

Lyncourt Union Free School District 2017-2018 Proposed Budget



Budget Hearing

Tuesday, May 9, 2017 • 5:30 p.m.
Lyncourt School • DeAngelis Auditorium

Budget Vote & Election

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 • 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Great Expectations for Achievement, Respect, & Caring

Message from the Board of Education

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Lyncourt School,

Once again the Lyncourt Union Free School District Board of Education has been faced with some very difficult decisions in creating a fiscally responsible school budget that puts our students and staff at the forefront. The board consistently works to do what is best for the Lyncourt School and community. We are your elected representatives and we take the job of school oversight and community needs very seriously. We thank you for trusting us to serve you and our community youth as your representatives on the school board.

We are enduring continued financial pressure from the state aimed at forcing closures, consolidations, elimination of programs, and mergers. Enduring these financial pressures has been daunting. But, we are dedicated to keep our school, keep our programs, offer exceptional services to all of our students, and continue to be the hub of this community. Our class sizes remain small, our staff and class offerings remain current, and our special education services provide remediation to all children in need of special support. Lyncourt School is a special place and we are proud to serve it.

This brochure will provide you with details of our proposed 2017-2018 school budget. The budget proposed is \$10,304,000, an increase from 2016-2017 to 2017-2018 of \$165,000. This represents a 1.63% increase to the budget. Increases result from contractual obligations, mandate implementation, essential technology updates, salaries and insurance. Our tax levy limit that is set forth by the state is 0.52%, or just over a ½ a percent! This represents an increase in tax revenue of \$26,844. The state has increased foundation aid to the district this year amounting to an additional \$98,919.

Although we are finally realizing an increase in state aid, the aid is still well below the expenditure growth we have each year. This reduced aid, coupled with property tax limits, leaves us with a financial gap every year.

We again have taken the option of funding the deficit with reserves and fund balance, ensuring our residents qualify for the proposed state tax refund. We are in hopes the state portion of public school funding will be made whole again. It is with that hope we believe we can get through one more year of using the districts' savings to offset the decreased revenue while being confident we are doing what is best for the community.

Our priority is to remain solvent amid the financial pressures and to continue to provide a solid education for our children in a safe and comfortable environment. We have great expectations for the future of our community.

Please join us at the **Budget Hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, May 9th at 5:30 p.m.**

Please remember to **vote on the 2017-2018 School Budget Tuesday, May 16th between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.** at Lyncourt School in the Board of Education room.

Thank you for your continued support of our children,

The Lyncourt School Board of Education

The Mission of Lyncourt School

The Lyncourt Union Free School District, in partnership with the community, is committed to educating all learners to reach their full potential.



Your School...Your Community



The Positivity Project



Science class



**Three new Information Sharing Screens:
Main Entrance, PreK/1st Grade Entrance,
& New Gym Entrance**



Lyncourt Care Den Food Drive



Outdoor Fun



Read Across America

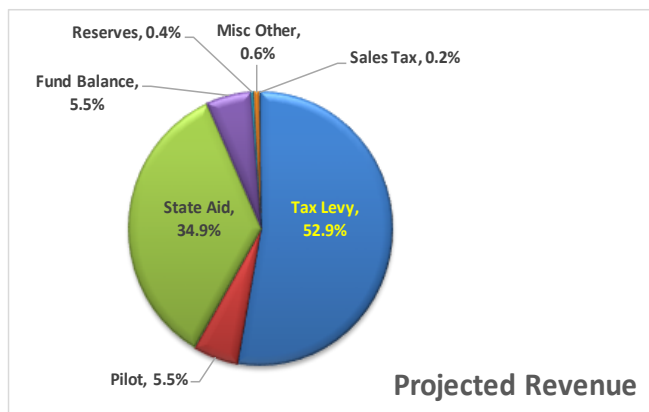


Cardio Drumming in Gym Class

Budget Breakdown

PROJECTED REVENUE SUMMARY and COMPARISON

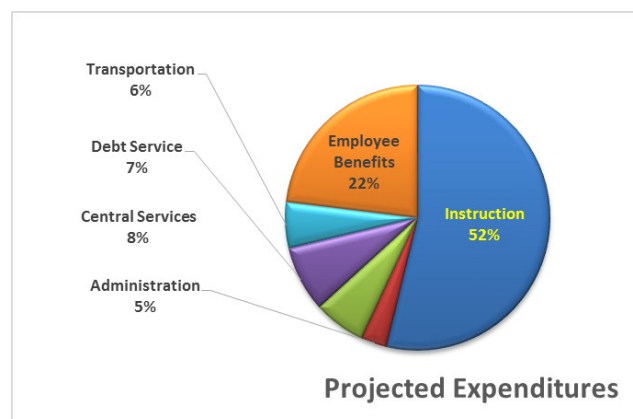
CATEGORY	2016-2017	2017-2018
State Aid including Building Aid	\$3,596,146	\$3,599,583
Other Income	\$ 58,913	\$ 62,041
Sales Tax	20,000	19,000
Property Tax Levy	5,420,223	5,445,872
PILOT-Southern Wine & Spirits	503,718	567,504
Reserves	40,000	40,000
Fund Balance	500,000	570,000
TOTAL	\$10,139,000	\$10,304,000



Revenues for a public school budget come from two major sources: local property taxes (52.9%) and state aid (34.9%).
The public vote on the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget is Tuesday, May 16, 2017 from 7am to 9 pm.

PROJECTED EXPENDITURE SUMMARY and COMPARISON

BUDGET	2016-2017	2017-2018
Instruction	\$5,301,469	\$5,325,800
Administrative Support	457,800	481,500
Central Services	745,500	824,000
Debt Service	764,775	711,344
Transportation	604,600	622,900
Employee Benefits	2,264,856	2,338,456
TOTAL	\$10,139,000	\$10,304,000



Capital Outlay Project: The 2017-18 budget includes a \$100k capital project or "mini project" for work related to upgrading the current board room to a conference and multi-use room. Funds from Fund Balance will be used to off-set the initial cost with building aid expected from the state in the following school year.

What's in the news about state aid?

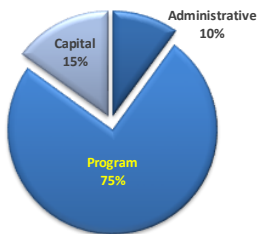
Since 2009 New York State has held funds that were allocated to school districts and used the reduction in spending to close the state deficit. This hold back was the Gap Elimination Adjustment or GEA. This practice was eliminated last year, which was great news. In total Lyncourt had over \$1.7M of state aid withheld under this GEA, we do not expect to get any of this returned. In 2008 a foundation aid formula was put into law and a year later was "frozen". That formula would have meant \$1.4M in aid next year for Lyncourt. The "freeze" was lifted last year, giving Lyncourt a slow increase in this aid with \$26,000 last year and \$98,000 this year. It is much better, but still an increase that does not sustain our cost increases from year to year. Our budget is short more than \$500k. That full \$1.4M would have closed this deficit.

What does the school district do to reduce expenditures?

Lyncourt participates in several consortiums made up of a group of other schools and municipalities that pool our buying power and save money in areas such as health insurance, worker's compensation insurance and utilities. The district collaborates with other districts and shares services as we are doing with Solway for our transportation and technology staff. We utilize BOCES to get aid on services and purchase off of cooperative bids, saving thousands of dollars each year.

2017-2018 Tri-Part Budget

Budget Account	Administrative	Program	Capital	TOTAL
Board of Education	\$ 18,300	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,300
Central Administration	180,100			180,100
Finance	151,900			151,900
Legal	7,000	16,000		23,000
Personnel	70,200			70,200
Central Services	141,000			141,000
Special Items	41,100			41,100
BOCES Admin, Rent, Capital	38,000			38,000
Curr Development/Supervision	69,900			69,900
Supervision	126,700			126,700
Research, Planning & Evaluation	1,500			1,500
Operation of Plant			539,900	539,900
Refund on Real Property Tax			2,000	2,000
Inservice Training		59,100		59,100
Regular Instruction		2,962,922		2,962,922
Special Educational Instruction		1,434,050		1,434,050
Occupational Education		68,600		68,600
Library and Media		91,119		91,119
Computer Aided Instruction		223,286		223,286
Guidance & Health Services		164,300		164,300
Co Curr Activities		18,850		18,850
Interscholastic Athletics		49,100		49,100
Transportation		622,900		622,900
Recreation **		26,373		26,373
Transfer to Spec Aid Fund		30,000		30,000
Transfer to Capital Fund			100,000	
Employee Benefits	173,718	1,965,606	199,132	2,338,456
Debt Service			711,344	711,344
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$ 1,019,418	\$ 7,732,206	\$ 1,552,376	\$ 10,304,000
Dollar change from 2016-2017	\$ 12,117	\$ 120,251	\$ 32,632	\$ 165,000
Percent change from 2016-2017	1.20%	2.58%	2.55%	1.63%
PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	9.89%	75.04%	15.07%	100%
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET.....				\$ 10,304,000
Previous Year Budget Total				\$ 10,139,000
Budget-To-Budget Increase				1.63% \$ 165,000



Tri-Part Budget

What happens if the budget does not pass?

If a school district vote fails, the school board may put the same or a revised budget up for a second vote, or adopt a contingency budget. If a school budget fails twice, the district must adopt a contingent budget. Under a contingent budget there can be no increase in the tax levy and by law it would prohibit the district from allowing free community use of the school building, non-essential equipment and supply purchases, and cap administrative expenditures.

How the Proposed 2017-2018 School Budget Affects Your School Taxes

Based on TAX LEVY: \$5,445,872
 Taxable property: \$170,979,723
 Tax Rate per Thousand: \$31.85

Estimated Tax Bill Increase			Proposed
Subject to maximum savings limits and New York State updates.			Yearly
Actual bills will differ.			Increase
	2016-2017	2017-2018	
Home Value	\$60,000.00		
Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$31.76	\$31.85	\$0.09
Est. Basic STAR Tax Bill	\$952.75	\$955.50	\$2.75
Est. Enhanced STAR Tax Bill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Est. School Tax Bill	\$1,905.50	\$1,911.00	\$5.50
Home Value	\$80,000.00		
Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$31.76	\$31.85	\$0.09
Est. Basic STAR Tax Bill	\$1,587.92	\$1,592.50	\$4.59
Est. Enhanced STAR Tax Bill	\$466.85	\$468.20	\$1.35
Est. School Tax Bill	\$2,540.66	\$2,548.00	\$7.34
Home Value	\$100,000.00		
Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$31.76	\$31.85	\$0.09
Est. Basic STAR Tax Bill	\$2,223.08	\$2,229.50	\$6.42
Est. Enhanced STAR Tax Bill	\$1,102.01	\$1,105.20	\$3.18
Est. School Tax Bill	\$3,175.83	\$3,185.00	\$9.17
Basic STAR ~ Exempts the first \$30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes Available for owner-occupied, primary residences where the resident owners' and their spouses income is less than \$500,000			
Enhanced (Senior) STAR ~ Exempts the first \$65,300 of the full value of a home from school taxes Provides an increased benefit for the primary residences of senior citizens (age 65 and older) with qualifying incomes			

What is the difference between Tax Levy, Tax Rate, Tax Bill?

The **TAX LEVY** is the total amount of money the school district will collect through school taxes from local property owners to support the district budget. The **TAX RATE** is calculated by dividing the total tax levy into the total assessed value of all properties located within the district, coming up with a rate per \$1,000 of assessed property value. Property assessed values are determined by the Town Assessor. The **TAX BILL** is the homeowner's portion of local school funding. The bill is calculated by multiplying the property assessed value by the tax rate per thousand. A tax bill can fluctuate due to assessed value changes and exemptions an owner may qualify for. The school district does not have any control over the assessed values or redistribution caused by exemptions on properties.

Does the tax levy, or tax rate examples, indicate how much my tax bill will change?

No. These are hypothetical examples. Individual bills vary depending on each property assessed value, value changes and exemptions an owner may qualify for. The school district sets the total levy. The property values are set by the Town Assessor.

School District Budget Notice

This notice is prescribed by the Commissioner of Education and cannot be altered by the district. The information provided in the budget notice is limited and therefore, you may want to refer back through this brochure for additional information. This notice will also be mailed separately to residents.

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2016-17 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2017-18 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$10,139,000	\$10,304,000	\$10,085,569
Increase/Decrease for the 2017-18 School Year		\$ 165,000	(\$ 53,431)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.63 %	-0.53%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.26%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 5,419,027	\$ 5,445,872	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 1,186		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 5,417,841	\$ 5,445,872	\$ 5,417,841
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 27,075	\$ 31,348	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 5,391,952	\$ 5,414,524	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 5,391,952	\$ 5,414,524	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	
Administrative Component	\$1,007,301	\$1,019,418	\$ 990,918
Program Component	\$7,611,955	\$7,732,206	\$7,662,275
Capital Component	\$1,519,744	\$1,552,376	\$1,432,376
* The contingent budget would eliminate all equipment purchases and the use of the school building by the public. Reductions would be made in administrative salaries and travel expenditures, all non-contractual salaries, athletics, and co-curricular activities should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.			
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:			
Description		Amount	

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2017-18 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$970.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-18 by the qualified voters of the Lyncourt Union Free school district, Onondaga County, New York, will be held at Lyncourt Union Free school in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Board Room, 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.

Who can vote?

All qualified residents living in the Lyncourt school district can vote on May 16, 2017. A qualified voter must be over eighteen (18) years of age, a citizen of the United States, and a resident in the School District for thirty (30) days preceding the vote date. You do not need to own property in the district or be a registered voter. **You can vote if you rent, as long as you reside in the district.** Qualified voters who will be away from home and are unable to vote in person may request an absentee ballot from the School District Clerk. Absentee ballots must be received no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Why is the Library Proposition part of our school district budget vote?

According to Section 259 of the Education Law, public libraries may request that a proposition be added to the school district ballot and tax collection. A Board of Education must place propositions requested from a local library Board on its annual meeting ballot. If the proposal is voted down, the annual library tax reverts to the previously approved annual levy.

School Board

Candidate for election



Anthony M. Maggi, of 827 Hillside Street, is seeking his fourth term on the Board of Education. He has lived in the district for 30 years.

Mr. Maggi is a graduate of Fowler High School and earned his Associate Of

Applied Science degree from Onondaga Community College. Mr. Maggi is currently employed by St. Joseph's Hospital and is an Equipment Technician.

He and his wife, Carmela, have two children.

2016-2017

Lyncourt Union Free School District
Board Of Education



Mr. David Florczyk, Dr. Lawrence Salamino,
Mr. Anthony Maggi, Mr. Michael Leonardo, Mrs. Kimberly Vespi

What is the role of the School Board?

One of the most important services any citizen can give to their community is to serve as a member of the local school board. The school board is a critical link between the community and the public school. Of their many duties, the school board sets policies, vision and goals for the district, and holds the district accountable for results. Decisions made by a board have long-lasting effects on the quality of life in a community and the development of skills and talents of its youth. Effective school board members contribute their unique talents while collaborating and working as a team with other board members.

School boards are the education watchdog for communities, ensuring students get the best possible education for the tax dollars spent.

What happened to the LYNLCOURT COMMUNITY RECREATION proposition?

Historically you have seen a separate proposition and budget amount for the Lyncourt Community Recreation program. The program will continue as part of the total adopted school budget. In complying with the new constraints, regulations and all calculations of the Tax Levy Limit, or "Tax Cap", the program cost has been added to the school budget. This year there are two propositions to vote on: The School District Budget which includes the Lyncourt Community Recreation program and the Library Proposition. "Why is the Library Proposition part of our school district budget vote?" See the yellow box on page 7.



Sample Voter Ballot

PROPOSITION No. 1 ~ 2017-2018 Budget

Shall the proposed 2017-2018 Budget for the Lyncourt Union Free School District at Salina in the amount of Ten Million, Three Hundred and Four Thousand dollars (\$10,304,000.00); approved by the Board of Education at a meeting of April 11, 2017, be adopted, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District?

PROPOSITION No. 2 ~ SALINA FREE LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Shall the annual appropriation for the Salina Free Library within the Lyncourt Union Free School District be increased from the sum of sixty-four thousand, ninety dollars (\$64,090.00) annually to the sum of sixty-five thousand, fifty-one dollars (\$65,051.00) to be appropriated annually for the Salina Free Library, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District located in the Town of Salina in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law?

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION-VOTE FOR A MAXIMUM OF ONE:

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a 3-year term as a Member to the Board of Education.

Mr. Anthony M. Maggi

Budget Hearing

Public is invited to attend

Tuesday, May 9, 2017

5:30 p.m.

**Lyncourt School
DeAngelis Auditorium**

Detailed Budget

**District residents may
obtain a detailed budget at
the District Office
or online at**

www.lyncourtschool.org

Budget Vote

**Tuesday, May 16, 2017
*7:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.***



**Please
remember
to vote!**

National Junior Honor Society



High School Highlights

Achievement

Lyncourt Students in Solvay Chorus

William Black	Marisa Presutto
David Boots	Emily Sokol
Janet Cosco	Jacob Taclof
Diamond Grant	Talya Toussaint
Michael Hayden	Nicholas Trinca
Carly Mastrobattisto	

Respect

Lyncourt Students in Solvay Band

Cecelia Cavallo, Clarinet 9th grade
Michael Hayden, Trumpet 9th grade
Tyler Huff, Percussion 9th grade
Marcia Hunt, Flute 10th grade
Jacob Taclof, Euphonium, 11th grade

Caring

Solvay Spring Musical



Students at Solvay High School performed their spring 2017 high school musical "Cinderella". Shows took place at 7 p.m. Friday, March 10th and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 11th in the Solvay High School Auditorium.

Lyncourt students that participated in the show were:

Marisa Presutto - Charlotte
Michael Hayden - Ensemble
Jacob Taclof - Stage Manager
Marcia Hunt - Pit Orchestra
Brianna Damiano - Pit Orchestra
Hayley Lumb - Stage Crew
Talya Toussaint - Wardrobe Assistant



Lyncourt Students that are Candidates for the Graduating Class of 2017

Jamya Allen

Jonah Cavallo

Mackenzie Cianfrocca

Michael Cimino

Dalton Delles

Jacob Dippold

Esperansa Espinal

Jeremy Florczyk

Ellis Hodge

Iveyshionna Ivey

Leda Jaquin

Elizabeth Lanfair

Mackenzie Lee

Gerard Leonardo

Vincent Longo

Brian Martin

Rita Ramsden

Alexis Salamino

Joseph Santoro

Emily Sokol

Savannah St. Andrew

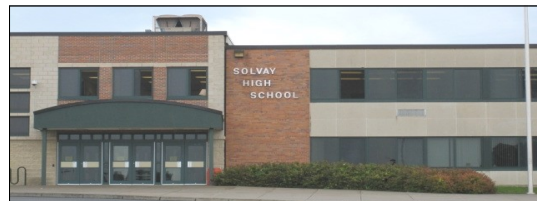
Jessica Steves

Christina Stoltz

Julia VanWie

Lyncourt & Solvay UFSD

Working Together ~ Building Stronger Communities



Lyncourt/Solvay Shared Services and Collaboration

Solvay UFSD Provides Lyncourt UFSD Transportation for...

All student needs

Combining of Modified Athletic Teams in...

Boys' Soccer, Football, Boys' & Girls' Cross Country, Wrestling, and Boys' & Girls' Track and Field

Collaboration between Solvay UFSD and Lyncourt UFSD ...

Superintendents

Boards of Education

Building Principals (Elementary, Middle and High School)

Guidance Departments

Directors of Special Education

Business Administrators

Tuition

Curriculum Planning for all 4 core subject areas in addition to Music, Spanish, Home and Careers, ESL, Psychologists
8th Grade Orientation and Parent Night

Universal full day Pre-K Programs

Director of Technology Integration/Collaboration

Committee for Special Education (CSE) Transition Meetings

Pre-Committee on Special Education (CSE) Parent Meetings

All District Chorus/Band Joint Concerts

Collaborative Scoring of New York State Mandated Tests

Coordination of District Academic Calendars

Regents Courses Offered for 8th Gr. Students:

Biology & Algebra



Providing an extensive educational program for Lyncourt students in grades 9-12

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dr. Lawrence Salamino, President
David Florczyk, Vice-President
Michael Leonardo, Trustee
Anthony Maggi, Trustee
Kimberly Vespi, Trustee

James J. Austin, Superintendent

ECRWSS

Postal Customer

VOTER INFORMATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 2017—5:30 p.m. DeAngelis Auditorium



Ask questions and discuss next year's proposed budget.

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017
7:00 A.M.—9:00 P.M.
Lyncourt School Board Of Education Room



The opportunity to vote on the proposed budget.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS—WHO CAN VOTE?

If you meet the following New York State requirements you are eligible to vote:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You are at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- You are a resident of the school district for at least thirty (30) days prior to May 16, 2017.

****You can vote if you rent and live in the Lyncourt School District.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Individuals interested in obtaining an absentee ballot for the upcoming school budget vote on May 16, 2017 may do so at the District Office during business hours, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Qualified district voters must request in advance an application for an absentee ballot. The voter must complete the application and state the reason he/she will not be able to appear the day of the election. Requirements in order to obtain an absentee ballot are those involving an illness or physical disability, business responsibilities which require travel on the day of the vote, vacation, or students away at college.

If mailed, all applications must reach the District Clerk in the District Office no later than 5:00 p.m. May 9, 2017. If hand delivered, the application must be received by the District Clerk in the District Office by 4:00 p.m. on May 15, 2017. All Ballots must be in to the District Clerk on the Budget Vote day.

If you have any questions, you may contact the District Clerk at 315-455-7571, Option #7.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 16TH