

# BUDGET NEWS

*Holley Central School District | May 2016*



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Dear District Residents,

Your Holley Board of Education has spent the past few months working on the 2016-17 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 2016-17 school budget contains a 1.99 percent tax increase. Our Board is pleased to have been able to move forward with significant improvements to the district's buildings and campus. The investments we made have benefitted our students and the entire Holley community, and will continue to do so in the future.

Our Monroe 2–Orleans BOCES (BOCES 2) has committed to a capital project to upgrade its facilities. All component districts, including Holley, are assessed a portion of the costs over a three-year period. Although we receive partial aid on our assessment, there is an added expense to our budget. When calculating budget to budget, the 4.73 percent increase includes the BOCES 2 capital project expense. In comparison, our operating budget to budget expense, excluding the BOCES 2 capital project, is 2.32 percent.

Soon we will begin Phase III, the final phase, of our Capital Project. Our

district is financially sound and our physical plant and grounds are in very good condition. We are extremely grateful to our community in helping us to create such a nice school campus for our students and community.

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.

We're asking you to please vote on May 17. Your vote is important. In addition to a budget that maintains current services, taxpayers need to vote on two important propositions: the school bus replacements 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](http://www.holleycsd.org/budget).

Thank you for taking the time to learn more about our District's 2016-17 School Budget proposal and for voting on May 17.

Sincerely,

The Holley Board of Education

**PLEASE  
VOTE**

[www.holleycsd.org/budget](http://www.holleycsd.org/budget)

**Holley Central School District**

## 2016-17 BUDGET VOTE

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**

**from**

**6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

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

### Budget Highlights

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

**While you're in the district  
on May 17, 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 may be purchased in advance from any music student or the Elementary or MS/HS Main Offices. A **limited** number of dinners will be available to walk-ins that day. The meal includes chicken, roll and butter, macaroni salad, salt potatoes and a bottle of water. Food is provided by Krolick's BBQ.

**PTSA Free Ice Cream Social**

4-6 p.m. in the MS/HS Foyer

**PLEASE VOTE!**



# Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2015-16 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2016-17 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2016-17 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$23,300,000	\$24,400,000	\$24,372,812
Increase/Decrease for the 2016-17 School Year		\$1,100,000	\$1,072,812
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.73%	4.61%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		0.12%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$6,741,780	\$6,875,941	
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	\$6,875,941	
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	\$51,730	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <b>Excluding</b> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$6,921,361	\$6,839,623	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <b>Excluding</b> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$6,741,780	\$6,824,211	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$179,581	\$15,412	
Administrative Component	\$2,399,690	\$2,287,375	\$2,284,187
Program Component	\$16,927,500	\$17,449,209	\$17,425,209
Capital Component	\$3,972,810	\$4,663,416	\$4,663,416

\*Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2016-17 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 \$24,000 and non-unionized salaries of \$3,188.

** 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 2016-17 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$684

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2016-17 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 17, 2016 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.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

## 2016-17 Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2015-16 (A)	Proposed Budget 2016-17 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$23,300,000	\$24,400,000	4.73%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve <sup>1</sup>	\$6,741,780	\$6,875,941	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	0	0	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if applicable <sup>2</sup>	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if applicable	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$6,741,780	\$6,875,941	1.99%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	\$51,730	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	\$6,921,361	\$6,839,623	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$6,741,780	\$6,824,211	
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval) <sup>2</sup>	\$179,581	\$15,412	
Public School Enrollment	996	982	-1.41%
Consumer Price Index			0.12%

<sup>1</sup> Exclude any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

<sup>2</sup> 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.

<sup>3</sup> For 2016-17, includes any carryover from 2015-16 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2015-16 (D)	Estimated 2016-17 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$1,851,550	\$918,182
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,485,154	\$1,459,844
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$17,029	\$975,707
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	0.07%	4%

## 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 a 1.99 percent tax levy increase. The average tax rate will be approximately \$22.81 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 17.

**What is causing the total budget appropriation to be 4.73 percent higher than the previous year?**

The proposed budget total includes the District's share of the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES (BOCES 2) Capital Project. This is the first year of a three-year contribution. A portion of this expense will be aided and is reflected on the revenue side of the budget. The operating budget to budget, not including the BOCES 2 expense, is 2.32 percent.

## Expenditures

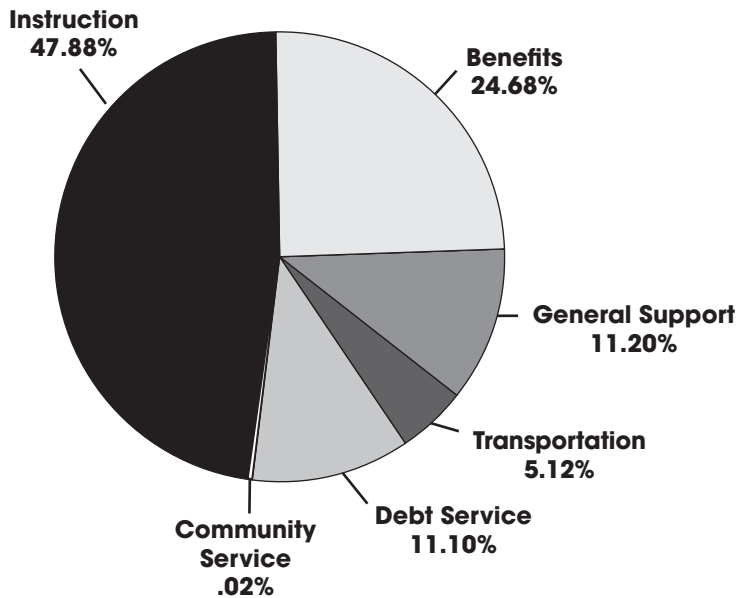
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	% of Budget
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>	\$11,382,060	\$11,793,921	\$11,681,197	47.88%
Includes: Pre-K-12 instructional program, supervision, curriculum development, BOCES, special education programs, occupational education, interscholastic athletics, co-curricular programs, health services, library media, computer instruction and pupil personnel services				
<b>BENEFITS</b>	\$5,723,040	\$5,403,500	\$6,022,174	24.68%
Includes: employee retirement systems, health insurance, unemployment insurance, Social Security and Workers' Compensation				
<b>GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	\$2,459,535	\$2,681,474	\$2,733,357	11.20%
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				
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	\$1,605,355	\$1,339,964	\$1,249,941	5.12%
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.				
<b>DEBT SERVICE/FUND TRANSFER</b>	3,895,010	\$2,076,141	\$2,708,331	11.10%
Includes: Principal and interest payment on debt for district buses and building reconstruction projects				
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE</b>	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.02%
Includes: community recreational programs				
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$25,070,000</b>	<b>\$23,300,000</b>	<b>\$24,400,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

## Estimated Budget Revenues

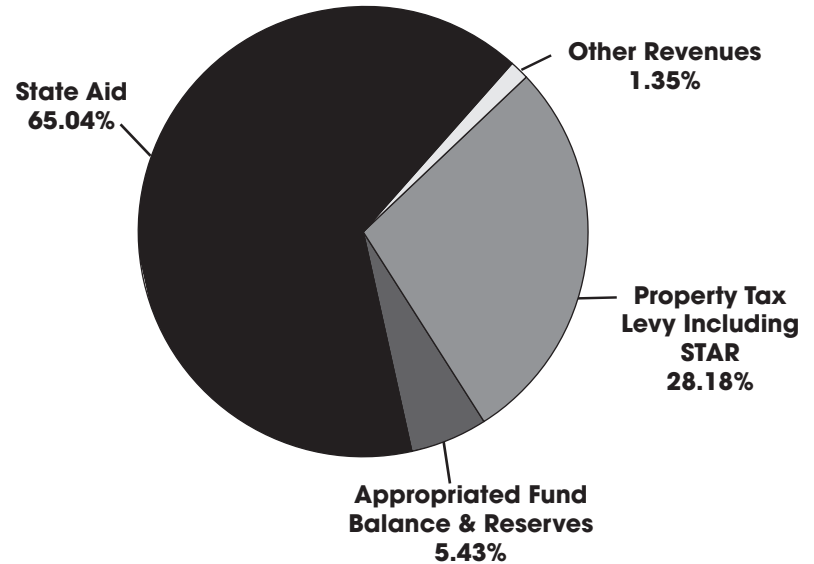
	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	% OF BUDGET
<b>STATE AID</b>	\$16,682,380	\$14,900,789	\$15,869,276	65.04%
Includes: various categories of state aid – general operating, transportation, building, special education, instructional materials and BOCES				
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>	\$265,000	\$257,431	\$329,100	1.35%
Includes: payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTS), interest, tuitions, rental charges, insurance recoveries, refund of prior year expenses and interfund transfers				
<b>PROPERTY TAX LEVY/STAR</b>	\$6,741,780	\$6,741,780	\$6,875,941	28.18%
Includes: property taxes collected as well as STAR payments received from New York State				
<b>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	\$1,380,840	\$1,400,000	\$1,325,683	5.43%
Includes: excess balance of funds from prior year toward new budget				
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$25,070,000</b>	<b>\$23,300,000</b>	<b>\$24,400,000</b>	<b>100%</b>



## 2016-17 Proposed Expenditures



## 2016-17 Estimated Budget Revenues



# 2016-17 Three-Part Budget

## Budget Expenditures

**Total Budget \$24,400,000**

**Administrative Component: \$2,287,375**  
**Percentage of Budget: 9.37%**

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.

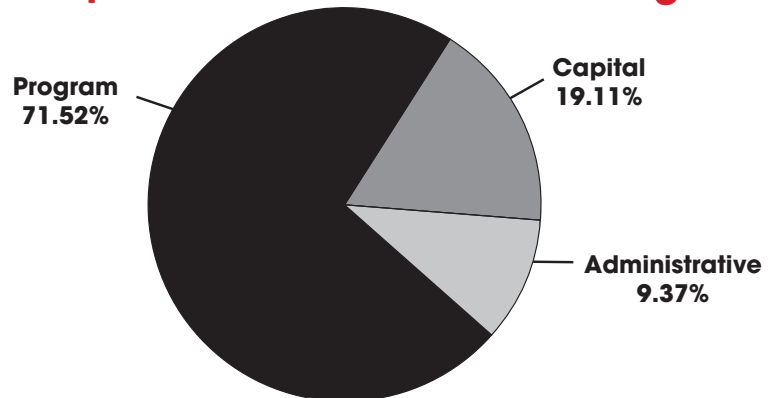
**Program Component: \$17,449,209**  
**Percentage of Budget: 71.52%**

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.

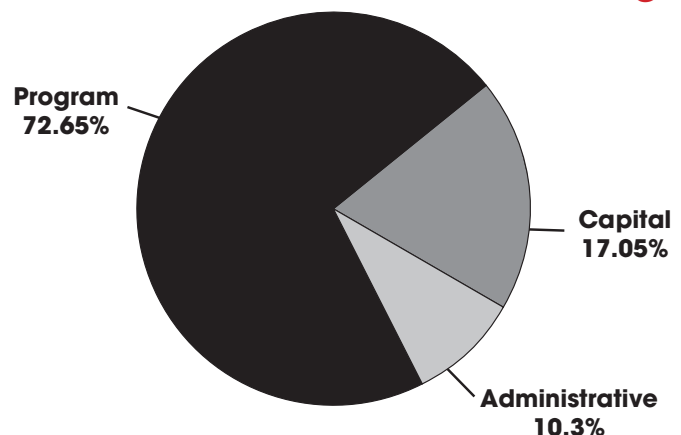
**Capital Component: \$4,663,416**  
**Percentage of Budget: 19.11%**

Provides funds for maintaining two schools and surrounding property, utility services, debt service payments, and benefits for maintenance and custodial staff. This year it also includes payment one of three for the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Capital Project.

## Proposed 2016-17 Three-Part Budget



## Current 2015-16 Three-Part Budget



## Board of Education Candidates

Residents will be asked to elect two members to the Board of Education. The two candidates receiving the highest number of votes, including write-ins, will each be elected to a three-year term, effective July 1, 2016. The seats are now occupied by John Heise and Brenda Swanger. Three individuals have submitted candidate petitions. You may also write in candidate's names, but in no case can you vote for more than two candidates in total.

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



**John Heise**

**Address:** 16 North Main Street, Holley, NY

**Employment:** Retired Education Administrator

**Education:** Bachelor of Science and Masters in Education, Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration

**Family:** Wife, Sandy, retired elementary teacher; Children: Kevin, ESL teacher in Malaysia, and Samantha, Holley MS/HS Social Worker

**School/Community Activities:**

Current Board of Education member for 12 years; BOCES 2 Board of Education representative for six years; Past President of Holley Rotary Club; Past District Governor of Rotary District 7090; recipient of Best Friend Award from Orleans County ARC; Member of Board of Directors of Lakeside Health System; former trustee of Village of Holley; and current member of Village Zoning Board of Appeals.

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

I know, from personal experience and my work in the District, of the power of education to change and improve lives. Our students are our future. As a board member, my emphasis has always been on the students and their families. We are making progress in addressing the instructional needs of our students. I would like to continue to contribute to the students' learning and improvement of their futures.



**Brenda Swanger**

**Address:** 16007 Glidden Road, Clarendon, NY

**Employment:** Real Estate Agent

**Education:** Holley

High School Graduate, Business School for two years

**Family:** Husband, Larry; Daughters: Michelle and Tiffany (graduates of Holley); Son-in-law, Michael Gagne; Grandsons: Maxwell and Morgan

**School/Community Activities:**

Current Board of Education President and member for 12 years, and active with school committees and Joint Youth Committee.

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

After 12 years of service, I am running again for the Holley School Board because I feel passionate about providing service to our community. My time as a board member has been a rewarding experience. The Board worked with the school district to initiate and complete renovations, along with other capital projects. We have been creative in offering new learning opportunities to our students and developing effective, beautiful learning environments. My goal as a board member is to positively influence our schools so the students and community are proud of their schools. I hope to help Holley Schools provide successful educational programs for our students, so they are most likely to have productive futures. In doing so, the Board will continue to watch our finances and spend tax dollars wisely. In summary, I will continue to work with the Board to create positive learning environments, within a reasonable budget, for our students.



**Christine Klafehn**

**Address:** 16 High Street, Holley, NY

**Employment:** Retired Brockport High School Special Education Teacher;

Graduate Adjunct Instructor in Teacher Education Department at Roberts Wesleyan College

**Education:** Bachelor degree in Education, Master degrees in Literacy and Adolescent Special Education

**Family:** Husband, Daniel; Children: four biological – Amanda, Policy Analyst in Education for State of Tennessee; Matthew, Lance Corporal in United States Marine Corps in Okinawa, Japan; James, Masonry Contractor; Lillian, a senior at Holley; one foster – Bella, a Pre-K student at Holley

**School/Community Activities:**

Member of National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Rochester and Orleans County Suicide Prevention Coalition; Volunteer at Grace's ABCD Daycare and educator advocating services for needy families through counselors; Foster Parent; Former Kendall Schools Board of Education Member and President; and Former Kendall and Hamlin Recreation Soccer Coach.

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

I feel I can bring a special skill set to the Holley School District to enhance the learning community for the children that attend our schools. I am aware of the Common Core learning standards, the importance of the literacy initiatives, as well as balancing a fair budget that allows our children as many opportunities as possible. I bring experience as a former Board of Education (BOE) member and past BOE president. I bring new ideas and a voice of education that is student-centered to the Holley BOE.

## What you'll see at the polls

The wording that appears below is what voters will see on the ballot on Tuesday, May 17. Please take the time to review this information so that the language is familiar when you get to the polls on May 17.

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET \$24,400,000

"Shall the Board of Education of Holley Central School District be authorized to make the expenditures of the monies set forth in the proposed 2016-17 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 and two 30-passenger school buses at a total cost not to exceed \$339,000, 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 \$116,061 during the 2016-17 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 TWO BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATES (Write-in votes are allowed)

\_\_\_\_ John Heise  
\_\_\_\_ Brenda Swanger  
\_\_\_\_ Christine Klafehn



## Dear Voters,

On May 17, when Holley residents are voting on the School Budget, we ask you to remember to vote on the Community Free Library Budget. As in previous years, the library has experienced a significant decrease in state and county funding. Surrounding towns and villages have also cut library funding from their budgets. Despite these decreases, we, as a board, work diligently to provide revenue by means of grants, donations and fundraising activities in an effort to continue providing quality programs and expanding collections and services.

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, such as the visiting authors program. The Adult Readers Group meets monthly. Computers with internet access are available to use for job searches, research or email to keep in touch with family and friends. Throughout the year, and in cooperation with the NIOGA library system, training classes for various software programs are offered to the public. Photocopying, faxing, inter-library loans, tax forms and meeting rooms are all 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. Staff is always on hand to assist students with research for school assignments. Special events are offered during school breaks.

If you haven't stopped in lately, we hope you will visit soon. On May 17, remember to vote on **Proposition 3** – the library needs your continued support to maintain its high level of service to the community.

Sincerely,

The Holley Community Free Library Board of Trustees





## Superintendent of Schools

Robert C. D'Angelo

## Board of Education

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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 17, 2016

### 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 17 in order to participate in the 2016-17 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](http://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 16. In all cases, the ballot must be returned to the District Office no later than 5 p.m. on May 17. Ballots received later than 5 p.m. cannot be accepted under education law, regardless of postmark date.

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