

School District Budget Notice


Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2013-14 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2014-15 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2014-15 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$54,417,562	\$55,816,937	\$55,053,937
Increase/Decrease for the 2014-15 School Year		\$1,399,375	\$636,375
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.57%	1.17%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.46%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Including Levy to Support Library Debt, if applicable	\$30,044,924	\$30,807,924	\$30,044,924
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$820,562	\$581,850	
A. Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions or Levy to Support Library Debt	\$29,224,362	\$30,226,074	
B. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Not</u> Including Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$29,224,576	\$30,227,802	
Difference: A - B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)	-\$214	-\$864	
Administrative Component	\$4,765,825	\$5,116,513	\$4,886,513
Program Component	\$41,036,672	\$42,595,259	\$42,062,259
Capital Component	\$8,615,065	\$8,105,165	\$8,105,165
*Statement of Assumptions in projecting a contingency budget for the 2014-15 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated: The Contingent Budget is calculated using the NYS contingent budget formula which excludes non-contingent budget items. In addition, a contingency budget would require the district to charge for the use of facilities.			
Separate Proposition for vehicle purchase.		Description	Amount
		Vehicle Purchase	\$655,280

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2014-2015 by the qualified voters of the Grand Island Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at the High School in said district on Tuesday, May 20, 2014 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the High School Gymnasium, 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.

Description	Amount
Vehicle Purchase	\$655,280

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2014-15 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$586



Grand Island
Central School District

1100 Ransom Road • Grand Island, NY 14072
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Budget/Trustee Vote


Tuesday
May 20, 2014
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Grand Island
High School Gym

A person wishing to vote must be: a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age and a district resident for 30 days prior to vote. Absentee ballots are available. Visit our website @ www.k12.ginet.org for more information and voter eligibility requirements. Voters may request absentee ballots by writing to Grand Island Central School District, attn: District Clerk, 1100 Ransom Road, Grand Island, New York 14072 or calling 773-8801 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. All ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2014.

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GRAND ISLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Budget **Vote** May 20th



Grand Island Schools
2014-15
Budget/Trustee Vote
Tuesday, May 20, 2014
7 a.m. to 9 p.m.


Grand Island High School Gym
1100 Ransom Road
Grand Island, NY 14072

Find Out More

Copies of the District's proposed budget will be available at any of the District's five schools, the Grand Island Public Library or in the District Office as of May 6, 2014.
Please contact your district with questions about the budget development process. Visit the district website at www.k12.ginet.org for more information.

Voter Registration Information

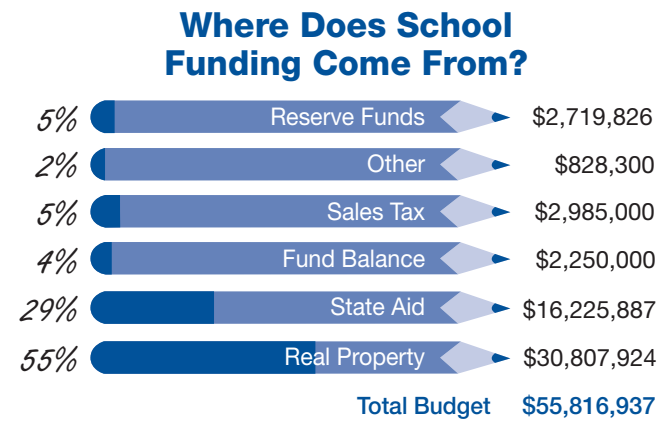
Poll books will be used during this vote/election. If you have not registered for the primary or general election, please do so now. If you are not registered in advance, you will be required to register on vote/election day.



The Grand Island Board of Education supports this budget and encourages residents to call with questions or attend the regularly scheduled meetings. For further information call 773-8801 or visit www.k12.ginet.org.

2014-15 Budget Proposal at a Glance

	2013-14	2014-15	\$ Change	% Change
ADMINISTRATION – 9% Consists of these examples and others: Daily operating activities which indirectly provide a benefit to students and staff.	\$4,765,825	\$5,116,513	\$350,688	7.36%
PROGRAM – 76% Consists of these examples and others: Activities which directly benefit students.	\$41,036,672	\$42,595,259	\$1,558,587	3.80%
CAPITAL – 15% Consists of these examples and others: Activities involving maintenance and upkeep of district buildings.	\$8,615,065	\$8,105,165	-\$509,900	-5.92%
TOTAL	\$54,417,562	\$55,816,937	\$1,399,375	2.57%



Items Included in the 2014-15 Proposed Budget

- Maintenance of reasonable class sizes K-12 to maximize learning.
- Universal Pre-Kindergarten Funding.
- Continued support of Music, Art and Athletic programs.

2014-15 Tax Information

	2013-2014 Actual	2014-2015 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Full Assessed Value *	\$1,569,420,428	\$1,569,420,428	\$0	0%
Tax Levy	\$30,044,924	\$30,807,924	\$763,000	2.54%
Full Value Tax Rate	\$19.143961	\$19.630128	\$0.486167	2.54%

Full Assessed Value*

The 2014-2015 proposed tax rate is based on estimated full value assessment. Final assessment values for calculation of the 2014-2015 tax rate are not available at this time.

Tax Levy

The tax levy is the total amount of property taxes a school district must collect to balance its budget, after accounting for all other revenue sources including state aid. The tax levy is the basis for determining the tax rate for each of the cities, towns or villages that make up a school district.

Full Value Tax Rate

Tax rate is determined by your property’s assessed value divided by 1,000, and multiplied by the full value tax rate. This rate is established using the Town of Grand Island Full Assessed Value (which will be established in July 2014).

The full value tax rate information above is an estimated amount and can not be calculated until the full assessed value is calculated by the Town of Grand Island in July 2014.

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Contingent Budget Information

	Proposed Budget 2014-2015	Contingency Budget 2014-2015
Total Budget	\$55,816,937	\$55,053,937
Budget Increase/Decrease	\$1,399,375	\$636,375
% Increase/Decrease	2.57%	1.17%
Change in Consumer Price Index	1.46%	1.46%

The proposed tax levy does not exceed the tax levy limit, therefore requiring a 50% majority vote.

What happens if the budget is not approved by voters?

If a proposed budget is defeated by voters, a school district—as in the past—has two options: to put the same or a revised budget up for a revote, or to adopt a contingent budget. If a proposed budget is defeated twice by voters, a district must adopt a contingent budget.

Does the law make any changes to the requirements for a contingent budget?

Certain existing contingent budget requirements remain in effect which prohibit spending in specific areas including community use of buildings, certain salary increases and new equipment purchases.

However, under the new law, a district that adopts a contingent budget may not increase its current tax levy by any amount—which would impose, in effect, a zero percent cap. Districts will not be allowed to increase the tax levy to the extent needed to fund expenditures excluded from the tax cap (no growth factor, nor capital, court order/judgements, or pension expenditures.)

What can taxpayers do?

It is more important than ever to become informed about the complex issues shaping school district budgets and educational programs. The property tax cap law poses an enormous challenge for public schools, and school leaders need to hear from their communities to help guide them through the difficult decisions that will need to be made.

Highlighting Our Successes

Sidway Elementary School is an exceptional early childhood center with extraordinary educators and dedicated staff members. Our teachers regularly engage in ongoing professional development in literacy, writing and math.

Huth Road Elementary School students’ STAR testing results for ELA and math indicate that they have grown from the 61st percentile in September 2013 up to the 70th percentile in March 2014.

Kaegebein Elementary School is a founding member of the Buffalo State Professional Development Consortium. We annually host seven student teachers, and 14 junior participants in math and science. Kaegebein is often requested as a placement for student teachers.

Veronica Connor Middle School students scored the second highest on the 7th Grade Math Assessment in WNY.

Grand Island High School Concert Band earned Level 5 Gold with Distinction honors and the Wind Ensemble earned Level 6 Gold with Distinction honors at the NYS School Music Association Major Organization Festival. The Concert Band also earned Superior Ratings and Outstanding Soloist awards, and the Wind Ensemble earned Superior Ratings and Outstanding Soloist, Outstanding Percussion, Outstanding Woodwinds and Outstanding Brass awards at the Grand National Adjudicators Invitational in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The Jazz Ensemble performs with locally and nationally recognized musicians on an annual basis and provides music for many school and community events.

Grand Island Central School District has been named “Best Communities for Music Education” for the third consecutive year by the NAMM Foundation.

To date, seven winter teams and all 10 teams from the fall season earned the NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team Award. To qualify, a team average must be a minimum of 90% with several additional requirements considered.

Ballot Information

Proposition No. 1

Shall the Board of Education of the Grand Island Central School District appropriate the sum of \$55,816,937 for the 2014-15 school budget as published?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Proposition No. 2

To adopt the following resolution: **RESOLVED:** (a) That the Board of Education of the Grand Island Central School District, in the County of Erie, New York (the “District”), is hereby authorized to acquire various school buses and vehicles, and to expend therefore an amount not to exceed \$655,280; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$655,280 to finance such cost, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education; (c) that the District is authorized to issue serial bonds to finance all or part of said cost, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (d) that, in lieu of bonds, the District is authorized to enter into one or more installment purchase contracts for the purchase of some or all of said buses and vehicles, for a term of not to exceed five (5) years; and a tax is hereby voted to pay each installment on any such contract.

☐ YES ☐ NO

Board of Education Election

Elect three (3) members to the Board of Education.

1. Matthew S. Green 2. Takayuki Nobumoto 3. Karen Carroll
4. Susan J. Marston 5. Tammy Zulawski

Meet the Candidates Night
Tuesday, May 13 • 7 p.m. - 9 p.m. • VCMS Little Theater

Capital Project Update

The capital project approved by Grand Island residents in December 2011 will shift into high gear this summer. While the work to this point has focused on Veronica Connor Middle School and Grand Island High School, work at the three elementary schools will commence in May and June and all of our buildings will be in a high state of construction during the summer months. Throughout the district there will be signs of significant work and progress.

At the secondary complex, work will conclude on the new STEM wing addition. Work on the front parking lot will require staff and visitors to park in designated areas behind the complex. Installation of the new athletic complex will recommence and conclude with opening ceremonies on September 19 before our first home football game under the lights. Work inside the building will include the construction of new science rooms in both the High School and Middle School, complete renovation of the High School Auditorium, the ongoing installation of new electrical and technology services and renovations in the music wing.

Highlighting the work at the elementary schools will be the start of construction on the addition at Kaegebein Elementary as well as the renovation of their main office and significant work on the heating system for the entire building. At Sidway, the main office will be moved and they too will have significant upgrades made in their electrical, heating and technology systems. Huth Road Elementary work will commence in the library, auditorium and in their main office complex.

The Grand Island Central School District would like to thank the community for their patience and continued support as we work together towards building a safe, optimal learning environment that will benefit both the students and the taxpayers of Grand Island.

