

BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY

MAY 21

7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET BRIEF

MAY 2019

WHAT WILL I BE VOTING ON?

1. A \$95,925,684 budget for the 2019-20 school year
2. School bus proposition
3. Three candidates for the Board of Education

2019-20 School Budget Maintains All Programs and Stays Below Tax Cap

On May 21, District residents will vote on the \$95.9 million proposed school budget. The proposed budget, which has an increase of 1.76% from last year, would maintain all current programs. Due to enrollment projections and to ensure manageable class sizes, three additional classroom teachers, a social worker and a .5 Academic Intervention Services teacher will be added.

The proposed budget has a tax levy increase of 3.69%, which is below the state tax cap of 4.84% that applies to East Greenbush for 2019-20.

In addition to the school budget, residents will vote on the replacement of eight school buses, which will be fully paid for by the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund.

BUDGET AT A GLANCE:

- Total 2019-20 proposed budget is \$95,925,684
- Property tax levy increase of 3.69%
- Replacement of 8 school buses from Bus Purchase Reserve Fund

Voter Propositions on the May 21 Ballot

Proposition No. 1 (Budget)

RESOLVED; That the operating budget, in the amount of \$95,925,684 as proposed by the Board of Education, be adopted for the school fiscal year 2019 – 2020 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 \$702,780;(b) that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to expend \$702,780 for the vehicles referred to herein from the District's "Bus Purchase Reserve Fund" which was established pursuant to voter approval on May 15, 2018; and (c) that the Board of Education is hereby further authorized to deposit in the District's "Bus Purchase Reserve Fund" an amount up to 100% of any State Aid received in any year with respect to the purchase of vehicles.



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.



KAREN CURRAN

My husband and I have lived in East Greenbush for over 20 years. We have two sons, Dylan and Corey; both are Columbia High School graduates and are currently studying engineering at Manhattan College. I have a Master's degree in physical therapy with a minor in psychology and work full-time at a local assisted living facility. I have been on the Board of Education for 12 years and know the dedication, hard work, challenges and time commitment this position requires.

I joined the Board to give back to my community and to be more involved and active as a volunteer. I've also had the privilege of being able to volunteer in many other school-based programs since my kids were in elementary school and have served on many school committees over the years.

As a board member, I believe we should work collaboratively to provide an opportunity for all children to achieve their highest potential in a fiscally responsible manner for our community. If re-elected, I will continue to strive to provide quality education for every child in our great district.



DEANNA MUTH

My Husband, Peter, and I have lived in North Greenbush for 23 years with our two daughters. Our oldest graduated from Columbia in 2016 and our youngest is preparing to graduate this year. I truly believe that the East Greenbush School District has prepared them for their future college education. It will be a goal of mine to continue to make our district the best for our students, faculty and staff.

In the past I have been very involved in the school community. I have held the Treasurer position in the Bell Top Elementary and Goff Middle School PTO's, as well as activities in the classrooms and various school and Athletic events. I am eager to get involved and provide my support to the various committees, maintaining our school safety initiatives, and seeing our new building improvement projects begin.

I am truly honored to become part of the East Greenbush Central School District's Board of Education. I look forward to working with the school community to ensure that we continue the excellent education and extracurricular opportunities currently offered in our district and giving my time back to the district for the great opportunities that they provided to my family.



MICHELE K. SKUMURSKI

My name is Michele Skumurski and I am currently serving in a 1 year position on the Board of Education. I graciously ask for your continued support and vote to extend the position.

I am a lifelong District resident, graduating from Columbia in 1990. I am a CPA and also earned a Bachelor's of Science in Accounting from UAlbany. I'm employed as the Controller at Albany Medical Center where I have worked for 19 years.

I serve on the Board for the East Greenbush Education Foundation, as a volunteer for various sports' clubs and participate alongside our dog, Yogi, in Therapy Dogs International.

My husband, Ted, and I are proud parents to three children. Davis, a 2017 graduate of Columbia, our daughter, Rachel, a 7th grader at Goff Middle School and our youngest, Tanner, a 4th grader at Green Meadow.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve our District. In addition, I pledge to continue the District's commitment on being able to provide a vast array of opportunities that will both foster and encourage success in each and every East Greenbush School District student. Again, thank you for the honor to serve and I ask for your continued support.

BY THE NUMBERS

(as of April 25, 2019)

- 0** Cuts to programs or services in the proposed school budget for 2019-20
- 2** News Channel 13 Top Teachers this year (James Driscoll and Dan Wagner)
- 3.69** Percent tax levy increase proposed for next year's school budget
- 4** Gold Medals won by the Columbia Science Olympiad state championship team
- 5** Number of parent workshops offered by the district this school year on topics such as keeping technology in check at home, recognizing anxiety in children and 10 ways to raise a resilient child
- 10** Teams competed at the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament
- 11** Budget presentations hosted at district schools this spring
- 16** Years in a row the district has received the School Safety Excellence Award from Utica National Insurance Group
- 95** Graduation rate for East Greenbush Central School District in 2018 (2nd highest rate in Capital Region)
- 206** Sessions of professional development attended by teachers and staff
- 439** News stories posted on www.egcsd.org since the first day of school
- 698** Students on the Columbia High School Honor Roll during 2nd quarter
- 3,716** People following our district Facebook page (join them at facebook.com/egcsd)
- 4,964** Dollars collected by district fundraisers and donated to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Relief last fall
- 6,207** pins the Columbia boy's bowling team knocked down to win its first ever Section 2 Class A Championship in February
- 170,000** School lunches served through March