



EDWARDS-KNOX CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2018-19 Proposed Budget

Message from the Superintendent:



April 19, 2018

Dear Residents:

The Annual Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at 6:30 P.M. in the auditorium. At this time, I will provide a presentation of the proposed budget.

The proposed budget includes a requested tax levy increase of 1.00% which equates to \$19,366.

Next year, we are budgeting for an increase in spending of \$449,341. Due to increases in state aid, strategic reductions, leasing of space to BOCES and utilization of reserve funds we are able to meet these expenses while remaining below our tax cap of 3.01%. Recognizing the financial stress of any tax increase, we strived to remain below the cap while maintaining a sound educational program for our children.

In order to continue with our bus fleet plan, we are requesting authorization to bond for the purchase of three buses. Currently, we strive to rotate our buses every seven years. The seven-year cycle for a bus has been chosen for two essential reasons: the trade value at the end of seven years is approximately \$20,000 per bus and the powertrain warranty on each bus is seven years. We find that the seven-year cycle for a bus, when combined with our transportation aid of approximately 90%, to be the most long-term cost effective fleet plan.

Additionally, we are seeking voter authorization to purchase a new mini-van to be paid for cash this year. This vehicle is used for the transportation of students and as the driver education vehicle. We are able to claim on state aid the portion of the vehicle's mileage used for transporting students. With students in programs throughout the county, we have a regular need for this type of vehicle which is more cost effective than a bus to transport one or two students.

The budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2018 from 12:00 noon to 8:00 P.M in the gymnasium. In addition to the budget and the propositions, there are two seats to be filled on the Board of Education. The two candidates running for these seats are Thomas O'Brien and Bobbie Trudeau.

In order to be eligible to vote, the following qualifications must be met:

1. 18 years of age
2. A citizen of the United States
3. A resident of the Edwards-Knox Central School District for 30 days.

Attached you will find the budget component summary sheet for your review. Anyone wishing to receive a complete itemized budget, the Tax Exemption Impact Report, the Property Tax Report Card, Salary Disclosure Notice and/or the NYS District Report Card can contact the district office or visit the school's website at www.ekcsk12.org and to go to the "District Budget Items."

If you have any questions prior to the Budget Hearing, please contact my office at 315.562.8131, ext. 25511.

Sincerely,

Ronald L. Burke

Ronald Burke

**Informational
Budget Hearing**
Tuesday, May 8, 2018
6:30pm - Auditorium

Budget Vote!
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
12:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M.
School Gymnasium

Budget Highlights

- **2018-19 propose
spending plan total:**
\$15,661,402
- **Tax Increase 1.00%**
- **Total Tax Levy**
\$1,955,972.00

YOU WILL VOTE ON...

Proposition 1: 2018-19 Budget

BE IT RESOLVED That the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District in the State of New York, County of St. Lawrence, be authorized to expend the sum set forth in the total amount of \$15,661,402.00, during the school year 2018-2019 and to levy the necessary tax thereafter.

Proposition 2: Bus Purchases

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase and finance three (3) school buses at an estimated cost not to exceed \$365,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and expend a total sum not to exceed \$365,000, which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and pay for such buses by the levy of a tax which is hereby voted for in the amount of \$365,000, subject to the applicable amount of State Aid which may be received for such purposes, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$365,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due.

Proposition 3: Passenger Van

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Edwards-Knox Central School District, New York, is hereby authorized to purchase and finance one (1) passenger van at an estimated cost not to exceed \$30,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other costs incidental thereto and pay for such passenger van by the levy of a tax in the amount of \$30,000, subject to the applicable amount of State Aid which may be received for such purposes, which tax shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds and notes of the District are hereby authorized to be issued at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$30,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the principal and interest on said obligations when due.

Election of two members to the Board of Education

Edwards-Knox Central School AGENDA For Special Budget Hearing

**May 8, 2018
6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order:
Reginald LaPoint
President, Board of Education

Availability of the notice:
Brandi Graham, District Clerk

**Permanent Chairperson of meeting
assumes Chair** (Appointed by Board)

Announcement of the Voting Inspectors
(Appointed by Board)

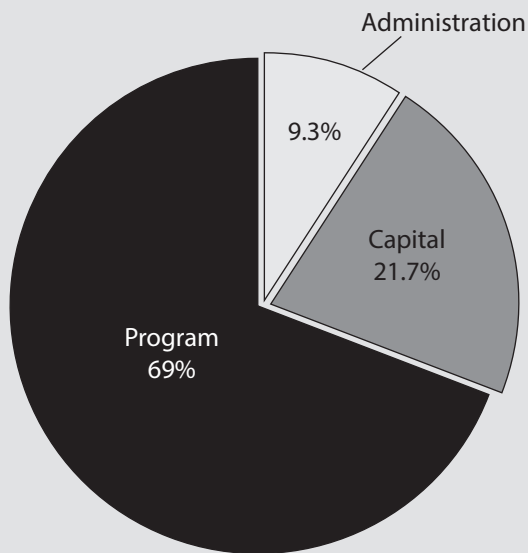
**Presentation of proposed 2018-2019
budget and ballots/proposition**

Adjournment

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- ☒ A person must be a citizen of the United States
- ☒ At least 18 years of age
- ☒ A resident of the Edwards-Knox school district at least 30 days preceding the election

2018-19 Budget Summary



Total Budget: \$15,661,402



Great time on the MOAS' trip to Ottawa to meet with the Ambassador from Costa Rica in the World Exchange Plaza!

	2017 Tax Year	Township	2018 Tax Year	Difference
Tax Levy	\$1,936,606.00		\$1,955,972.00	\$19,366.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value*	\$10.65	Edwards	\$10.75	\$0.10
	\$14.14	Russell	\$14.28	\$0.14
Est. Taxes for \$50,000 Property	\$532.25	Edwards	\$537.55	\$5.30
	\$707.15	Russell	\$714.20	\$7.05
Less STAR exemption**		Edwards	\$314.00	
		Russell	\$303.00	
Est. Net Taxes after STAR***		Edwards	\$223.55	
		Russell	\$411.20	

*Based on last assessment roll

**STAR exemption amount varies by townships

***Estimated Net Taxes on a property assessed at \$50,000

Budget Appropriations

Administrative Component

These expenditures provide for the overall general support and management activities, including office and administrative costs; salaries and benefits for Administration; data processing; legal and auditing services; and school board expenses.

	2017-18 Current Budget	2018-19 Projected Budget
Board of Education	\$12,737	\$14,106
Central Administration	\$155,942	\$161,001
Finance	\$173,276	\$187,303
Legal Staff	\$21,109	\$15,900
Central Services	\$86,844	\$84,012
Special Items	\$419,491	\$422,410
Instructional Administrative	\$274,376	\$279,802
In-Service Education	\$4,500	\$4,500
Administrative Benefits	\$269,000	282,500
Subtotal	\$1,417,275	\$1,451,534

Program Component

These expenditures provide funding for the instruction and support services for all students. This includes Teacher salaries and Benefits, instructional costs, and transportation operating costs.

	2017-18 Current Budget	2018-19 Projected Budget
Teaching Regular School	\$2,641,485	\$2,641,681
Special Education	\$1,545,694	\$1,703,688
Occupational Education	\$639,878	\$602,881
Special Schools	\$50,700	\$36,500
Instructional Media	\$470,526	\$461,851
Pupil Services	\$235,518	\$239,545
Health Services	\$196,037	\$223,775
Co-Curricular Activities	\$150,192	\$149,791
Pupil Transportation	\$886,533	\$915,474
Bus Garage Building	\$25,475	\$17,475
Community Service	\$4,000	\$4000
Program Benefits	\$3,592,584	\$3,819,013
Subtotal	\$10,438,622	\$10,815,674

Capital Component

The Capital component provides funding for facility costs of building, garage, and property. This also includes all utilities, debt service, and capital projects.

	2017-18 Current Budget	2018-19 Projected Budget
Central Services - Operations	\$739,546	\$740,714
Central Services - Maintenance	\$155,330	\$218,711
Central Service Benefits	\$263,200	\$268,200
Debt Service	\$1,992,088	\$1,966,569
Interfund Transfers	\$206,000	\$200,000
Subtotal	\$3,356,164	\$3,394,194
Total Expenditures	\$15,212,061	\$15,661,402

Revenue Comparison		
	2017-2018	2018-2019
State Aid Estimate	\$11,942,293	\$12,399,663
Other Revenues	\$59,426	\$100,463
Reserves Appropriated	\$404,672	\$374,304
Fund Balance Appropriated	\$869,064	\$831,000
Tax Levy Estimated	\$1,936,606	\$1,955,972
TOTAL REVENUE	\$15,212,061	\$15,661,402

EDWARDS-KNOX BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Penny Allen
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Tom O'Brien
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The Edwards-Knox District Board of Education is the official policy-making body of the school district.

The role of the E-KCS Board includes:

- reviewing, changing, or establishing district policy.
- setting district goals
- acting upon all personnel and contractual matters.
- overseeing and reviewing all financial matters, including, but not limited to, budget preparation, warrants, and bonding.

No one person, or group of persons, acts in the name of the Board. When an item of business comes before the Board in the form of a motion, it is necessary that a majority of votes be cast in favor of the motion for the Board to act. Members of the Board are without authority to act independently as individual Board members, therefore answers must be deferred pending consideration by the full Board.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SEATS

There are two five-year term seats up for vote with two people running for the school board. The five-year term will be from July 1, 2018, through June 30, 2023.

◆ Board of Education Candidates ◆

Board of Education Candidate Profile: Thomas O'Brien

Seeking: Five-year Expired Seat

Purpose for wanting to be on the Board of Education:

My involvement in the Knox Memorial and Edwards-Knox school systems spans more than 45 years as a parent, grandparent, bus driver, bus mechanic, director of transportation and Board of Education member.

I would like to continue on the Board of Education making Edwards-Knox Central School the best it can be. A school that provides the best education and opportunities for its students and gives its employees an ideal working environment.

Work / Education History:

Received a 2 year degree in Agriculture from Canton College

Operated own dairy farm for 25 years prior to full time employment at Edwards-Knox



Board of Education Candidate Profile: Bobbie Trudeau

Seeking: Five-year Expired Seat

Purpose for wanting to be on the Board of Education:

I would like to keep and enhance current educational/athletic programs. I would also like to see the curriculum programs of Edwards-Knox and how they align with the current New York State Standards. I think that teacher enrichment is essential for a solid curriculum and a positive learning environment. Lastly, I am interested in being a part of the budget process and ensuring that tax dollars are spent in the most efficient way possible.



Volunteer or Organization Affiliations:

Judged FFA competitions and helped with recent FFA Auction
Attends Goat and Sheep Meetings at the Canton Cooperative Extension
Participates in Canton Farmers Market and runs roadside vegetable stand in Fowler
Boys' Varsity Cross Country Coach at Indian River
Scorekeeper for track programs at Indian River as needed
Currently serves on the Indian River Science Curriculum Council

Work/Education History:

Current Indian River High School Teacher for Living Environment, Anatomy & Physiology and Syracuse University Project Advanced Biology
Current High School/Middle School Science Department Head

Started the Trudeau Family Farm in 2004
2004 received Master of Science in Education from SUNY Potsdam
2003 received Bachelor of Arts in Biology and Secondary Education at SUNY Potsdam
2000 Graduated from Jefferson Community College with Liberal Arts degree
1997-2003 Worked as a certified laboratory technician at the Samaritan Medical Center
1995-1996 received certification from the NCA
1992 Graduated from Carthage Central School with a Regents diploma



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