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**PRATTSBURGH CSD BOARD OF EDUCATION
ADVANCES SCHOOL BUDGET TO VOTERS
(2.3% Change in Budget for 2019-2020)**

During the April 24, 2019 meeting, the Prattsburgh Central School Board of Education reviewed and advanced the proposed 2019-2020 school budget to the voters

(Public Vote Date: May 21, 2019)

- The tax levy is estimated to increase by 2.0% from 2018-2019 but is projected to be \$75,000 below the district's tax cap. The projected tax levy is equivalent to the tax levy collected in 2016.
- The tax rate is estimated to be unchanged based on projected changes in property values. The estimated tax rate of \$13.76 per thousand dollars of taxable property is over a dollar below the 2009 rate.
- The proposed budget includes an increase of 2.3% in expenditures. Cost containment comes from reduced occupational education charges from BOCES and from a reduction in debt service payments. Areas of increase include funds for wage and benefits, and for an additional special education teacher due to increased need at the primary/elementary level.

Budget Proposal	2018-2019 Approved	2019-2020 Proposed	CHANGE
TOTAL SPENDING	\$9,921,361	\$10,148,783	\$227,422 (2.3%)
TOTAL SCHOOL TAX LEVY	\$2,606,960	\$2,659,119	2.0%
PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	368	385	+17

EXPECTED STAR SAVINGS (may vary slightly by township)

BASIC STAR TAX SAVINGS	\$413
SENIOR STAR TAX SAVINGS	\$919

The Board of Education is also asking voters to consider the reestablishment of the district capital reserve fund in the amount of \$1,500,000 to be used to offset costs for future capital projects. Sources to fund the new reserve would include approximately \$655,000 from the current capital reserve, \$200,000 from the current repair reserve, and funds from current and future fund balances as available.

There is one candidate for one open seat on the Board of Education. Incumbent Stephanie Randall is running unopposed.

The Board will present the budget to the public on Tuesday, May 7, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. in room 302.

Voting takes place on Tuesday, May 21, 2018 from noon to 8:00 p.m. in the main building cafeteria.