

Spencerport adopts budget with zero tax rate increase

Dear Community,

This year we are asking residents to vote on the 2018-19 budget proposal, which totals \$81.1 million and projects a 0% tax rate increase.

The expenditure plan, which will be presented to voters on Tuesday, May 15, includes a:

- Projected tax rate* of \$24.33 per \$1,000 of assessed home value, which is the same rate as last year.
- Tax levy of \$37.2 million, an increase of 2.57%, which is less than the 2.74% maximum allowable tax levy with exclusions.

The proposed budget reflects:

- Feedback provided from the volunteers serving on the Budget Focus Group, 2017 exit polls and the Board of Education;
- A concerted effort to achieve a zero increase in tax rate in response to property re-assessments in Ogden, Parma, and portions of Gates;
- The use of reserve funds and appropriated fund balance;
- Continuation of our instructional programs and student opportunities.

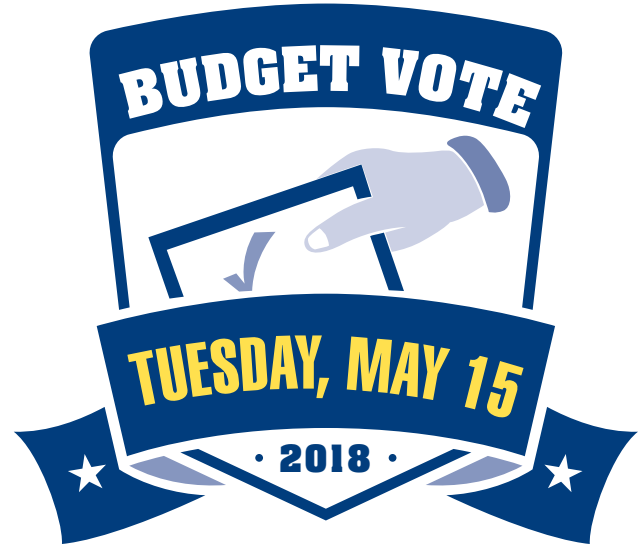
The community budget vote on the 2018-19 proposal will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15. More budget details, along with the schedule of public presentations may be found in this edition of Cornerstone. The exit polls consistently indicate this newsletter as the primary communication for budget information, so we hope you find this issue helpful. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at info@spencerportschools.org

Thank you for your ongoing support and feedback throughout this process.

Dan

Daniel Milgate
Superintendent of Schools

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6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

District Office

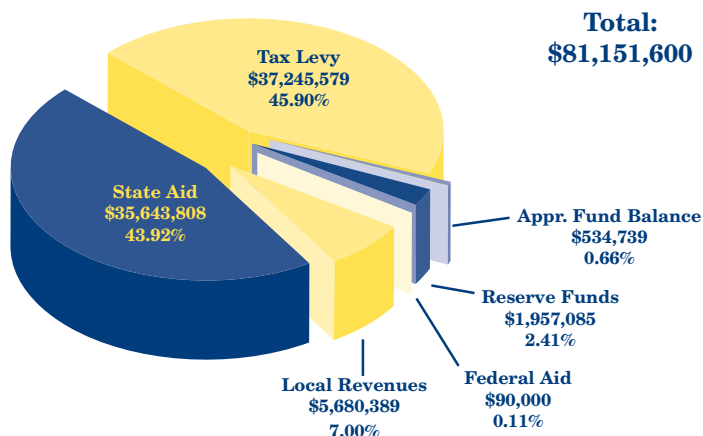
Munn Elementary School

Taylor Elementary School



Summary of revenues

This chart provides a snapshot of the anticipated revenues for the 2018-19 school year, along with the district's plan to use reserves.



This year Spencerport's state aid increased \$226,357 (0.64%) from 2017-18. This chart also reflects the increase in use of reserve funds and appropriated fund balance.

Budget Focus Group gives district a taxpayer perspective

The community Budget Focus Group members volunteered their time and feedback throughout the development of the 2018-19 budget.

This group, consisting of parents, staff, residents and civic leaders met at critical points in the budget process, asking questions and offering perspectives. This year's BFG provided invaluable insight on the status of property re-assessments in Ogden, Parma and parts of Gates, projected tax rates, and key points to highlight with the public. Our sincerest thanks to:

Cory Allen	John Kozlowski	Jonathan Saltzberg
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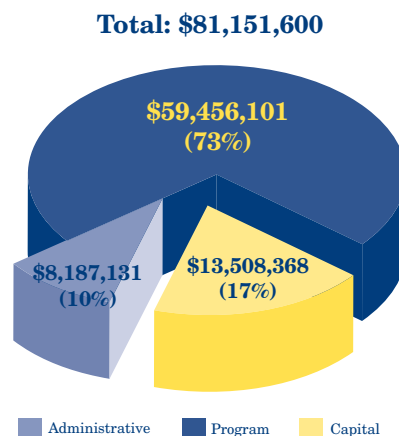
3 part budget summary of expenditures

New York State law requires that all school districts present the proposed budget in three parts: Program, Capital and Administrative.

Program (73%) includes expenses associated with instructional programs, teacher salaries and benefits, health services, transportation costs, special education, instructional supplies and equipment, and athletics.

Capital (17%) consists of maintenance costs for buildings and grounds, custodial services, utilities, capital expenses, bus purchases, and debt service.

Administrative (10%) expenses include costs associated with the superintendent's office, board of education, financial/legal services, curriculum development, communications, BOCES administration, printing and mailing, district clerk, and school supervision.



Budget presentation Schedule

Voters in the Spencerport Central School District are invited to attend any of the presentations scheduled on the 2018-19 budget. Please find the list of dates and times below.

May

- 2 Ogden Seniors, 11 a.m., Ogden Senior Center
- 7 Sports Boosters, 6:30 p.m., Room 17 – D.O.
- 8 Bernabi faculty, 7:45 a.m.,
- 8 Joint Parent Teacher Organization: Canal View, Bernabi, Munn, Taylor, 6:30 p.m., D.O.
- 10 Munn faculty, 8:15 a.m.
- 11 Transportation Dept., 9:15 a.m., Transportation
- 14 Music Boosters, 7 p.m., Cosgrove library

Copies of the detailed budget available for public view

The Spencerport business office and district clerk provide copies of the 2018-19 budget in complete detail in each of the school buildings for review. In addition, this budget notebook is also available for public view in the District Office building, 71 Lyell Ave, and the Ogden Farmer's Library.

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2017-18 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2018-19 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2018-19 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$79,032,905	\$81,151,600	\$80,216,655
Increase/Decrease for the 2018-19 School Year		\$2,118,695	\$486,907
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.68%	0.63%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.13%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$36,310,634	\$37,245,579	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$-	\$-	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$-	\$-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$-	\$-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$36,310,634	\$37,245,579	\$36,310,634
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$191,323	\$132,025	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$36,143,327	\$37,172,791	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$36,119,311	\$37,113,554	
"I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$24,016	\$59,237	
Administrative Component	\$7,839,968	\$8,173,131	\$8,156,131
Program Component	\$57,229,753	\$59,456,101	\$59,533,877
Capital Component	\$13,963,184	\$13,508,368	\$12,526,647

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2018-19 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

If a school district budget is defeated twice, state law requires a Board of Education to adopt a contingent budget based on certain criteria, which include teachers' salaries and ordinary contingent expenses subject to a cap on the administrative portion of the budget, with no increase in the tax levy over the prior year.

Ordinary contingent expenses are defined by the Board of Education as necessary to operate and maintain school buildings and the educational program; preserve the district property; and ensure

the health and safety of students and staff. Expenditures such as new and replacement equipment and salary increases for certain employees in some cases would be eliminated.

(*) The contingency budget for the 2018-2019 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated, was calculated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law and in accordance with Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011.

PROPOSITION # 2

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Spencerport Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of construction and reconstruction of existing school buildings and facilities, site and athletic field improvements and the acquisition of certain original furnishings, equipment, and apparatus and other incidental improvements required in connection therewith for such construction and school use, all at an estimated maximum aggregate cost of \$12,385,000; and to appropriate and expend from the existing capital reserve fund \$3,000,000 for such costs, and that the balance of such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, with such tax to be offset by state aid available therefor; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the School District as may be necessary not to exceed \$9,385,000 shall be issued

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2018-2019 school year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$744

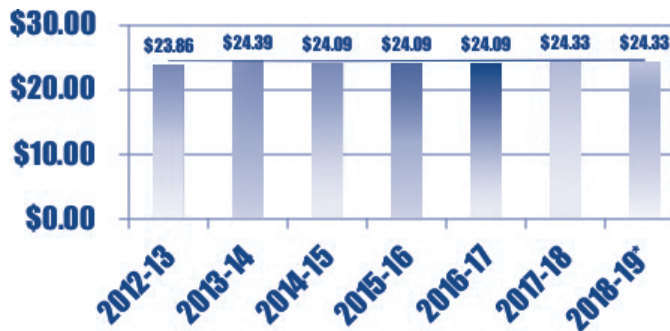
The annual budget vote for the 2018-2019 School Budget by the qualified voters of the Spencerport Central School District, Monroe County, New York, will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. The polls will be open for voting on the school budget and the election of Board members for the locations designated below from 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., EDST:

Spencerport Administration Building, 71 Lyell Avenue, Spencerport, NY
Munn Elementary School, 2333 Manitou Road, Spencerport, NY
Taylor Elementary School, 399 Ogden Parma Town Line Road, Spencerport, NY

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

Tax rate history

Based on the proposed budget and anticipated revenues for 2018-19, Spencerport projects a ZERO increase in the true value tax rate. The chart below provides the district's tax rate history as reported over the last six years.



* The projected tax rate is per \$1,000 of assessed property value. The Board of Education sets the actual tax rate in the summer.

Projected true value tax rate

\$24.33/\$1,000

Based on the proposed budget and anticipated revenues for 2018-19, Spencerport has projected no increase in the true value tax rate.

The chart below provides an example of a tax bill, including the Basic STAR exemption of \$30,000. Please note that homeowners whose property has been reassessed this year may anticipate a larger bump in their tax bill, depending on their updated valuation.

Year	Assessed Value	Tax Rate	Tax bill	Increase (annual, monthly)
2017-18	\$150,000 (-30K STAR)	\$24.33/\$1,000	\$2,920	
2018-19	\$150,000 (-30K STAR)	\$24.33/\$1,000	\$2,920	0

*The Board of Education sets the actual rate in the summer.

What is STAR?

According to the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance, there are two types of STAR exemptions:

Basic STAR

- Available for owner-occupied, primary residences where the resident owners' and their spouses income is less than \$500,000
- Exempts the first \$30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes

Enhanced STAR

- Provides an increased benefit for the primary residences of senior citizens (age 65 and older) with qualifying incomes
- If you receive the Basic or Enhanced STAR exemption, the amount of your savings is listed on the bill and is used to decrease the amount you owe

Towns conduct reassessments this year, will impact tax bills

Many property owners in the towns of Ogden and Parma and portions of Gates experienced reassessments this year, and the average re-valuations increased anywhere from 5 to 15 percent.

School districts control one portion of your bill related to school taxes, which presents challenges when communicating a "no increase to the tax rate," and a homeowner says "Yes, but my taxes are higher." Both are correct.

The school line item may indeed reflect no increase, but there are local and state taxes that also impact a tax bill. To complicate matters further, any increase in reassessment will affect tax bills.

Three members of our Budget Focus Group agreed to share their reassessment property values to use as examples for 2018-19.

Please note the examples below do not include the basic STAR exemption. Examples of a tax bill with the STAR provided to the left side of this page.

House 1	
Value Before Reassessment	\$107,500
Tax Bill	\$2,615.47
Increase in assessment	\$10,700
Value After Reassessment	\$118,200
Tax Bill:	\$2,875.80
Zero change to the school tax rate will still be an increase.	Annually: \$260.33 Monthly: \$21.70

House 2	
Value Before Reassessment	\$215,000
Tax Bill	\$5,230.95
Increase in assessment	\$30,000
Value After Reassessment	\$245,000
Tax Bill:	\$5,960.85
Zero change to the school tax rate will still be an increase.	Annually: \$729.90 Monthly: \$60.82

House 3	
Value Before Reassessment	\$245,000
Tax Bill	\$5,960.85
Increase in assessment	\$13,000
Value After Reassessment	\$258,000
Tax Bill:	\$6,277.14
Zero change to the school tax rate will still be an increase.	Annually: \$316.29 Monthly: \$26.36

The above assessments are real. The actual tax rate will be set by the Board of Education in the summer.

Capital Project 2018

Spencerport Proposition # 2

Spencerport facilitated a series of meetings last fall to review the district's 2015 building condition survey, identify remaining work to be done, and prioritize those projects based on necessity and qualifying for state aid.

More than 45 parents, residents and staff members volunteered on the Facilities Task Force, whose work and feedback served to inform the proposed 2018 Capital Improvement Project.

The project will be up for community vote on May 15 and totals \$12,385,000. This amount ensures the reimbursement of state aid and utilizes \$3 million from the district's capital reserve fund to offset the taxpayer portion of the project. The project proposes improvements and renovations across the district, including:

Spencerport High School

- Pavement improvements of most sidewalks, rear parking lot, bus loop, and access road
- Resurfacing of tennis courts
- Upgrade site lighting in student parking lot and around facility*
- Security camera installations*
- Library renovations
- Carpet replacement of various rooms

Cosgrove Middle School

- New fire doors and hardware installation*
- Exterior wall repairs and repainting
- Replace master clock system
- Turf replacement at the Ranger Stadium field plus signage
- Pavement improvements of sidewalks, bus loop, and a parking lot
- Gymnasium floor replacement (original gym)
- Provide ADA accessibility at south and southwest entrances

Bernabi Elementary School

- Reconstruction of parking lot
- New public announcement (PA) system*
- Auditoria acoustical improvements
- Corridor ventilation improvements

Canal View Elementary School

- New intercom system*
- Redesign of the bus loop and repaving of a parking lot
- Reconstruction of sidewalks and an access drive (Ranger Road) from Bernabi ES to Cosgrove MS
- Exterior wall repairs
- Repairs of water damage from roof leaks

Munn Elementary School

- Parking lot expansion
- Water service repairs
- Reconstruction of the bus loop, parking lot, and sidewalks
- Renovations of classrooms in east wing

Taylor Elementary School

- Masonry restoration
- Floor slab and tile repairs
- Classroom cabinet and sink replacements
- Replace classroom UVs

Administration Building

- No site work
- Repairs of eroded concrete column base in the basement
- Replacement of floors and exterior doors*

Bus Facility

- Reconstruction of a parking lot
- Window replacement*
- Door replacement*

Thank you to our Facilities Task Force members

Thank you to the community and staff members who volunteered on the 2017-18 Facilities Task Force. This group met five times through the course of 3 months to: review the condition of our campus, identify improvements needed to support existing and future instruction, athletic, and operations, and prioritized work for the 2018 capital project.

Our sincerest appreciation to:

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Gary Miner	Ron White
Glynne Schultz	Sean McCabe
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Janelle Young	Tim Skrypnik
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Jeffrey Anderson	Vicki Larsen
John Pelin	William Gretzinger
Jonathan Saltzberg	Medea Bonny
Judy DeAngelis	David Gibbardo
Julie Churnetski	Ken Birkbeck
Katherine Mueller	Michael Skill



* Items with asterisk indicate a project related to safety and security.

3 Board of Education candidates run for 2 open seats

Two seats on the Board of Education will be up for election on May 15, 2018, and those terms are currently held by: Michael Miceli and Kevin Hutton.

Three candidates are running for these openings, and the two highest vote-getters will serve from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021. Each candidate submitted the following information for voter consideration, and appear according to order on the ballot.



Michael Miceli

mmiceli@spencerportschools.org

Occupation: network engineering and operations, Frontier Communications

Family: wife, Shelby; two children, Anthony and Zachary

Community Service: Board of Education member for the last three years. As a board member, I have served on numerous Board of Education committees including Audit Committee, Budget Focus Group, MCSBA Information Exchange, Capital Project, and building representation. I also have been an active volunteer for several community and athletic organizations throughout the years.

Why serve on the Board of Education? The board of education has one of the most important responsibilities in our society – guiding the education of the children in our community. Its decisions affect the future of each of our students, the livelihoods of those the district employs, and the economic well-being of the community. I am seeking re-election because I continue to have a strong personal belief in preserving and improving the quality of our school system. Every student in our community deserves the best possible academic experience. As I have learned in my previous three years on the board, there will always be unique challenges and

tough decisions to make. If re-elected, I will continue to make the decisions that are in the best interest of the students, while considering the impact on the taxpayers and the community at large.

What are the top issues facing our schools? The fiscal environment presents the most significant challenge for our schools. Execution of fiscally responsible plans in times of rising costs and limited financial resources is critical. Given these fiscal constraints, we need to find ways to attract and retain top-tier teachers and administrators, continue to infuse technology into our classrooms, and provide evolving academic programs to fully support our students. Perhaps most importantly, we must balance maintaining academic excellence with a sustainable and fiscally responsible budget for our community.

What would you like people to know about you? As an alumnus, lifelong member of the Spencerport community, and a parent with two school age children, I would like to maintain an active role in my children's education to ensure that Spencerport is offering a superior educational experience. I will continue to advocate for 21st century learning, technology, fiscal sustainability, and a diverse offering of programs to prepare all students for college and/or career. I would be honored to continue to serve our community on the Board of Education.



Kevin Hutton

KHutton@spencerportschools.org

Family: wife of 22 years, Christine; children Alex (2014), Jake (2017), and Tricia (2017), all of whom graduated from Spencerport schools.

Community service: Six-year member of Spencerport Board of Education; photographer for Spencerport Varsity Soccer teams

Why serve on the board of education? Board of Education (BOE) decisions affect many aspects of our community. The BOE determines how our children are educated and how taxpayer funds are to be spent. The BOE will be addressing unique challenges over the next 3 years. I am prepared to consider the taxpayers' concerns while making decisions that are in the best interest of students.

What are the top issues facing our schools? Each year school boards have to make tough decisions that balance the needs of their students with the financial resources. They must be mindful of how to spend state funding and individual taxpayer's money. Budgets have been and will continue to be one of our top issues.

What would you like people to know about you? I truly believe in Spencerport's mission "to inspire and educate each student to love learning, pursue excellence and use knowledge, skills and attitudes to contribute respectfully and confidently to an every-changing global community." I have great pride when I get to see firsthand the BOE effects on our students. Whether it's attending the First Robotic World Competition or when first graders lead a learning event at a BOE meeting, I will continue to support students if elected for an additional three years.

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Randal (Randy) Weaver
weaverrandal@gmail.com

Occupation: Husband and father, lifelong learner

Family: wife, Teresa; sons TJ (15) and Joey (12); daughter Hannah (10)

Community Service: board member for Camp Puzzle Piece and the Family Autism Center, volunteer soccer coach, football referee, 2nd grade church leader

Why serve on the Board of Education? To help in any way I can; to be a voice for many in our Spencerport community. My background includes strategic planning consultant for school districts across US, including PASCO County Florida (85,000 students). I'm currently an executive at a food service distributor, and in my 25-year career I have been the COO for the Cincinnati and Rochester transit systems; I have also been a design engineer, software developer, and project manager in technology and construction, and a CIO.

What are the top issues facing our schools? I would advocate for additional early intervention aides to K-5 gen-ed teachers to assist with students who need support in ELA and Math; I would hire 20 more teachers and reduce class-sizes by 25%; focus on county-leading compensation to recruit and retain the best to increase academic performance which will increase in the tax base to fund our future; re-focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math curricula; and contract with Ogden Police to provide additional security in our schools. I am opposed to the Urban-Suburban program and Common Core.

What would you like people to know about you? I am an active member and volunteer at First Bible Baptist Church; I have engineering degrees from MCC and RIT, and my MBA from the U of R Simon School; I am an avid reader of science fiction and business books, and I love cooking and technology.

PLEASE VOTE!

The chart below reports the total number of voters in the last 10 years, along with the approval rate. According to the Board of Elections, there are approximately 10,000 eligible voters in the Spencerport School district.

**Please vote
on Tuesday, May 15.**

Year	Voters	Approval Rate
2007-08	1,278	55.1%
2008-09	1,374	55.4%
2009-10	1,464	63.7%
2010-11	1,643	64.3%
2011-12	1,674	62.6%
2012-13	1,442	71.4%
2013-14	1,089	70.2%
2014-15	1,270	73.0%
2015-16	1,214	70.4%
2016-17	1,494	77.2%
2017-18	1,223	79.2%

What you are voting on...

The 2018-19 budget and voter authorization for use of reserves and one proposition:

Proposition 1: the budget and use of reserves:

\$81,151,600 +2.68% +\$2,118,695

Voter authorization to expend from reserve funds:

- \$150,000 from classroom equipment reserve for purchase of student desks, chairs, and other miscellaneous classroom furniture.

Proposition 2: Capital Project 2018

- 12,385,000 project
- \$3 million from reserves to offset taxpayer portion
- Minimal to no impact on taxes



Voter qualifications

In order to vote you must be:

- a United States citizen
- at least 18 years of age
- a resident of the Spencerport Central School District for at least 30 days before the vote
- Proof of residence required (i.e. driver's license)
- Absentee ballots available

District residents unable to vote in person on May 15 because of disabilities, illness, travel, college or other reasons listed as valid under election law, may request applications for absentee ballots by contacting the District Clerk's Office at 349-5110, or in person at 71 Lyell Ave., in Spencerport. The district must receive applications at least 7 days before the vote if the resident would like to receive the ballot by mail.

In all cases, the deadline for the return of all ballots to the district office is 5 p.m. on May 15. Under education law, ballots are invalid if received later than this time.

Voting location

Please remember your designated voting location.

Again, this year, the budget vote will take place at three different sites, and residents will only be permitted to cast their ballots at their assigned location.

The voting sites are

- Munn Elementary School
- Taylor Elementary School
- and the District Office building.

Residents may call 349-5101 for verification of site, or look up your voting site at www.spencerportschools.org.

Security in our schools

Each designated site will follow its routine safety protocols for instructional days, so we ask our voters for their cooperation and patience with our greeters and additional building security. Our community voters are important to us, and we hope you agree that student safety must continue to be a priority on budget vote day.

County recognizes SHS students, CHOICES

January marked National Mentoring Month, and Monroe County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo invited Spencerport High School students to a special ceremony on Jan. 23 to mark the occasion.

The County Executive specifically recognized our students as leaders in the CHOICE'S program - a mentoring initiative in which high school students help middle school students with the transition to high school.

Seniors Jamie Briggs and Natalie Wiebeld represented Spencerport, and spoke about the success of CHOICES and Spencerport High School's Service Learning Internship Program (SLIP).



Pictured, l-r: Senior Jamie Briggs, County Executive Cheryl Dinolfo, and Senior Natalie Wiebeld.

The official union of Q and U

Kindergarteners at Canal View Elementary celebrated the "union" of the letters Q and U on April 20, with a special wedding ceremony. Mr. Berends officiated the ceremony, where Mr. Q. and Miss U promised to be united forever. Following the ceremony, all the 'letters' of the alphabet celebrated the marriage with wedding cake and dancing!

This is the second year Canal View has celebrated the nuptials.

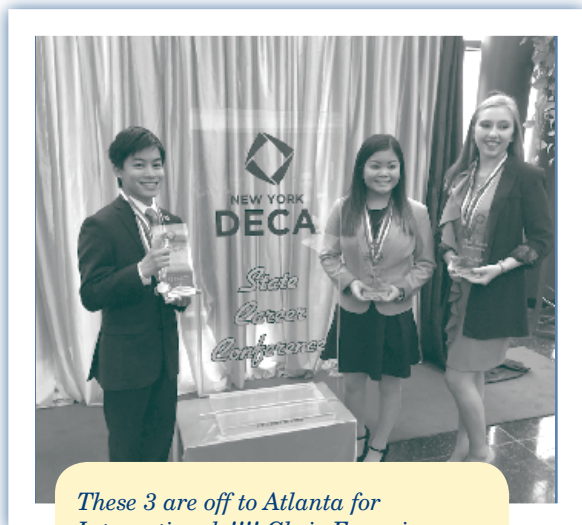


Return on Investment: Academic Achievement

Spencerport provides an exemplary education for our students, and throughout the year, we celebrate student accomplishments in academics, performing arts, athletics and leadership or extra-curricular activities through the media, website, social media, and *Cornerstone*.

Below please find a few highlights from 2017-18:

- Business First Ranking, #10 out of 67; #1 in M2 BOCES
- FIRST Robotics at Worlds (6th time in nine years that Team 3015 qualified to compete)
- CHOICES, SLIP, Community Service
- DECA students qualify for international competition in Atlanta (caption)
- 18 Advance Placement courses
- SUPA Syracuse University Project Advance
- 3:1:3 with SUNY Brockport
- Dual College Credit
- Multiple collegiate scholarships worth thousands of dollars
- 96% of students graduated after 4 years of HS
- 63% earned a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation



These 3 are off to Atlanta for Internationals!!!! Chris Ferrari, Elizabeth Ferrari, and Abby Spielman

Athletics

- Academics – 17 out of 21 fall and winter varsity teams with a team GPA above 90
- Divisional Champions: Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Wrestling, Winter Cheer
- Section V Champions – Girls Soccer, Boys Volleyball, Wrestling
- NYSPHSAA State Champions – Girls Soccer (and ranked #4 nationally by USA Today)
- 12 student athletes qualified for NYS individual championship tournaments
- 1 NYSPHSAA state champion (Vanessa Watson in indoor track)
- 3 Sportsmanship Teams of the Year
- 3 Coach of the Year Awards
- Each varsity team performed a volunteer community service project as part of the Spencerport Student-Athletes Care Program
- 67% of students play at least one sport each year in grades 7 - 12

Performing arts

- The High School music ensembles earned national recognition at the annual Heritage Music Festival in Boston. Among the honors were:
 - o 2018 Sweepstake Award to Spencerport High School
 - o Gold for Vocal Jazz, Jazz Band, and Women's Treble Chorus
 - o Gold second Award for Wind ensemble
 - o Adjudicator's Awards for Vocal Jazz and Wind Ensemble
 - o Individual Adjudicator Awards for Emma Kane, Brianna Donnelly, and Jonathan Bradfield
 - o Outstanding Choir Award for Vocal Jazz
- Successful musical productions, including "All Shook Up" at the High School, and "Wizard of Oz" at Cosgrove Middle School

HS classroom supports independence among SWD students

Spencerport High School introduced a new classroom this year to provide real, hands-on experiences for our Students With Disabilities.

The transition room serves as an opportunity for students in our 12:1:1 class (the ratio refers to no more than 12 students per class with one full-time special education teacher and one additional staff person) to learn real life skills and increase their independence. Students previously attended BOCES for this instruction; however, our special education department worked with our facilities department to bring this experience

in-district. With an allocation from the classroom furniture reserve, the district purchased some appliances, furniture, household items and a bedroom set to create an apartment-like atmosphere.

A special thank you to Deserie Richmond, Andrea Pascuzzi and Chris Beh from our special education department for leading this effort and Nelson Drake and his team from the facilities department for ensuring its installment

ATHLETIC NEWS

Congratulations to:

Indoor Track and Field: Vanessa Watson, undefeated in all her races; Ranked #1 in the nation in the 400m with a national best time of 55.61 seconds. Division I State Champion with a state record in the 600m, as well as the Section V Class A champion in the 55, 300—winning the 55m, 300m, and 600m. Named to the D and C All Greater Rochester Indoor Track 1st team.



New online registration for athletes

The Spencerport Athletics Department is excited to announce that we are offering the convenience of online registration for sports clearances through FamilyID (www.familyid.com), beginning this fall. This will streamline the process for recertification.

FamilyID is a secure registration platform that provides an easy, user-friendly way to register for our programs, and helps us to be more administratively efficient and environmentally responsible. When you register through FamilyID, the system keeps track of your information in your FamilyID profile. You enter your information only once for each family member for multiple uses and multiple programs.

Completing the FamilyID profile prior to registering your son/daughter for each season will help expedite the sign-up process. Additional information will be provided prior to fall registration.



Student focuses on children of military for her senior project

On March 24, Spencerport High School senior Jennifer Michaels coordinated a special Easter festival for military families.

The event, which was part of her senior project, was held at Bernabi Elementary School, with volunteer helpers from the Girl Scouts, Ranger Robotics Team 3015, and the Army Reserves support group.

Jennifer and the volunteers transformed the cafeteria into an Easter activity center, complete with a gardening center, egg decorating, fluffy chick creating, an assortment of other arts and crafts, and a visit from the Easter bunny. They also turned the gym into a colorful meadow for an Easter egg hunt.



SCSD meet with police, emergency partners for tabletop exercise

Spencerport School District administrators met with members of the Ogden Police Department, Monroe County Sheriff's Office, Gates Ambulance and Spencerport Volunteer Fire Department on March 22 for a tabletop exercise around responses to emergency situations.

The session helped to strengthen logistics and enhance our overall ongoing efforts toward security.

Thank you to our local police and emergency responders for collaborating with us toward keeping our students and staff safe.



Richmond to receive GVASCD service award

Spencerport Special Education Director Deserie Richmond is being recognized by the Genesee Valley Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (GVASCD) with the Sister Weaver Service Award during a ceremony in May. The recognition will honor Richmond's contributions to the community.

New leadership in Special Education leads to opening at Cosgrove

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Andrea Pascuzzi as the Director of Special Education, effective July 1. Pascuzzi will assume the leadership role upon the retirement of Deserie Richmond.

In addition, Michael Sorbera, the assistant principal at Cosgrove Middle School, has accepted the Coordinator of Special Education, previously held by Pascuzzi.

Many of our families have had the opportunity to work with both Pascuzzi and Sorbera in their respective leadership roles in Spencerport and know that both are student-centered and care deeply about each and every student.

The district will conduct a search for the Cosgrove Middle School assistant principal position, and will provide updates on that outcome once completed.



Michael Sorbera has been named Special Education Coordinator, effective July 1.



Assistant Superintendent for Instruction Ty Zinkiewich, Special Education Director Deserie Richmond, and Superintendent of Schools Dan Milgate.

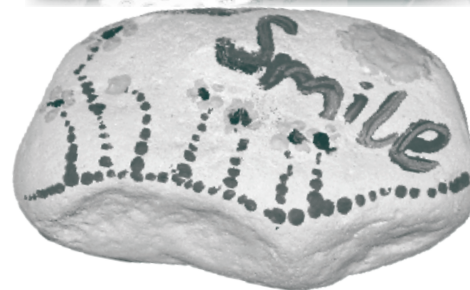


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Kindness Rocks

Rock Project at CV is phenomenal. We have such creative artists here today. Each one is unique and special. Can't wait to see them outside of the school.

"A Pathway to Kindness" rock painting school wide project...SUCCESS. 530 students painted a rock & will add a kindness word later. The beauties will be planted in the front gardens once the weather clears. What a great day



Tech savvy students at Taylor

A fourth-grader in Mr. Savino's class at Taylor School noticed when a software program he enjoyed using to draw and create blue prints disappeared.

Declan Switzer accessed "Visio" regularly so when it went missing, he decided to advocate for himself and find out why. He reached out to Mr. Cory Allen, Spencerport's Chief Information Officer, with a persuasive letter to explain the importance of "Visio" and question its removal.

His letter said, "Children's imaginations are vital to fun. Maybe during recess they go on OneDrive to Doodle. Then they do not see Visio. Imagine how they would feel then. Visio has many uses. Whether it is making a blueprint,

which I could often use) or simply just doodling for fun. Please realize that Visio is helpful."

The technology department looked into the program, and determined that Microsoft had eliminated "Visio" from the Office 365 bundle. Mr. Allen and Spencerport's Network Manager Paul Van Horn met again with Declan to discuss alternative programs, such as "SketchUp".

At this meeting, Declan agreed to pilot "SketchUp" for our district and report back to Mr. Allen and Mr. Van Horn. Stay tuned on Declan's findings to see if students in the entire district will benefit from his knowledge and poise.



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Rotary collaborates with Munn on book program

The Spencerport Rotary Club has partnered once again with the Spencerport Central School District through a pilot backpack book program. Selected second and third graders at Munn Elementary School borrow books to read on the weekends, then record their progress.



*Thank you
 to the Rotary
 for this
 opportunity!*

The annual District Art Show showcased the work of our students

Here are a few examples of their hard work.

