



May 2018

Dear Community Members:

Once again, we are pleased to share news of the success of our students and district. We are grateful for the amazing support that our residents provide our schools and fortunate to live in a community that works so hard to insure the well-being of the kids!

Our students continue to meet the high expectations that our community demands. Their academic achievements, as well as their extra-curricular achievements in music, arts, robotics 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 ensure their future success. We should all be very proud of what we have accomplished.

Happily, for the sixth 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 fourth 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 1.9 percent tax levy increase. This represents the fifth year in a row that we have been able to keep the tax increase under 2 percent.

In addition to approval of the proposed budget, we will ask voters for the authorization to expend monies from our capital reserve, which will allow us to make significant safety improvements to our building. For instance, this summer we will replace all of the 1939 entrance doors. This will allow us to enhance our campus safety by limiting access points and strengthening the entrances. We are very appreciative of the Alfred-Almond Alumni Association and the "Door Replacement" sub-committee members, who have been working with us to ensure that the doors are not only functional, but are outstanding replicas of the originals. Additionally, we will replace our interior fire doors and update our security systems.

We hope that you will find this to be a spending plan that is fiscally prudent and responsible, while still providing for the health, safety and 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 1
7 p.m.
High School
Auditorium

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**Vote
Registration**
Tuesday,
May 1
2-8 p.m.
High School
Auditorium

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Vote
Tuesday,
May 15
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:

Nadine Shardlow

As I seek re-election as a member of the Alfred-Almond Central School Board of Education (BOE) for a third term, my philosophy regarding educating our children has not changed. I have in the past and still today feel the adage "It takes a village to raise a child" holds true and even more so within education.

I continue to be committed to providing a quality education and infrastructure in the most affordable manner possible, which is getting increasingly more difficult with continued unsupported state mandates and a fledgling economy. Our Board of Education has worked diligently over the course of the last 10 years to keep Alfred-Almond Central School in the top of its class and has kept our taxes at minimum as compared to other districts in our region. I am proud to have been a part of this and wish to continue our work in keeping our district strong and healthy.

I would appreciate your vote on May 15 and commit to working in all our best interests.

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

2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
\$1,484.36	\$1,514.50	\$1,516.37	\$1,533.42

2011-12	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15
\$1,545.00	\$1,614.96	\$1,678.05	\$1,696.23

2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	Projected 2018-19
\$1,663.75	\$1,674.40	\$1,649.20	\$1,680.70

NOTE: The average assessment in the Alfred-Almond School District was \$74,293 in 2017-18.

Propositions to be voted on

Annual Budget

Shall the annual budget for the 2018-2019 school year, as proposed by the Board of Education of Alfred-Almond Central School, be approved in the amount of \$13,741,954?

Proposition 1 – Purchase of two (2) 66-passenger School Buses

Shall the proposition authorizing the Board of Education to purchase two (2) 66-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost of \$222,763.48 be approved?

Proposition 2 – 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 generator repairs, health, safety and security improvements to the building as included in the 2018-2019 budget?

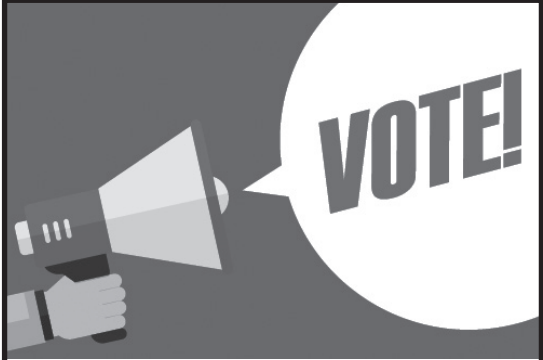
Proposition 3 – Almond Library and Alfred Box of Books Library

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 \$181,643 annually, with annual distribution being \$97,000 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 Nadine Shardlow.

Candidate: Nadine Shardlow



Tuesday, May 15
1-9 p.m.
High School Auditorium

Account	Code	Anticipated Expenses	2017-18 Administrative	2018-19 Administrative	2017-18 Program	2018-19 Program	2017-18 Capital	2018-19 Capital
Board of Education	1000	\$50,848	\$61,493	\$61,665				
Central Administration	1200	\$156,472	\$152,985	\$157,805				
Finance	1300	\$264,694	\$259,519	\$260,541				
Staff	1400	\$29,493	\$30,000	\$30,900				
Central Services	1600	\$948,343	\$268,682	\$220,255			\$725,855	\$775,618
Special Items	1900	\$287,694	\$286,694	\$300,804			\$1,000	\$1,000
Admin. & Improvement	2000	\$405,804	\$250,215	\$264,750	\$133,571	\$144,989		
Instructional Area	2399	\$5,240,885			\$5,209,709	\$5,567,948		
Instructional Media	2600	\$165,837			\$165,930	\$173,281		
Pupil Services	2800	\$384,494			\$377,038	\$393,294		
Pupil Transportation	5999	\$558,871			\$541,676	\$544,555	\$25,000	\$25,000
Community Service	8000	\$1,500			\$1,500	\$1,500		
Employee Benefits	9000	\$2,889,890	\$279,533	\$257,504	\$2,506,698	\$2,725,796	\$248,288	\$261,923
Debt Service	9700	\$1,620,990					\$1,648,386	\$1,472,826
Interfund Transfer	9900	\$100,000					\$100,000	\$100,000
Subtotals			\$1,589,121	\$1,554,224	\$8,936,122	\$8,936,122	\$2,748,529	\$2,636,367
Grand Total Yearly		\$13,105,815					\$13,273,772	\$13,741,954

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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 two (2) 66-passenger school buses, a proposition to expend from the Capital Reserve Fund and a library proposition on **Tuesday, May 15, 2018 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 2018-19 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 15, 2018, 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.

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	\$158,743.00
Annualized Fringe Benefits	\$53,130.62

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