



# 2018-19 Budget Focus

The East Irondequoit Central School District will be holding its annual budget vote and school board elections on May 15 from 6 AM-9 PM at Eastridge High School.

There is one proposition on the ballot-the proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year of \$80,668,468. This represents an increase of 3.48%. The proposed tax levy increase is 1.7%, which would mean a projected tax rate **DECREASE** of 4.4%.

There are also six people running for three spots on the board of education. The candidates are, Stephen Aldersley, Kimberly Kane, Idris Smith, Patricia Storm, Doreen Swan and Carol Watt. Brief descriptions of the candidates can be found inside this publication.

A major focus of this year's budget is school security. The safety of our staff and students has always been a primary concern but, in light of recent incidents, it has become evident that even more precautions can be put in place.

The budget would increase the number of security cameras at our buildings as well as providing

additional access control devices at more doors around the district.

Of course, the primary task of schools is to educate our children and this proposed budget does a number of important things to



ensure this is accomplished in a way that serves student needs in a practical, responsible manner.

For example, because of increased enrollment at Durand-Eastman there will be an additional fourth grade teacher added to the staff. There will also be an increase of a third and a fifth grade teacher at Laurelton-Pardee. This will help

keep class sizes at a more reasonable level. Research has shown that lower class sizes have a significant impact on student performance.

The budget also maintains the programs that have become part of the fabric of the district. These include International Baccalaureate, Project Lead the Way and AVID.

Not only does it keep academic programs such as these intact, it also preserves the digital learning initiative which has become a cornerstone of almost everything that is done. With this budget students will continue to experience the benefits that technology in the classroom can provide.

Just as important is making sure that we provide what is necessary to develop a well-rounded individual. This budget also provides the funding necessary to keep strong programs in both art and music as well as athletics.

Please remember to vote on May 15 from 6 AM-9 PM at Eastridge High School. For more detailed budget information please refer to the district website:

<http://www.eastiron.org/district/budget/>

**DISTRICT VOTE-TUESDAY, MAY 15 6AM-9PM  
EASTRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL-9TH GRADE GYM**

# 2018-2019 BUDGET FOCUS

When constructing the annual budget for the East Irondequoit Central School District, there are a number of items which are taken into consideration. Here are some of the most important.

- 1) Decisions will be made for students, not for adults.
- 2) Programs proven to improve student achievement will be protected as much as possible.
- 3) We will not engage in “new programs are eliminated first” decision making.
- 4) All programs must be evaluated on their merit and using a K-12 district-wide perspective.
- 5) We must honor our contractual commitments and comply with laws and regulations.
- 6) We will continue to strive to maintain a highly-qualified, well-trained and supported work force.
- 7) Preserving the fiscal integrity of the school district will prevent unacceptable cuts in the future.
- 8) Looking for ways to deliver services in a more cost-effective manner is preferable to eliminating them entirely.

## Who May Vote?

You don't have to be a registered voter in order to take part in the school district elections, however you do have to be a United States citizen who is at least 18 years old by May 15. You also have to be a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

The school district also requires proof of residency at all votes. Acceptable forms of proof include a driver's license, utility bill, tax return or police ID. If you are a registered voter in Monroe County, ID is not required.

Absentee ballots are available on the district website or by contacting the district clerk. If you have questions regarding voter eligibility or any other items pertaining to the vote, please call the district clerk at 339-1210.

Information is also available on the district website on the Board of Education page.

[www.eastiron.org](http://www.eastiron.org)

School District Budget Notice			
Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$77,954,087	\$80,668,468	\$79,959,267
Increase/decrease for the 2017-18 school year		\$2,714,381	\$2,005,180
Percentage increase(decrease) in each proposed budget		3.48%	2.57%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
Proposed Total Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$41,414,124	\$42,123,325	
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$686,072	\$147,572	
School Tax Levy Limit <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$40,728,052	\$42,226,651	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Permissible Exclusions	\$40,728,052	\$41,975,753	
Difference: Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval	(\$0)	(\$250,899)	
Administrative component	\$12,938,112	\$13,378,569	\$13,260,951
Program component	\$51,016,913	\$52,718,740	\$52,255,261
Capital component	\$13,999,062	\$14,571,159	\$14,443,056
The estimated Contingent Budget information displayed above has been calculated in total based upon the requirements of NYS Education Law Section 2023 and in accordance with Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 (The Property Tax Cap). The contingent budget displayed above was estimated based upon a proration of any necessary reductions. In the event the budget is defeated twice, the Board of Education would be required to identify specific reductions and/or changes to the proposed budget and to adopt a contingent budget. This adopted contingent budget may differ from the budget displayed above.			
		Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$938.00		
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 by the qualified voters of the East Irondequoit Central School District, Monroe County, New York will be held at Eastridge High School in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M. prevailing time in the Eastridge High School at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine.			
<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.			

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## Meet the Candidates for the Board of Education

There are six candidates running for three available seats on the East Irondequoit School Board. Here are brief profiles of all of the candidates. They are listed in the order their names will appear on the ballot.

### Stephen Alders-

Mr. Aldersely has worked at Rochester Institute of Technology as a teacher and administrator since 1980. He has three children who have all graduated from public schools. After spending his entire career in education, he hopes to use that experience to help the district's students. "The strength and well-being of a community depends above all on the education it offers its children."



### Idris Smith

Mr. Smith has been a member of the board since July of 2017. He has two young children attending EI schools. An employee of ESL Federal Credit Union, he says the children in the district are his motivation for serving. "This district has the unique capability of providing opportunities to students of many backgrounds and abilities. My sole intention is to do right by our students, district employees and community as a whole."



### Patricia Storm

Patricia Storm is a former East Irondequoit teacher. During her time in the classroom she worked to ensure it was a safe place for every student. As a board member she hopes to do even more. "I want every student to have the resources they need to succeed and for every worker to be treated as a valuable member of our community."



### Doreen Swan

Ms. Swan is seeking her third term as a member of the school board. A 1971 graduate of Eastridge High School, two of her children are also EHS alumni. She is very active in volunteering with the marching band and a number of other student activities. "The kids education is my top priority, and seeing that they succeed in life."



### Kim Kane

Ms. Kane, a board member for 12 years, is proud of the improvements to the district in that time. She is a paraeducator in who sees her job as a board member to be a combination of building on those improvements, but not at all costs. "I hope to maintain the gains we have made while being mindful of financial implications to the community and continued fiscal health of the district."



### Carol Watt

Ms. Watt is a self-employed personal cook and community volunteer. She has one daughter who is an Eastridge graduate. She hopes her time on the board will allow her to ensure the quality and focus of an EI education. "I am a passionate believer in public education and how it lays the foundation for our students to become successful, productive citizens."



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Jeffrey Petrie     Idris Smith  
Doreen Swan  
Superintendent of Schools-  
Susan Allen

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TOP PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL IN THE  
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# Please Remember to Vote

**Tuesday, May 15**  
**6 AM to 9 PM**

**Eastridge 9th Grade Gym**

**On the ballot will be the proposed  
2018-19 East Irondequoit School Budget  
and three positions for the  
Board of Education.**