



Greene Central School NEWSLETTER

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Budget 2017

Proposed Budget 2017-18

Budget Spending:.....	\$26,168,454
Budget Increase:.....	2.95% / \$750,622
Estimated Tax Levy Increase:	1.27% / \$85,160

Budget Hearing

Monday, May 8, 2017
Middle School/High School
Auditorium
6:30 p.m.

Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
Middle School/High School
Auditorium Lobby
11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Mission Statement

Greene Central School, in partnership with the community,
will inspire students to learn the skills and behaviors
necessary to become productive citizens.

A Message from the Board of Education

May 2017

Greene Central School has a history rich in academic success. Every year the district works diligently at preparing our students to be college and career ready. Last year's graduation rate of 92% far exceeds the New York State graduation rate of 83%.

Students in clubs and activities have had wonderful experiences on the fields, on the courts, and in the classrooms during the 2016-2017 school year. Footlights provided several opportunities for our students to perform capped by the recent musical, *Once Upon A Mattress*. Robotics Club and Odyssey of the Mind teams continue to excel in competitions and challenge our students to reach beyond the traditional classroom experiences.

Teachers continue to adapt and evolve to changes initiated by the Common Core Learning Standards. These standards are part of a nationwide effort to create a national curriculum for students and teachers. Due to the mobility of our society today, it is important that students in New York, California, Texas or any other state be covering similar curriculum year after year. A tenth grade student moving from one state to another should be studying a tenth grade curriculum that meets their needs and keeps them on a continuum toward graduation. Our servicemen and women are good examples of individuals who are subject to transfer or relocation during their career.

New York State's adoption of a new budget provides Greene Central School District with a much brighter picture than originally anticipated. The additional allocation of state aid through the foundation aid formula; coupling this with an increase in building aid meant an overall increase for Greene of \$645,000. This was a \$200,000 improvement over last year. However, a budget gap of \$356,000 still remains, which we will need to use reserves to close. In addition, uncertainty regarding federal funding is a growing concern.

The budget committee has met and discussed many issues, including the loss of positions over the past several years. We have looked carefully at our needs and are hopeful to stop the loss of personnel and slowly restore a position or two from part-time to full-time. Additionally, we will explore options such as shared-services, wherever possible, over the next year or two.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our programs and our students. We will continue to meet our goals of providing our students the best educational programs possible. Our faculty and staff take this responsibility to heart and aspire to take this wonderful opportunity to profoundly impact the lives of our students and their families.

Please do not hesitate to contact us with your thoughts regarding our District. I wish you the best as we move forward.

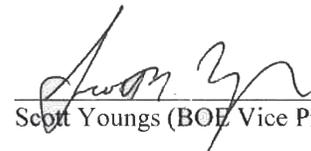
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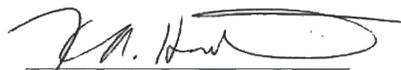
Gordon Daniels
Interim Superintendent of Schools

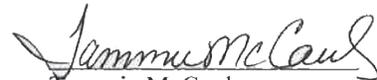
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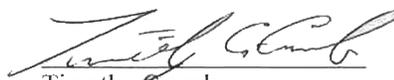
The Board of Education


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Karen Hendershott


Tammie McCauley


Timothy Crumb


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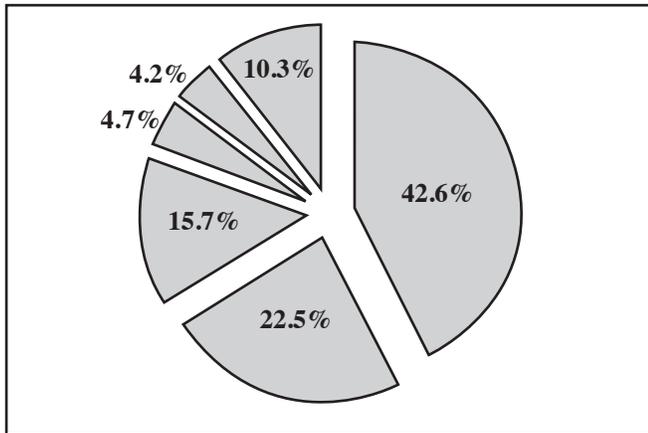
You Will Be Voting On . . .

- General Budget (Expenditure & Revenue details on pages 3-7)
- Election of Three (3) New Board Members

Budget Summary

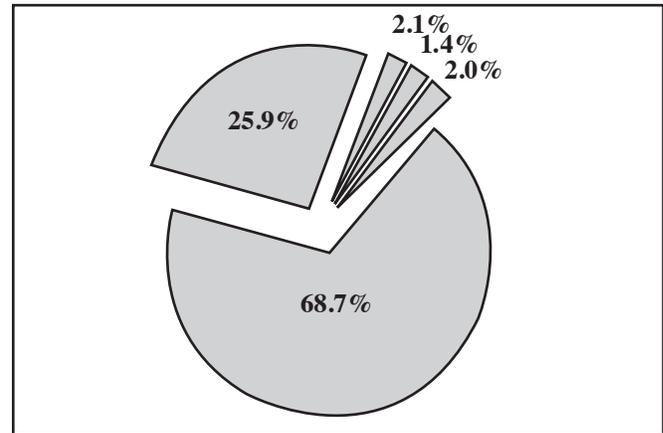
	2016-17	2017-18
Total Budget	\$25,417,832	\$26,168,454
Dollar Increase		\$750,622
Percent Increase		2.95%

WHAT DO WE SPEND MONEY ON?



Instruction	42.6%	\$	11,143,440
Employee Benefits	22.5%	\$	5,880,400
Debt Service	15.7%	\$	4,120,236
Buildings & Grounds	4.7%	\$	1,233,730
Transportation	4.2%	\$	1,093,755
Administrative Services	10.3%	\$	2,696,893
	100.0%	\$	26,168,454

STATE AID DEPENDENT

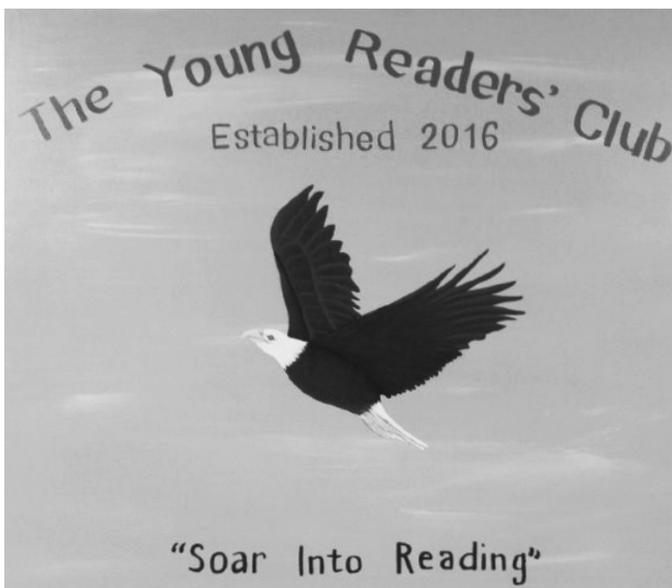


State Aid	68.7%	\$	17,972,132
Property Taxes	25.9%	\$	6,775,660
Other Revenues	2.1%	\$	550,599
Transfer from Reserves	1.4%	\$	356,863
Appropriated Fund Balance	2.0%	\$	513,200
	100.0%	\$	26,168,454

Greene Central School District: 2017-18 Budget

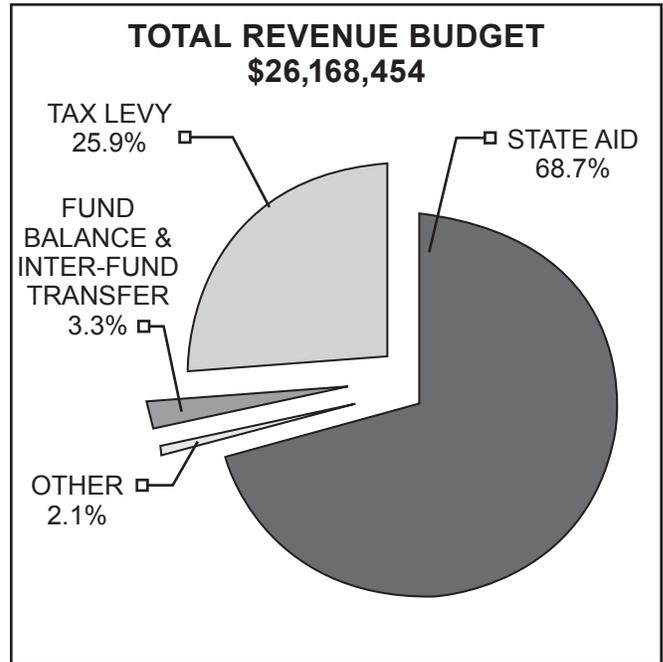
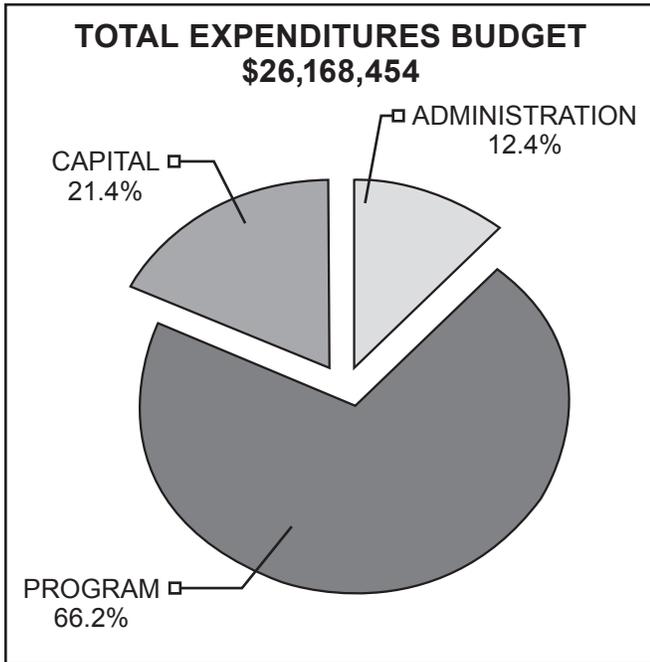
THE SCHOOL BUDGET IS MADE UP OF THREE KEY COMPONENTS

- **Administrative** – This component of the budget includes expenditures for the BOE, Central Administration, the Business Office, Supervision of Regular School and benefits for all employees in this category. Also included here are BOCES Administrative charges.
- **Program** – This component includes instructional services, extra-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics, transportation and specialized instruction for special needs students. Benefits for these employees are also included.
- **Capital** – This component reflects expenditures for operation and maintenance of district facilities, including salaries and benefits. Principal and interest payments on construction bonds and Bond Anticipation Notes (BANS) for bus purchases are also included.



Expenditures

	CURRENT BUDGET	2017-2018 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Administration	\$ 3,327,300	\$ 3,236,294	\$ -91,006	-2.7%
Program	\$ 17,000,252	\$ 17,322,101	\$ 321,849	1.9%
Capital	\$ 5,090,280	\$ 5,610,059	\$ 519,779	10.2%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 25,417,832	\$ 26,168,454	\$ 750,622	2.95%



Revenue

	CURRENT BUDGET	2017-2018 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
State Aid	\$ 17,327,837	\$ 17,972,132	\$ 644,295	3.7%
Other Revenues	\$ 438,908	\$ 550,599	\$ 111,691	25.4%
Fund Balance	\$ 513,200	\$ 513,200	\$ 0	0.0%
Inter-fund Transfer	\$ 447,387	\$ 356,863	\$ -90,524	-20.2%
Property Taxes	\$ 6,690,500	\$ 6,775,660	\$ 85,160	1.27%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 25,417,832	\$ 26,168,454	\$ 750,622	2.95%



Administration

The Administration category of the budget reflects spending associated with District-wide management and supervision, as well as that for each of the District's schools. The budget increase results primarily from contractual salaries, fringe benefit costs, BOCES administrative charges and data processing charges.

BUDGET CATEGORY	CURRENT BUDGET	2017-18 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Board of Education	\$ 9,200	\$ 5,700	\$ -3,500	-38.0%
District Clerk	\$ 5,852	\$ 6,023	\$ 171	2.9%
Advertising	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ -500	-50.0%
Chief School Administrator	\$ 276,280	\$ 198,770	\$ -77,510	-28.1%
Business Administration	\$ 369,549	\$ 386,865	\$ 17,316	4.7%
Auditing	\$ 15,500	\$ 15,000	\$ -500	-3.2%
Tax Collector	\$ 4,900	\$ 4,800	\$ -100	-2.0%
Purchasing	\$ 6,519	\$ 6,734	\$ 215	3.3%
Legal	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 0	0.0%
Records Management	\$ 6,378	\$ 6,723	\$ 345	5.4%
Public Inform. & Services	\$ 48,479	\$ 25,085	\$ -23,394	-48.8%
Central Printing & Mailing	\$ 131,260	\$ 130,300	\$ -960	-0.7%
Central Data Processing	\$ 696,198	\$ 669,380	\$ -26,818	-3.9%
Unallocated Insurance	\$ 107,000	\$ 110,000	\$ 3,000	2.8%
School Association Dues	\$ 150	\$ 8,150	\$ 8,000	5,333%
Boces Administrative Costs	\$ 558,669	\$ 551,608	\$ -7,061	-1.3%
Curriculum Dev. & Superv.	\$ 21,837	\$ 22,000	\$ 163	0.7%
Supervision Regular School	\$ 509,548	\$ 543,255	\$ 33,707	6.6%
Employee Benefits	\$ 552,981	\$ 539,401	\$ -13,580	-2.5%
Transfer to School Lunch	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0	0.0%
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 3,327,300	\$ 3,236,294	\$ -91,006	-2.7%



Program

The Program portion of the budget is the largest of the three budget categories and reflects spending for direct instructional services to children, “after-school” clubs, organizations and athletics, specialized instructional and related support services for specific groups of children, transportation and fringe benefits. The budget increase is driven by contractual salary increases.

BUDGET CATEGORY	CURRENT BUDGET	2017-18 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Legal – Program	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 0	0.0%
Instruction-Regular Schools	\$ 6,016,800	\$ 6,043,708	\$ 26,908	0.4%
Programs-Students w/Disab.	\$ 2,919,546	\$ 3,163,917	\$ 244,371	8.4%
Occupational Education	\$ 651,356	\$ 618,937	\$ -32,419	-5.0%
Instruction-Special Schools	\$ 71,649	\$ 84,164	\$ 12,515	17.5%
School Library & Media	\$ 208,531	\$ 159,343	\$ -49,188	-23.4%
Audio Visual	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 0	0.0%
Computer Instruction	\$ 225,977	\$ 190,924	\$ -35,053	-15.5%
Guidance Services	\$ 295,405	\$ 287,900	\$ -7,505	-2.5%
Health Services	\$ 82,700	\$ 86,200	\$ 3,500	4.2%
Educ. Support Services	\$ 122,694	\$ 114,000	\$ -8,694	-7.1%
Social Work Services	\$ 53,942	\$ 55,450	\$ 1,508	2.8%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$ 43,584	\$ 43,340	\$ -244	-0.6%
Interscholastic Athletics	\$ 255,057	\$ 267,557	\$ 12,500	4.9%
District Transportation	\$ 1,026,899	\$ 1,067,955	\$ 41,056	4.0%
Garage Building	\$ 25,610	\$ 25,800	\$ 190	0.7%
Recreation (Pool)	\$ 19,500	\$ 17,500	\$ -2,000	-10.3%
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,953,002	\$ 5,067,406	\$ 114,404	2.3%
TOTAL PROGRAM EXPENSE	\$ 17,000,252	\$ 17,322,101	\$ 321,849	1.9%



Capital

The Capital component of the budget reflects expenditures made to operate and maintain the District’s physical facilities, principal and interest payments on long-term capital projects and bus purchases.

BUDGET CATEGORY	CURRENT BUDGET	2017-18 BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Operation of Plant	\$ 876,169	\$ 966,280	\$ 90,111	10.3%
Maintenance of Plant	\$ 180,550	\$ 249,000	\$ 68,450	37.9%
Environmental Management	\$ 950	\$ 950	\$ 0	0.0%
Employee Benefits	\$ 260,645	\$ 273,593	\$ 12,948	5.0%
School Construction Bonds	\$ 3,480,048	\$ 3,830,582	\$ 350,534	10.1%
Bus Purchase Notes	\$ 291,918	\$ 289,654	\$ -2,264	-0.8%
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	\$ 5,090,280	\$ 5,610,059	\$ 519,779	10.2%

Historic Trends – Spending & Taxes

DISTRICT SPENDING OVER THE LAST DECADE

SCHOOL YEAR	BUDGET	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
2017/2018	\$ 26,168,454	\$ 750,622	2.95%
2016/2017	\$ 25,417,832	\$ 630,425	2.54%
2015/2016	\$ 24,787,407	\$ 254,238	1.04%
2014/2015	\$ 24,533,169	\$ 141,566	0.58%
2013/2014	\$ 24,391,603	\$ 715,309	3.02%
2012/2013	\$ 23,676,294	\$ -284,226	-1.19%
2011/2012	\$ 23,960,520	\$ 49,952	0.21%
2010/2011	\$ 23,910,568	\$ 1,827,179	8.27%
2009/2010	\$ 22,083,389	\$ 38,265	0.17%
2008/2009	\$ 22,045,124	\$ 1,300,984	6.27%
TEN YEAR AVERAGE		\$542,431	2.3%

DISTRICT TAXES OVER THE PAST DECADE

SCHOOL YEAR	TAX LEVY	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
2017/2018	\$ 6,775,660	\$ 85,160	1.27%
2016/2017	\$ 6,690,500	\$ 142,741	2.18%
2015/2016	\$ 6,547,759	\$ -590	-0.009%
2014/2015	\$ 6,548,349	\$ 189,000	2.97%
2013/2014	\$ 6,359,349	\$ 176,203	2.85%
2012/2013	\$ 6,183,146	\$ 86,455	1.42%
2011/2012	\$ 6,096,691	\$ 119,540	2.00%
2010/2011	\$ 5,977,151	\$ 167,172	2.88%
2009/2010	\$ 5,809,979	\$ 29,239	0.51%
2008/2009	\$ 5,780,740	\$ 0	0.0%
TEN YEAR AVERAGE		\$ 99,492	1.6%

2017-2018 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	CURRENT	PROPOSED	CHANGE
Total Proposed Spending	\$ 25,417,832	\$ 26,168,454	2.95%
Total Proposed School Tax Levy	\$ 6,690,500	\$ 6,775,660	1.27%
Permissible Exclusions to Tax Levy Limit	\$ 646,145	\$ 649,001	
School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 6,044,383	\$ 6,126,659	
Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible	\$ 6,044,355	\$ 6,126,659	
Difference (negative value requires 60% Voter Approval)	\$ 28	\$ 0	
Public School Enrollment (includes BOCES)	1,000	(includes UPK) 1,000	0.00%
Consumer Price Index	0.12%	1.26%	
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$ 3,779,490	\$ 3,917,919	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 513,200	\$ 513,200	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$ 1,016,713	\$ 1,046,738	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%	

GREENE CENTRAL SCHOOL
Greene, New York 13778

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Qualifications of Voters

Pursuant to Section 2012 of the Education Law, a person qualified to vote in the annual school district election must be:

- Eighteen years of age
- A citizen of the United States
- A resident within the district for a period of 30 days prior to the election

Election of Board Members

There are three Board of Education vacancies, Ethan Day, Tim Crumb and Karen Hendershott and there are three (3) who have turned in a petition to run for office.

The names of the following people have filed petitions with the Clerk of the District prior to the deadline of April 17, 2017 at 5:00 PM. The two individuals receiving the largest number of votes shall be elected to fill the 3-year vacancies 7/1/2017- 6/30/2020. The individual with the third-highest number of votes will begin their term immediately; that seat was vacated by Ethan Day and will expire June 30, 2019.

- Jason Burghardt
- Douglas Markham
- Nicholas R. Drew

Absentee Ballot Information

Absentee ballot applications are available to qualifying Greene Central School District residents from the District Clerk, Donna Utter, located at the High School, during regular business hours (7:30 AM to 4:00 PM). All applications must be picked up no later than May 8, 2017, if the ballot is to be mailed by the voter, or by May 12, 2017 if the ballot is to be delivered personally.

All completed absentee ballots must be submitted to the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, May 16, 2017.