

A fact sheet about Scotia-Glenville's 2006-07 budget



Voting will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16 at the Senior High School gym.



What will voters consider?

✓ 2006-07 budget: \$42,010,399

The budget carries an estimated tax increase of less than 3 percent.
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✓ Bus purchase proposal: \$274,847

The district would purchase five buses, including three capable of carrying children in wheelchairs. No buses were purchased last year. An estimated 73 percent of the cost would be reimbursed through state aid. *Repayment of the bus purchase bonds would not begin until the 2007-08 school year.*

✓ Candidates for two Board of Education seats:

John Yagielski • Gary Normington • Jerry Moore

Tax impact of the budget

✓ Less than 3 percent estimated tax bill increase

Because of the Glenville property tax reassessment, the tax rate will decline. More precise property value figures will not be available until after July 1. Because of conservative budgeting and estimating, the district is confident that the tax increase will be 3 percent or less in 2006-07.

For the owner of a home with a revised typical assessment of \$160,000, school taxes would rise by a maximum of \$7.25 per month or \$87 per year

BEFORE savings from the state's STAR tax reduction program
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This increase is among the lowest among school districts in Schenectady County and the Capital Region.

Dates to Remember

✓ Monday, MAY 15: Last day to request an absentee ballot *in person*

✓ 5 P.M., Tuesday, MAY 16: Deadline for receipt of absentee ballots

✓ Tuesday, MAY 16: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., community voting at the High School

CALL THE BUSINESS OFFICE, 382-1222, WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 16!

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The 2006-07 budget includes these initiatives:

✓ **A FULL-TIME READING TEACHER** would be shared between Glendaal and Glen-Worden elementary schools. This would put them on par with the other schools and be paid by a federal grant.



✓ **A 6-HOUR PER DAY COMPUTER TEACHING ASSISTANT** would be shared between the elementary computer labs at the four schools to work with teachers and students to increase the use of computers.

✓ **EXPANDED HONORS PROGRAMS.** The budget calls for adding:

- Five additional slots in the BOCES Young Scholars program for children in grades 4 and 5;
- A half-day grade 6 enrichment program in humanities;
- An honors English Language Arts class in grades 7 and 8; and
- Studio Art in grade 8 (*now offered in grade 9*), thereby allowing students to begin their art sequence early.

✓ **FOREIGN LANGUAGES WOULD BE OFFERED EVERY DAY FOR CHILDREN IN GRADE 7.** Middle school students in grades 7 and 8 now take languages every other day.

✓ **EXPANDED PROGRAMS FOR STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS IN KINDERGARTEN, GRADE 8 AND AT THE HIGH SCHOOL.** Each of these programs, which are partially funded by grants, allows students to remain at Scotia-Glenville instead of attending classes elsewhere. The S-G option avoids the higher costs of sending a child to an outside program.

✓ **TECHNOLOGY.** The budget calls for:

- Increasing spending by \$70,000 to replace technology. The district attempts to replace computers, printers and other technology on a five-year cycle; and
- Naming a full-time technology director, who would implement the technology curriculum. The position would be paid by consolidating present staffing.

✓ **ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION.** The budget includes the hiring of a part-time English teacher in the high school's GOAL alternative education program.

✓ **THE BUDGET ALSO CALLS FOR** eliminating one elementary teaching position; shifting the teaching of health from grade 7 to grade 6 (*next year, health would be offered in grades 6, 7 and 8 for one year*); and shifting staff used in the SAIL alternative education program from grade 6 to grade 7.

In response to inquiries about the STAR program

The state's STAR school tax reduction program, begun in 1998, continues to provide savings to taxpayers every year:

- Under the Basic STAR program, your tax bill will be an estimated \$604 less than it would be without STAR – after figuring the less than 3 percent tax increase.
- Under the Enhanced STAR program (*for homeowners over age 65 with incomes below \$60,000*), your tax bill will be an estimated \$1,197 less than it would be without the program – after figuring the less than 3 percent tax increase.