

# GLOVERSVILLE ENLARGED SCHOOL DISTRICT

**2011-12  
Proposed  
BUDGET**

## Budget Vote Tuesday May 17

**Polls open  
11 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

at all Gloversville Elementary  
Schools and the  
Bleecker Town Hall.

“Over the past few years, we have been involved in strategic planning where our finances are concerned. This planning has, and will continue to, help us prepare for this funding cliff New York public schools are experiencing.”

- Rob DeLilli, Superintendent

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### Budget Overview

Total Spending: \$52,693,000.  
Budget to budget increase: \$2,003,340  
Projected tax rate increase: 2.9%

Included in this budget is the reduction of 1 instructional staff member at the secondary level and 10 teaching assistants.

Many employees have voluntarily chosen to switch health insurance options, two bargaining units have agreed to some concessions and the extension of retirement incentives has resulted in a higher number of retirements than anticipated, all of which have contributed to closing the \$1.5 million gap in the budget.

### Projected Tax Rates & Impact

These figures are estimates based on the current figures provided by Fulton County Office of Real Property Tax. Tax rates are represented as per \$100,000 of assessed value. The rates will be finalized in August. These estimates are shown prior to any adjustments through the state's STAR tax relief program.

	<u>Home Value</u>	<u>Tax Rate Change/\$1000</u>	<u>Tax bill increase</u>
Gloversville City	\$100,000	\$0.559	\$58.99
Town of Johnstown	\$100,000	\$0.808	\$80.81
Town of Bleecker	\$100,000	\$0.589	\$58.99
Town of Caroga	\$100,000	\$1.310	\$131.09
Town of Mayfield	\$100,000	\$0.842	\$84.27

### Board Elections

In addition to the budget vote, community members will be selecting three candidates to serve on the Board of Education.

There are four candidates running: Jean LaPorta, Incumbent E. Lynn Brown, Incumbent Leo Santini Jr., and Richard Carlson.

For more information on the candidates, please view their profiles at [www.gloversvilleschools.org](http://www.gloversvilleschools.org).

### Proposed Budget by the Numbers

<b>\$52,693,000</b> Budget total	<b>\$2,003,340</b> Spending increase	<b>+2.9%</b> Tax rate increase	<b>-\$2.9 million</b> Loss of State Aid
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# Five fast facts

1. School tax rates have been fairly consistent in Gloversville over the past few years. In 2009-10 there was a rate increase of 2.44%; 2010-11 it was 2.64%; and the projected increase for 2011-12 is 2.99%. Some of the reasons behind this consistency are: Successful collective bargaining with eight units; Working to cut energy costs by making each school a "Smart Building"; and, Strategic planning—looking to the future and preparing for the worst. These have helped prepare the district for the economic times we are living in.
2. Gloversville is going green. The district is involved in many cost savings measures that include the reduction of paper and ink usage. For example, school menus are available on-line only.
3. GESD recently became a member of Model Schools which allows teachers access to shared professional development. This ensures our teachers stay up-to-date on the best practices at a lower cost than the district could afford on its own.
4. Extra-curricular offerings remain the same in this proposed budget.
5. The Board has designated more than \$1 million of the district's reserves to be used toward preserving programs and reducing taxpayer burden. The BOE is already preparing for next year and the possibility of a tax cap.

## Contingency Budget Information

If the majority of voters do not approve the budget on May 17, the district can do three things:

Submit a revised budget for voter consideration,

Submit the same budget for another vote, or

Adopt a contingency budget.

If voters do not approve a second budget, the district is required to adopt a contingency budget.

The school's contingency budget for the 2011-12 school year is based on eliminating spending for certain supplies and equipment (mandated by state law) including the purchase of school buses and eliminating all community use of school buildings that would incur district expense. A separate vote would then be required for the school bus purchases.

## Looking to the Future

After casting their ballots, voters will be given the opportunity to fill out an optional, anonymous exit survey. District leaders will use the information from the surveys to guide future decision making. Look for the table at your polling site to share your opinions with the district.

**GESD thanks you in advance for  
voting and for providing your feedback.**

More information can be found at: [www.gloversvilleschools.org](http://www.gloversvilleschools.org)



**Finding the balance  
between the mission to educate all students  
and a fiscal crisis.**