

# BUDGET NEWS

Holley Central School District | May 2018



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Dear District Residents,

The Holley Board of Education and administrative team have spent the past four months developing the 2018-19 School Budget. Our work began back in January with a series of budget workshops that focused on key elements of the budget from the Property Tax Cap to individual line items. One of our guiding principles was: **How do we continue to provide excellent instructional and extracurricular programs, yet still be fiscally responsible to our taxpayers?** The Board met on six different occasions to review building and department budgets, enrollment projections, retirements, use of fund balance and reserves, and how the Governor's budget will impact our decisions.

An important part of our commitment to you is providing a cost-effective, high-quality program for our students. To that end, we are pleased to present you with the proposed 2018-19 school budget. This year's budget contains a 2 percent tax levy increase, which is below our 2.2 percent NYS imposed Property Tax Cap. While we have tightened our belt in areas of equipment, maintenance and staffing, we believe the efficiencies we made to control costs will still allow us to deliver the high-quality instructional and extracurricular programs that are expected in our community.

Phase III of our Capital Improvement Project continues this summer, which will include refinishing of select exterior walls, repaving and restriping select parking lots and roadways, and select sidewalk work. We anticipate completion of this project by the end of the 2018-19 school year. This phase of the project has enabled our



buildings and facilities to be safe and secure. This would not have been possible without the support of our community. We sincerely thank you! We strive to make our campus beautiful for our students and community.

In addition to the budget, we are also asking you to support two additional propositions as seen in prior years: Proposition 2, which will allow the replacement purchase of two school buses and a Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV); and Proposition 3, the support of the Holley Community Free Library.

Please take a moment to read through the enclosed materials. If you should have any questions or would like any additional information regarding the proposed budget, please feel free to contact any Board of Education member, Interim Superintendent John Carlevatti at 585-638-6316, extension 2003, or Assistant Superintendent for Business Sharon Zacher at 585-638-6316, extension 2001.

Thank you for your time, and please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 15.

Sincerely,

Brenda Swanger  
Board of Education President  
and

John D. Carlevatti  
Interim Superintendent

Holley Central School District

## 2018-19 BUDGET VOTE

**TUESDAY, MAY 15**

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

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

### Budget Highlights

- **2 percent tax levy increase**
- **Maintains school day programs and services**

**While you're in the district on May 15, please enjoy:**

**Holley Music Department  
Annual Chicken BBQ, 3-6:30 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, and salt potatoes. Food is provided by 58 Main BBQ & Brew.

**PTSA Free Ice Cream Social**  
4-6 p.m. in the MS/HS Foyer

**Elementary School  
Spring Concert**

7 p.m. in the MS/HS Auditorium –  
Enjoy performances from our talented music students.

For more budget information, visit [www.holleycsd.org/Budget.aspx](http://www.holleycsd.org/Budget.aspx).

# Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$24,500,000	\$25,210,000	\$25,034,121
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$710,000	\$534,121
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.9%	2.18%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>			
	\$6,968,766	\$7,108,141	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if applicable**</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>			
	\$6,968,766	\$7,108,141	
<b>F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, <b>Excluding</b> Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>			
	\$6,968,766	\$7,108,141	
<b>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)</b>			
	\$6,968,766	\$7,108,141	
<b>I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
<b>Administrative Component</b>			
	\$3,379,140	\$3,344,401	\$3,339,745
<b>Program Component</b>			
	\$15,767,870	\$15,979,497	\$15,922,684
<b>Capital Component</b>			
	\$5,352,990	\$5,886,102	\$5,771,692

\*Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2018-19 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 \$69,979, capital project outlay of \$100,000 and non-unionized salaries of \$5,900.

** 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 2018-19 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$685
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 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 15, 2018 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.

## 2018-19 Property Tax Report Card

	Budgeted 2017-18 (A)	Proposed Budget 2018-19 (B)	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$24,500,000	\$25,210,000	2.9%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount, Net of Reserve <sup>1</sup>	\$6,968,766	\$7,108,141	
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)	\$6,968,766	\$7,108,141	2%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	\$6,968,766	\$7,108,141	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$6,968,766	\$7,108,141	
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval) <sup>2</sup>	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	997	995	-0.20%
Consumer Price Index			2.13%

<sup>1</sup> Include 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 2018-19, includes any carryover from 2017-18 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2017-18 (D)	Estimated 2018-19 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$2,413,864	\$2,192,988
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$652,524	\$845,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$980,000	\$1,008,400
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4%	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 school day academic programs and courses the district currently offers.

### Is Holley below the "tax levy limit"?

Yes. The Board of Education is proposing a 2 percent tax levy increase. The average tax rate will be approximately \$22.84 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 15.



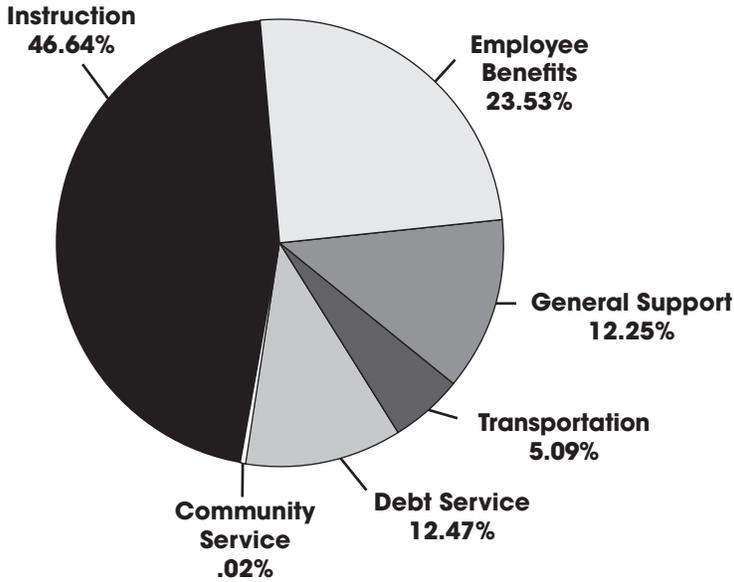
## Proposed Expenditure

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	% of Budget
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>	\$11,681,197	\$11,309,477	\$11,757,235	46.64%
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>	\$6,022,174	\$6,078,500	\$5,930,703	23.53%
Includes: employee retirement systems, health insurance, unemployment insurance, Social Security and Workers' Compensation				
<b>GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	\$2,733,357	\$3,091,014	\$3,093,364	12.25%
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>	\$1,249,941	\$1,288,335	\$1,281,540	5.09%
Includes: transportation to public and non-public schools, vocational schools, educational field and athletic trips, and transportation of special education children, which totals over 380,000 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>	\$2,708,331	\$2,727,674	\$3,142,158	12.47%
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>\$24,400,000</b>	<b>\$24,500,000</b>	<b>\$25,210,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

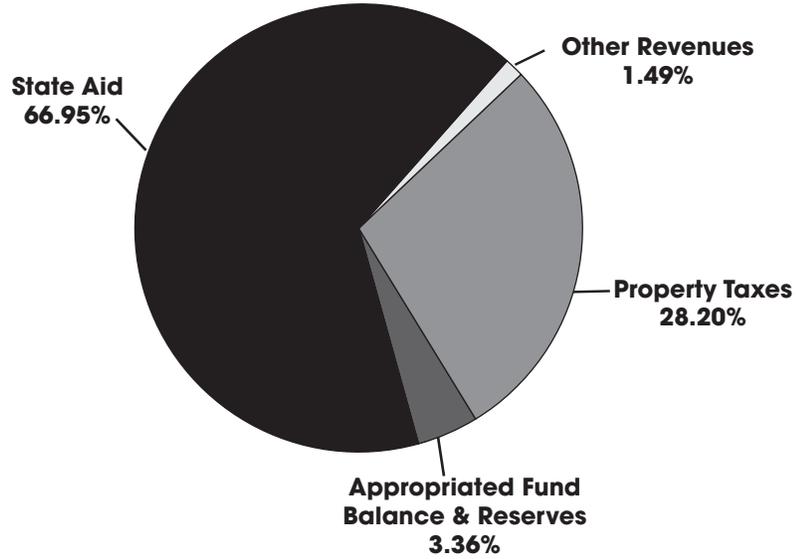
## Estimated Revenues

	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	% of Budget
<b>STATE AID</b>	\$15,869,276	\$16,157,556	\$16,876,647	66.95%
Includes: various categories of state aid – general operating, transportation, building, special education, instructional materials and BOCES				
<b>OTHER REVENUES</b>	\$329,100	\$332,495	\$380,212	1.49%
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>	\$6,875,941	\$6,968,766	\$7,108,141	28.20%
Includes: property taxes collected as well as STAR payments received from New York State				
<b>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	\$1,325,683	\$1,041,183	\$845,000	3.36%
Includes: excess balance of funds from prior year toward new budget				
<b>TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUES</b>	<b>\$24,400,000</b>	<b>\$24,500,000</b>	<b>\$25,210,000</b>	<b>100%</b>

**2018-19  
Proposed Expenditures**



**2018-19  
Estimated Revenues**



**2018-19 Three-Part Budget**

**Budget Expenditures**

**Total Budget \$25,210,000**

**Administrative Component: \$3,344,401  
Percentage of Budget: 13.27%**

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.

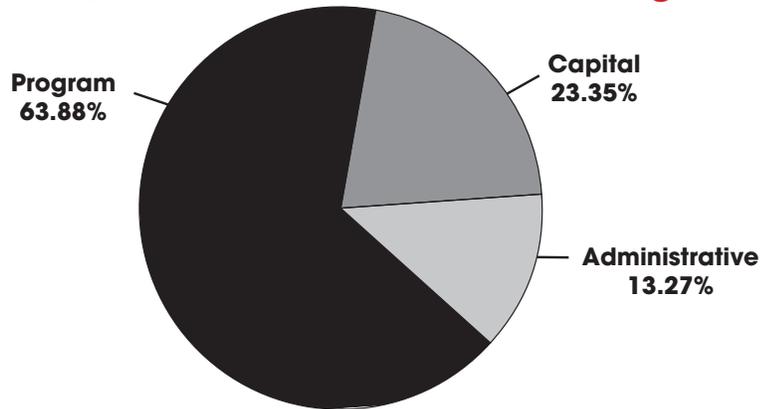
**Program Component: \$15,979,497  
Percentage of Budget: 63.38%**

Provides funding for the instruction of and educational support services for the District's 995 students. The program component also includes funds for: transporting 925 students daily, salary expenditures for all instructional staff, programs for special education services, benefits for instructional employees and retirees, workers' compensation and unemployment insurance.

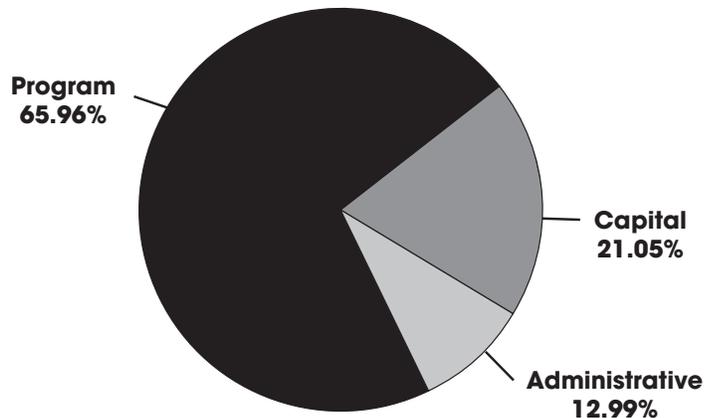
**Capital Component: \$5,886,102  
Percentage of Budget: 23.35%**

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 three of three for the Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES Capital Project.

**Proposed 2018-19 Three-Part Budget**



**Current 2017-18 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, 2018. The seats are now occupied by Melissa Ierlan, Mark Porter and Anne Winkley. Five 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: Nancy Manard MacPhee, Mark B. Porter, Anne Smith, Anne Winkley and Melissa Ierlan. Below are their answers to the question: What motivates you to run for the Holley Board of Education?**



### **Nancy Manard MacPhee**

I'm very excited to further give back to my wonderful community and make a positive impact on the Board of Education (BOE). Our school district is facing a number of changes and challenges that require commitment and great leadership from the BOE. As a bank manager, I have worked

collaboratively with people of many different backgrounds and worldviews. I have brought people together to find common ground, take action and develop a resolution. I'm committed to listening first, being thoughtful and respectful, and building a strong partnership to support the well-being of our students, family, faculty and staff in the district. I believe in this community, and I want to help ensure a strong education for all students. A community is only as strong as its school.

### **Anne Smith**

I've been a Holley resident since 1987, and I worked for the district for over 30 years, so I have a long-term investment in our Holley community. During my many years in Holley, I have held numerous leadership roles and served on countless committees, focusing on both social and academic goals for our students. I believe my experience working with many of the current district staff and administrators, as well as a large number of parents over the years, allows me to bring a relatable perspective to the Board of Education. As our district welcomes new leadership, it's important to facilitate transparent communication with all stakeholders. To effectively reach our district's potential, it's also important to develop students with high moral character who are able to successfully meet life's challenges. I have always strived to be a strong proponent for students, and I would like the opportunity to advocate for our entire school community as a school board member. It will be my intention to work toward a unified community vision by actively listening and serving the district to the best of my ability.



### **Mark B. Porter**

I am motivated to run for re-election to the school board because we have a duty to make sure our children will receive the best possible education, taught by inspiring teachers, and using the finest educational resources. Our demanding world requires students who are successfully prepared for its challenges. We should expect

responsibility, accountability, transparency and constant parental communication from the district for the sake of our children.



### **Anne Winkley**

Serving on the school board for the past six years has afforded me the opportunity to advocate for the best that education has to offer to our children. Decreasing enrollment and tighter budgets threaten the quality of that education, forcing us to develop strategies that will protect our children's future and prepare them for their next

steps in life. I knew this as a substitute teacher's aide, past PTSA secretary and volunteer coordinator for the district. However, it is because of the fact that I am a mother of five of our district's graduates, and a concerned, but hopeful citizen, that I hope to continue working on the school board for our community and our children.



### **Melissa Ierlan**

I have been a member of the Holley PTSA and a volunteer parent advocate for CSE meetings for many years. The decision to run for a seat on the school board is just another way to "give back" to the district and serve the residents as a voice. I believe in our district, and the wonderful people that live in our community and help support the school

and students in many ways.

## What you'll see at the polls

The wording that appears below is what voters will see on the ballot on Tuesday, May 15. Please take the time to review this information so that the language is familiar when you get to the polls on May 15.

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 ANNUAL DISTRICT BUDGET \$25,210,000

"Shall the Board of Education of Holley Central School District be authorized to make the expenditures of the monies set forth in the proposed 2018-19 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 AND SPORT UTILITY VEHICLE

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

"Resolved, that the Board of Education of Holley Central School District be authorized to purchase one 72 passenger school bus, one 22 passenger school bus and one Ford Expedition sport utility vehicle at an aggregate estimated maximum cost of \$222,914, 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, NY

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 \$153,713 during the 2018-19 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)

- Nancy Manard MacPhee
- Mark B. Porter
- Anne Smith
- Anne Winkley
- Melissa Ierlan

## Holley Community Free Library Proposed 2018 Budget

When you vote on Proposition 3 for the proposed library budget on May 15, you will notice that there is a significant increase. Why is there such an increase this year?

In 2017, the Community Free Library received a \$20,000 grant from Senator Robert Ort. We used this funding to add a part-time Children's Librarian position and to expand programs for Teens and Adults. Before the grant, the library offered 40 children's story hours and 12 summer reading programs. In 2017, Children's Librarian Grace Azzolino provided over 90 children's events in which 1,475 children participated. These events included an after-school program, Saturday Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) programs, as well as starting a 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten (1000B4K) initiative. These statistics demonstrate the benefit to the community for this added position. The proposed budget you will be voting on in May will include funding to make the part-time Children's Librarian position permanent.

As part of the grant, Library Director Sandy Shaw was able to form a teen advisory board to suggest programs and materials to be added to the library collection. She was also able to expand adult programming to include Wacky Wednesdays, which have included sessions on Beginning Quilting, Triangular Weaving, Digital Photography, Education Law for Parents of Special Ed Students and more.

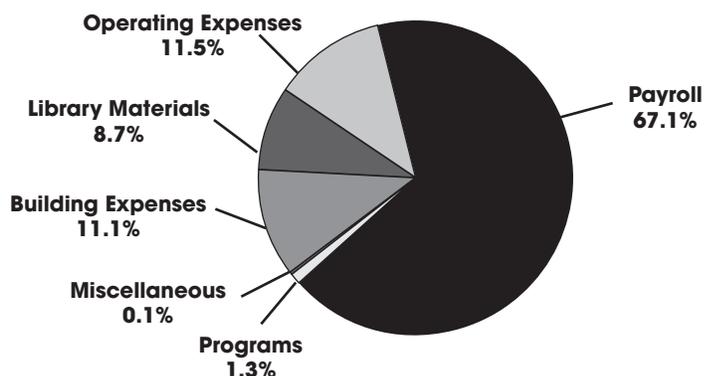
The proposed budget will also include funding to bring staff salaries up to minimum wage. The largest part of our budget is staff salaries.

The proposed budget is \$153,713, a little over a \$7 average increase per household for the year.

We will be having a "Town Hall" style meeting at the Community Free Library on Wednesday, May 9, from 6:30-8 p.m. to discuss the proposed budget and answer any questions you may have. Movies and snacks will be available to children during this meeting.

If you have any questions, feel free to call Library Director Sandy Shaw at 638-6987, or contact Library Board President Amanda O'Connell at [president@holleylibrary.org](mailto:president@holleylibrary.org) or Library Board Vice President Barb Kerns at [vicepresident@holleylibrary.org](mailto:vicepresident@holleylibrary.org).

### Proposed 2018 Budget



## Interim Superintendent

John D. Carlevatti

## 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 15, 2018

### 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 15 in order to participate in the 2018-19 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/Budget.aspx](http://www.holleycsd.org/Budget.aspx).

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 14. In all cases, the ballot must be returned to the District Office no later than 5 p.m. on May 15. Ballots received later than 5 p.m. cannot be accepted under education law, regardless of postmark date.

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*Vote*

**Tuesday, May 15**

6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Holley Middle School/  
High School Foyer**



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