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Solvay Union Free School District

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Budget 2018-19

The 2017-2018 school year has been fast paced and productive. The beginning of the year included a building reconfiguration moving 4th grade to Solvay Elementary School (SES) and moving Pre-K to Solvay Middle School (SMS). A \$28,242,000 Capital Project was proposed and approved by the community in the fall. The multi-year project will include infrastructure upgrades, air conditioning at Solvay Elementary School, complete renovations to the Solvay High School (SHS) auditorium, and a new bus garage.

Our district team members have crafted a budget that continues to offer innovative, quality programming for our students. Instructionally, we have continued to review our curriculum in core subjects across all grade levels, ensuring that our teaching is aligned to more rigorous learning standards.

At SHS, our pathways to college program continues to offer additional opportunities for our student to experience college course work and programming. Solvay is part of a pilot program with Onondaga Community College (OCC) called the OCC Advantage Program. This program allows our students the opportunity to obtain a tuition-free associates degree from OCC. Our second cohort of students are completing the first year of participation and have had workshops and college visits throughout the year.

We continue to invest in technology, moving our district toward one-to-one (1:1) device/student implementation by next year. In addition to the 1:1 initiative, we are proud to say that our communication with the Solvay community continues to improve as we move forward with utilizing our updated website and social media.

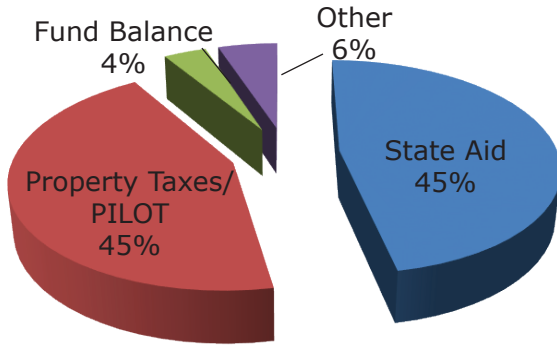
Thanks to the hard work of everyone in our school community we are well-positioned for success. Our Board of Education has adopted a \$33,350,000 budget for 2018-2019, which is a decrease of .23% over 2017-2018. This budget also includes \$100,000 for capital improvements to reconstruct the concrete steps near the bus deck and playground at SES, which will be aided at 84%. The vote also includes one school board seat for a three-year term, with one incumbent and one challenger running at large.

Voter qualifications, absentee ballot information, and the names of the candidates for the school board are on the back cover of this mailer. It is not our intent to provide all the details of the 2018-2019 budget in this document - if you would like more detail, a complete copy of the proposed budget is at each of the school buildings, or feel free to call the Assistant Superintendent for Business at (315) 468-4942. Please visit our site at www.solvayschools.org to learn more about the budget and events taking place throughout our schools. Thank you for all you do in support of our kids and community!

Questions and comments are welcomed by the superintendent's office at (315) 468-1111 or sentinel@solvayschools.org

REVENUE SOURCES

	2017-18	2018-19
State Aid	\$15,744,900	\$15,117,660
Property Taxes	\$14,741,100	\$14,957,315
Fund Balance	\$1,150,000	\$1,400,000
Other	\$1,791,500	\$1,875,025
Total	\$33,427,500	\$33,350,000

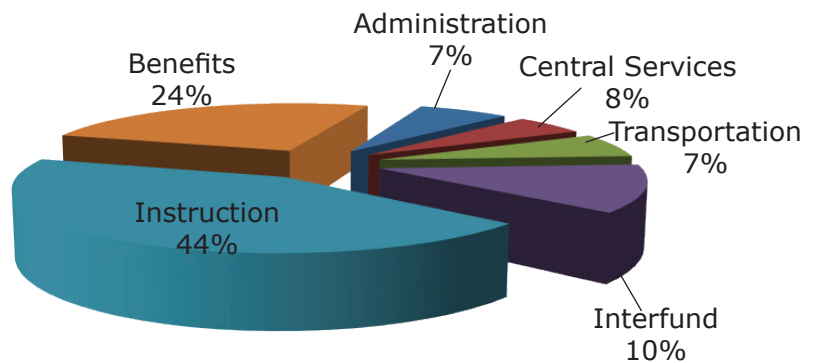


Did you know ...?

In addition to 23 college credit courses, Solvay High School has partnered with Onondaga Community College for the OCC Advantage Program, offering free tuition to district high school students.

EXPENDITURES

	2017-18	2018-19
Administration	\$2,247,759	\$2,494,725
Central Services	\$1,772,989	\$2,809,145
Transportation	\$2,132,030	\$2,187,750
Debt Service/Interfund	\$4,141,935	\$3,158,310
Instruction	\$14,509,723	\$14,780,407
Benefits	\$8,623,064	\$7,919,663
Total	\$33,427,500	\$33,350,000



Did you know ...?

Solvay High School graduated 95% of its students in 2017 – marking five years of a graduation rate greater than 90%.

THREE PART SUMMARY

	2017-18	%	2018-19	%
Program	\$23,173,802	69%	\$23,701,160	71%
Capital	\$6,981,762	21%	\$3,547,940	11%
Administrative	\$3,271,936	10%	\$6,100,900	18%
Total	\$33,427,500		\$33,350,000	

Administrative Budget Component: Includes expenses for office and administrative costs; salaries and benefits for certified school administrators who spend 50 percent or more of their time performing supervisory duties; data processing; public information; legal fees; property insurance; and school board expenses.

Capital Budget Component: This covers all school bus purchases, debt service on buildings, and leasing costs; tax certiorari and court-ordered costs; and all facility costs, including salaries and benefits of the custodial staff; service contracts, maintenance supplies and equipment; and utilities.

Program Budget Component: This portion includes salaries and benefits of teachers and supervisors who spend the majority of their time teaching; such instructional costs as supplies, equipment and textbooks; co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics; staff development; and transportation operating costs.

ESTIMATED TAX RATE per \$1,000 of ASSESSED VALUE

Actual tax rates will be based on the final assessment figures provided by towns. The tax rates and increases for next year that are displayed are estimates. These rates do not reflect STAR or other exemptions that may reduce an individuals tax bill.

Town	2017-18		2018-19	
	% of tax base	Actual	Projected	% change
Geddes	96.68%	\$30.76	\$31.21	1.46%
Camillus	3.32%	\$28.30	\$28.71	1.46%

PROPOSITIONS

ADOPTION OF ANNUAL BUDGET

SHALL THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED: Resolved: that the Board of Education of the Solway Union Free School District, Towns of Geddes and Camillus, County of Onondaga, State of New York, be and is hereby authorized to expend during the fiscal year 2018-2019 the sum of thirty three million, three hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$33,350,000) as general fund appropriations as set forth in its statement of estimated expenses and to levy the necessary taxes there of.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

Vote for any ONE (1):

1. Darryl Tucker
2. Kevin Dwyer

Did you know ...?

Students throughout the district have participated in numerous after school activities thanks to the 21st Century Learning Grant — many with a strong focus on STEM.



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2018-2019 Proposed School Budget Information Inside

See inside for revenue projections, expenditures and ballot propositions.

Budget Presentation

May 7, 2018
7 p.m.
Solvay Elementary School

Budget Vote and Board Member Election

May 15, 2018
Noon to 9 p.m.
Solvay High School

Candidates for one seat on the Board of Education

1. Darryl Tucker
2. Kevin Dwyer

Voter Qualifications

As stipulated by New York State Law, the following qualifications must be met in order to vote:

1. You must be a citizen of the United States;
2. You must be at least 18 years of age; and
3. You must be a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 15, 2018.

*The 2018-2019 proposed budget is available at any Solvay school building or online at
www.solvayschools.org*