

# ATTICA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## 2016-17 BUDGET PROPOSAL

### QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

**Q. What is the Attica Central School's budget for next year?**

*A. The proposed budget is \$27,409,724. This represents a budget-to-budget decrease of -3.03%.*

**Q. Is the STAR program still in effect?**

*A. Yes. The STAR program is in effect. Basic STAR entitles the eligible homeowner to a \$30,000 reduction in taxable value, which is a 30% decrease in school taxes. The homeowner eligible for the Enhanced Senior STAR will see a \$65,300 reduction in taxable value, which represents a 65.3% decrease in school taxes. (These figures are based on a principal residence valued at \$100,000.)*

**Q. How does the tax cap regulation impact our budget?**

*A. Under the law, we can establish a maximum tax levy limit of 1.7355% or \$10,236,754. The Board of Education determined that we will propose a 0% increase to the tax levy. The total amount will be \$10,062,132 for the 2016-17 budget. This is \$174,622 under the tax cap.*

**Q. What is the NYS rebate?**

*A. The Governor has stated that if a school district submits an efficiency plan within the guidelines of his office, a credit for \$350 will be given to taxpayers that qualify.*

**Q. How does the proposed tax increase impact my personal school tax bill?**

*A. Please refer to the chart below on how this budget would impact taxes on the following homes. The chart shows homes without STAR, Basic STAR and the Enhanced Senior Star Credits. For example, a \$100,000 home with Enhanced Senior STAR would receive a \$65,300 reduction in taxable value, a 65.3% reduction in tax liability. This homeowner will see a \$0 increase. If your township is rated at 100% on equalization, the tax rate is projected to be \$16.76 per \$1,000.*

### PROPOSED 2016-17 BUDGET IMPACT UPON PROPERTY TAXES

#### PROPOSED CHANGE PER \$1,000 EQUALS PROJECTED INCREASE \$0

*Based upon projected 2016-17 values*

True Value (100%) Assessment	No STAR	Basic STAR \$30,000	Enhanced Senior STAR \$65,300
\$100,000	0	0	0
90,000	0	0	0
80,000	0	0	0
70,000	0	0	0
60,000	0	0	0

*The Board of Education is committed to reducing the numbers seen above if at all possible. With annual growth we will very possibly see a decrease in taxes per thousand of assessed value.*

*Please remember to exercise your  
right to vote*

*on:*

*May 17, 2016  
1:00-9:00 p.m.*

**Q. How do Attica's taxes compare to other schools?**

*A. Attica's tax rate on true value for 2015-16 is \$16.76 per \$1,000. Attica has historically been one of the lowest tax rates in the Genesee Valley BOCES, of which we are one of twenty-two districts. The 2016-17 tax rate is projected at \$16.76 or lower per \$1,000. This is a 0% increase to the tax per \$1,000 on true value.*

**Q. Will there be any cuts to BOCES programs?**

*A. No. We will be offering the same programs at BOCES that have been offered in the past.*

**Q. What happens if the budget is defeated?**

*A. In the event the budget is defeated, the Board of Education has decisions to make. They have the option to present the same budget or a revised budget to the public for another vote. They may choose to go directly to contingency without conducting a second vote. However, under contingency budget, we cannot purchase some types of equipment.*

**Q. I am still confused with the increase in property assessments. How will this affect my school taxes?**

*A. The school is not involved in any increase/decrease with your property assessment. If you have questions with regard to your assessment, you should address your town tax assessor.*

## **SUPPORTING OUR STUDENTS 2015-16 STATISTICS**

### **44 Sports Teams**

Fall Sports - 252 students  
Winter Sports - 217 students  
Spring Sports - 211 students

### **Extra-Curricular**

HS -22 groups  
MS -14 groups  
ELEM - 1 group

New clubs added this year include the:  
E<sup>3</sup> Club, Dissection Club  
MS Broadcast Club  
Elementary Sunshine Singers

### **AP/AS Courses**

Advanced Placement  
Advanced Studies

18 Classes  
College Credit  
Reduced Tuition Rate

Credit Hours accepted  
by many Universities  
and Colleges

MS offers accelerated  
Math & Science at  
8<sup>th</sup> gr. level

### **Music Program**

Marching Band -144 members  
Color Guard - 15 members  
Sr. High Chorus - 46 members  
MS Chorus - 118 members  
MS Band - 170 members

### **BOCES**

92 students  
Career Tech Program  
Legal Academy  
Health Academy  
Technology Academy