



# **FOCUS**

*An East Greenbush Central School District Publication*

## **PROPOSED 2010/2011 BUDGET**

*1.81% School Budget Increase  
3.55% Estimated Tax Levy Increase*

***Proposition #1: 2010/2011 BUDGET - \$85,175,111***

***Proposition #2: SCHOOL BUSES / CAPITAL RESERVE FUND - \$1,218,310***

as follows: six (6) school buses (66 passenger) at a maximum cost of \$638,022  
one (1) Hybrid bus (66 passenger) at a maximum cost of \$207,576  
four (4) school buses (29 passenger) at a maximum cost of \$233,000  
two (2) school buses (30 passenger - 4x4) at a maximum cost of \$139,712

***There will never be a School Budget increase for Proposition #2.  
These buses will be purchased from the voter approved Capital Reserve Fund.  
See page 2 for a complete explanation of Propositions #2 and #3.***

***Proposition #3: BUS PURCHASE RESERVE FUND***

***Proposition #4: SCHOOL ENTRANCE VESTIBULES - \$295,933***

as follows: Columbia High School Entrance Vestibule - \$197,873  
Goff Middle School Entrance Vestibule - \$98,060

***Proposition #5: ATHLETIC LARGE GROUP INSTRUCTION ROOM - \$220,511***

***Board of Education: Three seats to be filled.***

***VOTE MAY 18<sup>th</sup> 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.***

**Editor's Note:** The following "School Budget Notice" chart is required for all school districts by New York State law. The NYS chart breaks the annual budget into three components: Administrative, Program, and Capital. The following is a listing of the District's school budget line items that are included in each state component.

- ◆ **Administrative Component:** A large part of the administrative portion of the budget is comprised of basic operational functions to operate our schools. The items include school publications such as this newsletter and associated printing and postage costs, attorney fees and the cost of fire, liability and casualty insurance. Also included in this category are the salaries for school secretaries, clerks, and building administrators.
- ◆ **Program Component:** The program component costs are comprised of instructional salaries, student transportation, and educational program support such as textbooks, and teaching supplies to assist students.
- ◆ **Capital Component:** The capital component includes all operations and maintenance costs, including custodial staff salaries. In addition, voter-approved debt service is located in this area.

To gain a better picture of the school budget, please refer to the first "FOCUS" newsletter recently sent to all District residents. In addition, copies of the District's proposed budget are available at each school and the District's Administration Center.

## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2009-2010 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2010-2011 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2010-2011 School Year*
<b>Total budgeted amount</b>	\$ 83,662,678	\$ 85,175,111	\$ 83,876,603
<b>Increase/decrease for the 2010-2011 school year</b>		\$ 1,512,433	\$ 213,925
<b>Percentage increase (decrease) in each proposed budget</b>		1.8%	0.3%
<b>Change in the consumer price index</b>		-0.4%	
<b>Resulting estimate property tax levy for the 2010-2011 school year</b>		\$ 49,729,089	\$ 48,430,581
<b>Administrative component</b>	\$ 9,523,094	\$ 9,611,418	\$ 9,440,218
<b>Program component</b>	\$ 59,712,704	\$ 60,445,544	\$ 59,358,236
<b>Capital component</b>	\$ 14,426,880	\$ 15,118,149	\$ 15,078,149

\* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2010-2011 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated. If voters do not approve a school budget, certain contingent but non-mandated expenses may be affected. These include interscholastic athletics, co-curricular activities, art/music/physical education at Grades K-6, and school library programs. In addition, certain non-contingent expenses such as community use of buildings and grounds, and certain equipment will be affected. A school district is limited to two budget votes annually; the second vote is optional and scheduled at the Board's discretion.

### Estimated Basic STAR<sup>1</sup> Exemption Savings:

Basic STAR Exemption Impact	Budget Proposed for the 2010-2011 School Year
<b>Basic STAR tax savings</b>	<b>\$ 532.86</b>

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2010-2011 by the qualified voters of the East Greenbush Central School District, Rensselaer County, New York, will be held at the D.P. Sutherland, Green Meadow, Bell Top, and Goff schools in said district on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in above mentioned schools, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

*This year, four District residents have submitted nominating petitions to the District Clerk's office and will have their name on the ballot in the same order as they appear here. Each candidate was given the opportunity to submit a personal profile and photo for this publication.*



**Karen J. Curran**

**Candidate #1**

My husband Paul and I have been residents of the District for over eleven years. We have two boys: Dylan, who attends Goff Middle School, and Corey, who attends Genet Elementary School.

I have a Masters of Science Degree in Physical Therapy and a Minor in Psychology. I am currently employed by the Albany Visiting Nurses Association as a Physical Therapist.

My family has been positively affected by the many terrific teachers and staff within our district. I have been a classroom volunteer, as well as a volunteer for the Junior Achievement Program. I have also been involved in coaching three Odyssey of The Mind teams. I have found volunteering in our District a very rewarding and positive experience.

I have served on the Board of Education for the last three years. In that capacity, I am also a member of many school committees. I know what dedication, hard work, and time this position requires.

I believe we should provide the opportunity for all children to achieve their highest potential. If re-elected, I will continue to strive to provide quality education for every child in the district. Please exercise your right to vote on May 18th.



**Katherine M. Maciol**

**Candidate #2**

Now more than ever we need to get involved and advocate for ways to sustain our school system through these challenging economic times while continuing to work to maintain the excellence we are accustomed to in our district. If given the opportunity to serve as a school board member, I would strive to represent the best interests of our children and our community, would work to create collaboration, inclusiveness, and creativity into a planning process that builds on our resources and strengths, while at the same time focuses our leadership on building a fiscally sound budget.

I have been an employee of Rensselaer County for over 20 years. I presently serve as Commissioner of Mental Health where I oversee Mental Health//Unified Services programs, with an annual budget in excess of \$51 million that funds direct services, and a wide array of voluntary agency operated programs serving individuals with mental illness, substance abuse and developmental disabilities. I have a Masters Degree in Social Work, state licensure and I am an adjunct professor at the State University at Albany School of Social Welfare.

I reside in East Greenbush. I have two beautiful children, Anthony and Amelia that thrive in the East Greenbush School system.



**Catherine A. Graziano**

**Candidate #3**

I live in East Greenbush with my husband Frank. We have two sons: James—a 2007 Columbia High School graduate, currently attending Canisius College, and Frank—a Columbia High School and Siena College graduate.

As a Branch Manager with Prudential Manor Homes, Realtors I was given the “Prudential Cares” grant twice for volunteerism. I donated the first grant to the District’s Education Foundation and second one to Columbia’s “CAP” program.

I am a member of the Board of Education, serving my second year as Board President. I have been an active volunteer in our school district, in many roles, since my oldest son entered Kindergarten. I was a room parent at Green Meadow and Genet, past co-president of both Green Meadow and Goff PTO, past president of Columbia’s All Sports Club, and a long-standing member of the Education Foundation Board. I have also worked alongside many parents at Craft Fairs, Spaghetti Dinners, Teacher Appreciation days, and many other events. As president of the Columbia All Sports Club, I was recognized for the Club’s contributions to the District’s athletic programs—including raising over \$18,000 to reinstate the modified sports programs and for the establishment of the District’s Athletic Hall of Fame.

*Voters will be asked to fill three Board of Education vacancies, each for the July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2013 term. The vacancies are caused by the expiration of the term of office of the last incumbents: Mrs. Curran, Mrs. Graziano, and Mrs. Hart.*



**Shay Harrison**

**Candidate #4**

I am a 1990 graduate of Columbia High School. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in materials science and engineering, along with a double major in English, at Rice University, then earned a Doctor of Philosophy degree in materials science at the University of Connecticut. I work at a technical ceramics manufacturer in Menands, Blasch Precision Ceramics, in research and development. I reside in East Schodack with my wife.

I have been involved in many roles in the East Greenbush School District. I worked as a substitute teacher for 6 months, served as an assistant coach in the girls and boys basketball programs for the last 10 years, mentored students in the Authentic Science Research program at Columbia High School, and am a board member for the East Greenbush Education Foundation. I am also a board member of the Literacy Volunteers of Rensselaer County and a CYO basketball coach at St. Jude's in Wynantskill.

My goal in running for the Board of Education is to bring a pragmatic and balanced viewpoint to the important budget and educational program decisions that will be made in the next three years. Thank you for your consideration.

To vote on Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> (between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.) you must be: 18 years of age by the date of the vote, a resident of the East Greenbush Central School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote, and a citizen of the United States. You do not need to own property in the District to be eligible to vote.



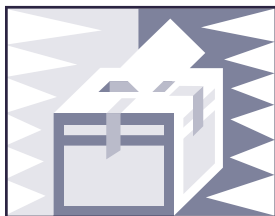
### **VOTER REGISTRATION:**

- \* Since the polls are located in more than one site, New York State law requires that you must be registered before you are permitted to vote.
- \* If you have voted in a school election within the last four years, you are already registered.
- \* Individuals who are currently registered with the Rensselaer/Columbia County Board of Elections, and live within the District borders, do not need to separately register with the school district.

### **VOTING DISTRICTS:**

There are four voting districts and polling sites within the District:

- \* Donald P. Sutherland Elementary School in Nassau
- \* Green Meadow Elementary School in Schodack
- \* Bell Top Elementary School in North Greenbush
- \* Goff Middle School in East Greenbush.



### **ABSENTEE BALLOTS:**

If you are not going to be available to vote in person, you may obtain an application for an absentee ballot in the following manner:

- \* In person, from the District Clerk's office between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
- \* A printable absentee ballot application is located within the Budget/Tax link of our website (egcsd.org).

The East Greenbush Central School District does not discriminate on the basis of age, sex, race, color, creed, national origin, or handicap in conformance with the provisions of Title IX Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act.

East Greenbush Central School District  
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East Greenbush, NY 12061

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NYS School District Code #158  
Please visit: [www.egcsd.org](http://www.egcsd.org)

### 2009/2010 BOARD OF EDUCATION

	<u>Telephone Number</u>	<u>Term Expiration</u>
Catherine Graziano ( <i>President</i> )	477-8168	June 30, 2010
Karen Curran ( <i>Vice President</i> )	283-5654	June 30, 2010
Michael Angelo	286-3488	June 30, 2011
Julie Burke	283-2486	June 30, 2012
Richard Hammill	320-8522	June 30, 2012
JoAnn Hart	766-2337	June 30, 2010
Michelle LeClair	426-1091	June 30, 2011
Mark Mann	858-4336	June 30, 2011
JoAnn Taylor	283-5393	June 30, 2012

*Superintendent of Schools:*  
Dr. Angela M. Nagle (207-2531)

### EQUALIZATION RATES

As always, questions regarding *Equalization Rates* should be addressed directly to your town assessors. The town assessors' offices, within the East Greenbush Central School District, may be reached at:

Chatham	392-2550
East Greenbush	477-9710
Nassau	766-2343
North Greenbush	283-3525
Sand Lake	674-2026 ext. 24
Schodack	477-7932

# Vote May 18th

# 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.