

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

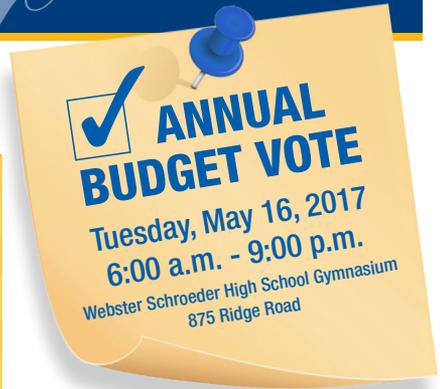
Understanding what's important to others and how to share what's important to me.

2017-18 Webster School District Budget Highlights

Proposed 2017-18 Budget	\$167,959,062
Budget-to-Budget Increase	2.50%
Property Tax Levy	\$100,828,068
% Change in Property Tax Levy/Tax Cap	2.01%
Estimated % Change in Tax Rate	0.51%*

The impact of the estimated 2017-18 tax rate increase on a WCSD home assessed at \$182,800 is **\$19.99 per year** or **\$1.67 per month**.

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



Fast Facts About the 2017-18 Budget

- All academic, fine arts, athletics, special education, and extra-curricular programs are supported by the 2017-18 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 2017 and The NYS School Report Card for Fiscal Responsibility - 2014-15, most recent available
- Key factors impact the 2017-18 budget:
 - **Foundation Aid** - WCSD received a 2.74% increase or \$753,644. However, because the Foundation Aid formula wasn't fully funded for the 2017-18 fiscal year, WCSD has been shortchanged \$7,262,809 in state aid.
 - **Tax Levy Limit ("Cap") and Property Tax Rebate Plan** – For the sixth 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 2017-18.
- WCSD is a member of many consortiums to save money: Healthcare, Worker's Compensation, Accident & Liability Insurance.
- The 2017-18 budget supports a balance between two of the District's core beliefs: *Students First* and *Fiscal Responsibility*.

Be sure to make an informed vote.
For more information, visit
www.websterschools.org,
2017-18 Budget Quick Link.