

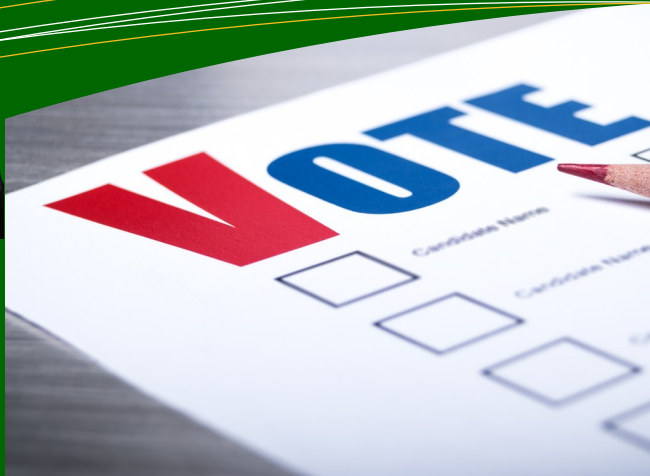
Eagle Express

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Our Mission

The Lake Shore Central School District in partnership with our students, families and school community will cultivate engaging, diverse, and challenging educational opportunities and learning environments to promote life-long learning and achievement in preparation for high school graduation, college and careers.



Tuesday, May 15
Senior High Main Lobby
9:00 a.m - 9:00 p.m.

Proposing a Sensible Budget for District Growth

One of the top priorities of the Superintendent's office is to develop a workable budget with the Board of Education. Together, we are tasked with assessing the needs of our classrooms, our buildings and grounds and our transportation fleet. It is our charge to present a budget that meets the needs of our student body while remaining fiscally responsible to the community.

We strongly feel that this budget promotes Lake Shore's dedication to providing high-quality educational programs, including a robust offering of Advanced Placement courses, arts and music that prepare our students for post-secondary education and careers in a 21st century workforce. It is our focus to invest in programs that return the greatest dividends.

In the following pages of the Eagle Express you will find detailed information about the 2018-2019 proposed budget along with a proposition for replacement fleet vehicles.

You will also find profiles of two candidates running for positions on the Board of Education; current Board members Jennifer Michalec and Kathleen Chiavetta are seeking re-election for their current terms.

The proposed 2018-19 budget (Proposition 1) is \$58,877,065, representing an increase of \$651,185, or 1.12%. Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 1.5% or an estimated \$30 on a \$100,000 home which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of -1.36% for this school fiscal year. It therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

Proposition 2 authorizes the purchase of three 71-passenger school buses, one 30-passenger gasoline-powered school bus, and one 24-passenger gasoline-powered wheel chair school bus for a total maximum cost of \$499,856.85 with no cost to the local tax levy.

I encourage you to cast your ballot on Tuesday, May 15. Voting will take place in the Senior High School Main Lobby from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

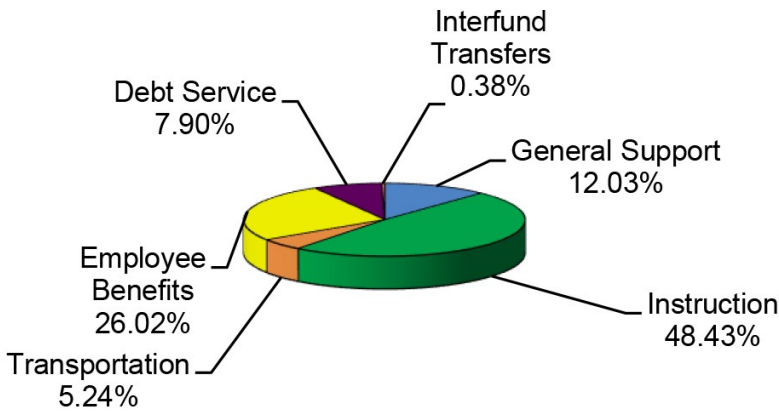


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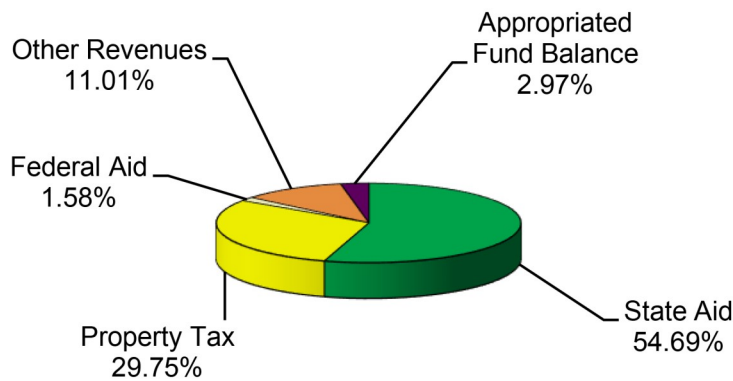
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2018-2019 Proposed Expenditures



	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
General Support	\$7,085,794	12.03%
Instruction	28,511,854	48.43%
Transportation	3,087,291	5.24%
Employee Benefits	15,317,757	26.02%
Debt Service	4,648,369	7.90%
Interfund Transfers	226,000	0.38%
Total	\$58,877,065	100.00%

2018-2019 Anticipated Revenues



	<u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Percent of Budget</u>
State Aid	\$32,202,710	54.69%
Property Tax	17,518,718	29.75%
Federal Aid	925,000	1.58%
Other Revenues	6,480,637	11.01%
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,750,000	2.97%
Total	\$58,877,065	100.00%

Lake Shore Budget Facts

- ◆ The current 2017-18 budget is \$58,225,880. The proposed 2018-19 budget is \$58,877,065 representing an increase of \$651,185 or 1.12% over the 2017-18 budget.
- ◆ The District has received the highest designation possible from the New York State Education Department. Lake Shore is designated as a "District in Good Standing." This ranking is based on academic performance and established criteria in the New York State Report Card.
- ◆ The proposed budget does not change the amount of the appropriated fund balance.
- ◆ Our tax increase is 1.5% representing a property tax increase of approximately \$30 on a \$100,000 home. Our tax cap is -1.36% resulting in a tax cap override vote.
- ◆ Proposition 2 will authorize the purchase of five buses with no impact to the 2018-19 tax levy.
- ◆ The proposed 2018-19 budget is balanced through:
 - Federal Impact Aid
 - Reduced NYS pension assessments - ERS
 - Health Insurance costs stabilized
 - Utility conservation - electric, gas, water
 - Transportation fuel and repair savings
 - Salaries stabilized - contract settlements
 - Resignations, retirements, etc.

Proposition 1: 2018-19 Budget

RESOLVED, that the **budget for the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019**, as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$58,877,065, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law. Adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 1.5% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of -1.36% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent of the qualified voters present and voting.

Proposition 2: Vehicle Purchase

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District (the "District") is hereby authorized to **purchase the following replacement vehicles** for use by the District in the transportation of students and general use by the District: three (3) full size diesel-powered 71-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$120,276.07 each; one (1) 30-passenger gasoline-powered school bus at an estimated cost of \$63,988.38; and one (1) 24-passenger gasoline-powered wheel chair school bus at an estimated cost of \$75,040.26; for a total aggregate maximum cost of \$499,856.85; with such aggregate cost to be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be levied and collected in annual installments as provided in Section 416 of the Education Law, with such tax to be partially offset by State aid available therefore, and, in anticipation of such tax, by the issuance of debt obligations of the District as may be necessary, not to exceed such maximum aggregate cost. No tax levy increase is anticipated for Proposition No. 2.

SUBSTITUTE BUS DRIVERS NEEDED!

The Lake Shore Central School District is looking to fill the following non-instructional positions:



Substitute Bus Drivers

Interested candidates should contact Mr. Oddi at 926-2240.

Attention Parents of High School Students

The District is continuing the mandatory **Parent Drug/Alcohol Forum at the Senior High** in order for students to attend school sponsored dances, including the Junior/Senior Prom.

Only one parent need attend the 90-minute presentation for a child to be eligible to attend dances for his or her high school career.

There will be a Parent Forum on Wednesday, May 9 at 6:00 p.m. in the Senior High Auditorium.

This is the ONLY 2018 Parent Forum before the Junior/Senior Prom on Thursday, June 21 2018. If you have any questions, please call the Senior High office at 926-2301.

Chiavetta's Chicken Barbecue

Available Tuesday, May 15



Tickets will be available pre-sale from any High School Band Student or drive-up service while dinners last starting at 2:30 p.m.

Dinners are \$10.00 pre-sale/\$11.00 walk up

Pick-up is in the Senior High School student parking lot (until sold-out).

Proceeds benefit the Senior High Music Department

**“MEET THE CANDIDATES, ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET MEETING
AND BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING”**

Tuesday, May 8 - 2018

Meet the Candidates - Budget Hearing Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 8 at 6:45 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively, in the Lake Shore Senior High School Media Center. There are two (2) Board of Education candidates seeking two seats on the Board of Education - Jennifer Michalec and Kathleen Chiavetta. The program will be a casual meet-and-greet. At 7 p.m., the Annual School Budget Meeting will begin followed by the Board of Education Special Meeting. The Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance and the Superintendent of Schools will then present an overview of the District’s proposed 2018-19 Budget, followed by a question and answer period.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES (Two seats, both for 3-Year Terms) *Biographical sketches are submitted by the candidates. The opinions expressed are those of the candidates. Background information, as stated in the profiles, has not been verified by the school district.*

JENNIFER MICHALEC

(BALLOT POSITION #1)



Jennifer Michalec is proud to be a current member of the Lake Shore Central School Board and is currently in her twelfth year of service. To enhance her knowledge of public education, she has completed numerous hours of board development opportunities such as fiscal oversight training, law conferences and various other workshops. She has successfully completed the requirements of the NYSSBA’s School Board Institute.

Additionally, she serves as a NYSSBA Delegate, and an Erie County Association of School Boards Delegate Assembly Alternate. Jennifer has continued to show her dedication by attending regular monthly board meetings and work sessions and has served on our Policy Review Committee, Code of Conduct Review Committee, Budget Committee, and Administrative Leadership Committee. She currently sits on our Audit Committee, Athletics Committee, Board Recognition Program Committee, Professional Development/Shared Decision Making, and Safety Committee.

Jennifer has five children, four who are Lake Shore graduates, and one who currently attends Lake Shore. Jennifer continues to be an advocate for children and for quality programs within our district and has worked hard to maintain stable taxes within our community. She wishes to continue to proudly serve the Lake Shore taxpayers and the children of this community as a member of the Lake Shore Central School Board.

KATHLEEN CHIAVETTA

(BALLOT POSITION #2)



Kathleen Chiavetta was born and raised in the Town of Brant and is a member of the Lake Shore Central Class of '94. She is the Business Manager at her family’s business, Chiavetta’s Catering, and serves on the Lake Shore High School Academy of Business and Finance.

A Trustee of the Board of Education since 2015, Kathleen has served on numerous committees and is active in the District. With a passion for Legislative Advocacy, Kathleen represents the District as co-chair of the Erie County Association of School Boards Legislative Team, and has traveled to Albany and Washington D.C. to advocate for public education.

A devoted mother of three, Kathleen lives in her hometown of Brant with her children. When they’re not together at home or at work, they’re usually traveling.