

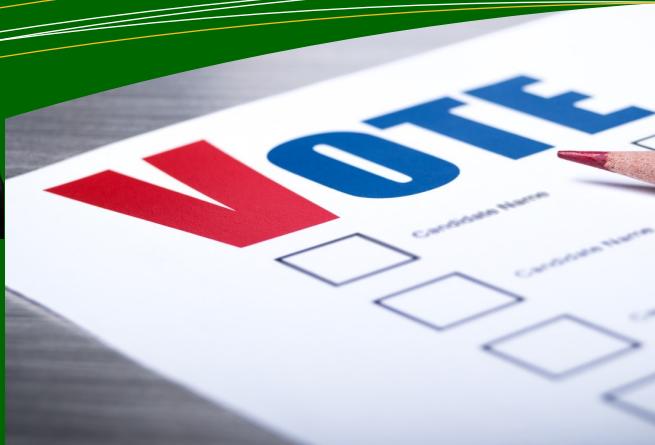
Eagle Express

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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 21
9am-9pm**
LOCATION CHANGE
**District Office Lobby
Outside of the
High School Gym**

Focusing on Student Futures at Lake Shore

It's incredible to me that I've only been in the District for four months but it feels like I have been an Eagle for years! I would like to thank the community, my administrative team, the faculty, staff and most of all the students, for making me feel so welcome. Your reception has been nothing short of amazing and I look forward to coming in every day and working with you.

I am proud to say the Capital Construction Project is moving along nicely, and I'm sure most of you have seen things a little torn up on the outside. The contractors are currently putting in the storm water management system in the area between the High School and the bus parking lot. Work is progressing quickly on the high school office suite and extensive work is being done in transportation including bus lifts, and locker rooms. Thanks to everyone for their patience as this critical work continues.

This year, we are presenting a budget that focuses on Lake Shore's commitment to offering the finest educational programs that prepare students for their futures, be it post-secondary education, military service, or occupations in a diverse workforce. I am proud that our District provides a rigorous variety of arts, music, and athletics, as well as an extensive list of Advanced Placement programs.

This year's budget is our way of investing in opportunities that allow our students to become the best citizens they can be.

This edition of the Eagle Express contains detailed information about the 2019-2020 Lake Shore school budget along with a proposition for replacement vehicles. It also contains the backgrounds of candidates running for positions on the Board of Education; Christopher Binder, William Connors, Jr., and Cindy Latimore are seeking appointment for the next three years.

The proposed 2019-2020 budget (Proposition 1) is \$59,982,787, representing an increase of \$1,105,722, or 1.88%, well below the State Education allowable tax cap. Voter approval of the budget and tax levy will not result in a tax cap override vote. The tax levy is also 1.88%, which translates to a \$35.00 a year increase on homes assessed at \$100,000 before the Star exemption.

Proposition 2 authorizes the purchase of replacement vehicles, for a total maximum cost of \$570,048.22 with no cost to the local tax levy.

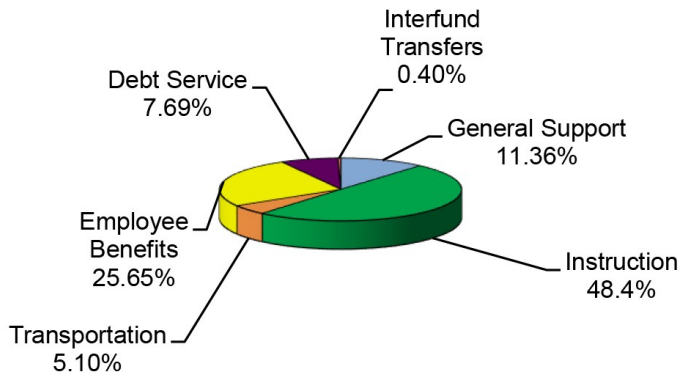
I encourage you to cast your ballot on Tuesday, May 21 from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Voting will be held in the lobby located outside the District Office/High School Gymnasium due to the construction project. Parking will be available to voters in the lower and upper parking lots located by the District Office.



**- Dr. Charles Galluzzo
Superintendent of Schools**

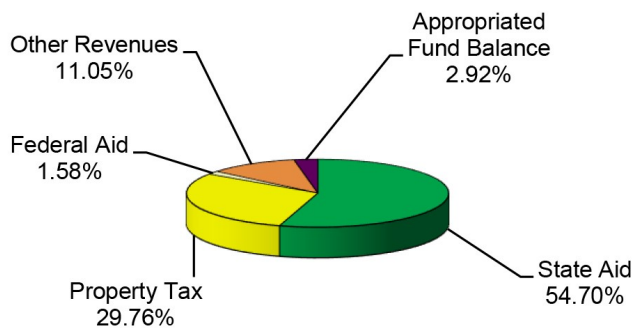
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2019-2020 Proposed Expenditures



	Proposed Budget	Percent of Budget
General Support	\$6,814,564	11.36%
Instruction	29,870,562	49.80%
Transportation	3,061,877	5.10%
Employee Benefits	15,384,510	25.65%
Debt Service	4,611,274	7.69%
Interfund Transfers	240,000	0.40%
Total	\$59,982,787	100.00%

2019-2020 Anticipated Revenues



	Proposed Budget	Percent of Budget
State Aid	\$32,807,796	54.70%
Property Tax	17,847,896	29.76%
Federal Aid	950,000	1.58%
Other Revenues	6,627,095	11.05%
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,750,000	2.92%
Total	\$59,982,787	100.00%

Lake Shore Budget Facts

- ◆ The current 2018-19 budget is \$58,877,065. The proposed 2019-20 budget is \$59,982,787 representing an increase of \$1,105,722 or 1.88% over the 2018-19 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 1.88% representing a property tax increase of approximately \$35 on a \$100,000 home. Our tax cap is 2.54%.
- ◆ Proposition 2 will authorize the purchase of five buses with no impact to the 2019-20 tax levy.
- ◆ The proposed 2019-20 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: 2019-20 Budget

RESOLVED, that the **budget for the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2019, and ending June 30, 2020**, as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of \$59,982,787, 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 1.88% which does not exceed the statutory tax levy increase limit of 2.54%.

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 or electric powered 71-passenger school buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$121,168.10 each; one (1) 30-passenger gasoline or electric powered school bus at an estimated cost of \$65,154.80; one (1) 24-passenger 5-wheel chair position gasoline or electric powered wheel chair school bus at an estimated cost of \$76,199.12; and one (1) 7-passenger gasoline or electric powered Ford Expedition at an estimated cost of \$65,190.00; for a total aggregate maximum cost of \$570,048.22; 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.

MEET THE CANDIDATES, ANNUAL SCHOOL BUDGET MEETING

Tuesday, May 7 2019

Meet the Candidates - Budget Hearing Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 7 at 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., respectively, in the Lake Shore High School Media Center

There are three (3) Board of Education candidates seeking three seats on the Board of Education - Christopher Binder, William Connors, Jr., and Cindy Latimore. The program will be a casual meet-and-greet. At 7 p.m., the Annual School Budget Meeting will begin.

The Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance and the Superintendent of Schools will then present an overview of the District's proposed 2019-20 Budget, followed by a question and answer period.

Chiavetta's Chicken Barbecue

Available Tuesday, May 21



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 \$11.00 pre-sale/\$12.00 walk up

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

Proceeds benefit the High Music Department

WILLIAM J. CONNORS, JR.

(BALLOT POSITION #1)



William J. Connors Jr, (Bill) was first elected to the Board in 2013 and is seeking re-election to continue his prudent judgement in these still difficult financial times. Bill serves on the District Budget Committee as well as Erie County Board of School Boards Budget & Finance Team, and he is dedicated to keeping taxes low without cutting our children's curriculum needs. He is a 1990 graduate of Lake Shore Central Schools, and a 1994 graduate of Saint Bonaventure University with a BA Majoring in Business.

Since school, Bill has made a career with business application software companies specializing in critical business functions, analytics, and reporting for manufacturing and distribution based companies. He is a Senior Executive for a U.S. based software company selling and developing solutions for the SAP software solution set. Bill is married to wife Karen, a Planning & Governance Leader at Rich Products Corp in Buffalo, NY. The couple has two children who attend Lake Shore: Will who is 14, and Simon who is 11.

The family lives in Evans, and if there's any spare time, helps out at Connors Hot Dog Stand, their family business. Bill is looking forward to continuing to serve the Lake Shore community to help enhance the college and career readiness of our students for a changing college and workforce environment around the world.

CHRISTOPHER BINDER

(BALLOT POSITION #2)



I have been a longtime resident of Evans, and currently reside in Derby with my wife and two young children. One of them is currently in first grade, and the other one will be starting Kindergarten in September. My mother was a science teacher in the district for 23 years.

Currently, I am the President of the Board at my son's preschool. I've been doing it for two years, and love having the opportunity to contribute and make a difference. I have been in the Technology field for over 20 years and am employed as a Software Engineer at a local bank. Technology is important to me, and I love to share my knowledge and experience. One of the most important lessons that I have learned in my current position is the art of collaboration. We work on several large-scale projects, so getting along with everybody and working through differences is key.

When I'm not working, you can find me spending time with my family. You can find us at Wednesday night drum circles at Hamburg Beach, planting gardens in our backyard, reading books at the local library, or even visiting cats at the local shelter. I am excited to be given the opportunity to give back to the community that is so important to me and my family; and to help ensure the scholastic success of my children and yours.

CINDY LATIMORE

(BALLOT POSITION #3)



Cindy Latimore, an active community member, wishes to continue to proudly serve the stakeholders of the Lake Shore Central School District as an active member of the Board of Education. She is a graduate of the Lake Shore Central Class of 1985, continued her education at Trocaire College to earn an Associates Degree in Applied Science and obtained her New York State License to practice as a Registered Nurse.

She has been employed by Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Center for 27 years in the Transplant and Cellular Therapy Center. As a Board of Education member Mrs. Latimore has committed numerous hours to various Board Development Opportunities and was awarded the Master of Boardmanship Award in 2008 and Board Achievement Award in 2012 from the New York State School Board Association. These board development opportunities include Fiscal Oversight Training, School Law and School Governance which enhances her knowledge of public education to better serve the stakeholders of the Lake Shore Community.

Over the years Mrs. Latimore has served the community through her involvement with the Volunteer Fire Service, Parent Teacher Organizations, LYSA, Buddy Baseball Inc., 4H and Citizens for Responsible Choices. Currently Mrs. Latimore's Community involvement includes sitting as a Board of Director of the Boys and Girls Club of Eden-Lake Shore, Board of Director for the Steepleview Housing Development, active member of the Evans Center Volunteer Fire Co. and a member on the Finance Committee for Most Precious Blood Church.

Cindy and her husband John are both life residents of the Town of Evans, home owners, small business owners and parents of four children. They are committed to ensuring that our community continues to prosper.