

JHS 2017 graduates, Maria McIlvain, Donyelle Short, Adrianna English & Jocelyn Howser celebrate at the JHS Commencement Ceremony.



# 2018-19 BUDGET INFORMATION

*"We see every child learning every day!"*

THE JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT • MAY 2018

## Message from Superintendent Bret Apthorpe, Ed.D.

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, Jamestown residents will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed 2018-19 school budget, totaling \$86,228,702. **This budget reflects three Board of Education goals:**

1. **Stable tax levy**
2. **Preserve student programming**
3. **Institute long-term fiscal planning**

This budget maintains student programming with **no change to the property tax levy, which has not increased in 8 years.**

This year, there are several important and unique components to the budget that warrant attention. First is being transparent about directing unused funds to lower district debt. Almost 12% of the district budget goes toward paying principal and interest on debt. In April 2018, a JPS bond credit rating company, Moody's, cited in their annual credit review that JPS had a "fair credit rating"...due in part to... "an extremely heavy debt burden." Simply put, the less money going to pay debt service, presently at \$10,242,342, the more money available for improving student programming and/or lowering the tax rate in the future. School budgets are built to have unused funds at the end of the year. A simple example is how bus gasoline is budgeted for the year. This year the budget predicted \$3 a gallon, with the actual price coming in around \$2.15. The 2018-19 budget calls for such extra funds to be used to pay down our district debt.

Second is the introduction of a New York State fiscal tool known as a capital outlay project. This permits a school district to complete up to \$100,000 in capital work in one building and receive building aid on the work. This budget proposes our first capital outlay project for \$100,000 in work to secure the main entryways to Jamestown High School. The aid for this work will be \$98,000, essentially costing the district \$2,000 for \$100,000 worth of

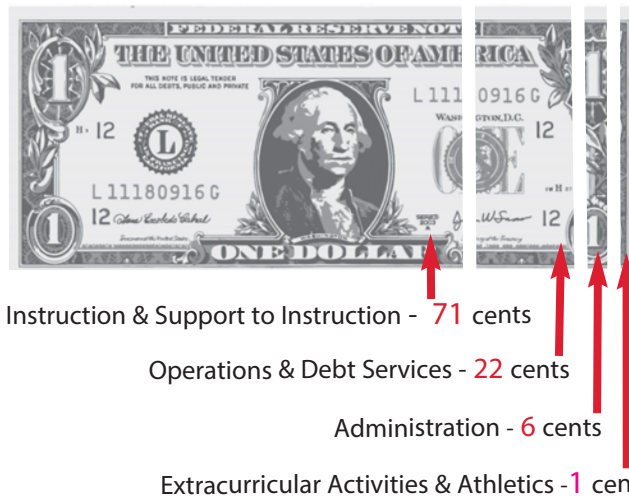
work. This requires voter approval.

Third is addressing staffing needs. This budget contains the addition of two Hispanic community liaisons. JPS is able to share the cost of these salaries with the Chautauqua County Health Department and The Chautauqua Center via a Chautauqua County grant. Increased enrollment at Persell Middle School requires the hiring of two teachers. Three clerical positions will be added to fulfill health and attendance reporting at elementary schools. An English as a New Language (ENL) teacher is needed to fulfill NYS regulations. Two full-time instructional coaches are added at the high school. There are also 6 contingency positions to accommodate unexpected events (like last year's hurricane in Puerto Rico) that may displace families and relocate students to Jamestown, requiring additional teaching staff.

Fourth is a ballot measure seeking

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### For every \$1 JPS spends...



### What is JPS taxpayers' return on investment?



**Most Robust Academic High School Program in the Area** - 11 Advanced Placement, 23 college-level courses & numerous electives, nine JHS students received AP Scholar Recognition. Andrew Pumford, Andrew Roof & Carrson Widen named Commended Students in the National Merit Scholarship Program. Hannah Brown, Jaynee Osborne & Michael Quigley have been accepted to EOP/HEOP programs at 4-year colleges aided by Chautauqua Striders Mentoring Program.



**JHS Graduates Accepted at Prestigious Colleges** - RIT, Case Western University, Loyola University, Syracuse University, Vanderbilt University & Nascar Institute of North Carolina



**Award Winning Extracurricular Programs, including Music & Art** - 11 JHS musicians were chosen for Sr. High Area All-States and 3 for All-Conference. JHS was named a GRAMMY Museum's Community Award Winner \$2,000 grantee. JHS artist Lauren Garvey's work was chosen for the Albright-Knox Future Curator Exhibition & 5 JHS artists were chosen for St. Bonaventure's Juried High School Art Show.



**Premier Athletic Program with 23 Boys & Girls Varsity Sports** - 10 JHS athletic teams received the NYS Scholar-Athlete Team Award & 18 students named All-WNY Scholar Athletes. Andrew Pumford & Allie Stockwell were recognized as Outstanding Athletes at the annual Chautauqua Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. Allie also qualified for the NYS Swim Championships for the 2nd straight season.



**Qualified & Exceptional Teaching & Support Staff** - JHS Teacher Mike Tuccio, JHS Custodian Brenda Harding & Lincoln Paraprofessional Marlene Platz received WNY Educational Service Council Excellence Awards.

## Public Hearing May 8th at Persell Middle School at 6 p.m. Vote on the Budget & Board of Education elections on May 15th

### JPS BUDGET

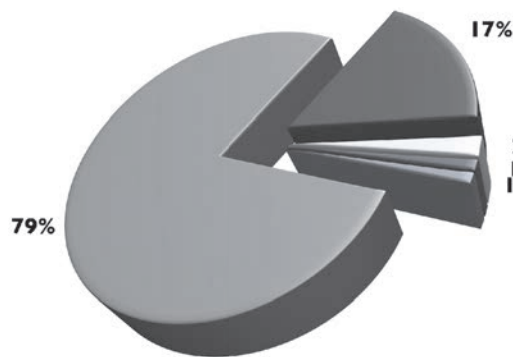
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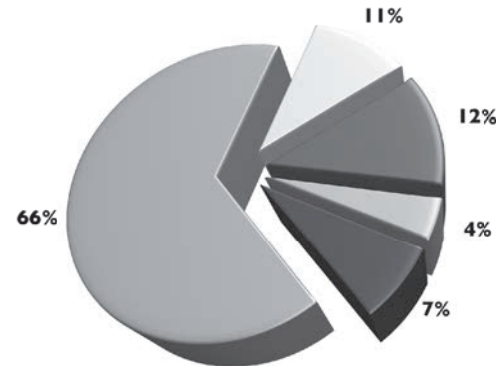
## 2018-19 Budget Information

### 2018-19 Revenues Where General Fund Dollars Come From



- State Aid (79%)
- School Taxes (17%)
- Other Tax Items (2%)
- Miscellaneous Revenue (1%)
- Reserves/Fund Balance (1%)

### 2018-19 Expenses Where General Fund Dollars are Spent



- Salaries & Benefits (66%)
- BOCES Services (11%)
- Debt Service (12%)
- Utilities/Tuition (4%)
- Other Expenses (7%)

**Jamestown Public Schools**  
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	2018-19 Proposed Budget	% of Budget		2018-19 Proposed Budget	% of Budget
<b>Operating Revenues</b>			<b>Operating Expenses</b>		
State/Federal Aid	\$ 68,052,567	79%	Salaries & Benefits	\$57,310,493	66%
School Taxes	\$ 14,641,567	17%	BOCES Services	\$ 9,094,824	11%
Other Tax Items	\$ 1,652,601	2%	Debt Service	\$10,242,342	12%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 881,967	1%	Utilities/Tuition	\$ 3,281,500	4%
Reserves/Fund Balance	\$ 1,000,000	1%	Other Expenses	\$ 6,299,543	7%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 86,228,702</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,228,702</b>	<b>100%</b>

# 2018-19 JPS Budget Questions & Answers...

**Q. How much is the 2018-19 proposed JPS budget & where can I find details?**

A. The proposed 2018-19 JPS Budget would be \$86,228,702. Details of the budget are available for review at [www.jamestownpublicschools.org](http://www.jamestownpublicschools.org) on the Home Page. Please click on the "2018-19 Budget Information" button for more information. You can also review the budget in person at the Administration Building, located at 197 Martin Rd, Jamestown, NY during regular business hours, in each Jamestown school's main office and at the Prendergast Library beginning on May 1st.



Ring Elementary School 2nd Grader, Adrianna Holland, looks at insects on a microscope as part of her ELA Listening & Learning unit.

schools & an English as a New Language teacher to fulfill NYS regulations. Two instructional coaches will also be added at JHS and there are six contingency positions in the proposed budget to accommodate unexpected events requiring additional teaching staff. The district is also including a capital outlay at JHS to increase security at the main entrance, the purchase of five district school buses, paying off \$123,790 in debt services to lower district debt, setting aside money for repairing school buildings in the district and purchasing software management systems from BOCES.

**Q. How will this affect my taxes?**

A. There is no increase in the School Tax Levy at \$14,641,567. In fact, the levy is at the same level as it was in 2011-12, which means that local school taxes will not have gone up in eight years.

**Q. Are there any changes to JPS programs or staff?**

A. JPS is proposing to add two Hispanic community liaisons (sharing costs through a Chautauqua County grant), two teachers at Persell Middle School due to increased enrollment, three clerical positions to fulfill health and attendance reporting at elementary

**Q. Are there propositions included in this year's vote?**

A. There are two propositions on the ballot at this year's vote. The first proposition is to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to set aside up to \$2M to pay the local share costs of future capital projects, address long-term repairs of school buildings, and help save approximately \$665K in borrowing fees and interest - all to help maintain long-term, stable school tax levies. The second proposition is to add a student Board of Education member beginning in July 2018. The student would not be a voting member or attend executive sessions, but would be at every board meeting to contribute a student's perspective on district business. In order to add an ex officio student member to the school board, the district must have voter approval.

**Q. How many Board of Education seats are up for election?**

A. There are two seats up for election, each for three-year terms, beginning in July 2018.

**Looking for more information on the May 15th vote...?**

**When and where is the vote?**  
Polling places will be located at Jefferson, Lincoln and Washington Schools. The polls will be open from noon to 9 p.m. on May 15th. Please call the District Clerk at the Administration Building (483-4420) with any questions on polling locations, or where you should vote.

**Who is eligible to vote?**  
To be eligible to vote in the Jamestown School District Budget/Board of Education Election, an individual must be: at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen, a resident of the Jamestown School District for at least 30 days prior to May 15th, and a registered voter. All qualified voters residing within the City of Jamestown, and who were registered for the preceding general election, and still reside in the same school election district, OR all qualified voters residing outside the City of Jamestown but within the confines of school districts formerly known as Kiantone Number Three and Busti Number Seven, who voted or were qualified to vote in the preceding general election, and still reside in the same school election district are entitled to vote in the annual School Board Election and Budget Vote on May 15th. If you have a question regarding voter eligibility, please contact the District Clerk at 483-4420.

**How can I vote by absentee ballot?**  
Registered voters who are not able to vote in person on Election Day may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Applications can be obtained through the District Clerk, in person, by mail, or by phone. (District Offices, 197 Martin Road, Jamestown, NY 483-4420). Those wishing to receive the ballot by mail must apply at least seven days before the vote. Absentee ballots must be received in person, or by mail, by 5 p.m. on May 15, 2018.



**Jamestown City School District 2018-19 Budget Notice**

**2018-19 Property Tax Report Card**

061700 - Jamestown City School District		
Contact Person:	Vernon Connors	
Telephone Number:	716-483-4497	
	Budgeted 2017-18 (A)	Proposed Budget 2018-19 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	84,948,220	86,228,702
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount <sup>1</sup>	14,641,567	14,641,567
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)	14,641,567	14,641,567
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	559,578	309,731
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	14,514,240	14,417,383
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	14,081,989	14,331,836
I. Difference: (G - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) <sup>2</sup>	432,251	85,547
Public School Enrollment	4,572	4,560
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	3,547,762	7,680,832
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	500,000	1,000,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	6,404,889	3,370,888
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	7.54%	3.91%

**Schedule of Reserve Funds**

Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description *	3/31/18 Actual Balance	6/30/18 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended Use of the Reserve in the 2018-2019 School Year
Capital	Capital Reserve	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$0	\$2,000,000	To pay for the local cost share of future capital projects
Repair		To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	\$0	\$0	N/A
Workers' Compensation	Workers' Compensation Reserve	To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	\$1,246,635	\$1,246,553	To pay for large Workers' Compensation settlements
Unemployment Insurance		To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	\$0	\$0	N/A
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.	\$0	\$0	N/A
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service		To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.	\$0	\$0	N/A
Insurance		To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	\$0	\$0	N/A
Property Loss		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property loss.	\$0	\$0	N/A
Liability		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover liability claims incurred.	\$0	\$0	N/A
Tax Certiorari	Tax Certiorari Reserve	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements	\$0	\$195,000	To pay for Tax Certiorari court awards
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.	\$0	\$0	N/A
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	EMBLR Reserve	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	\$2,306,586	\$1,636,615	To pay for earned employee benefits upon retirement
Retirement Contribution	Retirement Contribution Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	\$0	\$2,602,664	To pay for future retirement system costs
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		For unpaid taxes due certain city school districts not reimbursed by their city/county until the following fiscal year.	\$0	\$0	N/A
Other Reserve			\$0	\$0	N/A

Clockwise from top:

Persell Middle School students, Alison McNally and Caden Salvaggio, perform a science experiment about physical & chemical changes.

JHS Junior Joanna Johnson works on her cartooning techniques. Cartooning is one of many art electives offered at JHS.

JHS Battle of the Classes raised over \$12,000 for the UCAN City Mission this year.

JHS Volleyball player, Karleigh Haines, blocks at the net, assisted by Izzy Knapp. Photo by Chad Ecklof Photo Art

**Message from Superintendent (Cont. from Page 1)**

approval for the creation of a Capital Reserve Fund (CRF). This is an opportunity for the district to put unused budget dollars into a fund that can be used to pay for the local share of any future building project. By law, this fund can only last up to 10 years and would require voters to approve any withdrawal from it. We estimate that JPS could need upwards of \$100M of maintenance and repairs in the next decade. The local tax share of this would be \$2M. Our goal would be to save up to \$2M so that taxpayers would not have to pay for the local share of this required work.

Additionally, two School Board seats and an authorization to have a JPS student sit as an ex officio member of the Board are also on the ballot. If approved, a student from the National Honor Society will sit with and advise the Board on student matters, but will not vote or be present at executive sessions.

The Board of Education has already begun to undertake major initiatives that will impact the 2019-20 school year budget. They have approached the 2018-19 budget as an opportunity to pay down debt and keep taxes flat, thereby poising the district for significant programmatic changes in the near future.