



# J-D Journal

by the Jamesville-DeWitt School District for its residents

Special Edition

2017 -2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

May 2017

## 2017 -2018 Proposed Budget

Administrative Component  
**\$4,498,686**  
(8%)

Capital Component  
**\$7,489,745**  
(14%)



Program Component  
**\$42,643,935**  
(78%)

Total  
**\$54,632,366**

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#### PUBLIC HEARING

Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7:00 PM  
Jamesville-DeWitt  
High School

#### VOTE

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7:00 AM to 9:00 PM  
Jamesville-DeWitt  
Main High School Gym

## Meet the Board of Education Candidates

### Christine Woodcock Dettor

My name is Christine Woodcock Dettor and I have been a resident of the JD School District since 1999. My husband Louie Dettor is a proud JD Alum from the Class of 1986 and we chose to make JD our home. We are truly enjoying raising our three children in our community. Our daughter Julia is a graduating senior this year and will be attending Barnard College at Columbia University in New York City this fall. Our son Andrew is a sophomore at JD High School and our daughter Ally is in the 7th grade at JD Middle School. All three kids began their education in kindergarten at Moses DeWitt and have attended JD schools all the way.

I have seen first-hand how our District provides incredible resources and opportunities for its students and our children have grown and thrived as a result. They have been supported by kind and talented educators every step of the way who have enriched their lives and their learning.

I grew up in Cazenovia and attended Cazenovia public schools but graduated from Manlius Pebble Hill School in 1988. I was an Economics and Japanese studies major at Wellesley College and worked in New York City after college. I then chose to return home to Central New York to attend Syracuse University College of Law where Louie and I met.

I am now a lawyer and a partner at Bousquet Holstein PLLC a mid-sized Syracuse firm of nearly forty lawyers. I practice in the areas of trusts and estates law, not for profit law and charitable planning and business law. I have been practicing now for 21 years and I truly enjoy my career. My husband Louie is a Deputy County Attorney for Onondaga County and protects children in cases of abuse and neglect in Family Court. At night and on weekends he can be found with his favorite electric or acoustic guitar, something he began at age 14 through his JD music education!

I believe that giving back to our community is essential. I am currently serving on the Board of Loretto, a continuing healthcare organization which provides services for older adults throughout Central New York. I previously served as Past President of the Central New York Community Foundation, which serves as a steward of charitable legacies, is a civic leader and sponsor of special initiatives designed to strengthen local nonprofits and address the region's most pressing challenges. I could not be more proud of the education provided to our children by the Jamesville DeWitt School District and would do all I can to advocate for our children, our families and our JD District.

### Dana A. Corcoran, Ph.D.

Dear Families and Residents of the Jamesville-DeWitt School District,

My name is Dana Corcoran and I am excited to be running for the Jamesville-DeWitt School Board! Originally from Utica, I moved to Syracuse to pursue my graduate education at Syracuse University. Having completed my administrative internship at Tecumseh, as well as working for OCM BOCES, I quickly became aware of the solid educational foundation the Jamesville-DeWitt School District provides. For this reason, my husband Chad and I built a home in Jamesville and have been fortunate enough to raise our two boys within the District these past seven years. Our son John (7) is currently a 1st grader at Jamesville Elementary School, while our other son Carter (3) will follow in his footsteps as a Red Ram!

I hold a Ph.D. in Science Education, as well as a Certificate of Advanced Studies in educational administration from SU. Currently, I am the supervisor of Science and Technology in the Syracuse City School District. I oversee all STEM curriculum and programming (K-12) in thirty-three buildings. I am responsible for coordinating the design, support, and implementation of a strategic plan for STEM initiatives across the district among many other responsibilities, including the management of a substantial budget.

I am eager to work with the current board as a seasoned educator to ensure that the best opportunities are afforded to all students in the Jamesville-DeWitt School District. My experiences have provided me with a wide range of skills, and have given me the chance to collaborate at a variety of educational levels. It would be my privilege to become part of the Jamesville-DeWitt School Board. Above all else, I am a driven and visionary educator dedicated to improving the academic potential of all students. Thank you in advance for your support!

### Susan Petrosillo

I am delighted to run for the Jamesville-DeWitt School Board of Education for a third term. I had the privilege of serving as Board President for the past two school years. I feel that I have a firm grasp on JD operations, budget creation, policy setting, the education industry and the wants/needs of the public we represent. I would be honored to be able to serve the District as a Board of Education member for another term.

I will continue my effort to be a Board member with an ear and voice for school children at all levels while remaining cognizant of the need to balance education improvements and maintain programming across the District. Together we can provide the children of our community the best education and experience possible without settling.

My husband, Michael, and I have lived in Dewitt for over 12 years. We have three children – a 7th grade daughter who attends JD Middle School, a 5th grade son who is currently enrolled at Holy Cross and a 2nd grade son who attends Moses DeWitt. I work outside the home as an Information Technology Program Manager and have a CPA license, although not practicing.

I am devoted to both my family and my community, and I look forward to continuing to put my energy and experience as a Board member to good use for another term as your representative on the JD Board of Education.

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**  
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# To the Residents of the Jamesville-DeWitt School District:

## BUDGET DEVELOPMENT

The budget development process for 2017-18 again challenged the board and administration to create a budget that would provide appropriate support for the education of all of our students in a fiscal environment that continues to lack predictability and stability. First and foremost, Jamesville-DeWitt is a high achieving district supported by a community with high expectations for our students. The active involvement and support of local community members is critically important to the ongoing success of our students in all of their endeavors. The educational reform initiatives underway in New York State provide ongoing challenges as we work to implement the mandated changes in ways that seem educationally and fiscally appropriate for Jamesville-Dewitt students and community. The lack of fiscal stability and predictability calls for continued vigilance in monitoring and controlling expenditures. These conflicting factors remain, and, in fact, continue to increase in magnitude, making budgetary decisions incrementally more complex.

## BUDGET CONCEPTS

This year's budget can once again be best described as a status quo budget. It supports our ability to maintain strong academic programs K-12, a comprehensive high school program with many opportunities for electives and college credit, amazing fine arts and interscholastic sports programs, and a multitude of programs and services for students who need additional support in a variety of ways. We continue to save money by participating in large consortiums to help moderate fringe benefit, energy, and purchasing costs. By taking these steps, we are in a better position long term to maintain the integrity of a quality, comprehensive, K-12 program.

We have accommodated past instability in revenue sources by decreasing expenses where we could and by using funds from reserves to minimize the effect on local taxpayers.

We are fortunate that the state legislature did approve an increase in our state aid for 2017-18. That is certainly good news, and we appreciate the effort of our legislators on our behalf. The board of education and administration worked very hard to develop a budget that would enable us to maintain the quality educational program the community expects and our students deserve, while minimizing the increased burden being placed on local tax payers.

## THE NUMBERS

Our proposed budget for 2017-18 is \$54,632,366, an increase of 1.85% over the 2016-2017 budget. This budget enables us to provide the same educational experiences and opportunities currently available to our students. It also enables us to keep within our tax cap levy limit of 1.98%.

Our revenue plan calls for continued use of reserves/fund balance, this year in the amount of \$1,261,742. We project a tax levy increase of 1.98%, the allowable levy limit for J-D. Based upon this year's proposed increase, the estimated tax rate would be \$23.49 per thousand dollars of assessed value, a slight increase over the current rate of \$23.03.

## WHAT'S NEXT

Detailed copies of the budget are available by contacting the district office. Residents are invited to attend the budget hearing scheduled for Monday, May 8th, 2017, 7:00 PM in the District Office. In addition to the budget presentation, you will have the opportunity to hear comments from candidates for the Board of Education.

## THE BUDGET VOTE WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 16th, 2017 FROM 7:00 AM UNTIL 9:00 PM AT THE HIGH SCHOOL MAIN GYM ON EDINGER DRIVE.

We encourage you to participate in the budget vote and as always appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,

## THE JAMESVILLE-DEWITT BOARD OF EDUCATION

Susan Petrosillo, President  
Angela Tyson, Vice President  
Patrick Brown

Michelle Kielbasinski  
Virginia Murphy  
Dennis Resetarits, MD

Mark Schulman  
Tom Taylor  
Bruce Van Schaick

## Proposed Budget Revenues

### Proposed Budget Revenues

This year we have an increase in state aid bringing the estimated state aid to be received in the 17-18 school year to \$13,250,829. We are planning on utilizing \$1,261,742 in reserves/fund balance for the 17-18 budget. This plan calls for a projected tax levy of \$38,607,433 this is a 1.98% increase in the tax levy.

The proposed budget would require a simple majority for approval as we are not exceeding our (tax cap), tax levy increase of 1.98%. Should the budget be defeated the district can put the budget up for a revote. If it is defeated a second time the tax levy could not be increased from the current year's levy of \$37,856,528.

	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Proposed
State Aid	\$12,916,449	\$13,250,829
County Sales Tax	80,635	80,635
Health Services Other Districts	235,000	249,207
Rentals	20,000	20,000
Drug Prevention Program	50,000	50,000
Interest On Deposits	130,000	130,000
Medicaid Reimbursements	50,000	50,000
Medicare Part D	183,500	158,500
Miscellaneous	763,227	774,020
Tax Levy	37,856,528	38,607,433
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>1,356,407</u>	<u>1,261,742</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$53,641,746</u></b>	<b><u>\$54,632,366</u></b>

# 2017-18 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES

## Administrative Component

The Administration component of the budget represents the management of the school district and those functions not directly related to classroom instruction and maintenance of our facilities. It includes the Superintendent and district office staff, building principals and administrators, and general areas of expenditures such as legal representation, data processing, insurance and fringe benefits. The administration portion of the budget represents approximately 8% of total spending plan. We are pleased to report that the amount Jamesville-DeWitt allocates for administrative expenses is one of the lowest in the region. By controlling our administrative costs we are able to dedicate more of our resources directly into the classroom.

	2016-17 Budget	2017-18 Proposed	# Staff
Board of Education	\$18,800	\$18,800	
District Meeting	300	300	
Office of Superintendent	256,905	264,359	2
Business Office	297,013	306,102	4
Auditing	37,350	38,000	
Treasurer	300	300	
Tax Collector	15,300	15,300	
Fiscal Agent	2,500	3,000	
Legal Fees	60,000	60,000	
Personnel	24,496	23,671	
Public Information and Services	6,500	6,500	
Central Data Processing	209,200	215,000	
Unallocated Insurance	118,477	125,275	
Assessments on School Property	17,950	17,950	
BOCES Administration	233,840	242,523	
Curriculum Development	247,398	263,849	2
Building Supervision	1,324,494	1,376,738	15
Inservice Training-Instruction	10,200	15,000	
Employee Benefits	<u>1,463,978</u>	<u>1,506,019</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$4,345,001</u></b>	<b><u>\$4,498,686</u></b>	<b><u>23</u></b>

## Capital Component

The largest expenditure in this category is the debt service associated with our building expansions and renovations. Debt service has a slight decrease from last year. Over the past couple of years we have refinanced some long term debt, lowering the amount of interest we pay, thus decreasing our payments. Care has been taken to provide the needed dollars for preventative maintenance on operating systems including boilers, HVAC, fire alarms and communication systems. We have continued to experience a decrease in utility costs by continuing to participate in an energy consortium as well as we continue to gain efficiencies with controls to decrease utility utilization. We will embark on a capital project that the voters approved in this past year to upgrade our auditorium, large group instruction rooms, as well as upgrading our electrical systems throughout the district.

Operation of Plant	\$2,339,877	\$2,337,377	27
Maintenance of Plant	756,236	811,538	5
Judgements & Claims	6,470	6,470	
Refund on Real Property Taxes	15,000	15,000	
Employee Benefits	731,989	753,010	
Serial Bonds-School Construction	3,551,300	3,566,350	
Bond Notes-School Construction	0	0	
Bond Notes-Bus Purchases	0	0	
Energy Performance	0	0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$7,400,872</u></b>	<b><u>\$7,489,745</u></b>	<b><u>32</u></b>

## Program Component

In order to maintain our commitment to excellence, the proposed program budget reflects maintaining our academic programs. Cost increases are primarily from increased personnel costs. The budget puts increased technology in the hands of our students and faculty. The budget does maintain our extra-curricular activities, such as music, drama and athletics. We are pleased to report that Jamesville-DeWitt dedicates maximum resources to the instruction that takes place in the classroom. Providing a quality education program that meets the needs of our diverse student population continues to be the major focus of our district.

Instructional Salaries	\$15,642,582	\$15,957,346	222.2
Students with/ Disabilities	6,739,892	6,594,085	97.7
Occupational Education	209,540	187,290	
School Library & AV	736,439	746,084	7.5
Computer Assisted Instruction	1,242,578	1,304,094	7
Attendance	22,557	23,234	1
Guidance	759,569	813,687	12
Health Services	469,108	503,768	5.4
Psychological Services	411,629	404,200	5.45
Pupil Personnel Services	183,349	172,986	2
Co-Curricular Activities	194,831	200,217	
Interscholastic Athletics	815,789	842,831	2
Transportation	2,024,199	2,092,950	37.5
Contract Transportation	0	0	
Employee Benefits	<u>12,443,811</u>	<u>12,801,163</u>	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$41,895,873</u></b>	<b><u>\$42,643,935</u></b>	<b><u>399.75</u></b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$53,641,746</u></b>	<b><u>\$54,632,366</u></b>	<b><u>454.75</u></b>

# O U R M I S S I O N

The Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District has an uncompromising commitment to excellence in preparing students to achieve and succeed, to respect themselves and others and to practice lifelong learning in an ever-changing, richly diverse society. We take responsibility for providing a challenging educational experience in a safe and nurturing environment. We dedicate ourselves to the academic, artistic, social, emotional and physical development of each student.

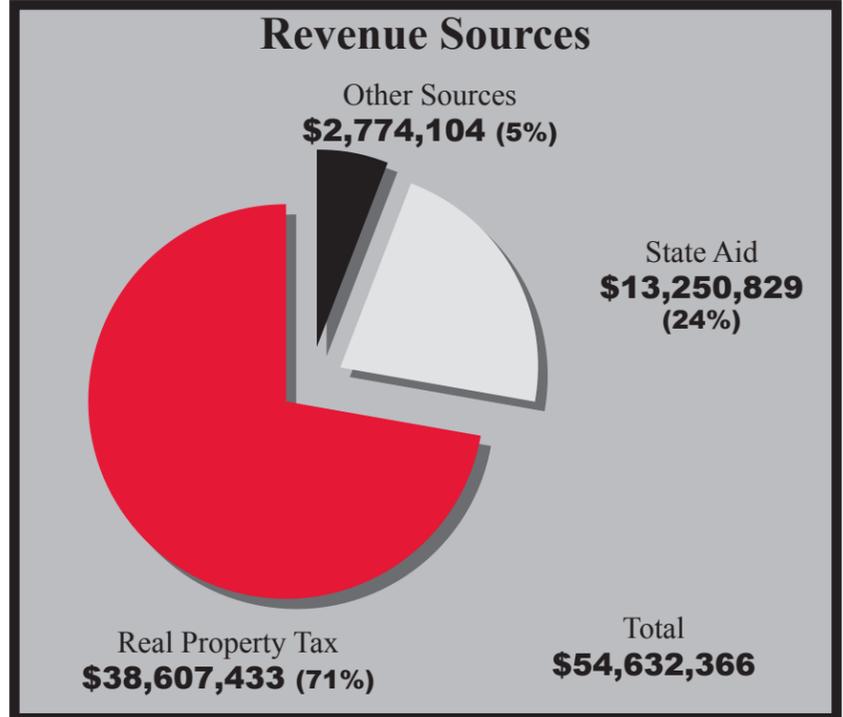
# PROPOSITIONS FOR SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

## BUDGET PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education of the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District be authorized to expend the sums set forth in the total amount of \$54,632,366 for the 2017-18 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

### Proposition #1 School Bus Replacement

Shall the Board of Education of the Jamesville-DeWitt Central School District ("District") be authorized and directed to purchase four (4) 66-passenger diesel school buses at an approximate cost of \$115,000 each not to exceed \$460,000, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District to be collected in annual installments in the years and amounts as the Board of Education shall determine in accordance with Section 416 of the Education Law and, in anticipation of such tax, issue obligations of the District?



### Qualifications for Voters

- United States Citizen.
- At least eighteen (18) years of age.
- A resident of the school district for at least thirty (30) days prior to May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017

## Vote!

### Absentee Voting

Absentee ballots are available through the District Office and **Due Back by 4:00 PM, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017.**  
For more information call: (315) 445-8304

### Budget Hearing

A budget hearing will be held on Monday, **May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017** at 7:00 pm at the **High School**

May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7 am to 9 pm  
Jamesville-DeWitt  
High School

School District Budget Notice							
Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2016-2017 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-2018 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2017-18 School Year *				
<b>Total Budgeted Amount</b>	\$53,641,746	\$54,632,366	\$53,881,461				
<b>Increase/decrease for the 2017-18 school year</b>		\$990,620	\$239,715				
<b>Percentage increase(decrease) in each proposed budget</b>		1.85%	.45%				
<b>Change in the Consumer Price Index</b>		1.26%					
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	\$37,856,528	\$38,607,433					
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy</b>	\$37,856,528	\$38,607,433					
<b>F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit</b>	\$1,266,040	\$1,283,737					
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$36,590,485	\$37,323,696					
<b>H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve</b>	\$36,560,485	\$37,323,696					
<b>Difference: A - B (Positive Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)</b>	\$3	\$0					
<b>Administrative component</b>	\$4,345,001	\$4,498,686	\$4,345,001				
<b>Program component</b>	\$41,895,873	\$42,643,935	\$42,091,715				
<b>Capital component</b>	\$7,400,872	\$7,489,745	\$7,444,745				
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2017-18 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. Should the budget be defeated the district can put the budget up for a re-vote. If it is defeated a second time the tax levy could not be increase from the current year's levy of \$37,856,528. The district would need to make a decision that could include a reduction in an additional \$750,905 from the proposed expense plan. These reductions would significantly reduce many of the programs in our district. <b>List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:</b> (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements)</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; margin-top: 5px;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="width: 80%;">Description</th> <th style="width: 20%;">Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>4 Buses</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$460,000</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	4 Buses	\$460,000
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4 Buses	\$460,000						
		<b>Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year</b>					
<b>Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup></b>		\$704.70					

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-2018 by the qualified voters of the Jamesville DeWitt Central School District, Onondaga County, New York, will be held at Jamesville-DeWitt High School Gym in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the High School Main Gym, 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.