



Budget 2018-2019: The Return on Your Investment

The Budget Process in Motion

On May 15, 2018, District residents will be asked to vote on the 2018-2019 annual budget. Each year we have similar goals for our budget development process - to be as transparent as possible, to provide the best possible learning opportunities and experiences for our students, and to do so within the confines of the taxpaying community.

Smart Spending:

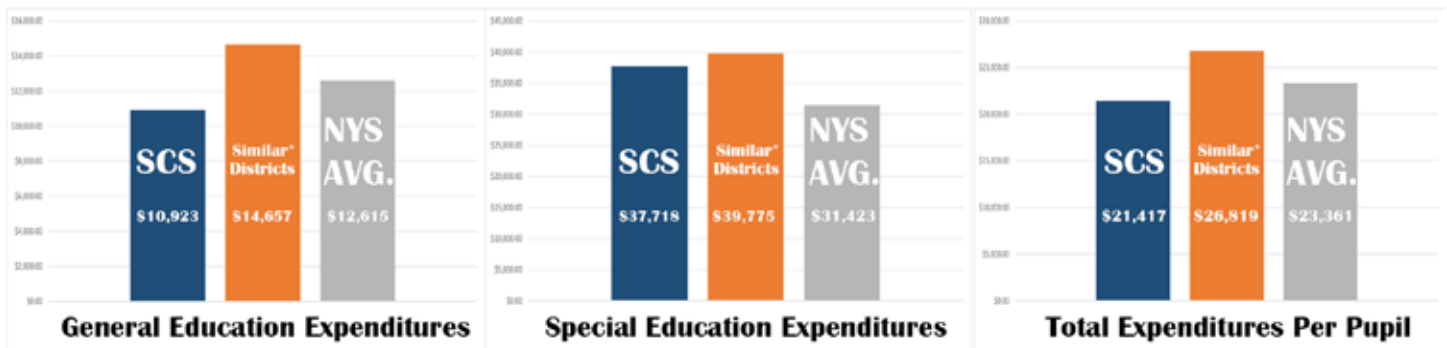
As we build our 2018-2019 budget, our goal of being fiscally responsible and good stewards of the district is important, as well as being able to continue to provide excellent outcomes and programs, including the following:

- Improved outcomes on Assessments, Graduation Rates, and Advanced Diplomas (Graduation Rate now stands at 97%)
- Award-winning drama, music, and art performances by enriched students
- Championship sports teams, which continue to build leaders, team players, and good citizens
- Happy, healthy, well-rounded, and successful graduates who continue to tell us how well prepared they were for their college and career experiences

"This year's budget design reflects an increasing alignment to our Strategic Plan which is being developed by the BOE, our community advisors, and administration. The ultimate goal of the plan is to better ensure the readiness of each student when they graduate. Our investments, initiatives, and professional learning, then, must start at the very beginning with our youngest learners, and must explicitly include our neediest learners."

- Superintendent Ken Slentz

Fiscally Responsible: 2017 Spending Per Pupil (Similar Districts*: Low Need/Resource Capacity)



2017 Spending Per Student: While our school district spends less than similar districts, and less than the statewide average in some areas, our investments yield tremendous returns. The graphs show how much we spend per student - general and special education and combined - at Skaneateles.

Sneak Preview of the 2018-2019 Ballot

What Voters Will See on May 15

The 2018-2019 Skaneateles Central Schools District budget that goes before voters on May 15 will include a total of three propositions, which are indicated below:

Proposition I, General Fund Budget

(More Information Will Be Available Soon)

The first proposition, as always, is the General Fund Budget.

Proposition II, School Bus Purchases

This proposition will ask that voters approve the purchase of four school buses, not to exceed \$450,000. This is the continuation of an innovative five year replacement and cost saving plan.

Proposition III, Capital Reserve

This proposition seeks voter approval for establishing a 10-year capital reserve of up to \$2,500,000 to be used for renovations and upgrades to all district facilities including safety & security, technology, classroom equipment, driveways, school buses, parking lots & more.

Your Tax Dollars in Action

Being responsible for the education of our community's children means that we must develop excellent programs, but it also means we must maintain and enhance learning spaces, and provide the best means of safety and security. Below are several recent and pending district upgrades:

- Transportation Center Project addressing structural deterioration and water penetration.
- Replacement of deteriorated exterior doors.
- Replacement of inefficient interior doors.

Safety & Security Upgrades

The following upgrades are in progress as a part of the Smart Schools Bond Project:

- **New Card Readers for Entry Doors:** Decrease reliance on keys, cards can be immediately deactivated, and administrators can easily monitor entry.
- **132 New Door Sensors:** Added to exterior doors to alert staff of doors propped open or left ajar.
- **161 New Digital Cameras:** Installed on the interior and exterior of buildings. Can be viewed in real time on computers or smart phones.
- **Upgraded Public Address System:** Includes additional speakers on interior and exterior of buildings to alert all students and staff of emergency communications.
- **Telephone System Upgrade:** Allows for district wide announcement capabilities.
- **Lockdown Alert System:** Installed to notify visitors when schools are in lockdown status.

Information & Answers - Just a Click Away

Much more information is available to you than ever before through the district website at www.skanschools.org. Click on Budget Information under *Announcements* for a complete listing of items to view.



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Important Dates to Remember...

April 3	April 10	May 1	May 15
Board of Education Budget Review	Board of Education Budget Adoption	Community Budget Informational Meeting	Budget Vote & Board Election
7 p.m., Waterman Auditorium	7 p.m., District Board Room	7 p.m., District Board Room	7 a.m. - 9 p.m., District Office

MAY 15 - BUDGET VOTE & BOARD ELECTION: 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. in District Office