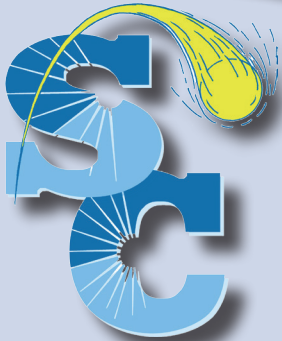


# Sandy Creek

Central School  
District  
Newsletter



## Budget Edition 2017-2018



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**Budget Vote  
and Election**

**Tuesday,**

**May 16, 2017**

**12 Noon - 8:00 p.m.**

**Sandy Creek District  
Office Board Room**

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**Budget  
Hearing**

**Thursday,**

**May 4, 2017**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Sandy Creek District  
Office Board Room**



Dear Community Member:

Please join us for the public hearing on the 2017-2018 expenditure plan on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the District Office Board Room.

The purpose of this publication is to provide you with the necessary information relating to the upcoming school year (2017-2018) expenditure plan so that you may make an informed decision when you vote on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. The 2017-2018 proposed expenditure plan reflects several months of planning, cost analysis and administrative deliberations. The Board of Education and Administration have been working with an overall objective of keeping school taxes level but continuing to offer a quality educational program for our children.

Education in New York State has been, and continues to face unprecedented financial pressure. The limited opportunities for additional State and Federal funding, increases in pension and healthcare costs, combined with the property tax cap legislation, continues to force districts across the state to make difficult choices. Fortunately, Sandy Creek has planned for such poor economic times and are now using our reserves and fund balance to allow us to maintain a level tax levy with minimal increases.

On April 13, 2017 the Sandy Creek School Board of Education adopted an expenditure plan of \$23,864,502 which represents a **2.41% increase in spending**. Due to increased mandates on Learners of English Language the District has included a 1.0 FTE increase in staffing for an Elementary Reading Teacher.

The District understands the importance of maintaining a constant non-fluctuating level of taxation for our taxpayers, the Board of Education felt it prudent to **adopt an estimated 2% tax increase** to the tax levy for the 2017-2018 fiscal year, while the Governor's property tax cap calculation would have allowed the District to increase taxes by 4.79%. Because of the decrease in taxes this current year, the **5 year average of tax increases is less than 1% at 0.83%**. The Sandy Creek School District maintains the lowest Tax on True in the County and will continue to do so with an estimated Tax on True for 2017-2018 at \$14.80 per \$1,000 of taxable values.

The District is also, with Proposition #2, proposing a small Capital Improvement Project using the Capital Reserves in the amount of \$580,000 to address the safety concerns of the elementary parking lot, elementary pick up and drop off area and energy efficiency and security at the loading dock area.

Comet Pride is Community Wide!

Sincerely,

Brian MacVean  
*President, Board of Education*

Kyle L. Faulkner  
*Superintendent of Schools*



## 2017-2018 Proposed Budget Resolution

**Proposition No. 1** Shall the Board of Education of the Sandy Creek Central School District, Oswego County, New York, hereby authorize to expend the sums set forth in the proposed expenditure plan for the 2017-2018 school year in the amount of **\$23,864,502** and to levy the necessary school tax therefore?

## Capital Improvement Proposition

**Proposition No. 2** Shall the Board of Education undertaking a capital improvement project consisting of (i) the acquisition of a parcel of land located at 134 Salisbury Street, Sandy Creek, New York and the construction thereon of a school parking lot and (ii) energy efficiency, safety and security improvements at the District's loading dock, including for each, site improvements, original furnishings, fixtures and equipment, architectural fees, and all other costs incidental to such work at a total estimated cost not to exceed \$580,000 and obtain the necessary funds by using \$580,000 from the District's Capital Reserve and any available state aid.



**Proposition No. 1:**

The Proposed 2017-18 Expenditure Plan in the amount of \$23,864,502.

*What follows is a presentation of the proposed 2017-2018 expenditure plan in accordance with the Commissioner of Education regulations stated in the three component (Program, Capital, and Administrative) format.*

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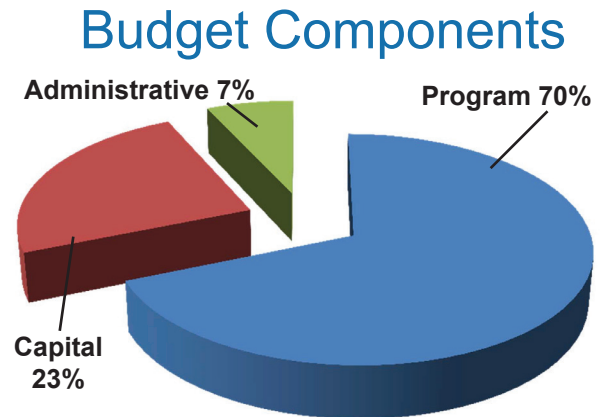
Program Component	Description	2016-2017	2017-2018
Curriculum, Administration & Planning	Includes all costs associated with staff development and costs directly associated with instruction	\$495,750	\$483,537
Regular School	All costs associated with Instruction, Library & Media, and Computer Technologies	\$6,209,730	\$6,573,896
Special Education Programming	All costs associated with the Education of Students with disabilities/handicapping conditions	\$1,916,500	\$2,153,250
Special Schools	All costs associated with BOCES Occupational Education and Summer School	\$792,050	\$853,000
Student Services	All costs associated with Guidance Services, Co-Curricular Activities, Interscholastic Sports, Transportation, and School Food Service	\$1,997,426	\$2,044,650
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above program component salaries	\$4,579,848	\$4,663,488
<b>Total Program</b>		<b>\$15,991,304</b>	<b>\$16,771,821</b>

Capital Component	Description	2016-2017	2017-2018
Special Item	Refunds of Real Property Taxes – Prior years	\$5,000	\$5,000
Operation of Plant	All costs associated with operating district buildings, including cleaning and utilities costs	\$941,390	\$1,009,370
Maintenance of Plant	All costs associated with maintaining district buildings and property	\$586,000	\$565,500
Transportation	Includes the purchase of (1) 66 passenger and (1) 29 passenger buse for 16-17 school year and (1) 66 passenger and (1) 29 passenger wheelchair accessible school bus for the 17-18 school year	\$200,000	\$297,073
Debt Service	Includes the principal and interest costs for the past capital project and BOCES capital project debt and fiscal agent fees	\$3,387,958	\$3,015,888
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above capital component salaries	\$473,953	\$501,527
Interfund Transfer	Interfund transfer to the Capital fund for the NetZero Energy Project	\$100,000	\$100,000
<b>Total Capital</b>		<b>\$5,694,301</b>	<b>\$5,494,358</b>



Administrative Component	Description	2016-2017	2017-2018
Board of Education	All costs associated with the Board of Education, District Clerk and Elections	\$75,055	\$78,672
Central Administration	All costs associated with the Superintendent's Office	\$180,000	\$180,220
Regular School Supervision	All costs associated with the Supervision of Curriculum, Principals, Supervision of Handicap, and Computer Instruction	\$418,100	\$386,725
Finance	All costs associated with the Business Office, Auditing, District Treasurer, Tax Collection, and Liability Insurance	\$301,665	\$293,074
BOCES Administrative Costs	BOCES administrative and capital budgets, printing and planning	\$271,266	\$285,406
Employee Benefits	All employee benefit costs associated with above administrative component salaries	\$370,973	\$374,226
<b>Total Administrative</b>		<b>\$1,617,059</b>	<b>\$1,598,323</b>

Budget Components	2016-2017	2017-2018	% of Total Budget
Program	\$15,991,304	\$16,771,821	70%
Capital	\$5,694,301	\$5,494,358	23%
Administrative	\$1,617,059	\$1,598,323	7%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$23,302,664</b>	<b>\$23,864,502</b>	



**Projected Revenues**

	2016-2017	2017-2018
<b>Other Tax Items</b>	\$23,000	\$24,000
Collected Interest and Penalties on Real Property Taxes		
<b>Uses of Money and Property</b>	\$18,200	\$11,700
Interest Earnings and Commissions		
<b>Sale of Property and Compensation for Loss</b>	\$21,500	\$35,500
Sales of Surplus and Lost Item reimbursements		
<b>Refund of Prior Year's Expenditures-BOCES and Other Sources</b>	\$250,000	\$225,000
BOCES contracted services expenses from prior year		
<b>Miscellaneous</b>	\$2,000	\$2,000
Other unclassified revenues, gifts and donations		
<b>State and Federal Aid</b>	\$16,151,358	\$16,232,356
NYS Education Aid, Federal Medicaid Reimbursement		
<b>Interfund Transfers and Uses of Reserves</b>	\$449,994	\$823,468
Transfers from the Debt Service Fund and other employee benefits reserves		
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	\$200,000	\$200,000
Fund balance for use in the upcoming year		
<b>Estimated Tax Levy</b>	\$6,186,612	\$6,310,478
Estimated amount of Tax Levy		
<b>Total Projected Revenues</b>	<b>\$23,302,664</b>	<b>\$23,864,502</b>



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Middle School/High School: Ext. 1910  
Nurses' Offices:  
Elementary - Ext. 1503; HS - Ext. 1505  
Transportation: Ext. 3330

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Sandy Creek Central School District

**Sandy Creek Central School District Board of Education**

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**Mr. Kyle L. Faulkner**  
**Business Administrator/  
District Clerk:**  
**Shelley H. Fitzpatrick**

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**Elementary:**  
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**Middle School:**  
Carolyn Shirley  
**High School:**  
Louis Chistolini, Interim



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**Voter Registration**  
*(If not previously registered)*  
Fri., May 5, 2017  
10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
*District Office Board Room*

Visit our District website at [www.SCCS.cnyric.org](http://www.SCCS.cnyric.org) for updates and budget information.

**Board Vacancy Two (2) - Five (5) Year Terms**  
Currently held by: Tammy Miller and Brenda Yerdon  
*Seat Terms to Expire: June 30, 2022*

*Candidates:*

- Ralph Fox**
- Shane Paternoster**
- John Shelmidine**
- Joe Hathway**

*Please visit our school website for Candidate Profiles at [www.sccs.cnyric.org](http://www.sccs.cnyric.org)*

