

BUDGET NEWS

Holley Central School District | May 2015



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Board Adopts 2015-16 Budget at Zero Percent Tax Levy Increase

Dear District Residents,

Your Holley Board of Education has spent the past few months working on the 2015-16 District Budget. Our focus is on continuing to provide the necessary resources and opportunities for our students, while at the same time being fiscally conservative on behalf of taxpayers.

The Holley Community has always supported its greatest asset: its young people and the schools in which they learn and grow. The Board of Education appreciates and values your support and will continue to work with you for the benefit of our children.

The proposed 2015-16 school budget contains a zero percent tax increase. Our Board is pleased to have been able to move forward with significant improvements to the district's physical plant. The investments we made have benefitted our students and the entire Holley community – and with zero taxpayer impact thanks to strategic planning to use state aid for capital projects.

At this time, we are in the best shape we have ever been in. Soon we will begin Phase III of our Capital Project. Our district is financially sound and our physical plant and grounds are in very good condition.

We have addressed big issues and now, with no distractions to contend with, we want to leverage all of our hard-earned assets and focus our undivided

attention on academic improvement, but we need your help to do it.

Collaboration is what has made this district so successful and strong. Your vote is what makes it possible for Holley students to benefit from our budget and facilities so they can learn, grow and experience sports, music, art and so much more.

So we ask you to please vote on May 19. Your vote is important. In addition to a budget that maintains current services, taxpayers need to vote on two important propositions: the school bus purchases and the Community Free Library.

Please read the enclosed materials carefully. If you have any questions, feel free to contact any Board of Education member, Superintendent Robert D'Angelo or Assistant Superintendent for Business Sharon Zacher. Also, budget information is available at www.holleycsd.org/budget.

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our District's 2015-16 School Budget proposal and for voting on May 19.

Sincerely,

The Holley Board of Education

**PLEASE
VOTE**

www.holleycsd.org/budget

Holley Central School District

2015-16 BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 19

from

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Holley Middle
School/High School
(MS/HS) Foyer**

Budget Highlights

- **Zero percent tax levy increase**
- **Maintains current programs and services**

While you're in the district on May 19, please enjoy:

**Holley Music Department
Annual Chicken BBQ, 3-7 p.m.**

MS/HS Dining Hall – eat in or take-out; tickets are \$10 and must be purchased in advance from any music student or the Elementary or MS/HS Main Offices. The meal includes chicken, roll and butter, macaroni salad and salt potatoes. Food is provided by Krolick's BBQ.

PTSA Free Ice Cream Social

4-6 p.m. in the
Middle School/High School

MS/HS Scholastic Book Fair

7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. in the MS/HS
Atrium off the Library

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2014-15 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2015-16 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$25,070,000	\$23,300,000	\$22,987,763
Increase/Decrease for the 2015-16 School Year		(\$1,770,000)	(\$2,082,237)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		-7.06%	-8.31%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.62%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$6,741,780	\$6,741,780	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if applicable**	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$6,741,780	\$6,741,780	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,741,780	\$6,741,780	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$6,741,780	\$6,741,780	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	0	0	
Administrative Component	\$2,130,092	\$2,399,690	\$2,126,650
Program Component	\$17,341,739	\$16,927,500	\$16,888,303
Capital Component	\$5,598,169	\$3,972,810	\$3,972,810

*Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2015-16 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

Assumptions used to determine contingent budget includes equipment purchases of \$37,024 and non-unionized salaries of \$5,615.

**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.)	Description	Amount

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$673

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2015-16 by the qualified voters of the Holley School District, Orleans County, NY, will be held at Holley Middle School/High School (MS/HS) in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m., prevailing time in the Holley MS/HS, 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.

2015-16 Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2014-15 (A)	Proposed Budget 2015-16 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$25,070,000	\$23,300,000	-7.06%
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B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	0	0	
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I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval) ²	0	0	
Public School Enrollment	\$1,096	\$1,049	-4.29%
Consumer Price Index			1.62%

¹ Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

² Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

³ For 2015-16, includes any carryover from 2014-15 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2014-15 (D)	Estimated 2015-16 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$5,852,157	\$4,666,988
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,380,651	\$1,400,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$1,146,831	\$932,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.57%	4%

¹ All proposed levies should exclude any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

² For 2014-15, includes any carryover from 2013-14 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

Budget Q & A

Does the budget include any changes in academic programs for our students?

No. The Board of Education has continued all of the existing academic programs and courses the district currently offers.

Is Holley below the "tax levy limit"?

Yes. The Board of Education is proposing zero percent tax levy increase. The average tax rate will be approximately \$22.44 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

How is the tax levy different from a tax rate?

A tax levy equals the total amount of money the school district will collect from local property owners to fund its budget. It is calculated after factoring in all other revenues, including state aid. The tax rate – or the amount to be charged for every \$1,000 of assessed property value – is calculated by dividing the tax levy by the total assessed value of the school district, which is determined by the town assessment office and issued July 1. Tax rates cannot be calculated until August, when final equalization rates become available.

With the tax levy limit law, does the public still vote on a school budget?

Yes. Residents will still vote on a proposed school budget on May 19.



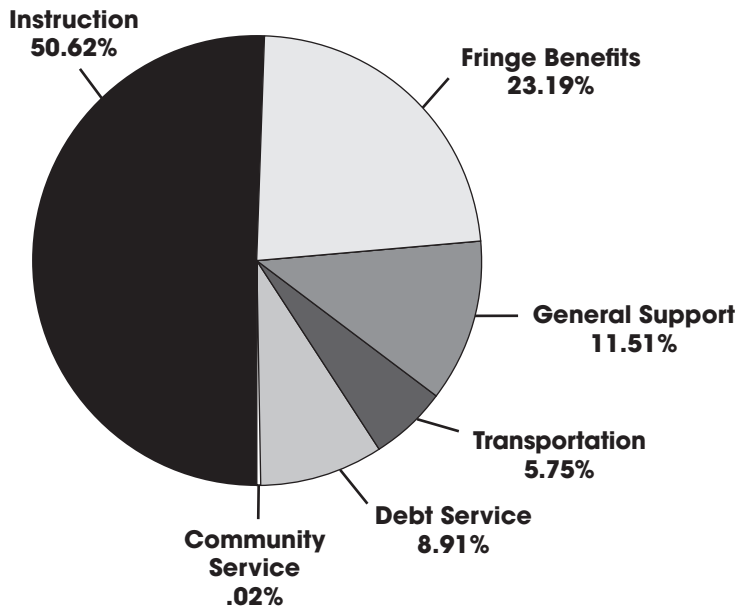
Expenditures

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	% of Budget
INSTRUCTION	\$10,803,433	\$11,382,060	\$11,793,921	50.62%
Includes: pre-K-12 instructional program, supervision, curriculum development, BOCES, special education programs, occupational education, interscholastic athletics, co-curricular programs, health services, library media, computer instruction and pupil personnel services				
FRINGE BENEFITS	\$5,453,900	\$5,723,040	\$5,403,500	23.18%
Includes: employee retirement systems, health insurance, unemployment insurance, Social Security and Workers' Compensation				
GENERAL SUPPORT	\$2,313,200	\$2,459,535	\$2,681,474	11.51%
Includes: legal services, personnel, insurance, school board, refund on property tax, BOCES, administrative charges, administrative and financial services, public information, central data processing and auditing				
TRANSPORTATION	\$1,110,896	\$1,605,355	\$1,339,964	5.75%
Includes: transportation to public and non-public schools, vocational schools, educational field and athletic trips, and transportation of special education children which totals over 403,000 miles. Buses are owned, managed and maintained by the district. Bus inspections are controlled by the NYS Department of Transportation				
DEBT SERVICE/FUND TRANSFER	\$3,290,000	\$3,895,010	\$2,076,141	8.91%
Includes: Principal and interest payment on debt for district buses and building reconstruction projects				
COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.03%
Includes: community recreational programs				
TOTAL BUDGET	\$22,976,429	\$25,070,000	\$23,300,000	100%

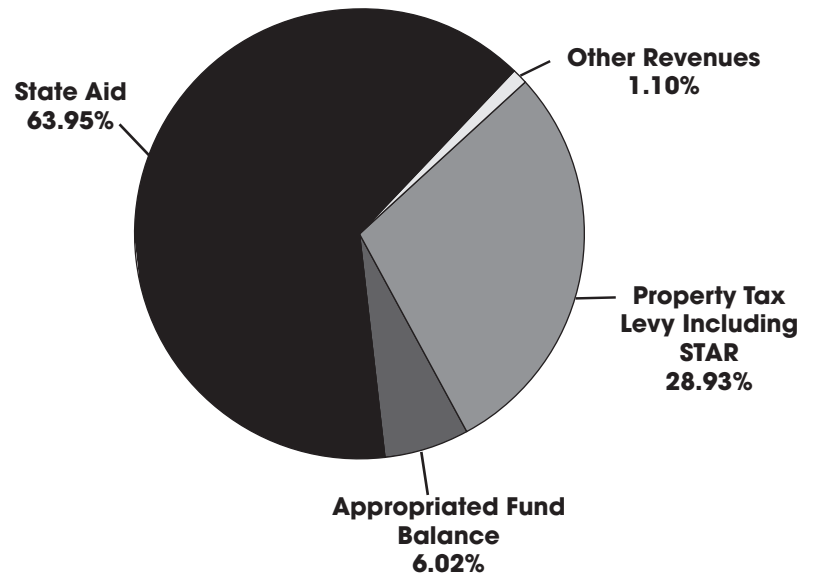
Estimated Budget Revenues

	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	% OF BUDGET
STATE AID	\$13,572,769	\$16,682,380	\$14,900,789	63.94%
Includes: various categories of state aid – general operating, transportation, building, special education, instructional materials and BOCES				
OTHER REVENUES	\$225,000	\$265,000	\$257,431	1.11%
Includes: payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS), interest, tuitions, rental charges, insurance recoveries, refund of prior year expenses and interfund transfers				
PROPERTY TAX LEVY/STAR	\$7,541,779	\$6,741,779	\$6,741,780	28.94%
Includes: property taxes collected as well as STAR payments received from New York State				
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$1,636,881	\$1,380,840	\$1,400,000	6.01%
Includes: excess balance of funds from prior year toward new budget				
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES	\$22,976,429	\$25,070,000	\$23,300,000	100%

2015-16 Expenditures



2015-16 Estimated Budget Revenues



2015-16 Three-Part Budget

Budget Expenditures

Total Budget \$23,300,000

Administrative Component: \$2,399,690

Percentage of Budget: 10.3%

Provides overall general support and management activities including: employee benefits for administrative and clerical support staff, costs for administration and supervision of the district's two schools, staff development, Business Office operations, and Central Administration.

Program Component: \$16,927,500

Percentage of Budget: 72.65%

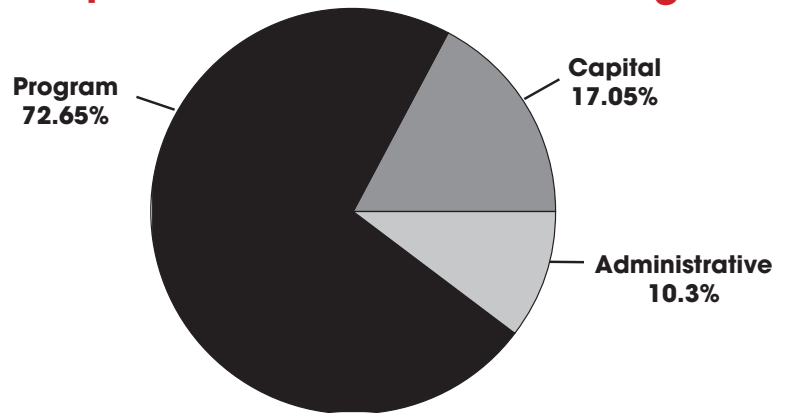
Provides funding for the instruction of and educational support services for the District's 1,127 students. The program component also includes funds for: transporting 1,050 students daily, salary expenditures for all instructional staff, programs for special education services, benefits for instructional employees and retirees, workers' compensation and unemployment insurance.

Capital Component: \$3,972,810

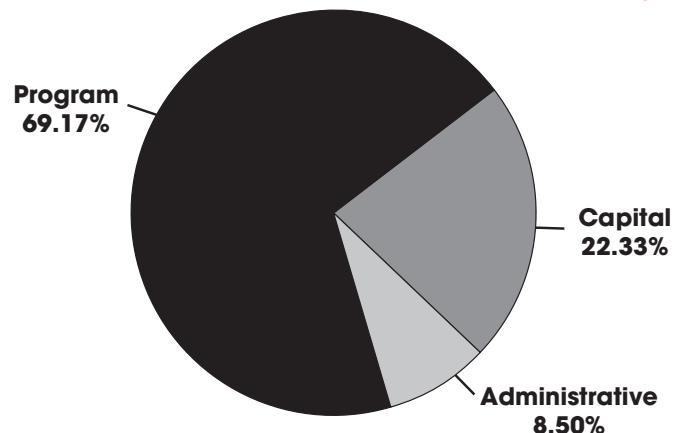
Percentage of Budget: 17.05%

Provides funds for maintaining two schools and surrounding property, utility services, debt service payments, and benefits for maintenance and custodial staff.

Proposed 2015-16 Three-Part Budget



Current 2014-15 Three-Part Budget



Board of Education candidates

Residents will be asked to elect three members to the Board of Education. The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes, including write-ins, will each be elected to a three-year term, effective July 1, 2015. The seats are now occupied by Mark Porter, John C. (Jack) Welch and Anne Winkley. Two individuals have submitted candidate petitions. You may also write in candidate's names, but in no case can you vote for more than three candidates in total.

The following candidates have submitted a petition, and their names will appear on the ballot in this order.



Anne Winkley

Address: 4334 Hindsburg Road,
Holley, NY

Employment: Floral Design/
Administrative Assistant at Arjuna Floral
& Design

Family: Husband, Darrin; Children:
Kaileigh, Meaghan, Nick (all graduates of Holley), Courtney and
Heather (both juniors at Holley)

School/Community Activities: Current Board of Education
member

What motivates you to run for the Holley Board of Education?

I'm excited to be running for a second term for the school board. While we have accomplished great things, I'd like to keep the momentum moving forward. I will keep the focus on working together to provide our students with the best possible education, while maintaining fiscal responsibility to the taxpayers. Our facility has become the envy of Orleans County and I'd like to be an integral part of keeping it that way. I have a very sincere desire to see our students succeed, not only in school here in Holley, but later on in life, knowing that their time spent at Holley was a cornerstone for that success.



Mark Porter

Address: 53 North Main Street,
Holley, NY

Employment: Monroe Ambulance

Education: Kendall High School
graduate; attended Genesee
Community College Criminal Justice
program.

Family: Wife, Rose; Children: Jennifer, Lori (both graduates
of Holley) and Joshua (a senior at Holley)

School/Community Activities: Current Board of Education
member; volunteer wrestling and baseball coach for Holley
CSD; former Trustee of the Village of Holley; former Fire
Chief of Holley Fire Department.

What motivates you to run for the Holley Board of Education?

I want to work with the administration, teachers, parents, Board and community to make sure every child in this district has the opportunity to succeed. As a board member, it is also my obligation to be financially responsible to the taxpayers, students and staff.

Holley District Statistics

- 2014-15 Girls on the Run participants = 14
- 2014-15 Theatre Guild participants = 60
- Average percentage of students listed on Honor/High Honor Roll in sixth grade = 61%
- Students taking college courses = 56, totaling 493 credit hours
- Sports teams achieving Scholar Athlete status (team average over 90%) = 9
- Students in National Junior Honor Society = 45
- Students in National Honor Society = 32



What you'll see at the polls

The wording that appears below is what voters will see on the ballot on Tuesday, May 19. Please take the time to review this information so that the language is familiar when you get to the polls on May 19.

PROPOSITION NO. 1 ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET \$23,300,000

"Shall the Board of Education of Holley Central School District be authorized to make the expenditures of the monies set forth in the proposed 2015-16 budget and be authorized to levy the necessary taxes to meet the estimated expenditures set forth in said proposed budget?"

PROPOSITION NO. 2 AUTHORIZING PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

"Resolved, that the Board of Education of Holley Central School District be authorized to purchase two full-size school buses, one wheelchair bus and one 30-passenger school bus at a total cost not to exceed \$355,000, with the cost thereof to be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable real property of the School District, to be collected in annual installments and partially offset by state aid, and in anticipation of such tax, such debt obligations of the School District as may be necessary (including obligations in the form of lease/purchase or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years), not to exceed such estimated maximum cost, shall be issued."

PROPOSITION NO. 3 SUPPORT OF COMMUNITY FREE LIBRARY, HOLLEY, NEW YORK

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

"Resolved that the Board of Education of Holley Central School District, pursuant to Section 259 of the Education Law of the State of New York, be authorized and empowered to raise the sum of \$108,072 during the 2015-16 school year, to be used in support of the maintenance and operations of the Community Free Library, Holley, NY, said sum to be in addition to the funds to be raised to meet the estimated expenditures of the School District in the form commonly known as the school district budget."

VOTE FOR THREE BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES

(Write-in votes are allowed)

____ Anne Winkley

____ Mark Porter

____ (open seat)

**PLEASE
VOTE**

Dear Voters,

This year, as in previous years, the library has experienced a significant decrease in funding. State funding continues to decrease, while county funding remains stagnant, despite rising operation costs. Surrounding towns and villages have also cut library funding from their budgets. Despite these decreases, we work diligently to obtain grants and donations so we can continue to provide quality programs and expand our collections and services. The Board of Trustees and the Library Director have worked hard to keep the budget increase this year at 2 percent. This effort allows the library to maintain its present hours and services without putting an undue burden on the taxpayer.

The Community Free Library provides a variety of excellent services to the community. At the library, patrons may check out books, magazines, audio books and e-readers. They may relax with a newspaper to keep up with current events or participate in the various programs we offer. The Adult Readers Group meets monthly. Photocopying, faxing, inter-library loans, tax forms and meeting rooms are also available to the community.

Children's programs are offered throughout the year and include a weekly story hour, the Summer Reading program, hosting walking field trips for the Elementary School students and working with the High School to enhance and advance their programs. Special events are offered during school breaks. Staff is always on hand to assist students with research for school assignments.

Computers with internet access are available to job search, research or check email to keep in touch with family and friends. In cooperation with the NIOGA library system, training classes for various software programs are offered to the public throughout the year.

If you haven't stopped in lately, we hope you will visit soon. Please remember to vote on the school budget and Proposition 3 on May 19, 2015.

Sincerely,

The Holley Community Free Library Board of Trustees



Superintendent of Schools

Robert C. D'Angelo

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Voter eligibility

In order to be eligible to vote, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older
- a U.S. citizen
- a legal resident of the Holley Central School District at least 30 days immediately prior to May 19, 2015

Voters:

- **Do not** have to own property.
- **Do not** have to register in advance.
- **Do not** have to be a parent or have children in school.

Proof of Residency:

Voters must bring photo identification with them on May 19 in order to participate in the 2015-16 Budget Vote and Board of Education Election. Voting inspectors will ask voters to show their driver's license or other photo identification.

Absentee Ballots:

Residents unable to vote in person because of disability, illness, travel or college may request an application for an absentee ballot in person or in writing from Connie Nenni, District Clerk, at the Holley School District Office, 3800 North Main Street, Holley, NY 14470 or by calling 638-6316, ext. 2003. Absentee ballot applications are also available online at www.holleycsd.org. Applications must be received by the district at least seven days before the vote if the resident wishes to receive the ballot by mail. Residents who wish to pick up their absentee ballot in person may apply through May 19. In all cases, the ballot must be returned to the District Office no later than 5 p.m. on May 19. Ballots received later than 5 p.m. cannot be accepted under education law, regardless of postmark date.

For more budget information, visit www.holleycsd.org/budget.