

EAGLE EXPRESS

Lake Shore Central School District Newsletter

Quality Education is Essential

Students entering kindergarten this fall will be members of the Lake Shore Central School District Class of 2026. These children will begin their groundbreaking thirteen-year journey to graduation immersed in the New York State Board of Regents Reform Agenda designed to prepare students for college and career readiness.

Education has changed dramatically in the last few years. Teachers throughout the District are engaging students with Common Core Curriculum and offering differentiated instruction to meet the needs and learning styles of our students.

It is impossible to fathom the technological advances and educational initiatives that will be in place when the Class of 2026 accepts their diplomas. However, the Lake Shore Central School District has proposed a budget for the coming 2013-14 school year that is designed to support the educational needs of our students and provide cost-savings and efficiencies in the District for our school community.

The proposed budget will support our students' educational programs, fund state and federal education mandates and meet operating costs and contractual obligations for the coming school year.

This issue of the Eagle Express highlights the proposed District budget for the 2013-2014 school year (Proposition One), the District Vehicle Purchase Referendum (Proposition Two), information on candidates seeking election to the Board of Education, and voter qualifications.

The preparation of this budget was daunting and many of the programs and offerings that our community values were on the chopping block. The allocation of \$3.9 million in reserve funds, a late influx of state aid, planned retirement incentive and program reductions across the District helped

us prepare an annual budget that does not gouge existing programs throughout the District.

The Proposed 2013-14 Budget (Proposition One) for the Lake Shore Central School District is \$53,285,537. This fiscal plan maintains the integrity of our overall instructional program, but includes some reductions for next year. The budget-to-budget increase is \$535,694 or a 1.02 percent increase over the current year's spending.

Proposition Two authorizes the District to purchase three, full size 71 passenger diesel school buses at a cost of \$113,546.60 each for a total of \$340,639.80. This purchase will have NO impact on the 2013-2014 budget or tax levy and future costs will be offset by reduced maintenance, repairs, fuel and the sale of buses removed from service.

The Board of Education and Administrative Team are dedicated to preparing a responsive budget, using federal and state aid, tax levy and fund balance to provide the revenue resources needed to provide a quality education for all students in our school community.

Next month, the Class of 2013 will receive their diplomas and embark on the next phase of their journey—just as our incoming kindergartners are preparing to begin their educational journey.

I encourage you to cast your ballot on May 21 when our 2013-2014 Annual Budget Vote, Vehicle Purchase Referendum and Board of Education Election take place.

Voting takes place in the Senior High School Main Lobby from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT!

—James Przepasniak
Superintendent of Schools



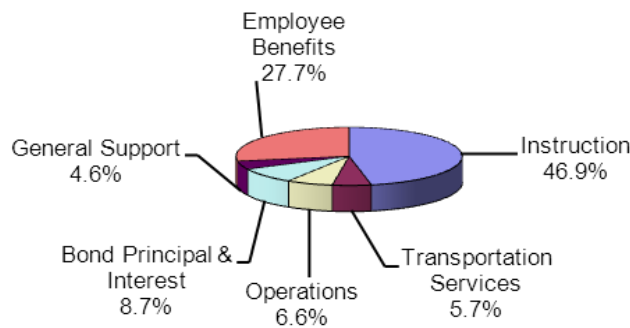
OUR MISSION:

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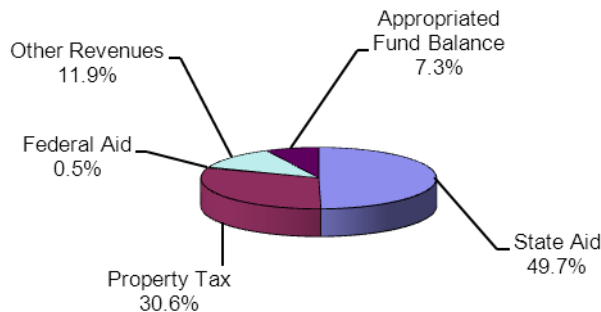
LAKE SHORE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2013-2014

2013-2014 Proposed Expenditures



	Proposed Budget	Percent of Budget
Instruction	\$24,972,800	46.9%
Transportation Services	2,940,819	5.5%
Operations	3,505,280	6.6%
Bond Principal & Interest	4,628,036	8.7%
General Support	2,477,016	4.6%
Employee Benefits	14,761,586	27.7%
Total	\$53,285,537	100.0%

2013-2014 Anticipated Revenues



	Proposed Budget	Percent of Budget
State Aid	\$26,488,843	49.7%
Property Tax	16,281,499	30.6%
Federal Aid	275,000	0.5%
Other Revenues	6,340,195	11.9%
Appropriated Fund Balance	3,900,000	7.3%
Total	\$53,285,537	100.0%

Proposition 1: 2013-14 Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the **budget for the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2013, and ending June 30, 2014**, as presented by the Board of Education in the amount of **\$53,285,537**, 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.

Proposition 2: Vehicle Purchase

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Evans-Brant (Lake Shore) Central School 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 71-passenger school buses at an estimated cost of \$113,546.60 each, for a total of \$340,639.80. All vehicles to be purchased for a total maximum estimated cost of \$340,639.80, 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.

Lake Shore Budget Facts:

- ◆ The New York State School Report Card shows that Lake Shore has a lower per pupil expenditure in general education than NYS similar schools or the average of NYS schools. Special Education spending per pupil is also lower than the average of NYS schools.
- ◆ 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 2013-2014 budget reflects a budget-to-budget tax levy increase of 2.34% and is under the New York State Tax Cap Levy.
- ◆ The proposed 2013-2014 budget includes \$900,000 less in state aid cuts than were forecast in preliminary budget development.
- ◆ The proposed 2013-2014 budget draws \$3.9 million dollars from fund balance reserves.
- ◆ The proposed budget includes reductions in staffing, equipment, supplies, services, BOCES services and transportation costs.
- ◆ While costs have increased, the District has made reductions in staffing, services and programs to offset much of the unfunded increases.
- ◆ The State of New York Office of the State Comptroller has audited the District and in its report (December 2011) stated all internal controls and audit functions were in good standing and in compliance with New York State Law.
- ◆ Proposition Two will authorize the purchase of three full size buses with the local share of the cost being paid by savings and revenue from the sale of out-of-service buses.

“MEET THE CANDIDATES & BUDGET HEARING NIGHT”--Tuesday, May 14

Meet the Candidates & Budget Hearing Night is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14th at 6 p.m. and 7 p.m. respectively in the Lake Shore Senior High School Auditorium. There are three (3) Board of Education candidates seeking three seats on the Board of Education. *At 6 p.m. each candidate will be introduced to the public.* A student representative will read the prepared biography for each candidate who will then present their platform for becoming a candidate for the Board. The floor will then be open to the public for questions to individual candidates. If there are no questions from the floor and/or if time remains, the student representative will ask candidates prepared questions. *At 7 p.m. the District Clerk will call the Annual Meeting to order.* The Assistant Superintendent for Administration and Finance and Superintendent of Schools will then present an overview of the District's proposed 2013-14 Budget, followed by a question and answer period.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES (Three seats, all 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. Candidates appear in alphabetical order.*

WILLIAM J. CONNORS JR.

(BALLOT POSITION #1)



William J Connors Jr, (Bill) son of long time board member and President William Connors Sr. and a graduate of Lake Shore Central in 1990; Connors was the first Lake Shore Resource Room Program Student to attend and graduate from college with a BA; a Major in Business at Saint Bonaventure University in 1994. Since school, Connors has make a career with cutting edge business application software companies specializing in critical business functions, analytics, and reporting with manufacturing and distribution based businesses. He currently is an executive in a United States 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, son Will is 11 and Son Simon whom is 8. The family lives in Evans and on any spare time, helps out at Connors Hot Dog Stand, their family business. Bill is looking forward serving the board and the Lake Shore community to better the development of our students for a changing college and workforce environment where best in class competition is coming from within and around the world.

JENNIFER S. FARRELL

(BALLOT POSITION #2)



Jennifer S. Farrell is a lifelong resident of the Town of Evans and alumna of Lake Shore Central School District. She graduated from the All-College Honors Program at Canisius College with a Bachelor of Arts in Secondary Social Studies Education, and subsequently attended law school at the University at Buffalo where she earned her Juris Doctorate with a concentration in finance transactions.

Ms. Farrell was admitted to practice law in the State of New York in 2003 and is an attorney and partner in the firm of Farrell & Farrell, a general practice law firm in Hamburg. She is a member of the Erie County Bar Association, Erie County Assigned Counsel Program, New York State Defenders Association and New York State Bar Association.

Presently, she serves as President of the Canisius College Alumni Association, Grand Master of the DiGamma Honor Society, is a member of the Canisius College Board of Trustees, and a member of the Advisory Board of the Lake Shore High School Academy of Business and Finance.

Ms. Farrell has previously served as a consultant to the Canisius College Board of Regents, panelist at the Canisius College Women's Business Conference, coached varsity and junior varsity soccer teams at Most Precious Blood, and served as a board member of the UB Law Graduates of the Last Decade Group.

CYNTHIA 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 Cancer Institute for 20 years in the Blood and Marrow Transplant Unit. 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 Founding Member and Chairperson of the Advisory Board of the Boys and Girls Club of Lake Shore and a member on the Parish Council 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.



Exciting News...

- ◆ Dream It, Do It! and the District have partnered to connect Lake Shore’s Educational Program with industry by filling the needs of skilled workforce for the region’s manufacturing community—providing opportunity for growth and advancement of the employee and the employer.
- ◆ The New York State Board of Regents Reform Agenda that has been implemented throughout our school district to focus educational reform on preparing graduates for college and career readiness.
- ◆ Over the past fourteen years, the high school bands have competed nationally on seven occasions and have produced eight professional recordings, with this year being the ninth. With a great deal of hard work and dedication, the groups have always done exceptionally well and represented our school and community with pride. This year in New York City, the Symphonic Band and Wind Ensemble competed against groups from across the country and were adjudicated by a panel of nationally renowned judges. Both bands placed first in each of their classes, with Wind Ensemble receiving the honor of Grand Champions, an award given to the highest scoring ensemble throughout the entire festival. Flute soloist, Emily Gibbs, received the award for best soloist out of any of the instrumental soloists from the festival.
- ◆ The New York State School Report Card information was recently released along with the Fiscal Accountability Supplement. We have once again earned a “District in Good Standing” and every building is a “School In Good Standing” which is the highest ranking given by the New York State Education Department.
- ◆ The New York State School Board Association (NYSSBA) NYSSBA has accepted our District proposal for a workshop to be presented during the October 24-26 Conference in Rochester. The presentation will focus on the Common Core Implementation K-5 - Celebrations and Challenges.
- ◆ The Lake Shore Central School District “Wall of Fame” committee is proud to announce this year’s inductees for the “Wall.” They are as follows: Sean Burke, Michael P. Caffery, Mark G. Cooper, Jennifer Haak, Jacqueline (Nehrbass) Haderer, Christopher Koch and Marlene Schmitt. **The Wall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Reception will be held on Thursday, May 23 at 7 p.m. in the Sr. High School Auditorium.** The ceremony and reception are open to the public. **Please RSVP by May 15, 2013 @ 926-2202 or kdemartino@lakeshorecsd.org**

Chicken Barbecue available Tuesday, May 21

Tickets will be available pre-sale from any High School Band Student or walk-up service while dinners last starting at 2:30pm. Dinners are \$8.00. Pick-up is in the Senior High School student parking lot (until sold-out).

Proceeds will benefit the Lake Shore Central School District Band Boosters.

Applications for Absentee Ballots are available

On Monday, May 6, 2013 the District Clerk automatically mailed an Absentee Ballot to each voter whose registration record on file with the county board of elections is marked “permanently disabled”. All other voters must submit an application prior to obtaining an absentee ballot.

An Application for Absentee Ballot can be picked up from the District Clerk’s Office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. The Application must be received by the District Clerk at least 7 days before (May 14, 2013) the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

Absentee Ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election (May 21, 2013).

**Don’t
Forget to
Vote...**



Annual Budget Vote, Vehicle Purchase Referendum and Board of Education Election

**Tuesday, May 21, 2013 - 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Senior High School Main Lobby**

Voters should bring a valid photo ID to all District elections as they will be asked to show proof of name and/or residency.

Voter Qualifications:

- A voter must be a citizen of the United States
- A voter must be eighteen (18) years of age or older
- A voter must be a legal resident within the District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the election at which he/she offers to vote.
- A voter must not be otherwise prohibited from voting pursuant to Education Law Section 5-106.

Native Americans residing on the Seneca Nation Territory are eligible to vote in this annual vote if the majority of their children attend the Lake Shore Central Schools. The above qualifications must also be satisfied.