

GCSD 2023-24 PROPOSED BUDGET INFORMATION

Why Should I Vote May 16?

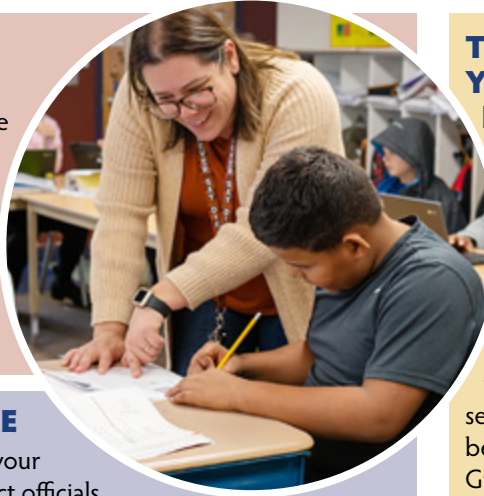
Did you know that less than 10% of registered voters participate in school elections?

Spring is a busy season for everyone, but please make time to vote on May 16. Your vote determines the funding schools receive for the year and gives you a say in who represents you on the school board.

Your vote matters, so let's review why you should cast a ballot on May 16.

THE SCHOOL BUDGET FUNDS GREECE SCHOOLS FOR THE YEAR

More than 10,000 students depend on the Greece Central School District to provide them with educational programs and services. The school budget pays for teachers and support staff, instructional materials, transportation, medical care, student meals, school safety and security, wellness services, and educational supports. None of this is possible without voters.



YOUR TAX DOLLARS ARE AT STAKE

When you vote on May 16, you're deciding how your tax dollars are spent. Greece Central School District officials

make financial decisions with the voter in mind. We are proposing a budget that lowers the tax rate by 30 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation and district budgets have remained within the tax levy cap for 13 consecutive years.



THE BUS PURCHASE PROPOSITION STABILIZES TAXPAYER COSTS

Voters will be asked to decide on a proposition to purchase 33 replacement school buses and 2 mini-vans for student transportation. Greece transports 10,049

students to 88 area schools every day. Approval of this proposition would not affect the tax levy or the tax rate. It's all part of the district's long-term plan to keep our bus fleet up to date and stabilize taxpayer cost.

THE BOARD MEMBERS YOU ELECT WILL REPRESENT YOU FOR 3 YEARS

The nine-member Board of Education is elected to represent you. There are six candidates running for three open Board of Education seats this year. It's important that you carefully review the qualifications of each Board candidate and select the individuals you think will best represent your vision for the Greece Central School District.

A DEFEATED BUDGET COULD MEAN FEWER PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

When voters reject a school budget, the Board of Education has three options under the law: submit the same budget for a second vote; submit a revised budget for a second vote; or, adopt a contingency budget. Some expenditures, including most equipment purchases and some non-instructional programs, are prohibited under a contingency budget.

VOTING IS QUICK AND EASY

With one polling location, 1790 Latta Road, there is no confusion about where to vote. With electronic poll books and more poll workers on site throughout the day, it should take most people no more than 15 minutes to cast a ballot. The polls will be open at the Transportation and Support Services Facility from 6 a.m. until 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16. We hope to see you there!

VOTE MAY 16

Please mark your calendar and vote on May 16. Registered voters can come to the Transportation and Support Services Facility, located at 1790 Latta Road, between 6 a.m. and 9 p.m. to cast their ballots. For more information on the 2023-24 budget, go to greececsd.org. Your support helps schools succeed!

