



Budget Vote & Board of Education Election:
May 17, 2016 from 11:00 AM to 8:00 PM
Middle School Small Cafeteria and Mooers Elementary School Gym

Budget Message from the Board of Education and Superintendent Robb Garrand

On May 17, 2016, taxpayers will be asked to vote on the 2016-2017 Northeastern Clinton Central School District Budget. This budget increase will result in a 1.71% increase in the tax levy.

The proposed budget was examined carefully and developed to restore some positions that were eliminated over the last two years due to budget cuts. The Board of Education and administrative staff worked collaboratively to create a budget to meet the needs of our children, while maintaining fiscal responsibility to our taxpayers. The total proposed budget for the 2016-2017 school year is \$28,576,383, which is an increase of \$1,127,186 (4.11%).

Fortunately, additional revenue was added to our proposed budget. The State budget allowed Northeastern Clinton CSD to receive an additional \$140,785 in foundation aid. We also were given full restoration of our funds from the GAP Elimination Adjustment (GEA) in the amount of \$504,930.

Our district also was approved to receive \$1.4 million by the State of New York for the Smart Schools Bond Act. The monies will be used to upgrade our infrastructure to support the increasing demand for more bandwidth to each device. Other improvements will include purchasing devices to enhance the quality of education for the learning community and updating our security measures, such as telephone upgrades, keyless entry system, and additional cameras.

This year (2015-2016), we developed a K-12 grant writing team to explore alternative opportunities

to bring additional revenue to our district, without having to rely solely on our taxpayers. We applied for Extended Day and School Violence Grants. If awarded the grants, we would apply the monies received to fund three AIS (ELA & Math) teaching positions, as well as an Assistant Principal. If not awarded the monies, the positions would remain in the general budget. The greatest reward was organizing a great K-12 team that will continue using their talents and skills to seek more grants for which our district can apply in the future.

The 2016-2017 school year budget proposes the following restorations to our staffing:

(2) Math AIS Instructors - one provider in each elementary campus to provide additional math support for our struggling learners. (eliminated 2015-2016)

(2) AIS Reading Specialists - one provider in the Middle School and one provider in the High School. Presently, the District has no reading specialists serving our Middle School and High School population. (eliminated 2014-2015 and 2015-2016)

.6 Special Education Teacher - needed additional support for resource rooms at Rouses Point Elementary.

(1) Administrative position for Middle/High School - The position would incorporate improving the culture of our school, student management, mentoring, curriculum, and teacher evaluation. (eliminated in 2015-2016)

The budget also takes into consideration that many of our buses are over ten years old. The district is committed, with taxpayer support, to continue a rotation

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- One proposition for the community libraries
- One proposition for (4) new school buses
- Three Board of Education seats for election
- One proposition to reduce Board of Election member terms from five (5) years to four (4) years of service

The annual budget hearing will take place at 5:30 PM on May 4, 2016, at the Middle/High School Library.

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schedule with hopes of purchasing four (4) new buses – not to exceed a value of \$515,000, of which the district will receive approximately 90% in transportation aid. This results in a district cost of \$51,500. The district will be looking at replacing furniture in one classroom in each of our buildings, as well as purchasing a maintenance vehicle, due to the age and poor condition of the present truck.

The tax rate will be set after all assessments are finalized in August. A homeowner with a \$100,000 assessment will see an estimated increase of \$23.80, based on their 2015-2016 assessment, over their 2015-2016 annual tax bill. This amount could fluctuate depending on 2016 assessments.

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- Three (3) Board of Education seats for election

We appreciate your continued engagement and sup-

port for education in each of our unique and wonderful school communities. We will host our annual Budget Hearing on Wednesday, May 4, 2016, at 5:30 p.m., in the Middle School/High School Library. The budget will be presented and reviewed in detail for our community members.

Questions about voting, please call Kim Boyea, District Clerk, at 518-298-8242, ext. 1003.

It is an honor and pleasure to serve our community in our mutual pursuit of providing the finest educational system for our children of Northeastern Clinton CSD. I will represent Northeastern Clinton CSD to the best of my ability and remain committed to giving the best I have of mind and heart. I believe with your continued partnership, the best days of our school system are ahead.

We remain committed to making a difference in the lives of our children.

Sincerely,

Robb J. Garrand

Superintendent of Schools



RP Elementary Conducts Big Change Round-up



In January, Rouses Point Elementary School collected can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. February brought the "Big Change Round Up" in which the school raised over \$300 in donations for the Vermont Children's Hospital.

In March, we celebrated "March Macaroni Madness" by collecting pounds of pasta. We collected about 210 pounds of uncooked pasta which will be donated to the Champlain JCEO Food Shelf.

April is a collection of good condition, used toys for the North Country Mission of Hope, which is a mission trip to Nicaragua.

8th Annual Mooers Elementary Spring Carnival

A wonderful time was had by all who were able to attend this year's 8th annual Mooers Elementary Spring Carnival. This Parent-Teacher-Partnership (PTP) sponsored event has come to be a community crowd-pleaser over the past several years!

Caring parents, teachers, support staff and NCCS high school students volunteered many hours to serve up hot food and supervise the many creative games, so that children, parents, and grandparents could enjoy a few hours of community focused fun.

This year's event was extremely well-attended, rewarding the volunteers with countless smiles and raucous laughter.



Harvard Model UN Club Participates in National Conference

The Harvard Model United Nations club gives students a healthy intellectual challenge as they work with other students from across the world developing their skills in communication, debate, and compromise.

The accomplishment of attending, participating, and learning from such an extraordinary experience transcends what one might receive from regular classroom instruction. NCCS has participated in the national Harvard United Nations Conference for the past 44 years.

In addition, the insight and knowledge gained by attending this conference returns with the student



participants and helps make our own annual model United Nations conference (NC-MUN) better with each passing year.

Now in its 39th year, NCMUN gives North Country students the opportunity to work together to discuss world issues, collaborate on solutions, and create lasting bonds that will mold and shape them.

Mission:

Learn, grow, succeed, be the best that WE can be!

Vision:

The Northeastern Clinton Central School District will create an effective school environment where all students are life-long learners, reach their maximum potential, and are prepared to excel in a complex, interconnected, ever-changing world.

Beliefs:

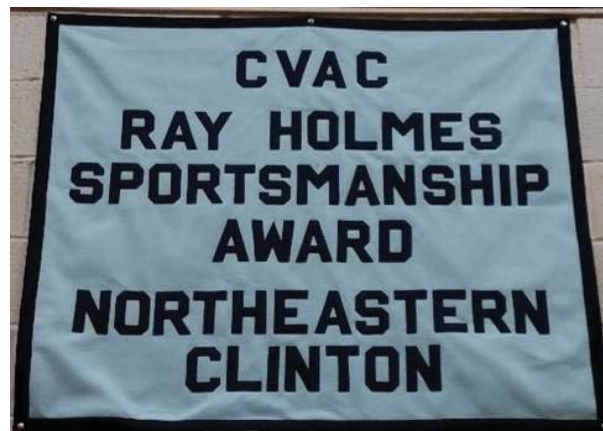
The Northeastern Clinton Central School District will move from a Good to Great School by:

- Setting high expectations and accountability for all staff, students, parents and members of our community.
- Creating a culture of mutual respect, trust, honest communication, and transparency.
- Understanding that all communities within our District share the responsibility for our children's future.
- Supporting both the academic achievement and personal growth of every learner.
- Believing that we are providing "The Best School in the World" for our students to communicate, collaborate, think critically and demonstrate creativity.
- Providing a positive environment for students to learn, experience success, graduate and plan for their future.

Northeastern Clinton Central School Wins Ray Holmes Sportsmanship Award

Ray Holmes was a basketball coach and athletic director for many years. When he passed away, the

CVAC wanted to recognize him by starting a sportsmanship banner, given in his name to the school that had the most teams nominated for having the best sportsmanship! Go Cougars!



NCCS Celebrates 50 Years of our Outdoor Education Program

This June, students in sixth grade at the middle school will be having an opportunity to be part of a special gathering as the outdoor education experience is being recognized for 50 years of operation.

Students have the opportunity to learn many valuable life lessons. Please visit for a meal or be treated to an evening concert at camp. This is one of the many experiences at NCCS that our students remember for a lifetime!

Please email Lori Southwick at: lsouthwick@nccscougar.org or Robb Garrand at rgarrand@nccscougar.org should you wish to visit.



NORTHEASTERN CLINTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2016-2017 Budget Vote

The Northeastern Clinton Central School District board of education is made up of seven (7) non-paid citizens elected to serve a five year term.

New York State does not limit the number of terms a Board of Education member may serve.

The main responsibilities of the Board of Education include:

- Developing an annual budget for public approval
- Creating district policies
- Approving or disapproving recommendations made by the Superintendent of Schools.
- Setting district goals
- Short term and long range planning
- Authorizing contracts
- Reviewing courses and text

BOARD OF EDUCATION **CANDIDATES**

There are three (3) Board of Education seats available this year. There is a five (5) year term, a three (3) year term, and a one (1) year term.

The highest number of votes will receive the five (5) year term, the next highest number of votes will receive the three (3) year term, and the next highest number of votes will receive the one (1) year term.

One (1) Petition Received: Stephen Southwick

THANKS
FOR VOTING!
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Voter Eligibility

- Must be at least 18 years of age or older
- A United States citizen
- A resident of the Northeastern Clinton Central School District for at least 30 days prior to vote
- Absentee ballots may be obtained from Kim Boyea, District Clerk (518-298-8242, ext. 1003)

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

	<u>2015-2016 Budget</u>	<u>2016-2017 Proposed</u>
<u>GENERAL SUPPORT</u>		
Board of Education	\$ 3,607	\$ 4,065
District Clerk	\$ 9,675	\$ 16,500
District Meeting	\$ 2,150	\$ 2,150
Central Administration	\$ 180,263	\$ 183,500
Business Administration	\$ 181,886	\$ 188,064
Auditing Services	\$ 17,750	\$ 17,750
District Treasurer	\$ 44,353	\$ 51,854
Tax Collection	\$ 10,450	\$ 10,600
Purchasing	\$ 4,915	\$ 4,915
Fiscal Agent Fees	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
Legal Services	\$ 51,500	\$ 51,500
Personnel	\$ 21,909	\$ 48,450
Records Management	\$ 3,066	\$ 3,000
Public Information	\$ 500	\$ 500
Operation & Maintenance	\$ 1,285,094	\$ 1,385,987
Central Printing & Mailing	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,500
Central Data Processing - BOCES	\$ 3,500	\$ 12,000
Special Items	\$ 485,557	\$ 532,576
GENERAL SUPPORT TOTAL	\$2,375,175	\$2,582,911
 <u>INSTRUCTION</u>		
Curriculum Development	\$ 1,750	\$ 1,750
Supervision/Regular School	\$ 601,208	\$ 630,528
In-service Training	\$ 14,250	\$ 14,250
Teaching/Regular School	\$ 5,845,521	\$ 6,291,011
Programs For Children with Handicapping Conditions	\$ 4,873,283	\$ 4,864,385
Occupational Education	\$ 846,488	\$ 789,250
Teaching/Special School (Continuing Edu. & Summer School)	\$ 20,000	\$ 4,000
School Library & Audio-Visual	\$ 125,017	\$ 137,119
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$ 582,333	\$ 593,550
Guidance/Regular School	\$ 302,634	\$ 320,739
Health Services/Regular School	\$ 179,626	\$ 178,265
Psychological Svcs./Regular School	\$ 27,564	\$ 44,794
Co-Curricular Activities/Reg. School	\$ 21,000	\$ 21,124
Interscholastic Athletics/Reg. Sch.	\$ 188,000	\$ 190,250
INSTRUCTION SUMMARY	\$13,628,674	\$14,081,015
 <u>DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION</u>		
District Transportation Services	\$ 1,234,009	\$ 1,285,942
Garage Building	\$ 46,000	\$ 50,500
DISTRICT TRANS. SUMMARY	\$ 1,280,009	\$ 1,336,442
 <u>UNDISTRIBUTED</u>		
Employee Benefits	\$ 7,864,732	\$ 8,147,499
Debt Service: Principal	\$ 1,655,505	\$ 1,735,000
Debt Service: Interest	\$ 645,102	\$ 593,516
Inter-fund Transfers	\$ 0	\$ 100,000
UNDISTRIBUTED SUMMARY	\$10,165,339	\$10,576,015
 TOTAL GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION SUMMARY		
	<u>\$ 27,449,197</u>	<u>\$ 28,576,383</u>

GENERAL FUND REVENUES

	<u>2015-2016 Revenues</u>	<u>2016-2017 Estimated</u>
<u>Real Property Tax Items</u>	\$ 86,700	\$ 0
Includes payments in lieu of taxes and interest/penalties on real property.		
<u>Charges For Services</u>	\$ 296,850	\$ 217,750
Includes non-resident tuition, adult education, building use and pool use fees, student fees, admission charges for sporting events, Youth Commission services for summer swim program and bus use charges as well as Vermont student tuitions.		
<u>Use of Money & Property</u>	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Includes interest and earnings on district funds.		
<u>Sale of Property And Compensation For Loss</u>	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Includes sale of scrap, equipment and buses; insurance recoveries and other compensation for losses.		
<u>Miscellaneous</u>	\$ 167,750	\$ 408,051
Includes refunds of prior year expenditures, use of district reserves, gifts and donations and other miscellaneous revenues received from the district.		
<u>State Sources (NYS)</u>	\$ 15,877,879	\$ 16,752,467
Includes State Aid--Foundation Aid, BOCES Aid, Textbook Aid, Computer Software & Hardware Aid, Excess Cost Aid, Library Loan Program Aid and Building Aid as well as Transportation Aid.		
<u>Federal Sources</u>	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Medicaid Reimbursement		
TOTAL PROJECTED REVENUES OTHER THAN REAL PROPERTY TAXES		
	\$ 16,534,179	\$ 17,483,268
ALLOCATED FUND BALANCE	\$ 500,000	\$ 500,000
TAX LEVY	<u>\$ 10,415,018*</u>	<u>\$ 10,593,115**</u>
TOTAL	\$ 27,449,197	\$ 28,576,383

* Does not include \$30,000 for the 3 local libraries.
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SCHOOL TAX INFORMATION				
	<u>Town of:</u>	<u>2015-2016/Actual</u>	<u>2016-2017/Estimated</u>	
		<u>Per Thousand</u>	<u>Per Thousand</u>	
	Altona	\$ 20.05	\$ 20.39	
	Champlain	\$ 20.05	\$ 20.39	
	Chazy	\$ 20.05	\$ 20.39	
	Mooers	\$ 20.05	\$ 20.39	
SCHOOL TAXES ON \$100,000 ASSESSMENT				
	<u>2015-16/Actual</u>	<u>2016-17/Estimated</u>	<u>2015-16/Actual</u>	<u>2016-17/Estimated</u>
	<u>w/o Star</u>	<u>w/o Star</u>	<u>w/\$30,000 Star</u>	<u>w/\$30,000 Star</u>
Altona	\$2,005.00	\$2,039.00	\$1,403.50	\$1,427.30
Champlain	\$2,005.00	\$2,039.00	\$1,403.50	\$1,427.30
Chazy	\$2,005.00	\$2,039.00	\$1,403.50	\$1,427.30
Mooers	\$2,005.00	\$2,039.00	\$1,403.50	\$1,427.30

2016-17 Property Tax Report Card

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Contact Person: Jennifer L. Brown
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	Budgeted 2015-16 (A)	Proposed Budget 2016-17 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	27,449,197	28,576,383	4.11%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve ¹	10,415,018	10,593,115	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ²			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	10,415,018	10,593,115	1.71%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	138,776	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ³	10,218,452	10,697,679	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	10,415,018	10,454,339	
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ²	-196,566	243,340	
Public School Enrollment	1,305	1,310	38.00%
Consumer Price Index			0.12%

¹ Exclude any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

² Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

³ For 2016-17, includes any carryover from 2015-16 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2015-16 (D)	Estimated 2016-17 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	2,405,483	2,200,000
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	713,600	700,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	2,101,813	2,500,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	7.66%	8.75%



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