



**Beacon's 2017-2018 School Budget**  
*Meets NYS Tax Cap requirements*  
**Maintains Programs, Activities & Athletics**  
*Including Community Facility Use*

PROVIDING EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN

# Beacon Pride

The Community Newsletter of the Beacon City School District

BUDGET NEWSLETTER 2017/2018 ISSUE MAY 2017

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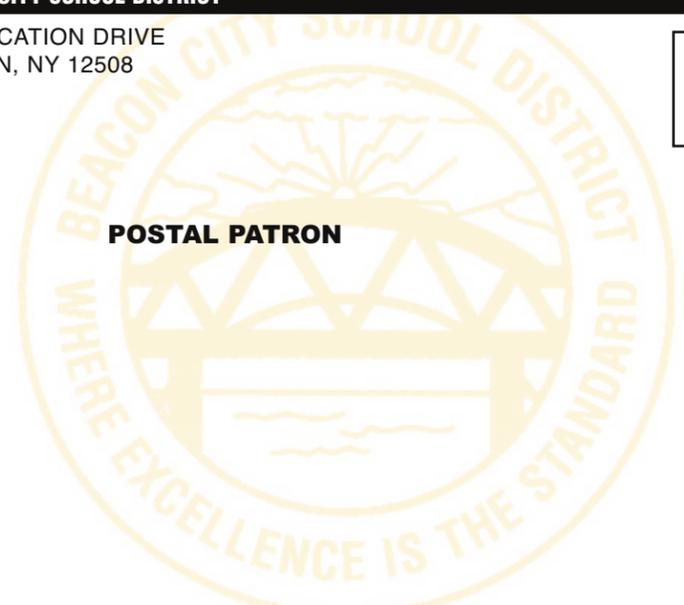
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**SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE** As required by New York State Law

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for 2016-2017 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-2018 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2017-2018 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$66,750,000	\$68,625,000	\$68,134,805
Increase/Decrease for the 2017-18 School Year		\$1,875,000	\$1,384,805
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.81%	2.07%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.26%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$36,614,617	\$37,179,812	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$36,614,617	\$37,179,812	\$37,179,812
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$488,403	\$423,105	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <b>Excluding</b> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$36,126,214	\$36,756,707	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <b>Excluding</b> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$36,126,214	\$36,756,707	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$6,347,850	\$6,570,775	\$6,470,775
Program Component	\$49,688,772	\$51,299,320	\$50,909,125
Capital Component	\$10,713,378	\$10,754,905	\$10,754,905

\*Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2017-2018 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\*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)

Description	Amount
<b>Bus Proposition</b>	<b>\$380,000</b>

Basic STAR Exemption Impact	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2017-2018 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$674

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-2018 by the qualified voters of the Beacon City school district, Dutchess County, New York, will be held at two schools in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Glenham Elementary and Beacon High Schools at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

**Contingency Budget: What if the Budget Does Not Pass?**

If the budget **does not pass** and goes to contingency, 'cost of living' increases are **not allowed**. Therefore the operating budget would have to be **cut by \$565,195**. Since other costs have increased, this would mean **significant cuts in programs and activities**, which may include:

- Cap class sizes at 35
- Eliminate non-core classes such as art, music and electives
- Cuts to Athletics, Clubs, and Student Activities at all levels
- Cut non-mandatory equipment purchases
- Charge full cost of facility use to all non-school organizations
- Reduce/eliminate school related building use after hours



## 2017-2018 School Budget And Board Vote is May 16th

*Dear Beacon School Community:*

We are proud of the budget that we are putting forward on May 16th. It includes all current programs and activities currently available to our students. We have increased elementary teaching positions to keep the class size of K-2 classrooms at 25 students or less. We are reinstating a dedicated elementary band teacher and will have equity of programs across the four elementary schools. We did all of these things and without going above the tax cap of 1.54%

**Beacon's Tax Cap Limit for 2017-2018 is 1.54%**

serve as a student board member. The third is to create a capital reserve fund. This reserve will be funded from the general fund and will be used for our next capital project.

As the school year is rapidly coming to an end, we are looking forward to our new superintendent, Dr. Landahl joining us on July 1st. He and his family are looking forward to coming to Beacon and becoming part of our great community.

Please come out to vote on May 16 and support our wonderful school district.

**Ann Marie Quartironi**  
*Interim Superintendent of Schools*  
**Anthony White**  
*President, Board of Education*

In addition to the budget, there are three propositions on this year's ballot. The first is the bus proposition to purchase new buses. The second is to authorize the Board of Education to allow a student to



## WHERE DO I VOTE?

RESIDENTS WHO LIVE WITHIN THE BEACON CITY LIMITS will vote at

### Beacon High School

DISTRICT VOTERS with mailing addresses in FISHKILL or WAPPINGERS FALLS, and some with BEACON addresses who RESIDE OUTSIDE the BEACON CITY LIMITS, will vote at

### Glenham Elementary School

20 Chase Drive, Fishkill

Polls at both locations will be open  
**7:00am-9:00pm**

For Voter Information  
Call 845-838-6900 ext 2032

## WHO MAY VOTE

In order to vote, you must be:

- at least 18 years of age
- a U.S. Citizen
- a primary resident of the Beacon City School District for at least 30 days prior to the day of the vote
- a registered voter with the School District and/or Dutchess County

## ABOUT ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee Ballots are available to registered District voters who are unable to vote in person on May 16.

To vote by Absentee Ballot, you must first fill out an **Application**. Contact the District Clerk at 838-6900 ext. 2032 or download the application from the Beacon City School District website at [www.beaconk12.org](http://www.beaconk12.org). Voters may also pick up applications in person at the District Office.

**Applications** must be received by the district by May 16th. Completed **Absentee Ballots** must be received by the District Clerk by 5pm on May 16th to be counted.

# 2017-2018 Budget Vote May 16

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-2018 for the Beacon City School District will be held at the DESIGNATED Beacon City Schools on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 9:00 PM. Registered voters will be asked to vote on the following issues:

## ► Proposition I: School Budget

“Shall the budget for the Beacon City School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017, in the amount of \$68,625,000 be adopted, and the necessary taxes to meet such expenditures be levied and collected?”

## ► Proposition II: Transportation

“Shall the bond resolution authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum cost of \$380,000; authorizing the issuance of \$380,000 bonds (5 year maximum maturity) and, with respect to such bonds, providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?”

## ► Proposition III: Board of Education

“Shall the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District be authorized to allow a student to serve on the Board of Education as an ex officio, non-voting member of the Board, in accordance with the provisions of Section 2502 of the Education Law?”

## ► Proposition IV: Capital Reserve

“Shall the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund for the purpose of appropriating sufficient funds necessary to construct district-wide renovations and/or additions to their facilities, as well as original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus and appurtenances, including incidental improvements and expenses, as identified from time-to-time and recommended in its five-year capital facilities plan, in the ultimate amount not to exceed \$2,000,000 over a probable term of ten (10) years; and that the source of such ultimate amount shall be transferred on an annual basis not to exceed \$500,000 from unappropriated and unassigned general fund balance in excess of the four percent (4%) statutory limit?”

## ► Board of Education CANDIDATES

To elect four (4) members to the Board of Education as follows: three members for three year terms (commencing July 1, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2020), and one member to fill the remainder of a vacant term for one year and six weeks (commencing May 16, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2018). The candidate who receives the largest number of votes cast will also fill the remainder of a vacant term for six weeks (commencing May 16, 2017 and expiring June 30, 2017). Vote for up to four.

1. Anthony White

2. Kenya Gadsden

3. Craig Wolf

4. Kristan Flynn

# Budget Components

By law, all School Districts must divide their budgets into three separate portions – ADMINISTRATIVE, PROGRAM and CAPITAL – and compare them to last year's amount. Beacon's three-part budget breaks down as follows:

## ADMINISTRATIVE

	2016-17	2017-18
Amount	\$6,347,850	\$6,570,775
% of Budget	9.51%	9.57%

- Salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff
- Public information and central printing
- Research, planning and evaluation
- Tax collection and most legal services
- School Board costs

## PROGRAM

	2016-17	2017-18
Amount	\$49,688,772	\$51,299,320
% of Budget	74.44%	74.75%

- Salaries and benefits of teachers, guidance Counselors, aides, monitors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, speech therapists, etc.
- In-service training
- Library/media/computer services
- Student transportation
- Co-curricular activities
- Interscholastic athletics

## CAPITAL

	2016-17	2017-18
Amount	\$10,713,378	\$10,754,905
% of Budget	16.05%	15.67%

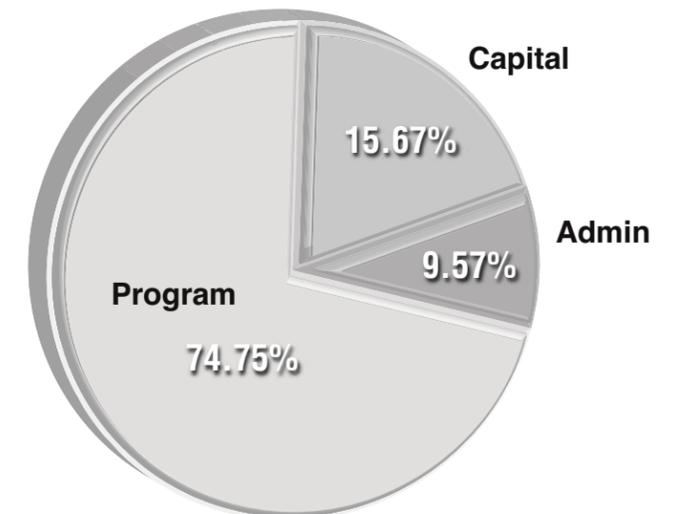
- Debt service on buildings
- Leases
- Tax certiorari and court ordered costs
- Operations and maintenance (including salaries and benefits of custodial staff)

Expenditures	Budgeted 2016-17	Anticipated 2017-18*
Board of Education	\$ 35,100	\$ 39,500
Central Administration	292,500	302,500
Financial Accounting Services	629,111	639,629
Legal, personnel & public information	200,950	375,017
Central services - including operations & maintenance and central printing	4,808,129	4,783,521
Special items - including insurance, judgements & claims and BOCES admin charges	782,926	801,366
Instructional administration & improvement	2,715,811	2,693,806
Teaching	28,097,417	29,334,525
Instructional Media	2,049,853	2,084,996
Pupil Services	2,924,953	2,952,690
Pupil Transportation	3,108,053	3,184,606
Home & Community Services	131,800	131,800
Employee Benefits	15,367,422	15,640,674
Debt Services	5,155,975	5,185,370
Interfund Transfer	450,000	475,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,750,000</b>	<b>\$68,625,000</b>

\*Due to rounding, totals can vary by \$1.00

## 2017-18 Components

\$68,625,000



## Proposed Budget Summary

	Budget
Proposition 1	\$68,625,000
Proposition 2	\$380,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,005,000</b>

Revenues	Budgeted 2016-17	Anticipated 2017-18*
Local Property taxes	\$36,614,617	\$37,179,812
State Aid	26,822,638	27,745,188
Interest & Earnings	25,000	25,000
Grant in Aid - legislative	0	0
Interest, penalties, PILOTS	295,000	295,000
Transfer from Debt Service	0	0
Use of Reserves	2,362,745	2,750,000
Inter-fund transfer	0	0
Miscellaneous	630,000	630,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$66,250,000</b>	<b>\$68,625,000</b>

\*Due to rounding, totals can vary by \$1.00