- Rebuild two cooling units nearing the end of their life

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Transportation Center Total: 293,466

- Provide two-way radio system improvements in building and buses
- Replace fire alarm system and add state-mandated carbon monoxide detectors
- Provide security cameras with digital equipment; add additional cameras
- Replace card access and key entry systems
- Replace phone system
- Install emergency lighting at all exterior doors

Buildings and Grounds Shop. Total: 74,995

- Provide security cameras with digital equipment; add additional cameras
- Replace card access and key entry systems
- Replace phone system
- Install emergency lighting at all exterior doors

Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School . . . Total: 1,984,352

- Replace slate roof on original 1939 building, replace roofing at areas where warranty expiring or expired
- Replace fire alarm system and add state-mandated carbon monoxide detectors
- Replace low resolution security cameras with digital equipment; add additional cameras
- Replace older windows in original building section with energy-efficient units
- Install domestic hot water system heated by building boilers and small coil boiler for summer usage
- Replace public address system
- Replace phone system
- Replace card access and key entry systems
- Install emergency lighting at all exterior doors
- Repairs to boiler room foundation and drainage
- Add four sump pumps in crawlspace

Green Meadow Elementary School Total: 1,268,661

- Replace roofing at areas where warranty expiring or expired
- Replace fire alarm system and add state-mandated carbon monoxide detectors
- Replace low resolution security cameras with digital equipment; add additional cameras
- Install domestic hot water system heated by building boilers and small coil boiler for summer usage
- Replace public address system
- Replace phone system
- Replace old steel doors and gym doors
- Replace card access and key entry systems

Red Mill Elementary School Total: 2,056,139

- Replace roofing areas where warranty is expiring or expired
- Replace fire alarm system and add state-mandated carbon monoxide detectors
- Replace low resolution security cameras with digital equipment; add additional cameras
- Recondition the existing elevator to extend its useful life
- Remove stairs at rear entrance and provide wheelchair accessible ramp
- Replace storm water piping system at south of building
- Replace north entrance doors and six single exterior doors
- Install domestic hot water system heated by building boilers and small coil boiler for summer usage
- Replace public address system
- Replace clock system
- Repoint deteriorated chimney and wall piers

PROPOSITION 5

Bell Top Elementary School. Total: 1,686,743

- Replace classroom cabinets and countertops
- Renovate classroom bathrooms; remove asbestos
- Replace deteriorated plumbing and classroom sinks
- Reconstruct group bathrooms for accessibility; remove asbestos
- Replace water fountains in hallways
- Replace deteriorating piping mains and horizontal branches
- Add wireless access points
- Upgrade classroom technology

Citizen Genet Elementary School Total: 3,542,443

- Clean and repoint masonry; cut in expansion joints where necessary
- Renovate classroom bathrooms; remove asbestos
- Reconstruct large group bathrooms for accessibility; remove asbestos
- Reconstruct small group bathrooms for accessibility; remove asbestos
- Replace vertical risers, upgrade/replace hot and cold water piping to accommodate bathroom upgrades
- Exhaust system upgrades for group bathrooms
- Replace water fountains in hallways
- Replace deteriorated plumbing and classroom sinks
- Replace deteriorating piping mains and horizontal branches
- Add wireless access points
- Upgrade classroom technology
- Replace lighting control system with energy-efficient sensors

Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School . . . Total: 1,854,690

- Rebuild lower portion and repoint entire chimney
- Replace classroom cabinets and countertops
- Renovate classroom bathrooms; remove asbestos
- Replace deteriorated plumbing and classroom sinks
- Reconstruct group bathrooms for accessibility; remove asbestos
- Replace water fountains in hallways
- Replace deteriorating piping mains and horizontal branches
- Add wireless access points
- Upgrade classroom technology

Green Meadow Elementary School Total: 2,946,932

- Replace classroom cabinets and countertops
- Replace deteriorated plumbing and classroom sinks
- Renovate classroom bathrooms; remove asbestos
- Reconstruct group bathrooms for accessibility; remove asbestos
- Replace water fountains in hallways
- Replace lighting control system with energy-efficient sensors
- Replace deteriorating piping mains and horizontal branches
- Replace connection to sewer once Town of Schodack installs municipal sewer system trunk line in street
- Add wireless access points
- Upgrade classroom technology
- Replace 20 electrical sub-panels from original building and 1964 addition

Red Mill Elementary School Total: 1,988,693

- Replace classroom cabinets and countertops
- Replace deteriorated plumbing and classroom sinks
- Renovate classroom bathrooms; remove asbestos
- Reconstruct group bathrooms for accessibility; remove asbestos
- Replace vertical risers, upgrade/replace hot and cold water piping to accommodate bathroom upgrades
- Replace water fountains in hallways



- Replace old electrical grid transformer
- Replace lighting control system with energy-efficient sensors
- Replace deteriorating piping mains and horizontal branches
- Add wireless access points
- Upgrade classroom technology

Howard L. Goff Middle School Total: 3,626,593

- Replace classroom cabinets and countertops
- Replace deteriorated plumbing and classroom sinks
- Reconstruct large group bathrooms for accessibility; remove asbestos
- Reconstruct small group bathrooms for accessibility; remove asbestos
- Replace water fountains in hallways
- Replace vertical risers, upgrade/replace hot and cold water piping to accommodate bathroom upgrades
- Replace lighting control system with energy-efficient sensors
- Replace deteriorating piping mains and horizontal branches
- Upgrade drainage piping to accommodate bathroom upgrades
- Replace domestic hot water piping as needed to update bathrooms
- Replace electrical sub-panels in classroom wing and shop areas from 1960s
- Add boiler emergency shutdown at both exit doors
- Add wireless access points
- Upgrade classroom technology

Columbia High School Total: 1,248,943

- Replace heating, ventilation and air conditioning systems in Main Office and Guidance; additional heat along east wall
- Replace lighting control system with energy-efficient sensors
- Add wireless access points
- Upgrade classroom technology
- Replace failed ceiling in Receiving

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Transportation Center Total: 45,719

- Install wireless data system and access points
- Upgrade exterior lighting circuits

Buildings and Grounds Shop. Total: 6,188

- Install data outlets
- Upgrade exterior lighting circuits

PROPOSITION 6

Bell Top Elementary School Total: 362,969

- Replace lower parking lot and rebuild adjacent retaining wall
- Sand, stripe and refinish gymnasium floor; add protection at exterior doors
- Change key cores in all interior and exterior lock cylinders

Citizen Genet Elementary School Total: 393,249

- Replace paving along tennis courts and in back of school along playing fields
- Add handicap accessible operator at District Administration entry
- Sand, stripe and refinish gymnasium floor
- Change key cores in all interior and exterior lock cylinders

Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School . . . Total: 241,635

- Replace paving at front drop off, parking loop and entry off John Street
- Sand, stripe and refinish gymnasium floor; add protection at exterior doors
- Change key cores in all interior and exterior lock cylinders

Green Meadow Elementary School Total: 583,100

- Replace all piping from 1955 and 1964
- Replace paving at loading dock area
- Sand, stripe and refinish gymnasium floor; add protection at exterior doors
- Change key cores in all interior and exterior lock cylinders

Red Mill Elementary School Total: 666,594

- Remove abandoned generator on ground floor; investigate removal of old tank and lines to building; remove if contaminated
- Re-grade and pave at north side of building
- Sand, stripe and refinish gymnasium floor; add protection at exterior doors
- Change key cores in all interior and exterior lock cylinders

Howard L. Goff Middle School Total: 172,838

- Replace paving at north parking lot, north end of driveway and student drop-off loop
- Change key cores in all interior and exterior lock cylinders

Columbia High School Total: 2,462,900

- Replace synthetic turf field and track surface; add drainage troughs along edges
- Upgrade field lighting from 1979
- Replace lower/west parking lot; add traffic control islands
- Change key cores in all interior and exterior lock cylinders

D. Jack Hedden-Raymond H. Werking Sr. Transportation Center Total: 696,438

- Replace bus parking lot including drive along bus wash
- Removal of old above-ground tank in Bus Storage Shed
- Change key cores in all interior and exterior lock cylinders

Buildings and Grounds Shop. Total: 62,563

- Replace parking lot
- Change key cores in all interior and exterior lock cylinders

For more information about the capital project, visit www.egcsd.org/capitalproject

Columbia Advances to Science Olympiad Nationals

After a grueling two-day competition, during which students competed in 25 math, science and technology events, Columbia High School edged out two top-ranked Long Island teams at the NYS Finals to advance to the Science Olympiad National Championships on May 19 in Dayton, Ohio.

Columbia's team, once again, upheld their tradition of excellence, winning the New York State Silver Medal and will advance to the National Tournament for the fourth year in a row. (Only the top 60 teams from across the country earn this honor.)

Columbia's outstanding results include medals in 17 of the 25 events held at the tournament, including three sets of State Champions.



East Greenbush CSD Receives School Safety Excellence Award

For the 14th consecutive year, East Greenbush Central School District has received the School Safety Excellence Award from Utica National Insurance Group. The District was one of 136 school districts and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) from across the state to receive the award.

East Greenbush CSD received the highest level of award – titanium.

"The record of our district in protecting students, staff and visitors at our schools is a credit to the entire community," said Superintendent Jeff Simons. "I am appreciative that Utica National recognizes the importance of school safety through their annual announcement of these awards."

2016-17 Highlights

- 90% of the Class of 2016 went on to a college or vocational school
 - Including Boston College, Cornell, Notre Dame, RPI, Syracuse University, Villanova, UNC Chapel Hill
- Columbia High School's graduation rate for 2016 was 91%
 - State average is 78%
- Ranked 9th best high school and 8th best school district among 84 Capital Region school districts (Albany Business Review)
- Columbia High School ranked in top 10% of high schools in the United States in 2016 (U.S. News & World Report)
- Columbia won the NYS Science Olympiad Silver Medal and advanced to its fourth consecutive national championship
- Goff's Science Olympiad Team won the regional championship and placed fourth at states
- Red Mill Principal John Caporta was named CASDA Principal of the Year
- Columbia Social Studies Teacher Wendy McAlonie was named EGTA Teacher of the Year
- Columbia Math teacher Jessica Hladik was named a NYS Master Teacher, recognizing her as one of the state's highest performing K-12 STEM educators
- Bus driver Cheri Walsh and bus aide Jacqui Perry were named Special Educators of the Year by the East Greenbush Special Needs Parent Support Group
- William Bianco '83, David DeJulio '76, Martin Mahar '83 and Ernest Tubbs '86 were inducted into the Columbia High School Hall of Fame and community members Jeff and Holly Rose received the Community Service award at the East Greenbush Education Foundation Gala
- The District expanded on its use of Google Apps for Education by introducing it to students in grades 3-8 this year
- Columbia won the State Sportsmanship Award for the fourth straight year from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association
- Selena Lott was named the Suburban Council Girls' Basketball Player of the Year as well as the Times Union and Troy Record Player of the Year
- Dylan Dubuque, John Devine, Trent Nadeau and Michael Gonyea won Section II wrestling championships
- Michael Gonyea placed 5th at the New York State Wrestling Championships (pictured below)



- Caitlin Lallier '18 won 2nd place at the Questar High School Invitational Art Exhibit (pictured above)
- Boys' Indoor Track won Sectional Championships in the 600 meters (Tyler LoPresti), 4x200 relay (Nick Stagnitta, Bobby Fredericks, A.J. Cozzy, Alec Wright) and the 4x 400 relay (Alec Wright, John Powhida, Tyler LoPresti and Dante Albanese)
- Columbia Boys' Bowling celebrated a perfect regular season this year with a 15-0 record. Jon Smith '18 qualified for the NYS Bowling Championships in Rochester.
- Rachel Morris '18, Heather Pangburn '19 and Jake Goodman '20 performed in Park Playhouse productions at Cohoes Music Hall this spring
- Columbia students Dora Hayes, Lillian Luft and Mikayla Mahoney each had their artwork accepted to the 18th annual High School Regional Juried Art Exhibition at the Opalka Gallery at Sage College in Albany
- A record 81 students participated in the annual Genet STEM Fair in March
- DPS and Red Mill students worked with Regeneron scientists to conduct STEM experiments
- A team of students from Red Mill placed 10th at the NYS Odyssey of the Mind Tournament
- Green Meadow launched an inaugural Literacy Initiative, in which students read a combined 94,000 minutes from January to March
- Green Meadow and Genet donated more than 6,000 cans to local food pantries as part of their "Soup"er Bowl competition
- Bell Top students and staff read the book "The One and Only Ivan" together and participated in a variety of literary activities as part of the 3rd annual Bell Top Book Club
- 17 students from Columbia and Goff presented their artwork and writing at Siena College's 30th annual Martin Luther King Jr. and Coretta Scott King Lecture Series on Race and Nonviolent Social Change
- The East Greenbush Education Foundation raised \$9,200 for student enrichment grants at its annual gala in March
- For the 14th consecutive year, the District received the School Safety Excellence Award from Utica National Insurance Group
- The District joined a new farm-to-school program to increase fresh, New York State grown produce in breakfast and lunch menus
- The District upgraded its notification system to include text messaging for snow days, two-hour delays and emergencies
- For the fourth straight year, East Greenbush Central School District received a "no designation" fiscal stress score from the New York State Comptroller's Office, indicating a low level of fiscal stress
- The District saved more than \$320,000 last year as part of its energy savings program and more than \$3.4 million since its inception in September 2007

Board of Education Candidates

There are three open seats for the Board of Education. Qualified district residents may vote for up to three persons to fill these positions. The statements below were submitted by the candidates who filed nominating petitions.



QUINN AUSTIN-SMALL

I am looking to join the East Greenbush School Board. I am a licensed psychologist and small business owner. I work as a contractor for the State, as well as an Independent Psychological Evaluator, providing forensic evaluations for veterans in disability appeals.

I have prior teaching experience as well, both in private Montessori schools and public schools in Los Angeles, California. Most importantly, I am a parent of two East Greenbush students, Peter and Alex, both of whom will be attending Goff next year. I wish to serve on the School Board to add diversity, administrative experience, and foster a strong, well-rounded, and high-quality school experience for all East Greenbush students.



MICHAEL BUONO

I am a lifelong resident of the area and my wife Heidi and I have lived within the East Greenbush CSD for the past 25 years. We are the proud parents of three children; Patrick (CHS 2012), Zachary who is a senior at CHS, and Leah, a 7th grader at Goff MS.

I graduated from Siena College with a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and have worked in private and public sector human resources. I currently work as the Director of HR for Questar III. As an EGCSB board member, I have also participated as a member of the District's Finance & Audit Committee and the Education and Technology Committees.

We have seen many positive changes in my first term on the school board. I am seeking a second term because I believe as a parent and member of the community that my experience can help support the continued future planning of our school district. We want to support staff and students in providing the best educational opportunities and facilities, while also being fiscally prudent. Understanding that balance is critical as a board member, and with your support, I hope to continue in my role as an EGCSB board member.



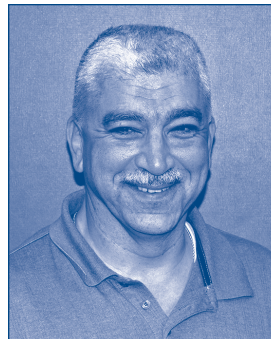
KATHLEEN CURTIN

I am seeking a third term on the Board of Education to continue to build on the successes of our district. Public education is changing significantly and these changes present many academic and financial challenges. I strive to work in a respectful, inclusive, and collaborative manner with the community, EGCSB employees,

and our students and their families.

During my previous terms, our Board has advocated for an open planning process and for communication that builds on the many strengths of our district, while focusing on a fiscally sound budget and responsible leadership. I would welcome the opportunity to continue this work with our new Superintendent and the current Board of Education.

My husband, Jack, and I have lived in East Greenbush for 24 years. Our sons, John, Jim and Matthew, graduated from Columbia High School and our fourth son, Andrew, will graduate in June. Our boys benefitted from the wide variety of experiences that were offered both academically and through extra-curricular activities. I am currently employed as an administrative assistant in the Nursing Department at Maria College in Albany.



MARK MANN

I have decided to continue my service to the East Greenbush Central School District's Board of Education, by seeking a fourth term. Our district has been moving in such a positive and rewarding way, that I wish to remain as a valuable contributing member. I can assure you though, my intent has not changed since I ran for my first

term, and that is to do what is best for our children, staff and residents of the district. I remain ready to bring our district to the forefront of the educational community.

Last year, I retired from the East Greenbush Police Department, where I dedicated almost 28 years to the law enforcement field. I still continue to serve in the military as a proud member of the New York Air National Guard/US Air Force. Service to my Nation, State and Community is something I enjoy, and work very hard at.

I currently reside in East Greenbush with my wife Tina. I have two children, my daughter is a 2016 CHS graduate, and my son is now a freshman at CHS.

I currently serve on the district's policy, safety and code of conduct committees, and I am the board's Vice President.



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Voting Information

VOTER REGISTRATION:

You are already registered to vote if you have voted in a school election within the last 4 years (or are registered with the County Board of Elections). To register:

- Go to the Office of the District Clerk, 29 Englewood Avenue, East Greenbush, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on regular days of business
- Bring photo ID with a current address
- If you have moved, also bring other means of residential identification, such as a utility bill, phone bill or other official document

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS:

- Age 18 or older
- U.S. Citizen
- Registered to vote
- Resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

Qualified district residents who are unable to go to the polls may cast their votes by absentee ballot. An application is required first and may be obtained by calling the District Office at 207-2535. Applications are also available on the District's website at www.egcsd.org. The due date for applications is Tuesday, May 9, 2017 if received by mail or Monday, May 15, 2017 if received in person at the District Office.

Once a completed application is approved, an absentee ballot is issued to the voter; it must be returned to the District Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Note that individuals designated as permanently disabled by the Rensselaer County Board of Elections will automatically receive an absentee ballot.

BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY • MAY 16

7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

POLLING SITES:

1. Bell Top Elementary School – Residents of the Town of North Greenbush
2. Howard L. Goff Middle School – Residents of the Town of East Greenbush
3. Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School – Residents of the Towns of Sand Lake or Chatham or residents with a Nassau mailing address
4. Green Meadow Elementary School – Residents of the Town of Schodack who do not have a Nassau mailing address

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