

# Webster



## Mission

We are a community of learners who nurture and inspire personal excellence, foster creativity and explore diverse opportunities, celebrate achievements and overcome challenges, and contribute locally and globally for positive change.

## Vision

Compassionately Connected, Joyfully Engaged, Always Learning.

## Core Beliefs

### Students First

Each student is invaluable.

### Continuous Improvement

Growth is a process that involves risk-taking, making mistakes, and perseverance.

### Exploration and Innovation

Creativity and discovery are inspired by asking questions where answers are uncertain.

### Collaboration

We are smarter and stronger together.

### Communication

Open exchange of ideas builds trust and confidence.

### Accountability

Attaining excellence is a shared responsibility.

### Fiscal Responsibility

Students are worthy of our wise investments.

## Essential Skills

### Resilience

Learning to grow stronger through life's challenges.

### Perseverance

Sticking to it because it's worth it, even when it's tough.

### Collaboration

Working together to benefit all.

### Integrity

Keeping my words and actions connected to the best I have to offer.

### Time Management

Balancing work and play for today and tomorrow.

### Self Management

Knowing myself and all the different things I can do to be at my best.

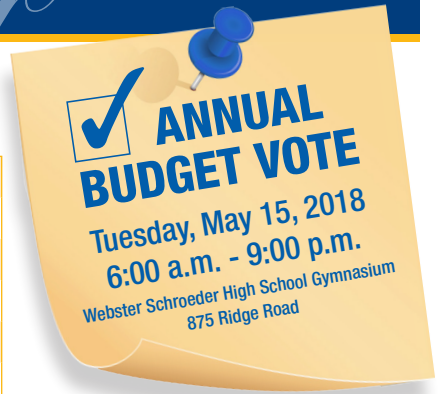
### Communication

Understanding what's important to others and how to share what's important to me.

## 2018-19 Webster School District Budget Highlights

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| Proposed 2018-19 Budget   | \$172,316,603 |
| Budget-to-Budget Increase   | 2.59%         |
| Property Tax Levy   | \$103,850,795 |
| % Change in Property Tax Levy/Tax Cap   | 3.0%          |
| Estimated % Change in Tax Rate  | 1.34%*        |
| <p>The impact of the estimated 2018-19 tax rate increase on a WCSD home assessed at \$191,700 (per Zillow.com estimated averages) is \$63.15 or \$5.26 per month.</p> |               |

\* Final tax rates will be set in August and are subject to change pending final assessments and equalization rates.



## Fast Facts About the 2018-19 Budget

- All academic, fine arts, athletics, special education, and extra-curricular programs are supported by the 2018-19 budget.
- WCSD continues to have one of the lowest school true tax rates in Monroe County and per pupil spending in Monroe County (per pupil spending is also below NYS averages).
  - \* Data from Monroe County School Boards Association, *Facts & Figures* - January 2018 and The NYS School Report Card for Fiscal Responsibility - 2016-17, most recent available
- Key factors impact the 2018-19 budget:
  - **Foundation Aid** - WCSD received a 1.93% increase or \$545,253. However, because the Foundation Aid formula wasn't fully funded for the 2018-19 fiscal year, WCSD will be shortchanged \$6,421,056 in state aid for 2018-19.
  - **Tax Levy Limit ("Cap") and Property Tax Rebate Plan** – For the seventh straight year, WCSD stayed at or below the calculated tax "cap." As a result, WCSD residents will be eligible for the tax rebate plan once again. It is estimated that the rebate will more than cover any projected tax bill increases.
- Actions that have been taken to control costs:
  - **Zero-based Budgeting Process**
  - **Cooperative Bidding and Purchasing**
  - **Use of District Reserve Funds** – estimated at just over \$2 million for 2018-19.
- WCSD is a member of many consortias to save money: Healthcare, Worker's Compensation, Accident & Liability Insurance.
- The 2018-19 budget supports a balance between two of the District's core beliefs: *Students First* and *Fiscal Responsibility*.

Be sure to make an informed vote.  
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 2018-19 District Budget Link.