

Lyncourt Union Free School District 2018-2019 Proposed Budget



Budget Hearing

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 • 5:30 p.m.
Lyncourt School • DeAngelis Auditorium

Budget Vote & Election

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 • 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Great Expectations for Achievement, Respect, & Caring

Message from the Board of Education

Dear Residents, Families, and Friends of Lyncourt School,

We are pleased to submit the 2018-2019 Lyncourt Union Free School District budget for voter approval. The Lyncourt Union Free School District Board of Education, as well as most other Boards of Education in NY State, have once again been faced with some very difficult decisions in creating a fiscally responsible school budget that puts our students, staff and community at the forefront. As always, we continue to focus on our *Mission* and the safety and success of our students to guide us in our decision-making progress.

The 2018-2019 budget development process considered the following significant factors: 1) increase staffing demands due to enrollment growth; 2) emerging students; 3) school safety; and 4) rising costs of contractual obligations and state mandates. 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, our special education services provide remediation to all children in need of special support and we now offer multiple options for our prospective high school students. Lyncourt School is truly the best little school district in the country.

This brochure will provide you with details of our proposed 2018-2019 school budget. The budget proposed is \$10,710,000, an increase from 2017-2018 to 2018-2019 of \$406,000. This represents a 3.94% increase in expenses. Increases result from safety enhancements, contractual obligations, mandate implementation, essential technology updates, salaries and insurance. Our tax levy limit increase that is set forth by the state is 2.52%. This represents an increase in tax revenue of \$137,472. The state has increased foundation aid to the district this year amounting to an additional \$125,441. This increase is a result of our overall population growth as a district, which has increased by almost 19% in the last 5 years.

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 budget deficit with reserves and fund balance, ensuring our residents qualify for the proposed state tax rebate. Our priority is 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.

We sincerely appreciate the support we continue to receive from our Lyncourt community. We appreciate the partnership between school, community and every local business, and we are proud to present a budget that is fiscally responsible while providing opportunity and improved safety for our students.

Please join us at the **Budget Hearing, scheduled for Tuesday, May 8th at 5:30 p.m. in our auditorium.** Please remember to **vote on the 2018-2019 School Budget Tuesday, May 15th between the hours of 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.** at Lyncourt School.

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: Empowering students to build positive relationships.



Read Across America



Outdoor fun

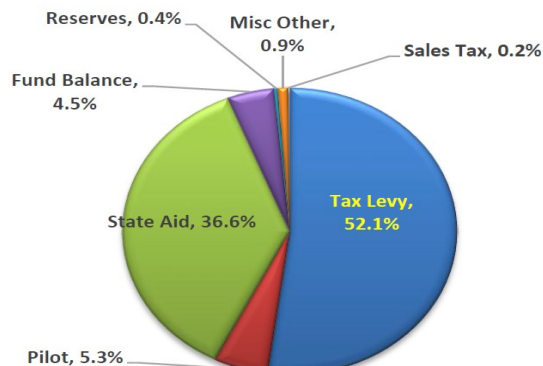


Lyncourt Kickball Fundraiser took place on March 9, 2018 . The event helped support We Rise Above The Streets, a local outreach program supporting people in our Syracuse community.

Budget Breakdown

PROJECTED REVENUE SUMMARY and COMPARISON

CATEGORY	2017-2018	2018-2019
State Aid including Building Aid	\$3,599,583	\$3,917,861
Other Income	\$ 62,041	\$ 101,471
Sales Tax	19,000	19,000
Property Tax Levy	5,445,872	5,583,344
PILOT-Southern Wine & Spirits	567,504	563,324
Reserves	40,000	40,000
Fund Balance	570,000	485,000
TOTAL	\$10,304,000	\$10,710,000

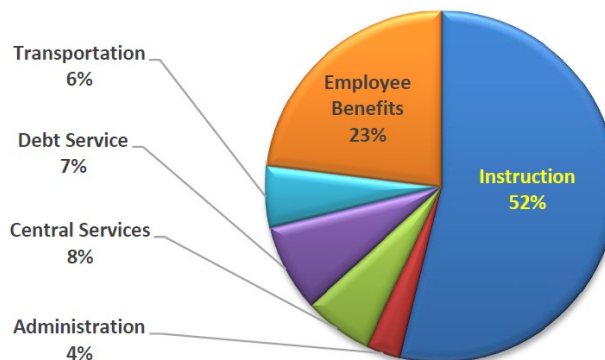


Projected Revenue

Revenues for a public school budget come from two major sources: local property taxes (52.1%) and state aid (36.6%).
The public vote on the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget is Tuesday, May 15, 2018 from 7am to 9 pm.

PROJECTED EXPENDITURE SUMMARY and COMPARISON

BUDGET	2017-2018	2018-2019
Instruction	\$5,325,800	\$5,614,091
Administrative Support	481,500	477,600
Central Services	824,000	825,250
Debt Service	711,344	743,131
Transportation	622,900	629,800
Employee Benefits	2,338,456	2,420,128
TOTAL	\$10,304,000	\$10,710,000



Projected Expenditures

Capital Outlay Project: The 2018-19 budget includes a \$100k capital project or "mini project" for work consisting of renovations to create additional instructional space, including, but not limited to finishes, millwork, lighting, technology and furniture, at a maximum cost of \$100,000.00 with building aid expected from the state in the following school year.

What is the financial impact of adding East Syracuse Minoa (ESM) as another High School option?

Tuition for our high school students remains consistent with previous years. The Lyncourt Board of Education has secured multi-year contracts with both Solvay and ESM that include the same tuition calculation for both. This has mitigated large increases in tuition expense. Maintaining affordable high school costs for a quality education that is a good fit for the individual child is our top priority.

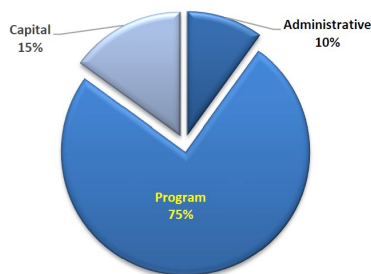
What does the school district do to reduce expenditures?

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 Solvay 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.

2018-2019 Tri-Part Budget

Budget Account	Administrative	Program	Capital	TOTAL
Board of Education	\$ 18,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 18,800
Central Administration	186,400			186,400
Finance	157,700			157,700
Legal	7,000	16,000		23,000
Personnel	68,700			68,700
Central Services	144,500			144,500
Special Items	38,850			38,850
BOCES Admin, Rent, Capital	39,000			39,000
Curr Development/Supervision	69,900			69,900
Supervision	131,700			131,700
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		60,600		60,600
Regular Instruction		3,163,922		3,163,922
Special Educational Instruction		1,496,550		1,496,550
Occupational Education		55,000		55,000
Library and Media		96,619		96,619
Computer Aided Instruction		227,886		227,886
Guidance & Health Services		169,300		169,300
Co Curr Activities		18,850		18,850
Interscholastic Athletics		49,100		49,100
Transportation		629,800		629,800
Recreation		27,164		27,164
Transfer to Spec Aid Fund		30,000		30,000
Transfer to Capital Fund			100,000	100,000
Employee Benefits	183,111	2,029,474	207,543	2,420,128
Debt Service			743,131	743,131
GRAND TOTAL.....	\$ 1,047,161	\$ 8,070,265	\$ 1,592,574	\$ 10,710,000
Dollar change from 2017-2018	\$ 27,743	\$ 338,059	\$ 40,198	\$ 406,000
Percent change from 2017-2018	2.72%	4.37%	2.59%	3.94%
PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET	9.78%	75.35%	14.87%	100%
TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET.....				\$ 10,710,000
Previous Year Budget Total				\$ 10,304,000
Budget-To-Budget Increase				3.94%

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 2018-2019 School Budget Affects Your School Taxes

Subject to your assessed property value, income qualifications, maximum savings limits and NYS criteria. Actual bills will differ.

Based on **TAX LEVY:** \$5,583,344
 Taxable property: \$172,217,596
 Tax Rate per Thousand: \$32.42

Estimated Tax Bill Increase			Proposed Yearly Increase
	2017-2018	2018-2019	
Home Value \$60,000.00			
Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$31.62	\$32.42	\$0.80
Est. Basic STAR Tax Bill	\$948.60	\$968.00	\$19.40
Est. Enhanced STAR Tax Bill	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Est. School Tax Bill	\$1,897.20	\$1,945.20	\$48.00
Home Value \$80,000.00			
Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$31.62	\$32.42	\$0.80
Est. Basic STAR Tax Bill	\$1,581.00	\$1,621.00	\$40.00
Est. Enhanced STAR Tax Bill	\$464.81	\$427.94	\$(36.87)
Est. School Tax Bill	\$2,529.60	\$2,593.60	\$64.00
Home Value \$100,000.00			
Tax Rate per \$1,000	\$31.62	\$32.42	\$0.80
Est. Basic STAR Tax Bill	\$2,213.40	\$2,269.40	\$56.00
Est. Enhanced STAR Tax Bill	\$1,097.21	\$1,076.34	\$(20.87)
Est. School Tax Bill	\$3,162.00	\$3,242.00	\$80.00
Basic STAR ~ Exempts the first \$30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes, not more than \$968 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 \$66,800 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 (Last Year \$65,300)			

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 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-2019 School Year *				
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$10,304,000	\$10,710,000	\$10,335,787				
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$ 406,000	\$ 31,787				
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.94%	0.31%				
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%					
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 5,445,872	\$ 5,583,344					
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							
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 5,445,872	\$ 5,583,344					
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 31,348	\$ 0					
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 5,414,524	\$ 5,583,344					
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 5,414,524	\$ 5,583,344					
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 0	\$ 0					
Administrative Component	\$ 1,019,418	\$ 1,047,161	\$ 1,016,661				
Program Component	\$ 7,732,206	\$ 8,070,265	\$ 7,833,552				
Capital Component	\$ 1,552,376	\$ 1,592,574	\$ 1,485,574				
* 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:							
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		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year					
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		\$968					

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2018-19 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 15, 2018 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in Lyncourt School, 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 15, 2018. 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

Candidates for election

Kimberly Vespi, 112 Berwick Road North (Resident 16 years)

Education: Syracuse University, B.S. in Nutrition

Profession/Employment: Registered Dietitian. Loretto – The Nottingham; Independent Nutrition consultant for area health care facilities. Certified Specialist in Gerontological Nutrition. Member of The Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics

Family: Husband, Michael; children, Elena (8th grade at Lyncourt UFSD) and Nicholas (kindergarten at Lyncourt UFSD)

School/Community Activities: Member, Lyncourt Board of Education 2016-present; Lyncourt UFSD Budget Committee 2014-present



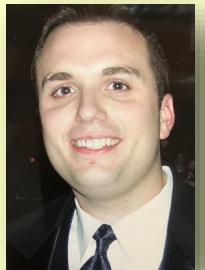
Brian J. DeCarlo, 512 Pleasantview Avenue (Resident 11 years)

Education: Niagara University, B.A. in Accounting

Profession/Employment: Rapid Response Monitoring, Director of Customer Service; 20-year security professional; D.O.D. Civilian Clearance; F.D.N.Y. Certified dispatcher; Security Industry Association trained dispatcher/operator

Family: Wife, Jennifer (Pagano) DeCarlo; children, Francesco (kindergarten at Lyncourt UFSD) and Mia 2 years old

School/Community Activities: Member, Lyncourt Little League Board; Lyncourt Little League Baseball Coordinator; Lyncourt Little League Baseball coach



David Florczyk, 615 Berwick Road South (Resident 53 years)

Education: LeMoyne College, B.S. in Business Administration

Profession/Employment: Employed by Wegmans Food & Pharmacy where he has worked for 34+ years. Currently works in the Pharmacy Department at one of their local stores.

Family: Wife of 23 years, Janice; children, Jeremy (2017 Solvay High School), Joshua (10th grade Solvay High School), Nicholas (9th grade Solvay High School)

School/Community Activities: Member, Lyncourt Board Of Education, 1998-present (was off 2 years, but served on Budget Committee); Vice President, 2014-present; Lyncourt/LeMoyne Little League Past Board Member served 13 years; Past Coach and Referee for Lyncourt Recreation Basketball Program served 3 years



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.

Sample Voter Ballot

PROPOSITION No. 1 ~ 2018-2019 Budget

Shall the proposed 2018-2019 Budget for the Lyncourt Union Free School District at Salina in the amount of Ten Million, Seven Hundred and Ten Thousand dollars (\$10,710,000.00); approved by the Board of Education at a meeting of April 10, 2018, 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-Five Thousand, Fifty-One dollars (\$65,051.00) annually to the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand, Six Hundred and Seventy-Seven dollars (\$66,677.00) 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 TWO:

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

Mrs. Kimberly B. Vespi
Mr. Brian J. DeCarlo
Mr. David Florczyk

Budget Hearing

Public is invited to attend

Tuesday, May 8, 2018

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 15, 2018
*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

Ariess Battle
William Black
Abigail Bugbee
Jared Coleman
Nadea Davis
Marissa Dorrough
Devine Lee
Carly Mastrobattisto
Shanon Pugh
Talya Toussaint
Nicholas Trinca
Michael Hayden

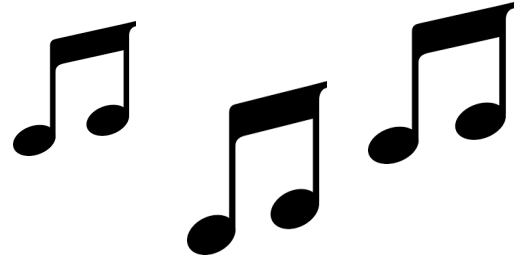
Spencer Brabant
Christina Clarke
Allison Dooher
Diamond Grant
Noah Monty
Nikoli Sims
Jacob Taclof
Anthony Vespi
Jacy Jaquin
Shannon Pugh

Respect

Lyncourt Students in Solvay Band

Marica Hunt
Cecillia Cavallo
Richard Leonardo
Michael Hayden

Jacob Taclof
Evan Tennant
Tyler Huff



Solvay Spring Musical



Students at Solvay High School performed their spring 2018 high school musical

"Fiddler on the Roof."

Shows took place at 7 p.m. Friday, March 9th and 2 and 7 p.m. Saturday, March 10th in the Solvay High School Auditorium. Lyncourt students that participated in the show were:

CAST

Michael Hayden
Nicholas Trinca
Noah Monty
Jacob Taclof

CREW

Shannon Pugh
Anthony Vespi

PIT ORCHESTRA

Marcia Hunt
Evan Tennant

Lyncourt 8th-grade Class of 2014



Congratulations to all Lyncourt Seniors graduating this year and best wishes for your next adventure!

Solvay UFSD * Lyncourt * East Syracuse Minoa Working Together ~ Building Stronger Communities



Shared Services and Collaboration

Solvay UFSD Provides Lyncourt UFSD Transportation for...

All student needs

Combining of Modified Athletic Teams with Solvay UFSD

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

Collaboration between School Districts...

Superintendents

Boards of Education

Building Principals (Elementary, Middle and High School)

Guidance Departments

Directors of Special Education

Business Administrators

Curriculum Planning 8th Grade Orientation and Parent Night

Director of Technology Integration/Collaboration

Committee for Special Education (CSE) Transition Meetings

All District Chorus/Band Joint Concerts

Collaborative Scoring of New York State Mandated Tests

Regents Courses Offered for 8th Gr. Students:



**SHS Student Tour Guides for
Lyncourt Visit January 25th.**

High School Choice, Why?

Research into other Pre-K through 8th grade public school districts in New York found they all have multiple high school options for their students. We believe in the benefits of giving our 8th graders a high school choice and are happy to now be able to offer this option for our students.

How will our students be transported to each high school?

Transportation for our students all the way through the 12th grade is Lyncourt's responsibility. We do not own buses, we contract with each district to provide transportation. Our students attending Solvay will be transported as usual. For those attending ESM, ESM will be providing transportation.

How will this impact Lyncourt middle school modified athletics?

Modified sports structure will remain the same. Lyncourt will have our own modified program and will partner with Solvay for all non-cut sports.

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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 8, 2018—5:30 p.m. DeAngelis Auditorium



Ask questions and discuss next year's proposed budget.

BUDGET VOTE

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Lyncourt School



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 15, 2018.

****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 15, 2018 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 8, 2018. If hand delivered, the application must be received by the District Clerk in the District Office by 4:00 p.m. on May 14, 2018. All Ballots must be received the District Clerk on the Budget Vote day before 5:00 p.m.

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

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 15TH