



May 2017

Dear Community Members:

Once again, we are pleased to share news of the success of our students and district. In addition, we are happy to report that STAR-eligible residents of the district will receive a refund equivalent to the amount of the small tax increase proposed in this year's budget, effectively keeping their school tax bill the same as last year's.

Our students continue to perform in a manner consistent with the high expectations that our community demands. Their academic achievements, as well as their extra-curricular achievements in music, arts, STEM and athletics, have continued to be recognized on state and national levels. Perhaps most importantly, feedback from community members, colleges and employers tells us that our graduates are outstanding citizens, whose strength of character and work ethic will help to ensure their future success. We should all be very proud of what we have accomplished.

Happily, for the fifth year in a row, we are able to present a spending plan that does not require any cuts to our programs or student services. Additionally, we are pleased to report that for the third year in a row, we are not utilizing any reserve funds to help us create this budget. To achieve this, we are asking our community for a 1.0 percent tax levy increase. This increase falls within the guidelines set by the tax cap legislation. We have been able to keep the tax increase low by keeping our expenditures down. The budget-to-budget increase in expenditure is 1.55 percent, less than the year-to-year increase last year and less than the current year-on-year rate of inflation of 2.74 percent.

For the 2017-18 budget, we would like to remind you of one major legislative change that was enacted in 2014. School districts that manage to keep their tax levy at or below their limit (as the proposed levy of 1.0 percent would be) enable their STAR-eligible residents to receive a refund check from New York State. This refund amount represents the three-year accumulation of the difference between the taxes paid in 2014-15 and this year's paid taxes. Since Alfred-Almond is once again presenting a budget that is within the tax cap legislation, our community members will receive a refund check from the state. This equates to a net zero year-to-year tax levy increase without necessitating the painful cuts to programs, services and reserves that have been previously needed to keep taxes reasonable.

In closing, we hope that you will find this to be a spending plan that is fiscally prudent and responsible, while at the same time providing for the educational needs of our students.

Please do not hesitate to contact Superintendent Rich Calkins at 276-6501 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alfred-Almond Central School
Board of Education

**Budget
Hearing**

Tuesday,
May 2
7 p.m.

High School
Auditorium

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Vote

Registration

Tuesday,
May 2
2-8 p.m.

High School
Auditorium

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Vote

Tuesday,
May 16
1-9 p.m.

High School
Auditorium

Candidate for the Alfred-Almond Board of Education

One school board position is up for vote, with a term of five years. Below is a biography of the candidate who is running:

Patricia Napolitano

I am excited to share my interest in serving on the Alfred-Almond school board. I currently work at Alfred University and have been involved in education for over 20 years. I believe in giving back to our community and I believe I would be a good representation of our community on the board. I currently have three children enrolled at A-A with varying degrees of interests. I am lucky to be able to attend athletic events and performing arts events and support my children and their friends through their achievements. I am a member of the board of FFAST (Friends of Alfred-Almond Sports Teams) and I was also a member of the elementary schools SIT (School Improvement Team) team.

I enjoy working for the benefit of my community and would love to be a member of the Alfred-Almond school board. I believe that the hard work of the faculty and staff have made this school an outstanding representation of our community and the values we hold. I would love to have your vote for the school board this year. Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 16 at the school. Thank you!

Taxes paid on a hypothetical \$100,000 home in our district

2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
\$1,693.33	\$1,484.36	\$1,514.50	\$1,516.37

2010-11	2011-12	2012-13	2013-14
\$1,533.42	\$1,545.00	\$1,614.96	\$1,678.05

2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	Projected 2017-18
\$1,696.23	\$1,663.75	\$1,674.40	\$1,677.20

NOTE: The average assessment in the Alfred-Almond School District was \$72,686 in 2016-17.

Propositions to be voted on

Annual Budget

Shall the annual budget for the 2017-2018 school year, as proposed by the Board of Education of Alfred-Almond Central School, be approved in the amount of \$13,273,772?

Proposition 1 – Purchase of one (1) 66-passenger School Bus

Shall the proposition authorizing the Board of Education to purchase one (1) 66-passenger school bus at a maximum estimated cost of \$108,663.00 be approved?

Proposition 2 – Resolution to create the Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the proposition creating a capital reserve fund entitled “The Alfred-Almond Capital Reserve Fund” with the total maximum amount of the fund set at \$3,000,000 for the duration of ten (10) years from the date of creation be approved?

Proposition 3 – Resolution to expend from the Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the Alfred-Almond Central School District be authorized to expend \$100,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund to finance boiler repairs and safety and security improvements to the building as included in the 2017-2018 budget?

Proposition 4 – Almond Library and Alfred Box of Books Library

Shall the Board of Education of the Alfred-Almond Central School District, at the request of the Alfred Box of Books Library and the Almond Library, be authorized to levy the following appropriation for the support of the libraries by \$179,363 annually, with annual distribution being \$95,000 to the Alfred Box of Books Library and \$84,643 to the Almond Library?

Member of the Board of Education – Five-Year Term

To elect a member of the Board of Education for a five-year term to fill a vacancy caused by the expiration of term of Brooke Harris.

Candidate: Patricia Napolitano



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1-9 p.m.
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Auditorium**

Account	Code	Anticipated Expenses	2016-17 Administrative	2017-18 Administrative	2016-17 Program	2017-18 Program	2016-17 Capital	2017-18 Capital
Board of Education	1000	\$53,046	\$55,130	\$61,493				
Central Administration	1200	\$156,422	\$148,834	\$152,985				
Finance	1300	\$235,491	\$243,847	\$259,519				
Staff	1400	\$9,000	\$30,000	\$30,000				
Central Services	1600	\$897,742	\$245,570	\$268,682			\$726,210	\$725,855
Special Items	1900	\$274,217	\$266,637	\$286,694			\$1,000	\$1,000
Admin. & Improvement	2000	\$328,558	\$260,231	\$250,215	\$100,512	\$133,571		
Instructional Area	2399	\$5,122,620			\$5,047,906	\$5,209,709		
Instructional Media	2600	\$160,304			\$158,675	\$165,930		
Pupil Services	2800	\$351,618			\$371,017	\$377,038		
Pupil Transportation	5999	\$526,151			\$519,126	\$541,676	\$25,000	\$25,000
Community Service	8000	\$1,382			\$1,500	\$1,500		
Employee Benefits	9000	\$2,766,820	\$284,164	\$279,533	\$2,594,234	\$2,506,698	\$242,985	\$248,288
Debt Service	9700	\$1,483,665					\$1,648,386	\$1,648,386
Interfund Transfer	9900	\$100,000					\$100,000	\$100,000
Subtotals			\$1,534,413	\$1,589,121	\$8,792,970	\$8,936,122	\$2,743,581	\$2,748,529
Grand Total Yearly		\$12,467,036					\$13,070,964	\$13,273,772

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Ballot information

Voters will have the opportunity to vote on the budget, one candidate for a five-year position on the Board of Education, the purchase of one (1) 66-passenger school bus, a proposition to create and expend from the Capital Reserve Fund and a library proposition on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between 1:00 and 9:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium.**

Absentee ballots available

Absentee ballots are available for voting purposes. Qualified voters must fill out an Application for Absentee Ballot. Voters who meet the following criteria are eligible for an absentee ballot:

- Voter is a patient in a hospital or unable to appear personally at the polling place on voting day because of illness or physical disability;
- Duties, occupation, business or studies will require the voter to be outside the county of residence on voting day;
- Voter will be on vacation outside the county of residence on voting day;
- Voter will be absent from voting because he/she is detained in jail awaiting action by a grand jury or awaiting trial or is confined in prison after conviction of an offense other than a felony.

The district clerk must receive applications for an absentee ballot at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or one day prior to the vote, if the ballot will be picked up in person. Applications are available from the District Office.

Voter qualifications

A person is entitled to vote in the annual school district election if he or she is:

- A citizen of the United States.
- Eighteen (18) years of age on or before the election.
- A resident of the district for 30 days prior to the vote.
- Registered as a qualified voter.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2017-18 by the qualified voters of the Alfred-Almond School District, Allegany County, New York, will be held at Alfred-Almond Central School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2017, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Alfred-Almond school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by ballot or machine.

Compensation disclosure

Terms and Information for Required Compensation Disclosure Pursuant to Sections 1608(4) and 1716(4) of the Education Law as Amended by Chapter 474 of the Laws of 1996.

Total Salary – Superintendent	\$151,170.00
Annualized Fringe Benefits	\$54,416.21

Teachers' Retirement,
Workers' Compensation,
Social Security, Medicare,
Health, Unemployment & Association Dues