



# The Glances

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Annual Public Budget Hearing Monday, May 12th, 2014 6:00 PM

Harrisville Central School Auditorium

Vote on 2014-2015
Budget Resolutions and School Board Election
Tuesday, May 20th
1:00PM-8:00

Harrisville Central School Cafeteria

#### A Letter from Mr. Finster

When the Governor's proposed budget came out in early January, the Harrisville Central School District was facing yet another significant amount of money stolen from our kids which has been called the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The Gap Elimination Adjustment dollar amount for the 2014 – 2015 budget was \$316,560. The GEA was one of the ways the Governor decided to balance the New York State budget.

When the Legislative budget was approved on April 1st Harrisville Central School District received a little over \$69,000 in Gap Restoration. So, the overall GEA for our school was \$277,525. The cumulative GEA loss for our District since the 2010-2011 school year is \$2,278,455. To put all this in perspective is to illustrate the percentage of monies that have been taken from our kids over the past four years from our total budget. Our average annual budget over the past four years is \$9,410,256 and the average of the GEA over the past four years is \$569,614 which is 6% taken out each year of our overall annual budget. Due to this lack of funding the budget process this year was very difficult and time consuming leading to unfortunate cuts to staff.

During this time, the school board and the administration worked closely to offer a budget that has the least negative affect on kids, continues to keep most of our programs, and the majority of our incredibly dedicated staff. The budget the Board of Education adopted on Tuesday, April 22, 2014 was in the amount of \$9,525,251 which is a \$1,056 increase over last year's budget.

The Harrisville Central School went out last year with a 2.94% tax levy increase which fell under the allowable 3.5% tax cap and this year the board has decided to go with a 1.63% tax levy increase which is allowable under this year's tax cap law.

Please look over the budget document on the following pages and feel free to contact the school if you have any questions. Our Budget Hearing will be held on Monday, May  $12^{th}$  at 6PM in the auditorium. The public vote on the budget is Tuesday, May  $20^{th}$  from 1:00-8:00PM. We appreciate the community's support every year and look forward to the same this year.

Cordially,

Robert Finster, Superintendent of Schools

### **RESOLUTIONS FOR VOTE:**

- 1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2014-2015 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
- 2. To elect three (3) Board Members. There are two (5) five-year terms commencing July 1, 2014 and expiring on June 30, 2019 to succeed Jan Mosher and Tennille Schmitt. There is one (3) three-year seat left vacant by Joseph Langs commencing July 1, 2014 and expiring June 30, 2017.
- 3. To authorize the Board of Education of Harrisville Central School District, Lewis County, New York t purchase two school buses for an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00. To further authorize the Board of Education to issue serial bonds and notes in anticipation thereof, and/or statutory installment bonds and notes in anticipation thereof, of the District pursuant to the provisions of the Local Finance Law and Education Law of the State of New York, and to levy a tax in such amount authorized to be expended for such purposes upon all the taxable property of the School District, in order to raise the money required for such purposes and such tax should be levied in annual installments which shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.

#### CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Voters will have the opportunity to elect two (2) persons to the Board of Education for a term of five (5) years ending June 30, 2019 and one (1) person for a term of three years ending June 30, 2017. The following candidates have filed petitions in the district office:

Jan Mosher Tennille Schmitt Parish Atkinson Gary Williams

# School Budget 2014-2015

# Harrisville Central School District Mandated Three (3) Part Budget Format 2014-2015 Proposed Budget Summary

| Summary of Proposed Administrative           |                             | 2013-14   |          | 2014-15   |
|--|-----------------------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Total Salary for Superintendent              | \$                          | 120,823   | \$       | 107,888   |
| Total Salary for Principals and SWD Supervi- |                             |           |          |           |
| sion   | \$                          | 86,385    | \$       | 148,988   |
| Total Support Services Salaries              | \$                          | 155,635   | \$       | 160,241   |
| Total Benefits for Superintendent            | \$                          | 47,524    | \$       | 29,316    |
| Total Employee Benefits for Principals & SWD |                             |           |          |           |
| Supervision                                  | \$                          | 20,646    | \$       | 69,008    |
| Total Employee Benefits for Admin Personnel  | \$                          | 113,723   | \$       | 85,023    |
| Equipment                                    | \$                          | 1,000     | \$       | 3,000     |
| Materials & Supplies                         | \$                          | 15,320    | \$       | 12,800    |
| Contractual                                  | \$                          | 85,150    | \$       | 111,730   |
| BOCES Services                               | \$<br>\$<br><b>\$</b>       | 356,174   | \$       | 375,512   |
| Total Administrative Budget                  | \$                          | 1,002,380 | \$       | 1,103,506 |
| Summary of Proposed Capital Budget           |                             | 2013-14   |          | 2014-15   |
| Total Personnel Services                     | \$                          | 142,395   | \$       | 151,453   |
| Total Employee Benefits                      | \$                          | 118,054   | \$       | 116,972   |
| Equipment                                    | \$                          | 5,000     | \$       | 10,000    |
| Utilities                                    | \$                          | 308,493   | \$       | 311,100   |
| Contractual                                  | \$                          | 41,850    | \$       | 50,350    |
| Materials & Supplies                         | \$                          | 71,000    | \$<br>\$ | 77,500    |
| BOCES Services                               | \$ \$ \$ \$ \$ <b>\$ \$</b> | 6,645     | \$       | 6,781     |
| Debt Payment                                 | \$                          | 1,095,317 | \$       | 1,060,000 |
| Total Administrative Budget                  | \$                          | 1,788,754 | \$       | 1,784,156 |
| Summary of Proposed Program Budget           |                             | 2013-14   |          | 2014-15   |
| Instruction Regular School                   | \$                          | 2,133,409 | \$       | 1,912,658 |
| Instruction of Students with Disabilities    | \$                          | 781,114   | \$       | 734,306   |
| Instruction Special School                   | \$                          | 360,815   | \$       | 385,168   |
| Instructional Media or Computer Instruction  | \$                          | 227,429   | \$       | 248,657   |
| Pupil Services                               | \$                          | 360,707   | \$       | 398,251   |
| Transportation                               | \$                          | 535,118   | \$       | 526,394   |
| Community Service/Census                     | \$                          | 3,000     | \$       | 3,000     |
| Employee Benefits                            | \$                          | 2,321,470 | \$       | 2,429,155 |
| Transfer to Federal Programs                 | \$<br>\$<br><b>\$</b>       | 10,000    | \$       | <u> </u>  |
| Total Administrative Budget                  | \$                          | 6,733,062 | \$       | 6,637,589 |
| TOTAL COMBINED BUDGET                        | \$                          | 9,524,195 | \$       | 9,525,251 |

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| Adn                                     | ninistrative Budget |      |         |
| Board of Education                      | 2013-14             | 20   | 14-15   |
| Contractual Expenses                    | \$ 3,10             | 0 \$ | 3,100   |
| Supplies & Materials                    | \$ 40               | 0 \$ | 400     |
| Salary for Clerk of the Board           | \$ 1,50             | 0 \$ | 1,837   |
| BOCES Services                          | \$ 2,00             | 0 \$ | 2,200   |
| Total Budget for the Board of Education | \$ 7,00             | 0 \$ | 7,537   |
| Central Administration                  | 2013-14             | 20   | 14-15   |
| Salary - Superintendent                 | \$ 120,823          | \$   | 107,888 |
| Salary - Support                        | \$ 114,394          | 4 \$ | 118,086 |
| Contractual                             | \$ 4,30             | 0 \$ | 8,500   |
| Supplies & Materials                    | \$ 5,00             | 0 \$ | 2,500   |
| BOCES Services                          | \$ 60               | 0 \$ | 700     |
| Total Budget for Central Administration | \$ 245,117          | 7 \$ | 237,674 |
| Finance                                 | 2013-14             | 20   | 14-15   |
| Salaries- Treasurer                     | \$ 3,43             | 7 \$ | 3,437   |
| Salaries - Tax Collector                | \$ 2,50             | 0 \$ | 2,646   |
| Salaries - Claims Auditor               | \$ 60               | 0 \$ | 200     |
| Supplies & Materials                    | \$ 1,37             | 0 \$ | 1,350   |
| Contractual                             | \$ 17,75            | 0 \$ | 17,970  |
| BOCES Services                          | \$ 166,888          | \$   | 173,700 |
| Total Finance Budget                    | \$ 192,54           | \$   | 199,303 |
| Legal, Personnel & Public Info          | 2013-14             | 20   | 14-15   |
| Contractual Expense                     | \$ 8,00             | 0 \$ | 25,000  |
| BOCES Services                          | \$ 23,40            | 7 \$ | 24,502  |
| Total Legal, Personnel & Public Info    | \$ 31,40            | 7 \$ | 49,502  |
| Special Items                           | 2013-14             | 20   | 14-15   |
| Unallocated Insurance                   | \$ 37,50            | 0 \$ | 38,660  |
| School Associated Dues                  | \$ 5,50             | 0 \$ | 5,500   |
| BOCES Administration                    | \$ 163,279          | 9 \$ | 174,410 |
| Total Special Items                     | \$ 206,279          | 9 \$ | 218,570 |
| Central Printing & Mailing              | 2013-14             | 20   | 14-15   |
| Contractual                             | \$ 7,00             | 0 \$ | 7,000   |
| Materials & Supplies                    | \$ 6,75             | 0 \$ | 6,750   |
|   | <u> </u>            |      |         |

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**Total Central Printing & Mailing** 

| Instructional Administration & Supervision  | 2013-14   | 2      | 014-15    |        |
|---|-----------|--------|-----------|--------|
| Salaries - Principals & SWD                 | \$ 86,    | 385 \$ | 148,988   |        |
| Salaries - Support                          |           | 204 \$ | 34,035    |        |
| Equipment                                   |           | 000 \$ | 3,000     |        |
| Contractual Expense                         |           | 000 \$ | 6,000     |        |
| Materials & Supplies                        |           | 800 \$ | 1,800     |        |
| Total Budget for Instructional Admin & Sup. | \$ 124,   |        | 193,823   |        |
| Total Fringe Benefits                       | \$ 181,   | 893 \$ | 183,347   |        |
| Total Current Administrative Budget         | \$ 1,002, | 380 \$ | 1,103,506 |        |
| Total Prior Administrative Budget           | \$ 958,   | 573 \$ | 1,002,380 |        |
| Dollar Difference                           | \$ 43,    | 807 \$ | 101,126   |        |
| Percent Difference                          |           | 4.57%  |           | 10.09% |
| Capital Budget                              |           |        |           |        |
| Operations & Maintenance                    | 2013-14   | 2      | 014-15    |        |
| Salaries - Support                          | \$ 142,   | 395 \$ | 151,453   |        |
| Supplies/Equipment                          | \$ 76,    | 000 \$ | 87,500    |        |
| Contractual                                 | \$ 30,    | 850 \$ | 34,350    |        |
| Fuel  | \$ 163,   |        | 165,000   |        |
| Repairs                                     | \$ 8,     | 000 \$ | 13,000    |        |
| Electricity                                 | \$ 130,0  |        | 131,300   |        |
| Telephone                                   | \$ 9,     | 000 \$ | 9,000     |        |
| Water                                       | \$ 5,     | 783 \$ | 5,800     |        |
| BOCES Services                              |           | 645 \$ | 6,781     |        |
| Total Budget for Operations & Maintenance   | \$ 572,   | 383 \$ | 604,184   |        |
| Refund of Real Property Taxes               | \$ 3,     | 000 \$ | 3,000     |        |
| Total Fringe Benefits                       | \$ 118,   | -      | 116,972   |        |
| Debt Payment - Principal/Interest           | \$ 1,095, |        | 1,060,000 |        |
| Total Current Capital Budget                | \$ 1,788, | 754 \$ | 1,784,156 |        |
| Total Prior Capital Budget                  | \$ 1,785, |        | 1,788,754 |        |
| Dollar Difference                           |           | 439 \$ | (4,598)   |        |
| Percent Difference                          |           | 0.19%  |           | -0.26% |
| Program Budget                              |           |        |           |        |
| Instructional - Regular School              | 2013-14   | 2      | 014-15    |        |
| Salaries - PreK-12 Teaching                 | \$ 1,672, | 784 \$ | 1,450,885 |        |
| Substitutes                                 | \$ 72,    | 000 \$ | 72,000    |        |
| Support Staff                               |           | 000 \$ | 90,000    |        |
| In-Service/Staff Development BOCES          |           | 825 \$ | 23,073    |        |
| Equipment                                   |           | 000 \$ | 30,000    |        |
| Contractual                                 |           | 800 \$ | 35,100    |        |
| Supplies/Textbooks                          |           | 000 \$ | 69,000    |        |
| BOCES Services                              | \$ 175,0  |        | 142,600   |        |
| Total Instructional - Regular School        | \$ 2,133, |        | 1,912,658 |        |
|   |           |        |           |        |

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| Instruction of Students with Disabilities    | 20              | 2013-14 2014-15 |         | 14-15     |
| Salaries - Resource Rooms                    | \$              | 395,750         | \$      | 390,431   |
| BOCES Special Education/Contractual          | \$              | 381,364         | \$      | 337,875   |
| Equipment/Supplies Textbooks                 | \$              | 4,000           | \$      | 6,000     |
| Total Instruction of Students w/Disabilities | \$              | 781,114         | \$      | 734,306   |
|  | •               |                 |         |           |
| Instruction Special Schools                  |                 | )13-14          |         | 14-15     |
| BOCES Occupational Education                 | \$              | 353,815         | \$      | 370,968   |
| Salary Summer School                         | \$              | 6,000           | \$      | 13,200    |
| BOCES Equivalent Attendance                  | \$<br><b>\$</b> | 1,000           | \$      | 1,000     |
| Total Instruction Special Schools            | Ş               | 360,815         | \$      | 385,168   |
| Instructional & Computer Assistant           | 20              | )13-14          | 20      | )14-15    |
| Library Books & Supplies                     | \$              | 15,325          | \$      | 15,325    |
| BOCES Services                               | \$              | 198,004         | \$      | 219,232   |
| Computer Hardware                            | \$              | 7,600           | \$      | 7,600     |
| Computer Software                            | \$              | 6,500           | \$      | 6,500     |
| Total Instructional & Computer Assistant     | \$              | 227,429         | \$      | 248,657   |
| Pupil Services                               | 20              | 013-14          | 20      | )14-15    |
| Salaries                                     | \$              | 96,100          | \$      | 103,714   |
| Supplies/Contractual/Equipment               | \$              | 7,440           | \$      | 7,440     |
| Health Services/Contractratual               | \$              | 37,225          | \$      | 46,053    |
| Health Supplies                              | \$              | 1,800           | \$      | 3,800     |
| BOCES Psychological Service                  | \$              | 85,600          | \$      | 88,000    |
| Co-Curricular Activities                     | \$              | 29,660          | \$      | 30,344    |
| Interscholastic Athletics                    | \$              | 102,882         | \$      | 118,900   |
| Total Pupil Services                         | \$              | 360,707         | \$      | 398,251   |
| Transportation                               | 20              | 2013-14 2014-15 |         | )14-15    |
| Salaries - Support                           | \$              | 241,608         | \$      | 232,094   |
| Equipment                                    | \$<br>\$        | 750             | ۶<br>\$ | 5,000     |
| Diesel Fuel/Bus Repair/Supplies              | \$              | 185,500         | \$      | 183,200   |
| Contractual Expense                          | \$              | 31,100          | \$      | 29,500    |
| Bus Garage Contractual/Supplies              | \$              | 71,160          | \$      | 71,600    |
| BOCES  | \$              | 5,000           | \$      | 5,000     |
| Total Transportation                         | <u>\$</u>       | 535,118         | \$      | 526,394   |
| ·  | ·               | ·               |         | •         |
| Community Service/Census                     | \$              | 3,000           | \$      | 3,000     |
| Total Fringe Benefits                        | \$              | 2,321,470       | \$      | 2,429,155 |
| Transfer to Federal Programs                 | \$              | 10,000          | \$      | -         |
| Total Current Program Budget                 | \$              | 6,733,062       | \$      | 6,637,589 |
| Total Prior Program Budget                   | \$              | 6,514,371       | \$      | 6,733,062 |
| Dollar Difference                            | \$              | 218,691         | \$      | (95,473)  |
| Percent Difference                           |                 | 3.36            | %       | -1.42%    |
|  |                 |                 |         |           |

### **REVENUES**

| Local Sources                   | 2013-14      | 2014-15      |
|---------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Charges for Services            | \$ 1,000     | \$ 1,000     |
| Use of Money and Property       | \$ 8,000     | \$ 8,000     |
| Total Local Sources             | \$ 9,000     | \$ 9,000     |
| State and Federal Sources       | 2013-14      | 2014-15      |
| Basic Formula Aid               | \$ 5,113,191 | \$ 5,185,059 |
| Categorical State Aid           | \$ 38,865    | \$ 37,293    |
| Total State and Federal Sources | \$ 4,993,600 | \$ 5,222,352 |
| Estimated Tax Levy              | \$ 3,444,221 | \$ 3,500,250 |
| Transfer from Debt Service Fund | \$ 96,000    | \$ 96,000    |
| Transfer from Reserves          | \$ 249,224   | \$ 222,451   |
| Other Revenue Sources           | \$ 33,694    | \$ 33,694    |
| Fund Balance Appropriation      | \$ 540,000   | \$ 441,504   |
| Total Combined Revenue          | \$ 9,524,195 | \$ 9,525,251 |

### **Tax Rate Table**

|  | 2013-2014 |           | 201 | 2014-15   |    | Difference |  |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----|-----------|----|------------|--|
| Tax Levy   | \$        | 3,444,221 | \$  | 3,500,250 | \$ | 56,029     |  |
| Tax Rate per \$1,000 Assessed Value*                           | \$        | 17.014    | \$  | 17.291    | \$ | 0.28       |  |
| Est. Taxes for \$50,000 Property without STAR Reduction        | \$        | 850.70    | \$  | 864.55    | \$ | 13.85      |  |
| Est. Savings for Basic STAR exemption (\$30,000)               | \$        | (510.42)  | \$  | (518.73)  | \$ | (8.31)     |  |
| Est. Savings for Enhanced STAR exemption (\$50,000)            | \$        | (850.70)  | \$  | (864.55)  | \$ | (13.85)    |  |
| Est. Taxes for \$50,00 Property (with Basic STAR exemption)    | \$        | 340.28    | \$  | 345.82    | \$ | 5.54       |  |
| Est. Taxes for \$50,00 Property (with Enhanced STAR exemption) | \$        | -         | \$  | -         | \$ | -          |  |

<sup>\*</sup>Based on 100% equalization rates. Assessed Values were changed in 2013-14. These calculations assumes no changes in total assessed value for 2014-15.

## Harrisville Central School

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Mr. Cory Bearor

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Mr. James Sullivan



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Superintendent of Schools

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6-12 Principal

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## Scholastic Book Fair

The scholastic Book Fair will take place on the following days:

Monday, May 19th– 8am-4pm
Tuesday, May 20th– 8am-7:30pm
Wendesday, May 21st– 8am-4pm
Thursday, May 22nd– 8am-2:30pm

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