EXCELLENT PROGRAMS, CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

Sustainability and fiscal responsibility continue to drive the proposed 2018/2019 Educational Plan and Budget. The budget plan reduces 4.9 faculty and staff positions consistent with declining enrollment. The proposed budget is $209,894,000, a 2.36% increase from the current school year. The tax levy increase is 2.20%, which is below our allowable 2.40% tax cap.

While maximizing efficiencies, the plan preserves and enhances the high quality academic and extra-curricular programs that are the cornerstone of an Arlington education. The 2018/2019 plan includes an English as a new language (ENL) teacher, two additional social workers, increased librarian hours (0.3 FTE), mental health training for staff and a portable generator to power a school during a power outage.

WHY ARE WE PROPOSING THESE PROGRAM ADDITIONS?

- Over the past five years, the number of students who receive ENL services has increased from 123 to 199.
- School social workers support our students’ social emotional needs during the school day, which enables many of our students to be successful in school and to develop the skills they need to be productive. Social workers provide mental health referrals, school-based counseling, risk assessment, crisis response, and agency coordination.
- By providing mental health training to our staff, they will be better prepared to recognize signs that a student is in emotional distress. Our staff can be the catalyst that encourages students to get the help they need.
- While power was restored before a decision to close was made, we almost sent students home several times this past year due to power outages. If one of our schools is without power, a portable generator will help us keep the school operating.

The budget also maintains all extra-curricular activities, class sizes, the elementary literacy initiatives, project based learning, and high quality professional development for our faculty and staff.

THREE PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT

In addition to the budget, there are three propositions on the ballot. The first is the annual bus proposition to purchase new buses and maintenance vehicles. We replace buses after 10–12 years that have excessive mileage or undercarriage rusting. This replacement cycle helps to avoid expensive repairs and the need for emergency leasing. Purchasing new vehicles via a bond maximizes state aid and our buying power.

The second is for AHS athletic complex upgrades and bathroom renovations. We are proposing using the remaining $1.5 million from the 2016 capital reserve fund, so there will be NO additional tax impact to complete these improvements.

Upgrades include replacing the turf on the Maroon and Gold Fields, resurfacing the track, putting turf in the softball infield, new bleachers, and an elevated press box. These projects will improve the safety and the usability of our athletic facilities. In addition, the bathrooms in the 1961 wing of the high school are in need of renovations. See the Q & A inside this Communicator for more project details.

The third proposition, to establish a capital reserve fund, allows the District to set monies aside as they become available, similar to a savings account, for construction and renovations. By setting the funds aside for capital improvements, we can complete these projects without additional taxes. The maximum amount of the fund is $20 million over a twenty-year period. Voter approval is required to use the money in the capital reserve fund. The community approved a similar fund in 2016 for $10 million. If the athletic complex upgrade is approved, the funds from the 2016 fund will be exhausted.

A complete copy of the 2018/2019 Educational Plan and Budget is available online, at all of our schools, and in the town libraries. For more information, call 486-4460 or visit our website at www.arlingtonschools.org.

Remember to vote on May 15.

Pauline Herr
President, Board of Education

Brendan Lyons, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

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2018 BUDGET VOTE MAY 15TH • 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM
AHS ATHLETIC COMPLEX UPGRADE CAPITAL PROJECT:
IMPROVED SAFETY FOR PE CLASSES, STUDENT ATHLETES, AND MARCHING BAND—$0 ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT

In 2016, Arlington taxpayers approved a capital reserve fund to allow the District to set aside monies to use towards improving district facilities. Last year, voters approved using $8.5 million for improvements to our transportation, operation and maintenance, and fueling facilities. We are proposing using the remaining $1.5 million to upgrade the Arlington High School athletic complex, as well as renovating bathrooms at the high school.

WHAT DOES THIS PROJECT INCLUDE?

• Maroon and Gold Fields turf replacement
• Turf softball infield
• Track resurfacing
• New visitor bleachers and elevated press box
• Bathroom renovations within Arlington High School

WHY ARE THESE UPGRADES NEEDED?

Our physical education classes, many of our sports teams, and the marching band use the Maroon and Gold Fields year-round for classes, practices, and competitions. The turf was installed in 2007 with a life expectancy of 10 years. The fields, now in their 11th year of use, are showing wear and tear. The fields must pass shock testing for student safety. Our aim is to replace them prior to failure. The new fields are expected to last 12–14 years.

The softball infield is clay and soil and is unplayable in wet conditions. In 2016/2017, the softball team had to reschedule five home games as away games because of the condition of the infield. Our grounds staff spends a lot of time getting the softball infield ready for play. Conversely, there is turf on the baseball infield thanks to a grant from the Dyson Foundation. Our baseball team was able to play more home games, and even reschedule some away games as home games, because of the minimal maintenance and superior condition of the baseball infield.

The track was last resurfaced in 2010. Currently, the lines from previous years are bleeding through and parts of the track have needed patching. Resurfacing will create a smoother, safer, and more functional track surface.

Our overall bleacher capacity is inadequate, creating safety and supervision issues during events. Our visitor bleachers are antiquated. They do not meet current handicap accessibility standards. The elevated press box provides for a more appropriate vantage point for coaches and judges during sporting and marching band practices and contests.

Arlington High School’s east wing opened in 1961. Now almost 60 years old, the original bathrooms are in need of renovations.

HOW IS THE DISTRICT COMPLETING THESE IMPROVEMENTS WITH A $0 ADDITIONAL TAX IMPACT?

We estimate that the project will cost $3,275,000, which is the maximum allowable expenditure for this project. We will use $1,518,000 from the capital reserve fund that voters approved in 2016. State building aid will cover the remaining $1,775,000 cost of the renovations. Because the capital reserve fund will cover the local share of this project, there will be NO additional tax impact to complete these renovations.
ARLINGTON CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

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Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings

$946

* The following is a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2018/19 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. The projected contingency budget for the 2018/19 school year would be the proposed budget less $3,002,245. These reductions would be made by eliminating all new equipment (except state-aided equipment), reducing staff, reducing programs, eliminating certain raises, eliminating certain materials and supplies for students, reducing extracurricular activities, and reducing capital expenditures.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018/2019 by the qualified voters of the Arlington Central School District, Dutchess County, New York, will be held at School Election District #1–Arthur S. May School, School Election District #2–Traver Road Primary, School Election District #3–Overlook Primary, School Election District #4–Noxon Road Elementary, School Election District #5–Beekman Elementary, and School Election District #6–Vail Farm Elementary school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Arlington Central School(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1 The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.
2018 SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS

The terms of Edward L. McCormick, Charles McLeod, and Mary Anne Meaden will expire on June 30, 2018. The three incumbents are running to fill these seats. Those elected to the Board will serve a three-year term beginning July 1, 2018. For more information, please visit www.arlingtonschools.org.

EDWARD L. MCCORMICK

Ron Edmonds, an educational researcher and philosopher wrote, “We can, whenever and wherever we choose, successfully teach all children whose schooling is of interest to us. We already know more than we need to do that. Whether or not we do it must finally depend on how we feel about the fact that we haven’t so far.” My overarching objective for board services is, “to balance the will of the people with the education of the child.”

CHARLES McLEOD

I have one child at Noxon, three at AHS. I have served on the Board for the last 6 years and am seeking my 3rd term as an ACSD Board Member. It has been a challenging 6 years with tough decisions made and more challenges ahead. My focus is on helping our district provide the best public education to all of our students and continue to fight for the resources we need to do so.

MARY ANNE MEADEN

I believe our society benefits greatly when it provides each and every child with a quality education and an opportunity to reach their potential. It is essential that we prepare each student for life after Arlington. I will bring my experience in accounting, parenting and as a PTA leader to my decision-making. My background as a tax preparer for low-income families informs my commitment to safeguarding the tax dollars collected from our hard working taxpayers.

2018/2019 BUS PROPOSITION

ON MAY 15, VOTERS WILL CONSIDER THE PURCHASE OF THE FOLLOWING VEHICLES:

- 10 Seventy-two (72) Passenger Buses
- 3 Thirty (30) Passenger Vans
- 1 Wheelchair Van
- 4 Maintenance and Service Vehicles/Equipment
- 5 Seven (7) Passenger Mini Vans
- 5 Twenty (20) Passenger Vans

This year’s bus replacement proposition for $2,008,500 is the same as last year. Bus costs totaling $1,873,500 are eligible for state transportation aid at the rate of 63% so the local share is $693,195.

DID YOU KNOW?

Arlington’s fleet of 251 buses and vans travel over 2.9 million miles per year. There are 708 routes this school year. We currently transport approximately 8,133 Arlington students, 500 private and parochial students, 388 special education students, and 51 homeless students.

The district is required by law to transport students to nine private schools within district boundaries, to 37 schools for special needs students, and to another 16 out of district private and parochial schools. To save money, we continue to forge agreements with surrounding districts and with BOCES to share busing for special needs students.

PROPANE BUSES

In 2016, we began transitioning to propane fueled 72-passenger buses. Propane buses are safer for students, easier and cheaper to maintain, and cleaner for the environment. The fuel cost per mile has been even better than we anticipated. Students, parents, and staff have commented positively about the reduced noise and the absence of foul-smelling diesel fumes.

WHAT IF THE BUS PROPOSITION DOES NOT PASS?

Arlington maintains a schedule for bus replacements. If we do not replace buses in one year, then we need to replace more buses in subsequent years. This interrupts budget sustainability and predictability. Operating older buses increases our repair costs and has the potential to increase the number of buses taken out of service by the DOT. We want to avoid making cuts to our educational programs due to additional costs incurred from added repairs or the need to lease buses.

2018 BUDGET VOTE

MAY 15TH
6:00 AM – 9:00 PM

1 & 2: The Annual Arlington Arts Fair, co-sponsored with the PTSA Council, features artwork by more than 2,000 students. 3: The Gift of HOPE (Helping Others Pursue Education) faculty basketball game raises money for college scholarships for graduating seniors who have lost a parent. 4: On February 27, the Arlington Education Foundation presented a check for $10,000 to support elementary school STEAM labs. 5: The Arlington community donated eight pallets of non-perishable food, diapers, and wipes to Dutchess Outreach during the annual district-wide Cram the Classroom food drive.
WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BUDGET IS DEFEATED?

Under state law, if the school budget is defeated, the Board of Education has three choices:

1. Put the same budget up (without change) for a re-vote on June 19
2. Present a revised budget for a re-vote on June 19
3. Immediately adopt a contingency budget

If the budget is defeated a second time, the board must adopt a contingency budget. For Arlington, this means cutting over $3 million dollars from the proposed budget.

With a contingency budget, Arlington must exclude all capital projects contained in the general budget and eliminate the purchase of all new equipment (excluding instructional technology). This would include eliminating the portable generator.

In addition, we will likely consider reducing the budget through the following ways:

- Decreasing the number of classroom teachers, thereby increasing class sizes
- Reducing extracurricular activities and athletics (Grades K–12)
- Eliminating the two proposed social worker positions
- Excluding additional mental health training for staff
- Reducing non-mandated programs and staff

WHAT IS THIS PROPOSITION?

The District is seeking approval to create a new capital reserve fund for $20 million dollars. The maximum term of the fund will be 20 years. A capital reserve fund allows the District to set monies aside for the purpose of constructing additions, making improvements, and equipping District buildings and facilities.

In 2016, Arlington taxpayers approved a capital reserve fund for a maximum of $10 million over a ten-year period. Last year the community approved spending $8.5 million from this fund to expand and repair our transportation and maintenance facilities. If the community approves the athletic complex upgrade project, this $10 million reserve will be exhausted.

WHY IS IT HELPFUL?

A capital reserve fund is similar to a savings account. By setting the funds aside for capital improvements, we can complete these projects WITHOUT additional taxes.

A SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS AVERTS FUTURE TAX INCREASE: CAPITAL RESERVE FUND 2018

WHERE DOES THE MONEY COME FROM?

Funds can come from any legal source including unexpended and unassigned fund balances in the general fund (for example savings from lower than anticipated fuel costs) or from the sale of real property (such as the Raymond Avenue building).

HOW DOES THE DISTRICT PLAN TO USE THE MONEY?

The district has a five-year plan for making improvements to our buildings. Some of the priorities include roofing and HVAC renovations and replacements.

WILL VOTERS HAVE A SAY ON HOW MONEY IS SPENT?

Yes, voter approval is required for the use of the money in the capital reserve fund.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION FAILS?

If the proposition fails, capital projects will need to be fully bonded, which will result in new taxes.

TAXING BELOW THE CAP

ARLINGTON’S TAX LEVY IS BELOW THE TAX LEVY CAP FOR THE 7TH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

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Arlington’s Proposed 2018/19 Levy is $271,752 Below the Allowed Tax Levy Cap.

CUMULATIVE TAXPAYER SAVINGS NEAR $9 MILLION SINCE 2012/2013

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The Arlington High School Admiral Players’ spring musical was Crazy for You.
DON’T FORGET TO VOTE!

TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 • 6:00 AM TO 9:00 PM

VOTER REGISTRATION
To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of the district for 30 days prior to the vote. If you are registered to vote for a general election, you are registered to vote in all school district elections.

VOTING LOCATIONS
Make sure you know where to vote! An Arlington street listing is available on the 2018/2019 Budget Vote page at www.arlingtonschools.org.

    District 1 – Arthur S. May School
    District 2 – Traver Road Primary
    District 3 – Overlook Primary
    District 4 – Noxon Road Elementary
    District 5 – Beekman Elementary
    District 6 – Vail Farm Elementary

TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT
Absentee ballots are available to residents who will be out of town or who are unable to go to the polls due to illness or disability. To vote by absentee ballot, you must first fill out an application. Contact the district clerk at 486-4460 ext. 20212 or download an application from the Arlington website at www.arlingtonschools.org.

If you would like an absentee ballot mailed to you, we must receive your application by May 8. If you plan to pick up your ballot, we must receive your application by May 14. The district clerk must receive completed absentee ballots by 5pm on May 15.

QUESTIONS?
If you have questions about the budget or about your voting location, information is available at all district schools, at www.arlingtonschools.org, or by calling 486-4460 ext. 20212.

BUDGET SNAPSHOT

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