



NEWFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NEWSLETTER



2024-2025

Dear Neighbor,

Why is the school asking you to come vote again? Because this is Newfield's school and this is what local control looks like in public education. School districts hold votes in order to ensure that their taxpayers approve the financial decisions the district makes in order to attain its goals. Local control is further gained by the community's election of Boards of Education to ensure that the public's interests are represented in the board's fiscal and fundamental oversight of the district. Be a part of Newfield's democracy by casting your ballot in what you want your school to be!

Description of what you will see on the ballot:

Board of Education Election – 2 seats, each for 3-year terms.

Prop 1) 2024-25 Budget – Authorizes spending of \$25,482,411. About 70% is funded by state aid and other sources, and about 30% by the Newfield school tax levy. The tax levy would increase 3.5% compared to last year.

Prop 2) New Vehicle Purchases – Authorizes the district to buy 2 new vehicles: 1 passenger van and 1 bus at a total cost to the voters of no more than \$233,750. This expense is built into the budget in Proposition 1. Purchase of an electric bus would be contingent on rebates/grants – if they are not available, a diesel bus would be purchased instead.

Prop 3) 2024 Capital Reserve Fund – This establishes an account where the district can start saving funds for a future project. The district's previous reserve fund has ended because a capital project has begun.

Prop 4) Library Tax – This is not a school tax. The school district collects this tax on behalf of the Newfield Public Library. NPL currently receives \$76,000 per year. They are asking for an increase of \$5,000, which is about an additional 1 penny per \$1,000 of assessed property value.

The proposed 2024-25 budget was created to support the District's Mission, which is to "Support a healthy, thriving community by nourishing the minds and bodies of every generation of students, thus Educating and Empowering them to navigate their futures." Our mission supports our vision: "The Vision of the Newfield CSD is to create a safe and equitable environment, inspiring community-minded students who embrace learning and compassion."

This budget also includes start-up funding for a new program – a preschool special education class called a "Special Class in an Integrated Setting." The SCIS would serve 3-5-year-old Newfield residents, with and without special educational needs. Currently, these students travel significant distances to receive services or must wait until placements are available, due to a lack of providers in the County. Opening this program will help our community and help our youngest learners get all the support they need to thrive here in Newfield. After the start-up costs, the program will save the district money that is currently going to other organizations, and bring in more revenue from the state for many of the services. We also hope that this program will help increase student enrollment by opening more spots up in the Pre-K program and by offering more services and early interventions for students with special needs, thus keeping families in the district.

With that being said, we urge you to take time out of your busy schedules to ask questions, learn as much as you can about the items and people on the ballot, and come out to make an informed vote. And, for the long line of people waiting in their cars for dismissal every day, please park and come in to vote. It is important that our community has as many of the eligible voters as possible come to the polls to make their voices heard.

From the Board of Education,
Christina Ward, President
Timothy Payne, Vice President
Shana Claar
Diana Griffin
Michael Jordan
Missy Rynone
Jeremy TenWolde

What's new in the 2024-25 budget?

The district is on an improving trend when it comes to its finances. As you'll see in the chart to the right, the combination of COVID-related expenses, the high rate of inflation, and the historic overutilization of our savings had a serious impact on the district. The chart on the right shows our State Comptroller Fiscal Stress scores since 2017. With the changes we have made, we are optimistic that we will return to "No Designation" status next year.

Year	Score	Designation
2018	20.0	No Designation
2019	10.0	No Designation
2020	50.0	Moderate Fiscal Stress
2021	66.7	Significant Fiscal Stress
2022	33.3	Susceptible Fiscal Stress
2023	26.7	Susceptible Fiscal Stress

Classification	Point Range
Significant	65-100
Moderate	45-64.9
Susceptible	25-44.9
No Designation	0-24.9

Educational Investments 24-25

- With federal grants ending, this budget continues the Reading Specialist and Teaching Assistant positions that help our students succeed.
- We are adding a preschool special education program that will provide early intervention to students right here in our community, and bring in additional funds as well.
- We are keeping the small class sizes, excellent fine arts programs, and career education opportunities that make Newfield special.

CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT

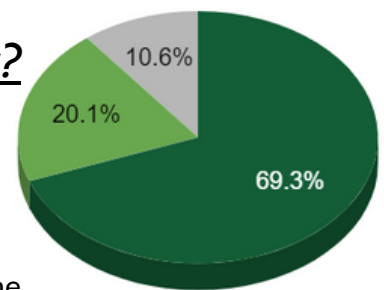
Again this year, the district will undertake a capital outlay project. The State will reimburse Newfield for approximately 88% of the project. Outlay projects are capped by the state at \$100,000.

The 2024-2025 capital outlay project will consist of door and security access upgrades throughout the district's buildings.

How will the school's money be spent next year?

NYS requires all school districts to present our budgeted expenses in three parts:

- **Program**, including expenses related to students and their needs
- **Capital**, expenses for the operation and maintenance of the facility
- **Administration**, expenses related to management and overall support of the district.



● Program ● Capital ● Admin

	2023-2024	2023-2024 %	2024-2025	2024-2025 %
Program	\$16,229,018	66.24%	\$17,662,155	69.31%
Capital	\$5,786,825	23.62%	\$5,120,338	20.09%
Admin	\$2,485,329	10.14%	\$2,699,918	10.60%
Total	\$24,501,172	100.00%	\$25,482,411	100.00%

PROGRAM

This section of the budget refers to all expenses related to students and their needs. Examples include educational programs, transportation, athletics, and extracurricular activities, as well as teacher salaries and employee benefits.

Proposed changes this year are due to additional funding for retirement costs, a new preschool special education class, keeping teachers who used to be under grants, increases of expenses in special education and occupational education, as well as health and fringe benefit costs increasing. Overall, a proposed total increase of \$1,433,137 from last year.

Program	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Change
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$1,069,673	\$1,077,664	\$7,991
Curriculum Development and Supervision	\$134,827	\$128,701.00	-\$6,126
District Transportation Services	\$937,223	\$930,422	-\$6,801
Early Childhood Program	\$0	\$214,070	\$214,070
Extra-curricular	\$108,500	\$118,500	\$10,000
Fringe Benefits	\$3,656,292	\$3,895,350	\$239,057
Health Services	\$175,000	\$164,374	-\$10,626
Instruction	\$3,816,882	\$4,779,493	\$962,611
Interscholastic Athletics-Reg Schl	\$219,550	\$232,020	\$12,470
Legal	\$21,000	\$27,900	\$6,900
Library	\$192,673	\$207,322	\$14,649
Occupational Education	\$1,013,133	\$1,013,133	\$0
Personnel	\$193,925	\$187,125	-\$6,800
Pupil Services	\$455,966	\$563,156	\$107,190
Special Education	\$4,149,374	\$4,113,883	-\$35,491
Summer School	\$10,000	\$9,040	-\$960
Transfer to Cafeteria	\$75,000	\$0	-\$75,000
Total	\$16,229,018	\$17,662,155	\$1,433,137



CAPITAL

Next, we'll take a look at the capital portion of the budget. This deals with all equipment, supplies, materials and personnel for the operation and maintenance of the district. It also includes all payments on principal and interest on short and long-term debt.

Proposed changes this year are due to increases in cleaning and maintenance salaries and benefits, and new equipment purchases to maintain our facilities - however these are all offset by a decrease in our debt expenses. Overall, a proposed total decrease of \$666,487 from last year.

Capital	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Change
Bond Antic Notes-Bus Purchases	\$148,757	\$148,121	-\$636
District Transportation Services	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Fringe Benefits	\$954,579	\$1,020,695	\$66,116
Maintenance of Plant	\$908,432	\$1,021,061	\$112,629
Operation of Plant	\$443,000	\$512,075	\$69,075
Debt Service	\$3,232,057	\$2,308,386	-\$923,671
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$100,000	\$100,000	\$0
Total	\$5,786,825	\$5,120,338	-\$666,487

ADMINISTRATION

The third and final portion of the budget is administration, which relates to expenses for management and overall support of the district. Examples include Board of Education expenses, central administration, building administration, business office, legal fees and auditing services.

Proposed changes this year are due to additional funding for potential legal fees, retirement costs, additional business and administrative costs at BOCES, a newly created curriculum development position, salary increases in several administrative positions and related increases to health and fringe benefits. Overall, a proposed total increase of \$214,589 from last year.

Administration	2023-24 Budget	2024-25 Budget	Change
Auditing	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
Board Of Education	\$31,616	\$31,864	\$248
BOCES Administrative Costs	\$393,338	\$384,103	-\$9,235
Business Office/Treasurer	\$298,176	\$319,934	\$21,758
Central Printing & Mailing	\$82,503	\$86,690	\$4,187
Chief School Administrator	\$224,106	\$266,800	\$42,694
Curriculum Development and Supervision	\$101,000	\$144,072.00	\$43,072
District Clerk	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$500
District Meeting	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$0
District Transportation Services	\$23,091	\$0	-\$23,091
Fringe Benefits	\$583,776	\$618,588	\$34,812
Legal	\$49,000	\$65,100	\$16,100
Liability Insurance	\$106,500	\$116,200	\$9,700
Personnel	\$26,875	\$35,029.79	\$8,155
Special Education	\$96,270	\$0	-\$96,270
Supervision-Regular School	\$421,328	\$583,288	\$161,960
Tax Collector	\$8,750	\$8,750	\$0
Total	\$2,485,329	\$2,699,918	\$214,589

Revenue - where will the school district get money from next year?

The funds that operate the district come from a variety of sources. The largest, at about 65% of our revenue, is NY State aid. Next is local taxes, at about 29%. Then we have "Other", a miscellaneous category that includes rental of our spaces, refunded payments, interest income on our bank accounts, etc. This is about 4.5% of the budget. And finally, there is Fund Balance, which is the amount we have saved this year for use next year, at about 1.5%.

Budgeted Revenues	2023-24	2024-25	Change from prior year	% Change
State Aid	\$ 16,558,402	\$16,644,688	\$ 86,286	0.52%
Tax Levy	\$ 7,181,075	\$7,432,413	\$ 251,338	3.50%
Fund Balance	\$ 100,000	\$ 334,845	\$ 234,845	234.85%
Reserve	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	0.00%
Other	\$ 661,695	\$ 1,070,465	\$ 408,770	61.78%
Total	\$ 24,501,172	\$ 25,482,411	\$ 981,239	4.00%

State Aid for next year increased slightly - we have seen much larger increases in years past. With declining enrollment, and the state looking to slow down or even reduce education funding, we unfortunately may need to expect this trend to continue.

The Tax Levy is our second largest revenue source. This levy is limited by a tax cap restriction. Schools that exceed the restriction must have a 60% approval rate in order to pass the budget. Our tax cap restriction from 2024-2025 was set at 4.31%. However, our 2024-2025 proposed tax levy is \$7,432,413, representing a 3.5% tax levy increase and falling within the tax cap restriction. Our tax rate will fall from 17.02 per 1000 assessed value to 16.44 per 1000 of assessed value. More on taxes in our next section.

You may notice an increase in the use of Fund Balance in the 2024-2025 revenue budget. These are savings from the previous budget year, and are primarily being applied to cover the start-up costs of a preschool education program that will begin to generate its own revenue once it gets up and running. With other anticipated increases such as interest earnings, we expect not to use this much fund balance in future years.

Revenues in the "other" category have increased as well, primarily due to interest earned on money invested, refunds from BOCES for any unexpended money at year-end, and Medicaid funds for students who receive qualifying special services.



School Taxes

While it's not the largest source of funds for the district, the district's Tax Levy is the funding source that most directly affects our community. And it's not the simplest system, so hopefully a little explanation will help. First, there are three key terms that come up:

- Tax Levy - the total amount of funds from taxpayers that go to the school in a year
- Assessed property values - these are determined by the county assessor(s)
 - Total assessed value - the combined values of all the Newfield School taxpayers
 - Individual assessed value - the value of your property specifically
- Tax rate - the Tax Levy divided by the Total assessed value gives you the Tax Rate

$$\frac{\text{Tax Levy}}{\text{Total Assessed Value}} = \text{School Tax Rate}$$

The Tax Rate determines how the school's funding is shared across the community, and it can be confusing, so let's use an example most of us will be familiar with - gasoline. If we all go to the same gas station at the same time, we all pay the same rate for gas per gallon. However, if I have a bigger gas tank than you do, I'm going to pay more than you in total, even though we paid the same rate. That is similar to how it works with school taxes, where the rate is the same for everyone but not everyone pays the same total amount. Instead of using the size of your gas tank, we use the value of your home or business property. The more valuable your property is, the bigger your tank is, and the more you pay in total school tax.

This year, the Tax Levy is going up 3.5%. In addition, many of your individual assessments have gone up as well. Because of this, the Tax Rate is expected to go down to 16.44 per \$1,000 of assessed value (from 17.02 last year). How does this impact the actual taxes you pay? It may go up, it may even go down - confused yet? Here is a chart showing some hypothetical situations that may help.

Actual 23-24 School year		
Assessed value of Home	Tax rate/\$1,000	Taxes owed
\$100,000.00	17.020	\$1,702.00

Estimated 24-25 School year					
Levy % increase	Assessment increase	Assessment	Tax Rate	Tax Bill	Change from prior year
3.50%	0%	\$100,000.00	16.44	\$1,643.80	-\$58.20
3.50%	10%	\$110,000.00	16.44	\$1,808.18	\$106.18
3.50%	20%	\$120,000.00	16.44	\$1,972.56	\$270.56

To estimate your actual taxes, take the proposed Tax Rate (16.44/\$1,000 value) and multiply it by your 2024 assessment value. You can find your individual assessed value in the letter sent out by the Assessor's office earlier this spring, or you can look it up online:

<https://www.tompkinscountyny.gov/assessment/online>

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 24,501,172	\$ 25,482,411	\$ 25,231,073
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$ 981,239	\$ 729,901
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.00 %	2.98%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 7,181,075	\$ 7,432,413	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$ 0	\$ 0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$ 0	\$ 0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$ 0	\$ 0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$ 7,181,075	\$ 7,432,413	\$ 7,181,075
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 152,511	\$ 256,965	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 7,028,564	\$ 7,233,401	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$ 7,028,564	\$ 7,175,448	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	0	\$ 57,953	
Administrative Component	\$ 2,485,329	\$ 2,699,918	\$ 2,663,321
Program Component	\$ 16,229,018	\$ 17,687,155	\$ 17,447,414
Capital Component	\$ 5,786,825	\$ 5,120,338	\$ 5,120,338
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-25 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p>Under a contingency budget the use of school buildings and grounds by outside agencies and groups is not permitted unless applicable fees, imposed by the District, are paid in advance. In addition, the following reductions shall be made: equipment, travel, some supplies, except salary increases (not including clerk and treasurer). The Board of Education also reserves the right to reduce any other item/position or budgetary expense necessary to stay within the guidelines of operating under a contingency budget.</p> <p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p>			
Description		Amount	
1 passenger van and 1 bus		\$233,750	
		\$	

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$535

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Newfield Central school district, Tompkins County, New York, will be held at Newfield Elementary school in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 12:00pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Newfield Elementary school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Board of Education: **Two (2)** three year terms will be filled.
Each 3 three year term will begin on 07/01/2024 and serve through 06/30/2027



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Civic/Volunteer Organizations: Volunteer firefighter, chair of the board at the Newfield Fire Company

Hello, my name is Kevin Berggren, I am a lifelong resident of Newfield and currently serve as the highway superintendent for the town of Newfield. I have worked for the town for over 20 years, and I have also served as a volunteer firefighter for 17 years. Currently, I am also the chair of the board at the Newfield Fire Company.

I am a graduate of Newfield High School, and my wife Brandee, works at the high school. My two sons (Kacey and Kaleb) have also attended Newfield Schools. Kacey is a recent graduate of NCS (2023) and now is attending college at TC3. Kaleb is in the 10th grade and participates in varsity soccer and track.

I am eager to have the opportunity to serve my community as a school board member. I believe that the school should be community-oriented, and I would like to see improvement in the educational achievement of our children. I would like to find ways for the school to run well with limited increases in taxes.

My experience as the Town of Newfield Highway Superintendent includes managing an almost \$2 million budget, supervising a staff of eight, and planning the workload of the highway department. I believe this experience makes me an excellent choice for the school board. If elected, I will do my best to listen, learn, and advocate for the residents of Newfield.

Looking for even more information about the Newfield Central School District?

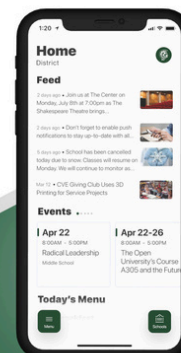
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My name is Shana (Jackson) Claar and I am excited to announce my candidacy for re-election to our Newfield Central School District Board of Education! As a

1995 graduate of Newfield High and a dedicated member of this community, I am deeply invested in the future of our schools.

In 2003, I earned my bachelor's degree from Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, GA, and returned to the Newfield area as my husband began his last overseas deployment with the US Air Force in 2012. Currently, I am employed by Cornell University as an Assistant Program Manager for the Center for Hospitality Research.

My passion for education is not only professional but personal. My husband Scotty and I have two children who are currently 3rd generation Newfield students: Ulric, graduating this June, and Inga, who is finishing middle school. I spent over four years substitute teaching in all three of Newfield's school buildings, before starting at Cornell, and was impressed by the individual attention and unique opportunities our small district provides. I want to make sure Newfield Central School District prioritizes the education of our students and makes smart financial decisions so that our school can continue being the heart of our community for generations to come.

Since joining the Board in 2022, I've learned so much about how our school district operates. In addition to attending board meetings, I serve on the Policy Committee and communicate Board updates to our community, sharing "Board Meeting Highlights" after each session. This further involvement has deepened my sense of responsibility and commitment to this role.

My unique blend of experiences—as a graduate, parent, former educator, and current board member—equips me to effectively represent our students and families. If re-elected, I will continue to advocate for decisions that prioritize our students' well-being and success. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to serve Newfield as a member of our Board of Education and ask for your support.

Community members are invited to attend Board meetings, usually held at 6:30 pm on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Most meetings include a Privilege of the Floor for public comment, so come and talk to us. Agendas can be found on-line at <https://go.boarddocs.com/ny/newfield/Board.nsf/public>



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Tompkins Employees Federal CU Board

My name is Timothy (Tim) Payne and I am running to continue serving in my position on the Newfield School Board of Education.

I am a lifelong resident and member of the Newfield Community. I graduated from Newfield High School in 1989. I then went on to obtain an Associate's degree in Engineering Science from Tompkins Cortland Community College in 1991. After which, I transferred to Clarkson University, where I completed a Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering, Class of '93.

I, with my wife Kim (Wall) Payne (NCS Class of '93) have been taxpayers in the Newfield School District for almost 25 years. Our son, Patrick, (NCS Class of 2020) has now become a Career Firefighter/EMT in Brighton NY, and our daughter, Kassidy, graduated from Newfield in 2023 and is currently finishing up her Freshman Semester at LeMoyne College, where she is studying Nursing.

In January of 2023, I retired from the Ithaca Fire Department, after serving almost 26 years as a Career Firefighter/EMT. My wife and I own and manage two rental properties in Newfield.

I have served as a volunteer Firefighter/EMT in the Newfield Fire Company and also served on their Board of Directors for 15 years, most of which as the Chair. I have volunteered as a Youth Football Coach in Newfield and as Director of the Newfield Youth Football League for almost 8 years. I am currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Tompkins Employees Federal Credit Union and have been for a little over 9 years.

I have served 4 years on the Newfield School BOE. My first year was an appointment to fill a 1 year vacancy and the past 3 were as an elected official. For the last 2 years I have served as BOE Vice President. In the past 4 years, I have learned many things about the Newfield School District, and community, and have only scratched the surface of what it takes to become a good BOE member. I have seen and been a part of effecting some positive and refreshing changes in spite of the pandemic, past district financial struggles, and troubled times we are seeing in the world. I would like to continue to grow in this position and help continue the positive trend. I care a great deal about our community and the students that are the future of our community. I try to look at issues from all sides and with an open mind while trying to balance the needs of all parties involved: students, faculty, staff, administrators, families, taxpayers, and the community we comprise.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support! Remember to Vote!

How to Vote for a "Write-in" Candidate

Leave one (or more) of the ovals blank that are next to the printed candidate names on the ballot and fill in the oval next to the blank line for "WRITE-IN" and write the candidate's name on the line. Be sure to print clearly and spell carefully.

VOTING INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Education Law, Section 2013, and by resolution of the Board of Education, voting on the 2024-2025 Budget Proposition, Vehicle Purchase Proposition, 2024 Capital Reserve Fund Proposition, Library Tax Levy Proposition, and election of **two (2)** Board Members will be held Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 9:00 P.M. prevailing time at Newfield Elementary School, Lower Gym, 247 Main Street, Newfield New York at which time the polls will be open to voting by ballot or machine.

QUALIFICATIONS TO VOTE:

To vote in a school district budget vote and board election, you do not need to be a registered voter, however, you must:

- *Be a citizen of the United States;
- *Be 18 years of age or older;
- *Be a resident within the district for a period of 30 days preceding the date of the vote.

No person shall have the right to register for, or vote, at any school meeting or election who would not be qualified to register for or vote at an election in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 - 106 of the Election Law. (This includes convicted felons and those adjudged mentally incompetent by a court).

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT:

Please e-mail the District Clerk at lowens@newfieldschools.org or call the District Office at 564-9955 ext. 4140 to request an **Absentee Ballot application** be sent to your physical mailing address where you receive postal mail. Applications must be received no later than (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Any absentee ballot received after 5:00 PM on 5/21/24 can not be accepted.

VOTING BY EARLY MAIL BALLOT:

Please e-mail the District Clerk at lowens@newfieldschools.org or call the District Office at 564-9955 ext. 4140 to request an **Early Mail Ballot application** be sent to your physical mailing address where you receive postal mail. Applications must be received no later than (7) seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Any early mail ballot received after 5:00 PM on 5/21/24 can not be accepted.

Newfield Central School District
247 Main St.
Newfield NY 14867

Non-Profit Organization
Bulk Rate
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Newfield, NY Permit No. 194

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RESIDENT/BOXHOLDER
NEWFIELD, NY 14867

ON THE 2024-2025 BALLOT:

PROPOSITION 1:

Shall the Board of Education of the Newfield Central School District be authorized to spend \$25,482,411 for the purpose of operating the school district for the 2024-2025 school year and to levy the necessary tax thereafter?

PROPOSITION 2:

Vehicle Purchase

Resolved that the Board of Education of the Newfield Central School District is hereby authorized to undertake the acquisition of one van, at an estimated maximum cost of \$51,000, and either one electric school bus, with charging station, or one diesel school bus, at an estimated initial maximum acquisition cost of \$505,000, but with an estimated net maximum cost in either case of \$182,750 after the receipt of acquisition and infrastructure grants, if applicable, and bus trade-in value, if any; and that such costs, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments; and, in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations of the school district not to exceed \$556,000, or so much as may be necessary, shall be issued. The actual expense to the taxpayer will not exceed \$233,750 combined expense for the bus and van.

PROPOSITION 3:

2024 Capital Reserve Fund

Resolved, the Board of Education of the Newfield Central School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2024 Capital Reserve Fund" created to defray the cost of the construction, reconstruction and equipping of School District buildings, facilities, and land, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings, land acquisitions, and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such reserve fund to Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000) inclusive of accrued interest and other investment earnings, with a probable term of ten (10) years. The Board of Education is hereby authorized to pay funds from the available fund balance, state aid reimbursement to the School District on account of capital projects, such other monies as the voters may direct, and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such reserve fund in an amount determined by the Board of Education up to the maximum authorized amount.

PROPOSITION 4:

Library Tax Levy

Shall the proposition be approved authorizing the Board of Education of Newfield School District to increase the tax levy from seventy-six thousand dollars (\$76,000) to the sum of eighty-one thousand dollars (\$81,000) and shall such sum be paid annually to the Trustees of the Newfield Public Library.