

EAST GREENBUSH CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NEWSLETTER

MAY 2022

BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
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

**TAX LEVY
INCREASE
OF 0.0%**



**Green Meadow
Elementary School
Named 2021 National
Blue Ribbon School!**

East Greenbush CSD Proposes School Budget with 0% Tax Levy Increase for 2nd Year in a Row

The East Greenbush Central School District has proposed a school budget that maintains all programs and services with no tax increase for the second year in a row. The proposed budget, totaling \$104,840,470 would add instructional staffing, new textbooks and new playground equipment.

Residents will vote on the proposed school budget and elect three Board of Education members on Tuesday, May 17.

Other propositions on the ballot include the purchase of eight replacement school buses from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund with no impact to taxpayers and the creation of a new Capital Reserve Fund.

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

- Proposition 1: School Budget of \$104,840,470 with 0.0% Tax Levy Increase
- Proposition 2: Authorize \$752,468 from Bus Purchase Reserve Fund to Replace Eight Buses
- Proposition 3: Creation of New Capital Reserve Fund
- Election of Three Members to the Board of Education

Columbia Graduation Rate Improves to 98%

Columbia High School's four-year graduation rate improved to an impressive 98% for the Class of 2021, according to the NYS Education Department, which ranks 2nd in the Capital Region.

Other state data showed an improvement in Columbia graduation rates for students with disabilities (85% to 94%) and economically disadvantaged students (90% to 94%).

"Our graduation rate reflects excellence among our teachers throughout the district and a focus on continuous improvement at all levels," said Superintendent Jeff Simons. "The vision of our Board of Education ensures that school leaders, teachers and support staff work as partners with students and families to do whatever it takes to get all kids across the graduation stage."



District Strategies for Long Term Savings

The East Greenbush Central School District has taken steps to reduce costs district-wide, thereby limiting the tax impact on local residents.

- Use of Bus Purchase Reserve Fund approved by voters in 2018 to acquire new school buses totaling \$749,758, and avoiding the need to borrow funds and make interest payments.

► **Proposition 2** on this year's ballot seeks approval to purchase eight buses from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund with no impact to taxpayers. The district would also be reimbursed by the state for 67.9% of the total purchase.

- A proposed Capital Reserve Fund, if approved, would be used by the school district to defray the local taxpayers' costs of construction, repairs and equipping of school buildings and facilities, using available monies and borrowing less. A Capital Reserve Fund is utilized in the same way as the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, but with a different purpose - making necessary repairs to aging school buildings.

► **Proposition 3** on this year's ballot seeks approval from voters to create this Capital Reserve Fund. If approved, the fund would be limited to \$5,000,000 over a term of 10 years. Any expenditures of the fund would also require voter approval as part of a future vote.

- Utilized federal COVID funds for technology purchases, including new classroom displays and Chromebooks, thereby preserving Smart Schools state funding for subsequent years.
- Participation in an energy conservation program for the last 14 years has saved an estimated \$5.6 million.
- Reduced printed newsletters and correspondence in favor of less expensive digital communication.

BUDGET REVENUES

Category	Current Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023
Local Property Tax Levy	\$ 58,374,546	\$ 58,374,546
Other Receipts	8,487,700	8,511,603
Fund Balance	6,829,322	6,829,322
State and Federal Aid	29,843,549	31,124,999
Totals:	\$103,535,117	\$104,840,470

BUDGET EXPENDITURES

Category	Current Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023
Board of Education, Central Administration Operations, Legal Services, Personnel & Public Information	\$ 1,855,997	\$ 1,924,291
Central Services	6,530,813	6,605,563
Insurance & Contractual Items	1,540,571	1,653,225
Instructional Programs	51,777,763	53,124,668
Pupil Transportation	5,630,534	5,880,437
Payroll Taxes & Benefits	28,064,988	28,084,091
Debt Service	8,134,451	7,568,195
Totals:	\$103,535,117	\$104,840,470

Voter Propositions on the May 17 Ballot

Proposition No. 1: School Budget

RESOLVED; That the operating budget, in the amount of \$104,840,470 as proposed by the Board of Education, be adopted for the school fiscal year 2022 – 2023 and the levy of taxes be assessed therefore in accordance with law.

Proposition No. 2:

School Buses from Bus Purchase Reserve Fund

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 \$752,468;(b) that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to expend \$752,468 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.

Proposition No. 3: Capital Reserve Fund

RESOLVED; the Board of Education of the East Greenbush Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2022 Capital Reserve Fund" created to defray the cost of the construction, reconstruction and equipping of School District buildings and facilities, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, land acquisitions, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and to defray the cost of, in whole or in part, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such reserve fund to Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay funds from the available fund balance, state aid reimbursement to the School District on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such reserve fund in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

East Greenbush CSD Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *				
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 103,535,117	\$ 104,840,470	\$ 104,491,017				
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$ 1,305,353	\$ 349,453				
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.26 %	.92%				
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7 %					
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount							
	\$ 58,374,546	\$ 58,374,546					
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)							
	\$ 58,374,546	\$ 58,374,546	\$ 58,025,093				
F. Total Permissible Exclusions							
	\$ 4,402,577	\$ 3,580,239					
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions							
	\$ 54,723,998	\$ 57,681,469					
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)							
	\$ 53,971,969	\$ 54,794,307					
I. Difference: (G – H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **							
	\$ 752,029	\$ 2,887,162					
Administrative Component							
	\$ 12,131,571	\$ 12,366,310	\$ 12,176,651				
Program Component							
	\$ 76,217,390	\$ 78,010,321	\$ 77,871,227				
Capital Component							
	\$ 15,186,156	\$ 14,463,839	\$ 14,443,139				
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-2023 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 and certain equipment. 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> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: center;">Description</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td> </td> <td> </td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <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>				Description	Amount		
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	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 489

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-2023 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 17, 2022 between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the above mentioned schools, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

- The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



Proposition 2: School Bus Purchases

In addition to the school budget, voters will decide on the replacement of eight school buses, which if approved by voters, will be fully paid for by the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund with no impact to taxpayers. It also helps the district avoid the costs that come with borrowing.

Bus Type	Quantity	Reserve (Prop #2)
66-Passenger	3	\$361,434
35-Passenger	3	\$226,242
Wheelchair Accessible Bus	2	\$164,792
Total	8	\$752,468

With voter approval, New York State will reimburse the District for 67.9% of the total bus purchase.

Proposition 3: Capital Reserve Fund

The East Greenbush CSD is proposing the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund which would be used to defray the cost of construction, repairs and equipping of school buildings and facilities, including equipment, machinery and other incidental improvements and expenses.

The Capital Reserve Fund would be limited to \$5,000,000 over a term of 10 years.

Funding of the Reserve Fund requires Board of Education approval and any expenditures of the Reserve Fund requires voter approval.

Elementary Students Show Growth in Reading & Math on Mid-Year Assessments

East Greenbush Central School District elementary students are showing impressive growth in reading and math according to data shared at a public Board of Education meeting in March.

Based on results from the district’s universal screener, a computer adaptive test that students took at the start of the school year and then again this winter, students reading at or above grade level has increased 37.5% for grades K-2 and 13% for grades 3-5. Additionally, students learning at or above grade level for math has increased 17.6%.

This growth has been achieved through the efforts of classroom teachers, Academic Intervention Services teachers and the new Response to Intervention (RTI) Coordinator and K-3 Intervention Specialists as they have implemented a new universal screener.

“Coming off the challenges associated with the pandemic on our students, we planned to enter the 2021-22 school year with a strategy to do all that we could to assess student growth and to provide targeted support to catch kids up to grade level in the early elementary grades,” said Superintendent Jeff Simons. “I am pleased that the data is showing impressive growth.”

Star Early Literacy

Reading assessment for students in Grades K-2

	% of Students At or Above Grade Level		
	Fall Assessment	Winter Assessment	Change
East Greenbush CSD	48	66	+18 (37.5% increase)

Star Reading

Reading assessment for students in Grades 3-5

	% of Students At or Above Grade Level		
	Fall Assessment	Winter Assessment	Change
East Greenbush CSD	69	78	+9 (13.0% increase)

Star Math

Math assessment for students in Grades K-5

	% of Students At or Above Grade Level		
	Fall Assessment	Winter Assessment	Change
East Greenbush CSD	68	80	+12 (17.6% increase)

2021-22 Highlights

- Columbia High School has a 98% graduation rate, which is 2nd best in the Capital Region
- 90% of the Class of 2021 went on to college or a vocational school
- Green Meadow was named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School by the U.S. Department of Education in September
- The district added a new Pre-K Program this past fall, which was funded by state aid and federal COVID relief funding
- Ranked 7th among 84 Capital Region school districts over the past five years by the Albany Business Review (1st in Rensselaer County)
- All district schools are in “Good Standing” according to the NYS Education Department
- Green Meadow 5th Grade Teacher Sue Schreck was selected as a NYS Master Teacher
- Two Columbia teachers – Art Teacher Valerie Gordon and English Teacher Emily Shatraw – were selected as News Channel 13 Top Teachers.
- Columbia senior LayVon Scott '22, a Tenor 2 in the CHS Chamber Singers, was selected to both the All State and All National music festivals
- The Goff 8th Grade Band earned a Gold Rating at the NYSSMA Majors adjudication festival in April
- A mental health satellite clinic opened at Columbia High School and Howard L. Goff Middle School in January to improve access to mental health services for students
- Michael Leonard was named Chapter 2 Athletic Director of the Year by the NYS Athletic Administrators Association
- Columbia boys' indoor track and boys' volleyball won Section 2 Championships
- Food Services Department took advantage of a USDA-funded program to provide all PK-12 students with free breakfast and lunch this school year
- The district organized a number of service projects to support Ukraine this spring, including a medical supply drive in which two school buses were filled with donations
- For the 9th straight year, East Greenbush CSD received a “no designation” fiscal stress score from the New York State Comptroller’s Office, indicating a low level of fiscal stress
- Avoided costs of approximately \$329,000 last year as part of energy savings program and more than \$5.6 million since its inception in September 2007

Best Graduation Rates in the Capital Region



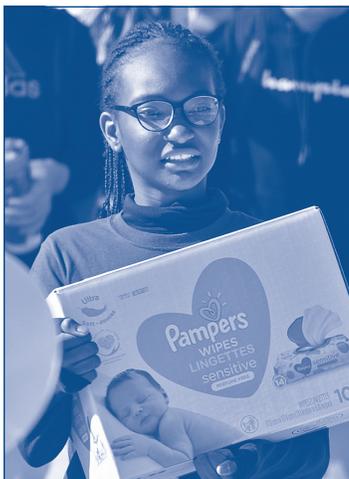
(CLASS OF 2021)

1	Voorheesville	99%
2	Columbia	98%
T-3	Bethlehem	97%
	Duanesburg	
T-5	Burnt Hills-Ballston Lake. . .	96%
	Guilderland	
	Niskayuna	

Giving Back

East Greenbush Central School District students, staff and families give back through fundraisers and food collections throughout the school year. These initiatives not only help those in need, but they develop character in our students and foster community pride. Just a few of the many service projects are highlighted below.

- Goff Student Council assembled and donated 95 Easter baskets and more than 200 Easter eggs to four community organizations that serve children.
- Students and staff brought together the East Greenbush community last month as they stuffed two buses filled with medical supplies and hygiene products that will be shipped to Ukraine.



- Columbia seniors Lauren Preston '22 and Mikayla Kendrick '22 raised \$59,529.35 to support the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) this winter.
- East Greenbush elementary schools collected more than 4,300 items as part of their Souper Bowl food drives this winter. The items were donated to local food pantries and school Backpack Programs.
- The East Greenbush Teachers Association, in cooperation with the Town of East Greenbush, raked lawns for local veterans on Veterans Day. Teachers and town employees were joined by local Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts and Little League teams this year to rake 18 lawns and fill more than 400 lawn bags.

Funding the Future: COVID Relief Funds

The East Greenbush Central School District has been utilizing COVID-19 relief funds from the federal government to support students affected by the pandemic. District administrators created plans to use the \$7 million in funds for investments in academic services, after school programs, mental health services, facility enhancements and technology purchases.

Universal Screener

Purchased a universal screener called Renaissance Star Assessments, which measures each student's general achievement in reading, math and early literacy. The computer-based program identifies what skills students are ready to learn, provides tiered interventions for students in need, helps plan instructional support activities and tracks progress toward academic targets.

Early Intervention

Hired 10 K-3 Intervention Specialists to provide daily intervention services for elementary students who required extra help in reading, math and early literacy.

Expansion of Columbia Learning Resource Center

Hired two full-time teaching assistants to staff the Learning Resource Center at Columbia High School where students can receive extra help during the school day.

Increased Mental Health Services

Hired two additional social workers to help transition students back to full time in-person learning.

New Pre-K Program

Utilized COVID relief funds to supplement state aid and create two Pre-K sections at Red Mill Elementary School. The full day program is free for families with four-year-old children and had no impact on the school budget. This program will be expanded in 2022-23 to three classrooms (one at Red Mill, one at Genet and one at DPS).

Purchased New Classroom Smart Boards & Chromebooks

Purchased 150 ViewSonic displays to install in classrooms throughout the district and 2,900 Chromebooks to replace devices at end of life.

Student Help Desk

Created a new Student Help Desk in Columbia High School's old TV studio to help diagnose and fix technology issues that students are experiencing. This provides opportunities for students to have hands-on training and free up the technology staff so they have more time to deal with other issues - network, instructional technology, etc.



Mental Health Satellite Clinic Opens at Columbia and Goff

The East Greenbush Central School District has partnered with Rensselaer County to improve mental health access for students attending Columbia High School and Howard L. Goff Middle School.

Through this new program, which has no cost to the school district, a mental health clinician provides therapy to students on Tuesdays at Columbia High School and Wednesdays at Howard L. Goff Middle School.

"We're very excited to provide this service," said Amibel Tineo, the mental health therapist working at the satellite clinic. "This makes it easier for students to take that first step (in getting help) because it's in school."

Ms. Tineo provides therapy to 22 students who have been referred to her. She schedules appointments based on the student's schedule and is treating them for a variety of issues including anxiety and depression. All of the therapy

is offered with parental consent and it is confidential.

To improve access and accommodate families, they have the choice of whether students receive therapy at school, at Ms. Tineo's office in Troy or through telehealth appointments.

"During the last several years, the district has partnered with Rensselaer County Mental Health to discuss our common concerns regarding student mental health and to ensure we coordinate to provide access to vital services," said Superintendent Jeff Simons. "I am grateful that these conversations have resulted in a partnership between our district and Rensselaer County Mental Health to provide students and families with accessible services located within our school buildings. These services will complement and support the ongoing work of our counselors and social workers within our schools."

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 following candidates filed nominations:



Jennifer O'Brien

In November 2021, I was appointed to the Board of Education. For seven years I taught English at Kingston High School. During my tenure there, I taught a variety of courses, was faculty advisor for the literary magazine and helped design department materials for Regents exam preparation. I was awarded a Fulbright scholarship by the U.S. Department of Education.

After Kingston High School, I taught English at Shaker High School. Both positions familiarized me with not only Regents and NYS standards, but also the process involved with formulating and implementing an IEP. While teaching at Kingston and Shaker, I also worked as an adjunct instructor

for The College of Saint Rose and Hudson Valley Community College. I currently work with adult learners and help them earn their high school diplomas and continue on in their studies.

I also serve as a board member for Strong Through Every Mile (STEM) which trains survivors of domestic violence to run a 5k. My older daughter is currently in 12th grade at Columbia and my younger one is in 8th grade at Goff. My husband and I are happy with the education and opportunities they have received thus far and are committed to our community.



Michele Skumurski

My name is Michele K. Skumurski and I am currently serving my 5th year on the Board of Education.

I am a lifelong District resident, graduating from Columbia High School in 1990. I am a CPA and earned a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from UAlbany. I'm employed as the Vice President of Finance/Controller at Albany Medical Center where I have worked for 22 years.

I participate on the East Greenbush Education Foundation, as a volunteer for various sports' clubs and until my dog's recent retirement participated 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 10th grader at Columbia and our youngest, Tanner, a 7th grader at Goff Middle School.

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 our community.



Emily Steinbach

I am seeking my first term on the school board because I believe in serving the community where I live. I believe the board should reflect the diverse makeup of our community and that board members must first be good listeners and understand the concerns of our entire community.

I earned a Master in Public Administration and a Certificate in Nonprofit Management and Leadership from Rockefeller College of Public Affairs and Policy, SUNY Albany and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Smith College.

I have worked in healthcare for over a decade, many years at the NYS Dept. of Health in Medicaid, developing policy, drafting regulation and evaluating the NYS budget impact. Currently, I work as a Senior Contract Negotiator at Capital District Physicians' Health Plan (CDPHP) specializing in value-based care, State programs, and behavioral health network development.

I have experience serving on two school board committees - Budget Review & Advisory (BRAC) and Finance/Audit. I am a Capital Region native and am happy to call East Greenbush home. I live with my wife, son and two dogs. You can frequently find us at the town park, town library, a nearby trail or walking our dogs in our neighborhood.

BY THE NUMBERS

(as of April 8, 2022)

- 0** Cuts to programs or services in the proposed school budget for 2022-23
- 2** News Channel 13 Top Teachers this year (Art Teacher Valerie Gordon and English Teacher Emily Shatraw)
- 3** Teams that advanced to the Odyssey of the Mind State Tournament (one each from DPS, Goff and Red Mill)
- 7** Columbia students who had artwork accepted into the highly competitive High School Regional Art Exhibition at the Albany Center Gallery
- 18** Years in a row the district has received the School Safety Excellence Award from Utica National Insurance Group
- 23** Board of Education meetings hosted in person and live streamed for the public so far this year
- 64** Research projects presented by students at the Genet STEM Fair
- 98** Graduation rate for Columbia High School in 2021 (2nd highest rate in Capital Region)
- 120** Gallons of sap boiled down into pure maple syrup in the Bell Top Learning Barn this past March
- 357** Students taking college-level courses at Columbia High School this year
- 372** News stories posted on egcsd.org since the first day of school
- 775** Students on the Columbia High School Honor Roll during 2nd quarter
- 2,900** New Chromebooks purchased for students from federal COVID funding to replace end of life units
- 3,302** Dollars collected by district fundraisers and donated to UNICEF, specifically for children affected by the crisis in Ukraine
- 5,220** People following our district Facebook page (join them at facebook.com/egcsd)
- 5,598** COVID test kits distributed for free



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- JoAnn Taylor, Deputy Treasurer
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DATED MATERIAL – PLEASE MAIL IMMEDIATELY

The East Greenbush Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or marital status, sexual orientation or any other characteristic protected by State or Federal law in any of its employment decisions; and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups as required by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972, Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Age Discrimination Act of 1975, the Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990, and NYS Human Rights Laws.

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 - Maintains all current programs
 - 0.0% Tax Levy Increase
- **PROPOSITION 2:**
Authorize \$752,468 from Bus Purchase Reserve Fund
 - Replace eight older buses with new buses
 - No impact to taxpayers
 - Reimbursed for approximately 67.9% of total purchase
- **PROPOSITION 3:**
Creation of New Capital Reserve Fund
 - Used to defray the cost of construction, repairs and equipment
 - Limited to \$5,000,000 over a term of 10 years
- **Election of Three Individuals to the Board of Education**

Voting Information

DATE OF THE ELECTION: May 17, 2022

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.-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
- Resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- Registered to 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 518-207-2535. Applications are also available on the District's website at www.egcsd.org. The due date for applications is Tuesday, May 10, 2022 if received by mail or Monday, May 16, 2022 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 17, 2022. Note that individuals designated as permanently disabled by the Rensselaer County Board of Elections will automatically receive an absentee ballot.

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