

Manchester-Shortsville Central School District



Vote on the School Budget May 15th

School Budget Vote 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.,
High School Auditorium Foyer

Mission: We challenge all learners and work in partnership with students, parents and community to achieve high standards.



Tax Levy = Fiscal Responsibility

0.0%	2012 – 2013	0.0%	2016 - 2017
1.9%	2013 – 2014	0.0%	2017 - 2018
1.9%	2014 – 2015	1.5%	2018 – 2019
1.2%	2015 - 2016		

Expenses for Board of Education, instructional supervision, central administration, curriculum development, legal services, central data processing, printing, mailing, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

Although the District’s Tax Cap is 4.09%, Red Jacket is asking voters to vote on a 1.5% Tax Levy increase for the 2018-2019 school year. A 1.5% increase on the levy is \$109,795. What this means to a homeowner with basic star exemption (whose home is valued at \$100,000), is an annual increase of approximately \$28.00 per year based on the 2017-2018 property assessments. This amount is about the cost of one sheet pizza or about 7 cents a day.

2018 - 2019 Three Propositions

- #1 Budget** not to exceed \$17,456,280
- #2 Bus Purchase Reserve** to purchase three (3) 63-passenger diesel buses, not to exceed \$381,000 and one (1) 30-passenger wheel chair bus, not to exceed \$74,000. The District is on a five-year annual bus replacement schedule to take advantage of the safety and financial benefits it affords our students and District. The State provides Red Jacket with 90% Aid back on bus purchases! The five year bumper to bumper warranty places students in newer, safer buses, decreases maintenance costs associated with older buses and allows Red Jacket to take advantage of the higher auction value when it is time to sell them.
- #3 One Board of Education Seat** becomes vacant June 30, 2018. There are two candidates, Heather Bachman and Eric Schaertl. Voters may vote for no more than one candidate or write-in.

Three Budget Components

Please read the District’s Budget Newsletter for details.

Total Proposed 2018 - 2019 Budget = 17,456,280

Percent Increase = 2.00%

1) Educational Program:

Proposed Budget = \$13,197,365

Percent of Budget = 75.60%

Teaching general and special education students, i.e., program costs, employee salaries, benefits, insurance, professional development, school library, athletics, co-curricular activities, transportation services).

2) Capital:

Proposed Budget = \$2,401,661

Percent of Budget = 13.76%

Expenses for the operation and maintenance of school buildings, bus purchases, principal and interest payments for debt service, transfers to capital and debt service funds, property tax funds, and employee benefits attributable to salaries included in these functions.

3) Administrative:

Proposed Budget = 1,857,254

Percent of Budget = 10.64%

2018 - 2019 Contingent Budget

The State requires the District to report to the community the budget reductions that will be made to the proposed budget if the budget is defeated by the community. Contingent budget regulations require the District to remove Non-State-Aided equipment and school supplies provided to students, and requires fees to be charged to the community for use of District facilities.

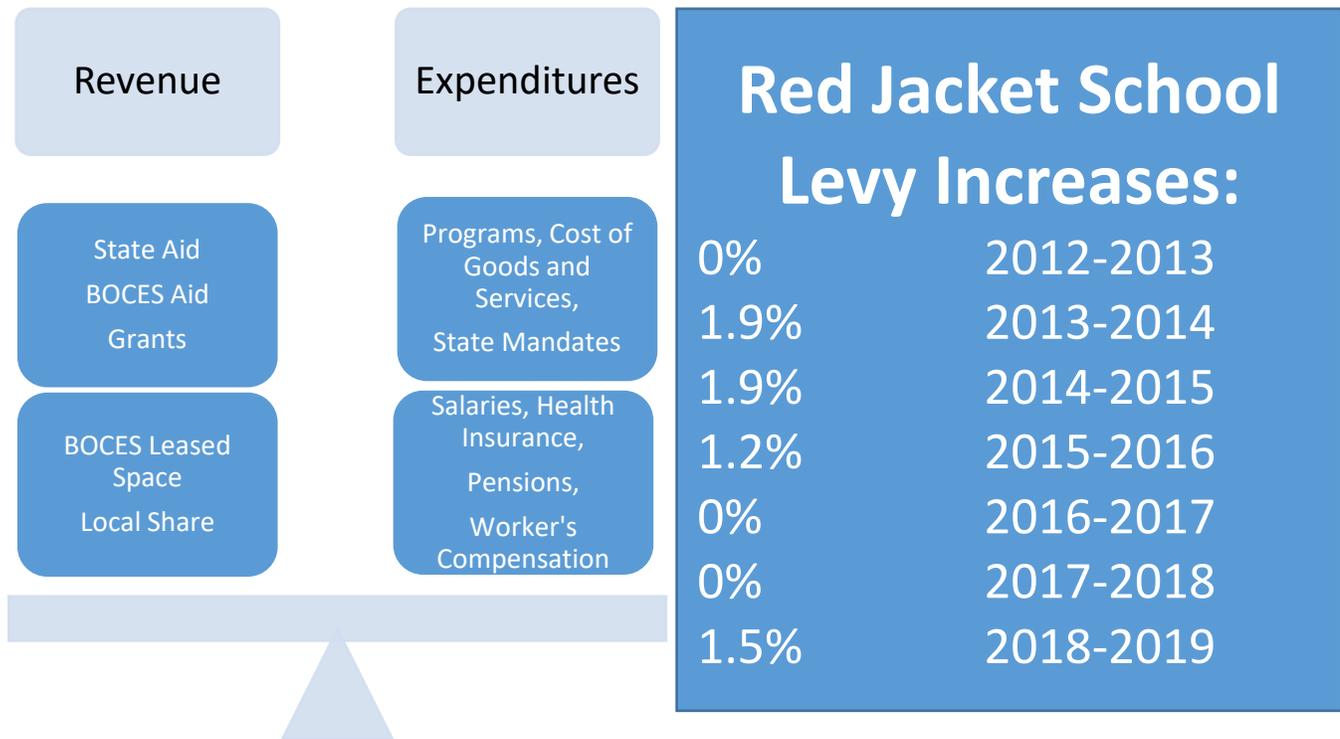
Proposed Budget: \$17,456,280

Contingent Budget Reduction: \$112,000

Contingent Budget: \$17,344,280

Not going to be in town? Contact Board Clerk, Mrs. Kim Brown in District Office at 289-3964 or email her at Kim.Brown@redjacket.org to request an absentee ballot.

Factors that Influence the School Budget



State Aid: Although Red Jacket’s Foundation Aid is increasing by \$209,601 going into the 2018-2019 school year, a shortfall of \$1.5 MILLION in Foundation Aid from the State still exists for Red Jacket Schools.

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How is the District able to ask the community to support a 1.5% tax levy increase? Due to cost savings from retirements, reductions that were previously made, utility cost savings from our energy performance projects, and because the State’s budget provided an additional \$209,601 in Aid, we are able to ask our community to support a **1.5% tax levy increase on May 15th** for the 2018-2019 school year.

2018-2019 Budget Information: In April, the Board of Education adopted a 2018-2019 Budget not to exceed \$17,456,280, with a **tax levy increase of 1.5%**, and a budget increase of 2%. This will allow the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District to balance the budget, maintain the restorations to the positions and programs that were brought back over the past several years in the areas of Technology, English, Social Studies Teacher, Special Education, support staff, modified sports, full time AD, Coordinator of Special Services and Business Manager. It also includes maintaining the addition of a half day Pre-Kindergarten program, offering more high school elective courses and a part time, shared School Resource Officer. The Budget includes the recent addition of the Clay Target Club as well as two additional clubs, Bowling and Golf, which will be offered during the 2018-2019 school year.

Board of Education Vacancies: One seat on the District Board of Education will become vacant on June 30, 2017. Qualified voters of the District will elect one Board member at the vote on **May 15th**. There are two candidates, Mrs. Heather Bachman and Mr. Eric Schaertl, running for the vacancy.



Mrs. Heather Bachman

I have lived in the Red Jacket community since 2004 with my husband Andy. We have two sons. Kole is in 6th grade and Ian is in 4th grade. I am an active parent volunteer at Red Jacket CSD. I also serve on the Red Jacket PTSA Executive Board and am a parent representative to the Red Jacket Elementary Building Council. I am currently pursuing a Master's Degree in Educational Administration and Leadership at the University of Scranton. I also have a Master's Degree in Curriculum Development and Instructional Technology from SUNY Albany and a Bachelor of Science Degree in Health Education from SUNY Cortland.

I have been in education all my life either as a student, a teacher or as an educational staff developer. I love school! I began teaching 23 years ago at Newark Middle School as a health education teacher. For the past 20 years, I have provided research-based professional development, training and technical assistance to schools and their communities through my role at the Genesee Valley BOCES. The focus of my work is on supporting schools with creating and enhancing supportive learning environments that promote academic achievement and reduce barriers to learning. I collaborate with school communities around areas related to school climate and culture, health education, school health and wellness and social and emotional learning.

From 2014-2017, I was also a daily substitute teacher at Red Jacket Elementary School. In those three years, I substitute taught over 300 school days. It was during this time that I really came to know and grew to care about so many Red Jacket students, their families and school staff members. I am passionate about supporting our young people and want them to achieve academically, be healthy, happy and safe and grow into caring and productive adults.

I am running for a seat on the Red Jacket Board of Education because I want to take a more active role in supporting our students, their families, our school district and staff. My decision to run for the school board is based on my passion for excellence in education and is an extension of my desire to help support our young people and our school district to be the absolute best it can be! Issues such as maximizing financial resources, maintaining educational excellence and enhancing the academic, physical, emotional and social health of our students are at the forefront of my mind as I pursue a seat on the Red Jacket Board of Education. I am an effective communicator, decision maker and community partner. I believe my knowledge, experience and enthusiasm would allow me to effectively contribute to the support of our students, the community and our school district in ways that are aligned with our vision and goals for student success. I welcome the opportunity to serve our school community as a Board of Education member. Thank you for considering me as the next elected school board member at Red Jacket Central School District!



Mr. Eric Schaertl

My name is Eric Schaertl. I'm the husband of Donna and the father of Jared, Savanna, Devon, McKenzie and Ethan. I graduated from RJC in 1978. After graduating from West Point in 1982, I served nearly 23 years as an active duty Army Officer. Upon retiring from the Army, we moved to Shortsville to raise our family. We've been living here since the fall of 2004. In 2011 my fellow junior football coach Mike Liberty convinced me to participate in the RJC capital project working group that he was leading. Involvement in that project led me to run for the School Board in 2013. I've been a current member of the school board for the last 5 years, and actively participated in our latest capital project effort led by Board Member Rich Vienna.

My educational background consists of a Bachelor of Science in Engineering Mechanics from West Point, and Master Degrees in Education, Mathematics, and Mechanical Engineering from Drexel University. I currently work the Syracuse University Army ROTC program as both the recruiter and the military history instructor. My free time consists mostly of hunting, working outside and watching my children participate in school athletics.

I believe our Administration and School Board have made numerous significant positive improvements to our school while remaining fiscally conservative. Of course there's always more to do, and I am still motivated to work towards that end. That's why I'm running again for the School Board. We need to see the current capital project to completion. We need to continue to focus on preparing our children to be successful adults, while keeping our school financially viable. We need to continue to hunt for new opportunities for our students, while minimizing the cost to our community.

Thank you.