

# Manchester-Shortsville Central School District

## Vote on the School Budget May 17<sup>th</sup>!

# Red Jacket Points of PRIDE

**Red Jacket High School ranks in the top 10% of public schools across the nation!**

According to US News & World Report's 2015 Best High Schools report, Red Jacket High School earned, once again, the Silver Medal Award, **ranking us in the top 10% across the nation and top 15% across the state for best high schools.** State proficiency tests for math and English and Advanced Placement (AP) test data are part of the three-step process used to determine the best high schools ranking.

Statistics released to Buffalo Business First from the New York State Education Department shows **Red Jacket ranking number four in Ontario County for college readiness.** Based on Regents exam scores for math and English and local, Regents and Advanced Regents diploma data from 426 high schools across New York State, aspirational performance measure (APM) rates **placed Red Jacket High School in the top 20% for college readiness.**

Many of our students graduate from Red Jacket High School with college credits; some with most of their freshman year of college already under their belts! This June, **74% of our senior class will be graduating with college credits and 80% of our juniors and seniors are taking AP or other college-level courses.**



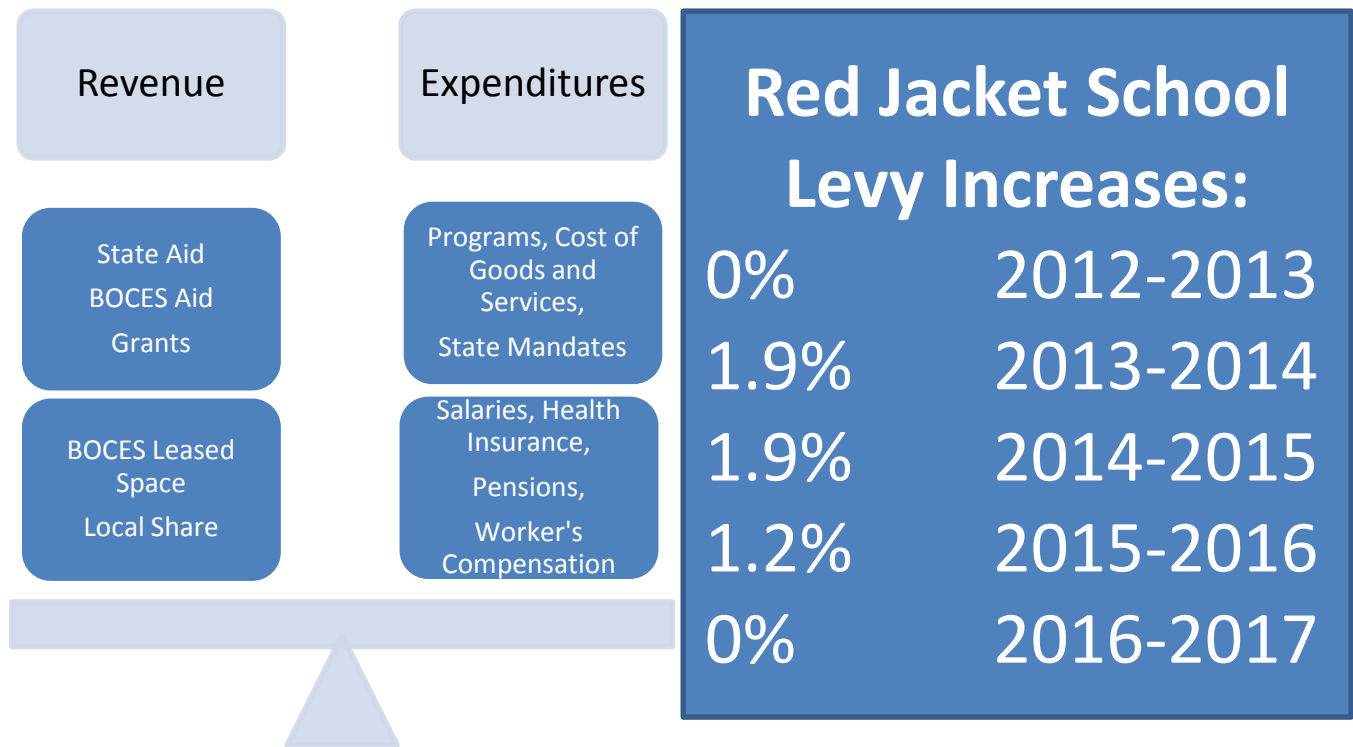
**We may be small, but we get  
BIG results!**



### Mission

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

## Factors that Influence the School Budget



**How is the District able to ask the community to support a 0% 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 includes the full restoration of the Gap Elimination Aid (GEA), we are able to ask our community to support a **0% tax levy increase on May 17<sup>th</sup>** for the 2016-2017 school year.

**2016-2017 Budget Information:** In April, the Board of Education adopted a 2016-2017 Budget of \$17,114,000, with a **tax levy increase of 0%**, and a budget increase of 3%. 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 three years, as the GEA State Aid was being restored (Technology Teacher, English Teacher, Social Studies Teacher, two support staff persons, modified sports, Special Education Teacher, Coordinator of Special Services, and Business Manager) and it includes adding a half day Pre-Kindergarten program, more high school elective courses and a part time, shared School Resource Officer.

**Budget Additions:** This budget places a priority on increasing educational opportunities for our students at the Pre-Kindergarten and secondary levels and increasing safety and security measures across the District.

- We believe it is important to provide early learning opportunities to our students to prepare them for school. By adding an afternoon Pre-Kindergarten Program, we will be able to serve children who are not able to participate in the morning UPK grant-funded program that requires us to use a lottery system to fill and maintain 18 slots. An additional afternoon program will allow us to serve the needs of more children in our community.
- Currently our secondary Business Teacher is also our Athletic Director. To meet the demands of the Athletic Director position, she requires additional time. Providing her with additional time would require taking away business classes from our academic program. Providing fewer elective options for our students is not acceptable. Placing our Athletic Director on special assignment will allow us to hire a full-time Business Teacher to increase the number of higher level elective courses we will be able to offer our students.
- Increasing safety and security is a shared concern for all schools, parents, and community members. Through our partnership with BOCES, we will be able to hire a part-time, retired School Resource Officer (SRO) to provide support across the District.

**Bus Proposition:** On May 17<sup>th</sup>, we will be asking our voters to release funds from our transportation reserve to purchase two (2) new full-size diesel buses. The fleet upgrade would be an investment of \$260,000. The funds are available in our bus reserve. This will have no tax levy impact.

**Contingent Budget Information:** If our budget fails, and the Board of Education decides to go to a contingent budget, the State requires the District to reduce the budget by \$51,566, remove non-state aided equipment (mower, floor scrubber), instructional equipment (band instruments), miscellaneous expenses (professional development) and charge a fee to the community for use of District facilities. We would also be required to reduce our Business Manager position in the upcoming school year. The Contingent Budget is \$17,062,434, which is \$51,566 less than the proposed budget.

**Board of Education Vacancies:** Two seats on the District Board of Education will become vacant on June 30, 2016. Qualified voters of the District will elect two Board members at the vote on **May 17<sup>th</sup>**.



Mrs. Jennifer Speers has been a resident of the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District since 1999. She has been married to her husband Dennis for almost 13 years. They have two beautiful boys who attend Red Jacket Elementary. Connor is nine years old, and Jacob is five. Connor is finishing third grade and is active in football, basketball, and baseball. Jacob is finishing a fun year in kindergarten here at RJ!

Mrs. Speers is a licensed insurance agent. She has licenses for Property, Casualty, Life, and Health Insurance. She works for an agency in Fairport as a Business Development Manager, responsible for sales marketing. She has been with the agency for a little over seven years.

Mrs. Speers is running for the school board again to continue to be active in her community and advocate for the children, parents, and taxpayers of the school district.



Mr. Rich Vienna has been a resident of the Manchester-Shortsville Central School District for the last forty-two years. He is a 1991 Red Jacket grad. He graduated from FLCC in 1993 and attended Lincoln Memorial University in Tennessee.

Mr. Vienna has been married for fourteen years to wife Jennifer and they have two beautiful children, Brooklyn (4th grade) and Mason (6th grade). Mr. Vienna works for the Town of Manchester Highway and Water Department. He is active in youth sports in the community.

Mr. Vienna is completing his fourth year on the Board of Education and first year as Board of Education Vice President. He looks forward to continuing to serve the community through his position on the Board of Education.

**Voting Information:** **Please remind your friends, neighbors and community family members to come out and vote on the school budget on May 17<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium Foyer. For more school budget information, please visit our website at [www.redjacket.org](http://www.redjacket.org).**

**Not going to be in town?** Not a problem. Contact Kim Brown in District Office at 289-3964 or email her at [Kim.Brown@redjacket.org](mailto:Kim.Brown@redjacket.org) and request an absentee ballot.

**Thank you to all of our students, parents and community members for supporting quality education and promoting and believing in the integrity of our school's mission of working in partnership to achieve high standards. Together, we get results!**

With Red Jacket PRIDE

*Charlene Dehn*

Superintendent of Schools