What’s on ballot for your school district?

Voters will weigh in on spending plans Tuesday

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Residents in the Rochester-area suburbs will vote Tuesday on their school districts’ annual spending plans and candidates for board of education.

Only one district, Brighton, is seeking to override the state property tax cap and therefore requires 60% approval for passage. Several districts have contested school board races, including six people seeking three seats in Webster.

Here are details for each Monroe County district with a vote on Tuesday.

Brighton

Proposed budget: $81.9 million The tax rate is projected at $25.92 per $1,000 in assessed value, a $1.21 increase from 2017-18.

Tax levy: $54.8 million, a 4.89% increase. That exceeds the state property tax cap, meaning 60% of voters must approve for the budget to pass.

Brighton has two propositions on the ballot. The first would withdraw $3 million from capital reserves to pay costs associated with the previously approved capital improvement project; the second would authorize spending $500,000 from a technology account for to provide and maintain its tablet computer program for students.

Four candidates are running for two school board seats: incumbents Andrea Costanza and Karen Hatch, plus Heather Coyne and Audrey Sowell.

The vote will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Brighton High School, 1150 S. Winton Road. For more information go to www.bcsd.org.

Brockport

Proposed budget: $82.5 million The tax rate is projected at $24.04 per $1,000 in assessed value, a 37-cent increase from 2018-19.

Tax levy: $32.6 million, a 3.35% increase.

Brockport has one additional proposition on the budget, to spend $1,135,000 to purchase 12 buses while trading in 15 old ones.

Two candidates are running for two school board seats: incumbent Terry Ann Carbone and Kathleen Robertson.

The vote will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Technology and Training Center, 40 Allen St, Building 800. For more information go to www.bcs1.org.

Churchville-Chili
Proposed budget: $85.4 million The tax rate is projected at $22.81 per $1,000 in assessed value, an 18-cent decrease.

Tax levy: $37.3 million, a 2.3% increase.

Four candidates are running for three school board seats: incumbents Kathleen Dillon and Gary Lawniczak and challengers Steve Hogan and Mike Grabowski.

The vote will be from noon to 9 p.m. at the middle school, 139 Fairbanks Road For more information go to www.cccsd.org.

East Irondequoit

Proposed budget: $83.4 million The district did not provide a tax rate estimate.

Tax levy: $42.9 million, up 1.8%.

Three candidates are running for three school board seats: Kimberly Lasher, Jessica Krupa and Jeffrey Petrie.

The vote will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Eastridge High School, 3250 East Ridge Road. For more information go to www.eastiron.org.

East Rochester

Proposed budget: $28.5 million The tax rate is projected at $26.66 per $1,000 in assessed value, an 82-cent increase from 2018-19.

Tax levy: $14.3 million, a 2.01% increase.

Brockport has one additional proposition on the budget, to spend $1,135,000 to purchase 12 buses while trading in 15 old ones.

One candidate, Vincent Antonicelli, is running for one open board seat.

The vote will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the district multi-purpose room, 222 Woodbine Ave. For more information go to www.erschools.org.

Bill Fehr carefully goes over his ballot in Pittsford. TINA MACINTYRE-YEE/ROCHESTER DEMOCRAT AND CHRONICLE

Fairport

Proposed budget: $132.2 million The tax rate is projected at $22.77 per $1,000 in assessed value, a 72-cent increase from 2018-19.

Tax levy: $77.9 million, up 1.45 percent from 2018-19.

Fairport has one additional proposition on the ballot, authorizing spending $464,000 on technology equipment.

There are two candidates running for two seats on the school board: incumbent Damon Buffum and Timothy Slisz.
The vote will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Johanna Perrin Middle School, 85 Potter Place. For more information go to www.fairport.org.

Gates Chili

Proposed budget: $110.2 million The tax rate is projected at $27.01 per $1,000 in assessed value, an increase of 66 cents.

Tax levy: $54.5 million, up 3%.

Gates Chili has three additional propositions on the ballot. The first would authorize spending $1.9 million on 15 school buses; the second would create a technology reserve capital reserve account not to exceed $1 million; the third would create a vehicle and equipment capital reserve account not to exceed $500,000.

There are four candidates for four open board seats: Christine Brown Richards, Raymond Banks, Frank Muscato and Michael Bailey.

The vote will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Gates Chili High School, 1 Spartan Way. For more information go to www.gateschili.org.

Greece

Proposed budget: $237 million The tax rate is projected at $24.57 per $1,000 in assessed value, a 12-cent increase from 2018-19.

Tax levy: $111 million, a 2.39% increase.

Greece has one additional proposition on the ballot, to spend $2.5 million to purchase up to 25 replacement buses.

There are three candidates running for three open seats on the school board: incumbent Terry Melore, plus Robert LaPlaca and Michael Valincenti.

The vote will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at six polling sites. For more information or to find your polling site, go to www.greececsd.org.

Hilton

Proposed budget: $81 million The projected tax rate is $23.08 per $1,000 of assessed value for residents of Greece and Parma, a 39-cent decrease; $23.08 for residents of Clarkson, a $1.51 reduction; and $24.81 for residents of Hamlin, a 6-cent reduction.

Tax levy: $40.2 million, a 3.49% increase.

There are two additional propositions on the ballot: to spent $1 million on 10 school buses and a 7-passenger van; and to establish a capital reserve fund of up to $4 million.

Five candidates are running for three open seats on the school board: incumbents Mark Hilburger and Nancy Pickering, as well as Stephanie Bedenbaugh, Therese Flannery and NiroAlexander Nicholas Tep.

The vote will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Hilton High School for Parma, Clarkson and Hamlin residents and at Northwood Elementary School for Greece residents. For more information, visit www.hilton.k12.ny.us.

Honeoye Falls-Lima Proposed budget: $51 million.
The projected tax rate would be between $23.89 and $27.77 per $1,000 of assessed value, depending on the municipality in which you live. Overall, the rate is expected to increase about 2.8% over 2018-19.

Tax levy: $29.5 million, up 2.8%.

There are four candidates running for three open seats on the school board: incumbents David Francis and Gary Stottler, as well as Kelli Eberle and Stephanie Templeton.

The vote will be held from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. in Board of Education room 129 at 20 Church Street. For more information, visit: www.hflcsd.org.

Kendall

Proposed budget: $17.8 million.

The projected tax rate would be $17.02 per $1,000 of assessed value.

Tax levy: $4.8 million, an increase of 2.2%.

There is one candidate running for school board: incumbent Chaley Swift.

The vote will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Kendall Town Hall, 1873 Kendall Road. For more information, visit www.kendallschools.org.

Penfield

Proposed budget: $101 million.

Because the district spans parts of six municipalities, projected tax rates differ depending on where you live. For those living in Perinton, Pittsford and Brighton, the projected rate would be $24.14 per $1,000 of assessed value, a decrease of 2.34%; for those in Penfield, the rate would be $26.82 per $1,000, an increase of 3.08%; in Macedon, the rate would be $25 per $1,000 a decrease of .12%; and in Walworth, the rate would be $26.09 per $1,000, an increase of 4.23%.

Three are two additional propositions on the ballot: to authorize the purchase of eight buses for $730,430; and to approve a capital project for $7.5 million.

Tax levy: $65.2 million, an increase of 2.9%.

There are three candidates running for three seats on the school board: Barbara Babiarz, Emily Belcer and Calvin Frelier.

The vote will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Penfield High School. For more information, visit https://www.penfield.edu/

Pittsford

Proposed budget: $136.7 million.

The projected tax rate would be $25.48 per $1,000 of assessed value, an increase of 17 cents.

Tax levy: $103 million, an increase of 2.67%.

There are two additional propositions on the budget: to spend $1 million in capital reserve funds on replacement buses; and to use up to $3 million from existing capital reserve funds for new roofs at Barker Road Middle and Park Road Elementary schools, as well as replacement of the fuel farm storage at the Transportation facility.
Three candidates are running for two open seats on the school board: incumbents Amy Thomas and Peter Sullivan as well as Tharaha Thavkumar-Slavin.

The vote will be held from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Barker Road Middle School, 75 Barker Road. For more information visit: https://www.pittsfordschools.org.

Rush-Henrietta

Proposed budget: $132 million.

Tax levy: $79.9 million, up There are two additional propositions on the budget: to spend $2.4 million in capital reserve funds for replacement buses; and to spend up to $12.5 million in reserve funds on a capital project.

There are two candidates for two seats on the school board: incumbents Annmarie Strzyzynski and Mai Abdullah.

The vote will be held from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Transportation and Operations Center, 1133 Lehigh Station Road. For more information visit www.rhnet.org.

Spencerport

Proposed budget: $82.5 million The tax rate for Spencerport district residents is projected at $24.05 per $1,000 in assessed value, a 37-cent increase from 2017-18.

Tax levy: $38.1 million, a 2.32% increase.

Spencerport has two propositions on the ballot. The first would allow voters to authorize the use of $150,000 from the 2013 Capital Reserve for Technology and Classroom Equipment to purchase student desks, chairs and other classroom furniture. The second proposition would re-establish the 2019 Classroom Furniture and Technology Reserve to assist with acquiring and installing technology and classroom instruction equipment.

Four candidates are running for two school board seats: incumbents Martha Sciremammano and Mark Kekanovich, plus Cindy Soberaj and Christina Lee.

The vote will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the district office, 71 Lyell Ave. For more information, go to spencerport schools.org.

Victor

Proposed budget: $73.7 million The estimated tax rate would be $15.94 per $1,000 of assessed value, a decrease of 20 cents from 2018-19.

Tax levy: $45.9 million, an increase of 4.88%.

There is one additional proposition on the ballot: to approve spending $859,661 on new buses.

Three candidates are running to fill three open seats on the school board: incumbent Timothy DeLucia, as well as Christopher Eckhardt and Kristin Elliott. The vote will be from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Victor Primary School gymnasium, 953 High St. For more information, go to victorschools.org.

Webster

Proposed budget: $177.6 million.
The projected tax rate would be $25.47 per $1,000 of assessed value for Webster residents, an increase of 1.64%; $21.85 for Penfield residents, also an increase of 1.64%; $21 for residents of Ontario, a 1.6% increase; and $21.42 for Walworth residents, also a 1.6% increase.

Tax levy: $107.2 million, an increase of 3.19%.

There is an additional proposition on the ballot to spend $1.6 million to purchase new buses.

Six candidates are running for three open seats on the school board: incumbents Tammy Gurowski, Linda Dioguardi and Maria Rigillo; as well as Ida Marra, Janice Garritano and Nicholas Ostrowski.

Polls will be open from 6 a.m to 9 p.m. in the Webster Schroeder High School gym. For more information, visit www.websterschools.org.

**West Irondequoit**

Proposed budget: $74.4 million. The estimated tax rate is $27.55 per $1,000 in assessed value, up 77 cents.

Tax levy: $40.2 million, up 2.83%.

There are three candidates for two open school board seats: Brian Charles, Matthew Fink and Matthew Sullivan.

The vote is from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the St. Paul Fire Department, 433 Cooper Road. For more information go to www.westirondequoit.org.

**Wheatland-Chili**

Proposed budget: $17.8 million. The estimated tax rate is $23.34 per $1,000 in assessed value, up 23 cents.

Tax levy: $9.5 million, a 2% increase. There are three propositions on the ballot: the first would authorize spending up to $232,000 for three vehicles; the second would authorize purchasing a tractor and utility vehicle; the third would authorize spending $326,000 on classroom furnishings.

There are two candidates for two seats on the school board, Gregory Berl and Cindy Dawson.

The vote will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the middle/ high school gym, 940 North Road. For more information go to www.wheatland.k12.ny.us.