



# Newfane Central Schools

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## ON THE BALLOT...

### PROPOSITION NUMBER 1: 2018-19 School Budget

Shall the budget of the Newfane Central School District (the "District") Niagara County, New York, for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 in the amount of \$36,385,957 as presented by the Board of Education, be hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore be hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in said District to be levied and collected as required by law.

YES       NO



### CANDIDATES FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Newfane residents will elect three candidates to the Board of Education with two serving 3-year terms and one serving a 2-year term. Candidates are vying for seats currently held by: Laura Licht, Margaux Lingle, and Cheryl Wentland.

1. Anthony Casinelli
2. Margaux Lingle
3. Laura Licht

Names appear in the order in which they were randomly drawn for ballot placement.

## ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Newfane Elementary School**

Aquatic Entrance

2909 Transit Road, Newfane

The PTSA will be hosting

### “Meet the Candidates” Night

**Wednesday, May 9th**

at 6:30 p.m. in the Newfane Elementary School Cafeteria. Doors will open at 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet and ask questions of the candidates running for a seat on the Newfane Board of Education.

## Class of 2018 Top Ten Students



**Valedictorian**

*Noah Thornton*

*University @ Buffalo, Statistics*



**Salutatorian**

*Erin Harrington*

*Syracuse University, Sports Analytics*

*Top 10 students ranking as of 1/26/18, subject to change.*

## Class of 2018 Top Ten Students

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**Zachary Lundy**  
Canisius College,  
Statistics/  
Computer Science



**Madison Seib**  
SUNY ESF,  
Conservation  
Biology



**Michaela Gysbers**  
SUNY Oswego,  
Bio-Chemistry



**Alexa Littman**  
Gannon  
University,  
Engineering



**Rhianna Militello**  
University @  
Buffalo,  
Environmental  
Engineering



**Madison Killion**  
St. Bonaventure  
University,  
Biology



**Lauren Seymour**  
University @  
Buffalo,  
Bio-Chemistry



**Anne Judd**  
Niagara  
University,  
Political Science

## A Message from the Newfane Board of Education President, James Schmitt



On behalf of the Newfane Central School District Board of Education, I would like to extend our thanks to the Newfane community for your continuing support of our students and the District. We work very closely with the Superintendent and his administrative team to develop a comprehensive fiscal plan that will allow us to continue providing the high quality education and programs for our students, both now and into the future. With the 2018-2019 budget presented in this document, we have tried to provide a balance between the educational programs and activities to be offered to the students and the cost to be supported by state and local taxes.

The 2018-2019 budget has an overall increase of 6.28% over the current year's budget. This represents a significant increase over the last several budgets; however, much of the increase was anticipated due to the recent contractual settlements with our two largest employee unions and with our transportation provider. In addition, this increase will allow the District to maintain the educational programs, activities, and instruction that the community is proud of and has come to expect. The 2018-2019 budget continues to provide for activities such as modified sports and unified sports in our schools, as well as maintain materials, supply and equipment funds for each building. It will also allow us to continue to offer opportunities to welcome the community into our buildings through options like our aquatics and fitness center programs.

Although much of the budget increase for next year will be covered by the reserves (savings) we have accrued specifically for this purpose, the Board is recommending an increase to the tax levy on the revenue side of the budget. While under the New York State Tax Cap legislation the Board could recommend a tax levy increase as high as 4.26%, we are only considering a 3% increase. The impact of this increase will equate to about a \$0.66 increase per \$1000 of assessed value on property in the town (or a \$55 increase to the total tax bill of an average valued home) based on full value.

As a community, we share the responsibility to our youth to provide an educational experience that best prepares them for college or the career of their choice. As a Board, we strive to meet this responsibility on your behalf in a proactive and thoughtful manner that balances the opportunities offered to our students with the financial resources required to achieve those goals. This budget continues to demonstrate the Board's commitment to responsibly balance our District's educational and financial needs.

We continue to look for innovative ideas to support the ever-changing student needs while remaining mindful of the financial burden on the community. Although budgets are put forth and adopted on an annual basis, the budgeting process reflects a consideration of both the past and the future needs of the District over a number of years to reach this educational and financial balance. This can be seen in the enrollment sensitive staffing decisions and facility planning approaches that ensures our resources will remain focused on the students.

Please become informed by reading the information in this newsletter. We encourage all eligible residents to exercise their right to vote on this budget and to elect three representatives to the school board.

James Schmitt,  
Board of Education President

# NEWFANE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$34,234,845	\$36,385,957	\$35,995,218
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$2,151,112	\$1,760,373
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.28%	5.14%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
<b>A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>			
	\$13,024,626	\$13,415,365	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>			
	\$13,024,626	\$13,415,365	\$13,024,626
<b>F. Total Permissible Exclusions</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>			
	\$13,405,678	\$13,579,393	
<b>H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)</b>			
	\$13,024,626	\$13,415,365	
<b>I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>			
	\$381,052	\$164,028	
<b>Administrative Component</b>			
	\$3,212,823	\$3,141,834	\$3,102,634
<b>Program Component</b>			
	\$26,351,479	\$28,298,847	\$27,947,308
<b>Capital Component</b>			
	\$4,670,543	\$4,945,276	\$4,945,276
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2018-19 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. These assumptions may change should the budget of 2018-19 be defeated. Included in the budget of 2018-19 is the first year of a five-year contract for student transportation. The cumulative five-year transportation contract is estimated to be \$12,943,590 for home to school transportation; and \$459,150 for sport or field trips; and \$402,827 for summer special education.</p> <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	
	N/A	N/A	

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$759

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the Newfane Central School District, Niagara County, New York, will be held at the Newfane Elementary school in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Elementary School Gymnasium, 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.



**Annual Budget Vote And Election**  
**Tues., May 15, 2018 • 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.**  
**Newfane Elementary School (Aquatic Entrance), 2909 Transit Road, Newfane**



**Newfane Central School District**  
6273 Charlotteville Road  
Newfane, NY 14108

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**Board of Education**

James Schmitt, *President*  
Laura Licht, *Vice President*  
Patrick Kelahan  
Ann Kennedy  
Margaux Lingle  
James (Mike) Little  
Cheryl Wentland

**Absentee Ballot  
Applications**

If you are not going to be available to vote in person, you may request an application for an absentee ballot from the District Office, 6048 Godfrey Road, Burt, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The deadline for requesting an absentee ballot to be mailed to you is May 8, 2018. All ballots must be received by 5 p.m. on May 15, 2018 at the District Office. For further information, please call Bernadette Seymour, District Clerk, at 778-6853.

**Who May Vote?**

Eligible voters must meet all of the following qualifications:

1. Citizen of the United States
2. At least 18 years of age or older
3. District resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote

No pre-registration is required, although new voters will be asked to provide one form of residency (i.e. driver's license, utility bill). Voters do not need to own property in the District to be eligible to vote.



**...also on the calendar**

**May 10, 2018**

**Grades 7/8 Instrumental Concert**  
7:00 pm, Newfane MS Aud

**May 15, 2018**

**Chiavetta's Chicken BBQ @ Newfane Elementary School Cafeteria**  
Pickup from 3:00 - 6:00 pm  
\$10 per dinner  
Includes 1/2 chicken, potato salad, macaroni salad, roll and butter  
**Sponsored by the Class of 2019**  
For pre-sale tickets contact Class Advisor, Troy Sellers, at [tsellers@newfane.wnyric.org](mailto:tsellers@newfane.wnyric.org) or any member of the Junior Class.

**May 17, 2018**

**Grades 5/6 Instrumental & Vocal Concert**  
7:00 pm at Newfane MS Aud

**May 23, 2018**

**Grades 7-12 Combined Vocal Concert**  
7:00 pm at Newfane MS Aud

**May 31, 2018**

**HS Instrumental Concert**  
6:00 pm at Krull Park

**June 12, 2018**

**Elementary Vocal & Instrumental Spring Concert**  
7:00 pm, at Newfane MS Aud

**June 23, 2018**

**Graduation**  
7:00 pm, SUNY @ Buffalo - Fine Arts Center



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