



Budget Message

In support of excellence

The Hamburg Central School District remains committed to assuring that every student has a great learning experience each day through excellence in teaching and leadership. The proposed 2017-2018 budget supports our commitment by adding positions in multiple key areas of need, while also reducing the financial burden to taxpayers for the second consecutive year. Here are the details:

1.) The total proposed budget is \$67,795,500, which represents a 2.7% increase over last year's budget.

2.) The tax levy, which is the amount of the budget paid through local property taxes, will decrease by 1.07%.

3.) The budget funds new positions in Languages Other Than English (LOTE), Academic Intervention Services, Counseling, Social Work and Computer Services.

4.) The budget also supports bringing a School Resource Officer (SRO) to the Hamburg Schools.

Since 2014-2015, we have established a sustainable financial footprint, operationalized a Strategic Plan that guides the decision making of our school district, and strengthened our culture of leadership and our governance practices throughout our school district. More sophisticated planning and improved governance have allowed us to increase our organizational capacity to support the great work done in classrooms by our instructional staff on behalf of your children.

Because of the collective efforts of our school community, the Hamburg Central School District is highly ranked among our peers in recognition of our outstanding student achievement:

- We rank #10 out of 96 school districts in Western New York.
- We are also ranked #37 out of 431 school districts in all of Upstate New York.
- Our High School is designated as a Reward School by the New York State Education Department for our excellent graduation rate and Regents Exam scores.

While we are pleased with the progress we've made, we are mindful of our obligation to continue to be reflective and search out opportunities for growth and improvement. Among those opportunities are:

- Metal Health First Aid training for all staff in 2017-2018,

which is being funded through a \$75,000 grant that was awarded to the district by the Tower Foundation

- The Library Media Centers at the Middle School and the High School will be completely renovated in the summer of 2018 as a part of our most recent Capital Project

- The continuation of our work-based learning programs for all students

- Continued deployment of instructional technology to enhance learning for all students

Our continuous strategic planning cycle assures that we are constantly planning collaboratively, executing our initiatives and assessing their impact on learning. It also assures that we effectively integrate existing programs with new ones, blend the latest technology with best instructional practice and incorporate our newly hired employees into the culture of excellence

created by the administrators, teachers and support staff who have contributed to it. These are critically important components to lasting and meaningful organizational coherence, which results from collaboration, commitment to learning for all, stability and focused direction.

On behalf of all of the great people who work for the Hamburg Central School District, we appreciate the opportunity to carry out our mission on behalf of the children and families of this community. For us, personally, we want to reiterate how thankful we are to serve the Hamburg Central School District as Superintendent of Schools, and as President and Vice President of the Board of Education. Thank you for your trust and your partnership in the growth and development of your children.

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