

Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Central School District 2018-2019 Proposed Budget

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Mission Statement:

The Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton School District is committed to an educational environment that assures equitable opportunity for individuals to become College and Career Ready and ultimately, responsible, productive members of society. We will encourage individual excellence in students of all ages that they may gain a lifelong enthusiasm for work and learning.



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Budget Highlights

We are proposing a budget of \$9,885,000

Budget-to-budget, this is a 6.23% increase

Proposed tax levy increase is 1.99%

This is below our tax cap of 3.11%



Gilbertsville - Mt. Upton Raiders

Budget Hearing: May 8, 2018, 6:30 PM, D131

Budget Vote: May 15, 2018

Noon-8:00 PM, GMU Main Lobby

A Letter from the Superintendent and Board of Education

Dear Residents,

As the Gilbertsville-Mt. Upton Board of Education, we work with the school district to support the most opportunity for our students, knowing that they are an investment in our future--the future of our communities. We equally keep all of you in mind, knowing that more than half of our families struggle to provide for their family's needs on a day to day basis. As we worked together on this proposed budget, we balanced all decisions on the thoughts of what is best for our students with what is most feasible to our tax payers, while also looking to the future and sustainability of our district for years to come.

We are proposing a budget which impacts the community with a 1.99% increase on the tax levy. This percent increase is below the state designated tax cap of 3.11% as we have tried to be fiscally responsible and creative in meeting student and district needs within the budget. This budget proposal allows us to look to the future and plan for a sustainable school district with quality programs for students. Please take the time to review this newsletter and join us with questions at our Budget Hearing scheduled for 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 8th, or view our budget presentation on the district webpage (<http://www.gmucsd.org>) and/or Facebook.

In this newsletter we provide detailed information about our goals during the development of the 2018-2019 school budget, as well as actual numbers which allow for a comparison to last year's budget. You will also notice in the detail of this budget, that there is a capital outlay project line. Historically this has been in the budget each year to fund small projects that maintain our school facility. These projects are primarily funded by the state and for the 2018-2019 school year, these funds will be used for improvements in the bus garage including replacement of lighting with more energy efficient LED fixtures, replacement of aged vinyl flooring, and improvement to the HVAC system. In addition, when coming in to vote on May 15th, please allow yourself additional time to walk our halls between 3:00pm – 8:00pm, to view student work on display for our Festival of Excellence. You can also hear the musical talents of our students at 6:00pm during our solo ensemble concert in the MS/HS Cafeteria. Thank you for your support of our school programs and the students we educate here at GMU!

Sincerely, On behalf of the Board of Education,

Annette D. Hammond, Superintendent

Jeremy Pain, BOE President

Larry Smith, BOE Vice President

Patricia Dunham

Ethan Eberly

Barbara Hill

Mark Muller

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Voter Qualifications

One of the easiest and most effective ways for those who are not actually in school to participate in the life of our school is to vote in school elections. It takes about five minutes of your time to perform your civic duty and have a voice in how your school tax money is spent.

Pursuant to Section 2012 of the Education Law, a person qualified to vote in a school elections must be:

- ◇ At least 18 years old
- ◇ A citizen of the United States
- ◇ A resident of the school district for at least 30 days before election

To ease the task of election officials to determine voter qualifications, the Board of Education has enacted a provision under Education Law that requires "All persons offering to vote to provide proof of residency," This may include:

- ◇ A driver's license
- ◇ A non-driver identification card
- ◇ A utility bill

A driver's license with 911 physical address is sufficient. A driver's license with a PO Box address will require additional piece of identification with a physical (911) address.



Section 1608 or Section 1716 of the Education Law

A detailed copy of the 2018-2019 budget, salary, and benefit disclosures pursuant to Sections 111 and 112 of Chapter 474 of the Laws of 1996, and the School Report Card will be available for public inspection in the District Office.

Budget Considerations

We need to look to the future—not just a snapshot of next school year, but sustainability over time.

Continued Increases in Employee Healthcare Costs

Increase in Minimum Wage - increases range from \$10.40/hr. to \$11.10/hr.

Remember that \$24,000 adds 1% to the Tax Levy

Our District's Designated Tax Cap - 3.11%

Increase in State Aid - 2.72% (\$120,563)

School Based Health Center - renovations taking place during the summer of 2018.

Increase in Community School Aid - to fund STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) and Education Literacy Program Development.

The ever-changing student needs in special education, with 1 in 4 students needing special services.



Where Does the Money Come From? (Revenue Breakdown)



	2017-18	2018-19	Change
FOUNDATION AID	\$4,418,946	\$4,539,509	\$120,563
COMMUNITY SCHOOL AID	\$30,930	\$75,000	\$44,070
EXPENSE-DRIVEN AIDS:			
Transportation Aid	\$594,658	\$605,164	\$10,506
Textbook/Computer Aid	\$32,500	\$33,949	\$1,449
BOCES Aid	\$556,418	\$598,500	\$42,082
High Excess Cost Aid	\$41,912	\$65,258	\$23,346
Building Aid	\$871,021	\$1,073,755	\$202,734
OTHER REVENUES:			
Interest and Penalties on Taxes	\$13,500	\$13,500	\$0
Interest on Investments	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
Rental of Real Property	\$12,000	\$12,000	\$0
Sale of Transportation Equipment	\$12,500	\$12,500	\$0
Refund of Prior Year's Expense	\$55,000	\$55,000	\$0
Other Unclassified Revenues	\$15,000	\$20,000	\$5,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$15,000	\$17,500	\$2,500
Appropriated Reserves/Fund Balance	\$255,000	\$335,000	\$80,000
Property Tax Levy	\$2,380,115	\$2,427,365	\$47,250
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,305,500	\$9,885,000	\$579,500

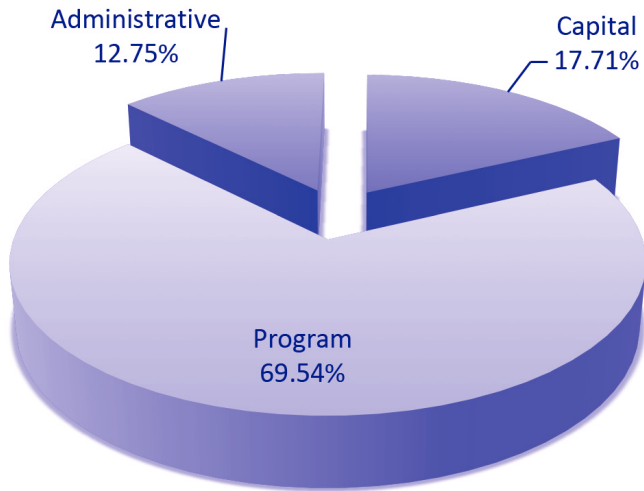
Where Does the Money Go? (Expenditure Breakdown)

	2017-18	2018-19	Change
GENERAL SUPPORT:			
Board of Education	\$16,750	\$9,150	-\$7,600
Central Administration	\$172,970	\$191,609	\$18,639
Finance	\$183,787	\$193,545	\$9,758
Legal Services/Employee Relations	\$96,466	\$114,266	\$17,800
Operations and Maintenance	\$507,700	\$509,735	\$2,035
Central Printing/Data Processing	\$129,800	\$129,800	\$0
Special Items-Insurance BOCES Admin/Capital Costs	\$258,950	\$255,000	-\$3,950
INSTRUCTION:			
Regular Teaching	\$2,335,898	\$2,345,964	\$10,066
Education of Students w/Special Needs	\$950,901	\$951,052	\$151
Occupational Education/Summer School	\$239,925	\$245,285	\$5,360
Library/Computer Assisted Instruction	\$240,820	\$252,968	\$12,148
Attendance/Guidance/Health Services	\$211,595	\$198,989	-\$12,606
Co-Curricular	\$27,164	\$27,682	\$518
Athletics	\$97,593	\$98,654	\$1,061
TRANSPORTATION:			
Regular Transportation	\$398,165	\$398,165	\$0
Garage	\$209,974	\$204,974	-\$5,000
COMMUNITY	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$0
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$2,278,679	\$2,591,426	\$312,747
DEBT SERVICE	\$806,863	\$1,030,236	\$223,373
Interfund Transfer to Capital Fund	\$115,000	\$110,000	-\$5,000
Interfund Transfer to School Lunch Fund	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
TOTAL BUDGET:	\$9,305,500	\$9,885,000	\$579,500

OVERALL BUDGET PERCENTAGE CHANGE 6.23%

**It's the Quality of the
Journey that Counts!**

Three Part Budget



Program includes instruction, special education, occupational education, summer school, library, guidance, health services, athletics, transportation, and benefits for all employees in this category.

Capital includes costs associated with a capital outlay project, operations and maintenance, insurance, and benefits for all employees in this category.

Administrative includes BOE expenses, finance, central administration, records management, mailing, supervision or regular school, legal services, and benefits for all employees in this category.

Ballot Items

Proposed School Budget:

PROPOSITION #1

Shall the following resolution be adopted to wit: RESOLVED, that the Board of Education be authorized to spend \$9,885,000 in the 2018-2019 school year for the education program of the Gilbertsville-Mount Upton Central School District, and to levy the necessary tax.

Election of School Board

Members:

PROPOSITION #2

Residents will have the opportunity to vote to elect two members to the Board of Education. Biographies for the candidates at the time of printing are listed on the next page.



Meet the Candidates

 (At time of printing, in alphabetical order)

Ethan Eberly

My name is Ethan Eberly and I would like the opportunity to serve another term on the Board. It has been my pleasure to serve for the last 2 terms and look forward to serving another 3 years. I currently have two children that attend GMU, My son Connor and my daughter Maya. Over the last 2 terms we have seen a lot of change, and with that change there has come a lot of challenges particularly with the budget. I feel that my experience in that field can be of benefit as we try to continue to offer the programs that we currently offer as well as try to add other opportunities for our students. As a board we have been doing our best to offer college credited courses that our high school students can take and this is something that I feel is valuable for the students that are planning on going to college. One thing that I feel is very important for us to continue to work on is offering opportunities for students that plan to go to work straight out of high school. There are many jobs in the trades that do not require a college education and are looking to hire straight into apprentice programs. Some of these companies are also willing to pay for education after being employed. It is my intention to continue to work with the board to find organizations to partner with to fill the void that we currently have. I look forward to working together with the board for another successful term.



Hillary Osborne

My name is Hillary Osborne and I am running for the GMU CSD Board of Education. I was born and raised on our family dairy farm outside of Gilbertsville and graduated from GMU in 2003. I had the good fortune to attend GMU from K - 12 and was able to utilize many of the benefits of our newly merged school district. After high school I went on to earn my Bachelor's degree in economics with a minor in business administration from The State University of New York at Albany. I graduated in 2007, returned to the area, and began working at Amphenol Aerospace in Sidney, NY. I have been at Amphenol for 11 years and have made my way from customer service, to sales, product management (Marketing), project management, and most recently materials planning (Operations). I like to say that Amphenol raised me – I was hired as a fresh out and through my years and job responsibilities I have learned to lead cross functional teams, meet corporate budgets, develop revenue plans, work and negotiate with vendors, and much more. All of these translate directly into my ability to be a strong and effective board member.

Outside of my professional career I am also a personal trainer and very active in the health and fitness industry. I have recently become a member of the GMU Safety Committee and have brought concerns to the board which resulted in the 'adjustments to improve security of the building' from the letter that was sent home to parents on February 23rd. Now that my 5 year old son, Brody, is in Kindergarten at GMU it is time for me to bring my professional and personal strengths to the board of education to maintain and improve the excellent standards that we strive to achieve at GMU.

My first goal as a board member would be to ensure the security of our school and safety of our students, faculty, and staff. This topic is a new and unfortunate reality in today's society but it must be addressed. Our Senator, James Seward, has been working hard on a comprehensive school safety package. I plan to continue to work directly with him as well as our local towns and authorities to utilize this opportunity at GMU.

I want to see GMU get back to a school system that is accountable and run at the local level. I want to re-establish honest and clear communication with a desire to solve problems together – parents, board members, and administration.

I can promise the community that I will be a very strong and dedicated member of the board and through the explanation of my qualifications hope that I have earned your vote!

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Budget Hearing: May 8, 2018 at 6:30 PM, DI31

Save The Date: May 15, 2018

Budget Vote: Noon– 8:00 PM, GMU Main Lobby

Festival of Excellence: 3-8 PM, School-Wide Event

Solo/Ensemble Concert: 6:00 PM, MS/HS Cafeteria

