

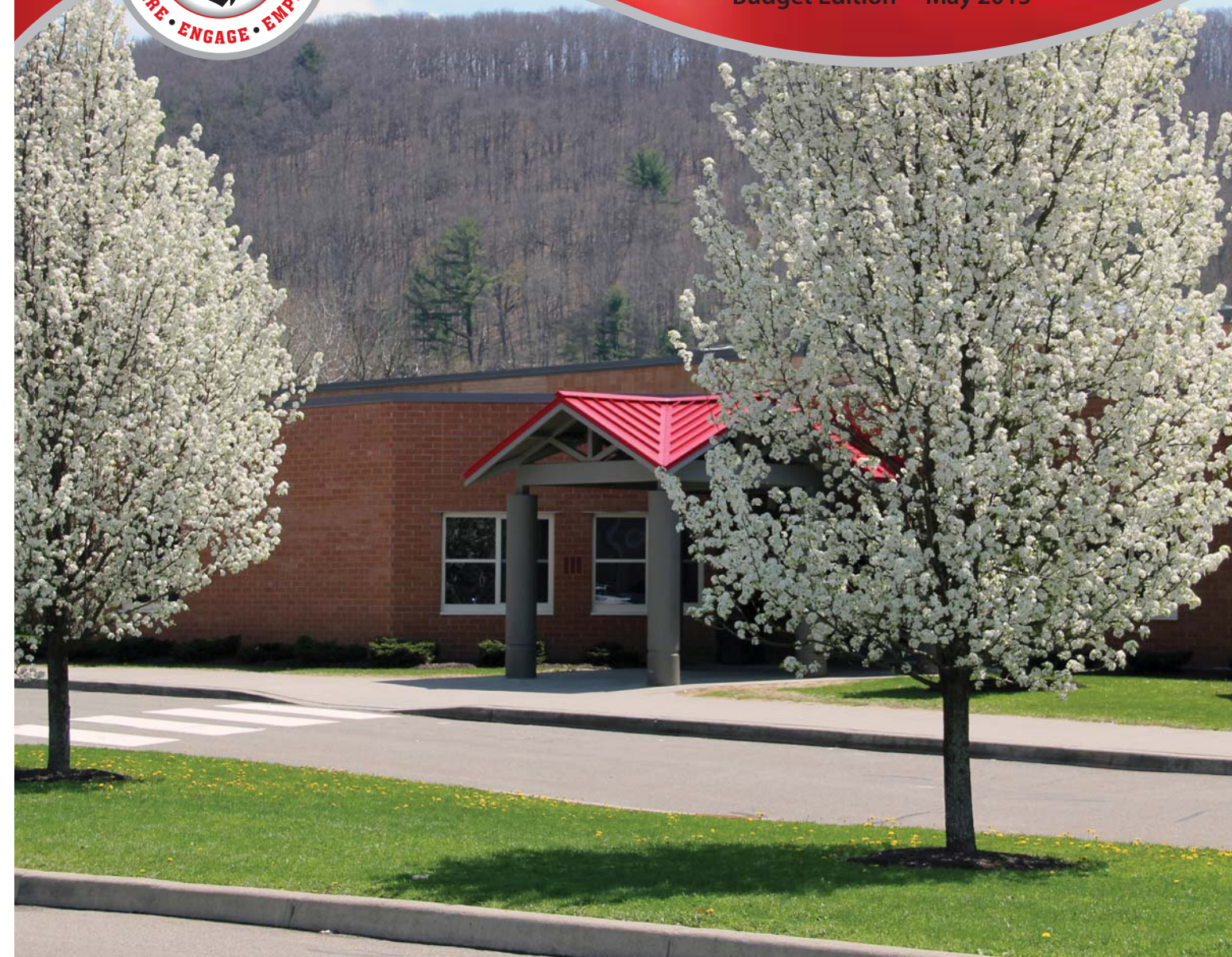


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Budget Edition - May 2015



## Believe It! Achieve It! At Chenango Valley where Warriors Excel!

 **VOTE** May 19, 12 to 9 p.m.  
 High School Auditorium

**Candidates Forum - May 6, 6 p.m. - High School Auditorium**  
**Budget Hearing - May 11, 6 p.m. - Middle School Cafeteria**

**On the ballot**  
 CV voters will decide on:

- 2015 - 2016 proposed budget
- three seats on the board of education
- bus purchase proposition

**Voter eligibility**  
 To vote, you must be:

- 18 years of age or older
- a U.S. citizen, and
- a resident of the school district for at least 30 days (proof of residency is required: NYS driver's license, sheriff's ID card, senior citizen ID card or utility bill indicating residency)

**What if the budget doesn't pass?**  
 The board of education will either:  
 (1) make changes to the budget and hold a second vote; or (2) adopt a contingency budget. If a contingency budget is adopted, \$353,500 in equipment purchases would be eliminated and \$202,500 in other cuts would be made to the budget.

**Absentee ballots**  
 Absentee ballot applications may be obtained through District Clerk Susan Cirba, 762-6812. Voters must verify eligibility and provide an eligible reason for their inability to vote in person. Absentee ballot applications must be requested at least 7 days prior to the date of the vote, and the returned ballot must be received no later than the day before the vote. The district will automatically mail absentee ballots to voters listed as "permanently disabled" on the Board of Elections list. For more information, please call Susan Cirba at 762-6812.

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Attendance .....	762-6954
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Attendance .....	762-6931
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High School .....	762-6900
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**OUR MISSION**  
 We inspire, engage and empower all students to achieve their full potential.


## Chenango Valley Central School District 2015-2016 Budget Vote & School Board Election

**Candidates Forum - May 6**  
 6 p.m., HS auditorium

**Budget Hearing - May 11**  
 6 p.m., MS library

**AT A GLANCE:**

- Proposed tax levy increase: 0.6%
- Allowable tax levy increase: 0.6%
- Proposed budget increase: 2.06%
- No staff/program cuts

 **VOTE**  
**May 19, 2015**  
 12 - 9 p.m.  
 High School Auditorium



## Message from the Board of Education president and the superintendent



Gerald Abbey  
Board President

David Gill  
Superintendent

We are pleased to present you with the 2015-16 Chenango Valley Central School District budget proposal.

School districts statewide continue to be impacted by unfunded mandates, gap elimination adjustments, tax levy limits, escalating costs and more. While these factors are significant, it is important that we remain positive about our future and focused on the reason we're here: our students.

All students deserve a high-quality education that ensures they are college and career ready. At Chenango Valley, our consistently high test scores and graduation rates reflect a commitment to providing students with the education they deserve. Our mission and vision is to *"inspire, engage, and empower"* our students and *"prepare our students for the challenges of life in the 21<sup>st</sup> century."*

In developing the budget, we used this mission as our guide, while giving careful consideration to all stakeholders. Our plan allows us to add staff to support educational programs in the area of STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Mathematics) in grades K-12, and provide enrichment for our students, and enables us to enhance our Academic Intervention Services to help students improve.

This plan will help us to maintain instructional integrity and effectiveness, and provide additional support for our students. No cuts to programs or extra-curricular activities are proposed. The plan also provides for continued support of instructional technology, particularly through our high school iPad program, which incorporates all students in grades nine through 12.

The budget continues to include smaller capital projects that allow us to take advantage of significant state reimbursements that will be received in the following year. This means we'll be able to complete approximately \$100,000 in capital projects at a net cost of about \$19,000. (See article, next page.)

The tax levy limit law enacted in 2011 by New York State (commonly misrepresented as a tax "cap") requires districts to apply an eight-step formula to determine the highest allowable tax levy increase a district can propose that will require approval of a simple majority (more than 50 percent) of voters. If districts choose to propose a tax levy increase above this calculated amount, a "super majority" of more than 60 percent of voters must approve the plan. Chenango Valley's allowable tax levy limit for 2015-16 is an increase of .6%. This means we are proposing to collect six-tenths of a percent more (less than 1%) in taxes to support the school budget than we collected for the 2014-2015 school year.

We invite all residents to attend a Meet the Candidates Forum on May 6 at 6 p.m. in the High School auditorium, and the annual Budget Hearing on Monday, May 11 at 6 p.m. in the Middle School library. The district budget vote and school board elections will be held from noon to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 19 in the High School auditorium.

Please review the enclosed material, which includes the 2015-16 budget presented in three components, information on the bus purchase proposition, and statements from our board of education candidates. For more detailed budget information, please visit our website: [www.cvcsd.stier.org](http://www.cvcsd.stier.org).

If you have questions, we encourage you to contact Superintendent David Gill at 762-6810, [dgill@cvcsd.stier.org](mailto:dgill@cvcsd.stier.org), or School Business Executive Beth Donahue at 762-6813, [edonahue@cvcsd.stier.org](mailto:edonahue@cvcsd.stier.org).

Sincerely,

Gerald Abbey  
Board of Education President

David P. Gill  
Superintendent of Schools

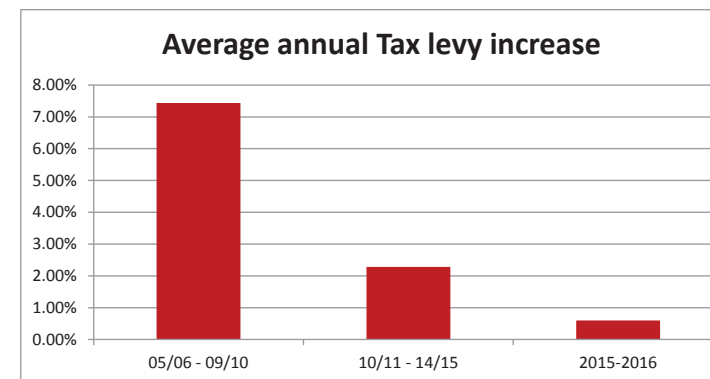
## 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

### ESTIMATED REVENUES

Category	2014-2015 Budgeted Revenue	2015-2016 Proposed Revenue	Difference
Tax Levy	\$18,492,561	\$18,603,734	\$111,173
State Aid	\$14,108,354	\$14,842,777	\$734,423
Other Revenue	\$1,109,587	\$964,806	\$(144,781)
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$250,000	\$250,000	-
Appropriated Reserves	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$34,060,502</b>	<b>\$34,761,317</b>	<b>\$700,815</b>

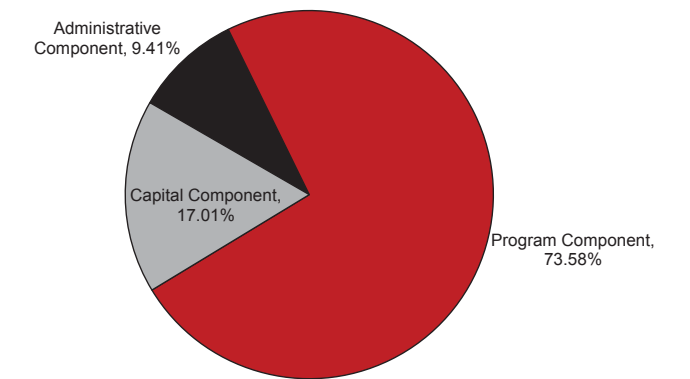
### Tax levy increases: 2005-06 to present

School Year	2005-06 to 2009-10	2010-11 to 2014-15	2015-16
Average annual tax levy increase	7.44%	2.28%	0.60%



### Budget breakdown: Administrative, capital & program

Chenango Valley Central School District 2015-2016 Budget



# 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

## ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT

Function/Account	2014-2015 Approved Budget	2015-2016 Proposed Budget	Difference
Board of Education	\$39,461	\$28,367	\$(11,094)
District Administration	\$330,227	\$335,198	\$4,971
Business Office & Finance	\$641,708	\$672,270	\$30,562
Central Services	\$467,783	\$488,855	\$21,072
Supervision/Curriculum Dev.	\$701,402	\$802,076	\$100,674
Employee Benefits	\$936,934	\$945,018	\$8,084
<b>Total Administrative Component</b>	<b>\$3,117,514</b>	<b>\$3,271,784</b>	<b>\$154,270</b>

## CAPITAL COMPONENT

Function/Account	2014-2015 Approved Budget	2015-2016 Proposed Budget	Difference
Operations & Maintenance	\$2,037,374	\$2,479,575	\$442,201
Debt Service	\$2,937,038	\$2,594,994	\$(342,044)
Employee Benefits	\$748,741	\$730,068	\$(18,673)
Refund of Taxes	\$7,500	\$7,500	-
Interfund Transfer to Capital	\$100,000	\$100,000	-
<b>Total Capital Component</b>	<b>\$5,830,653</b>	<b>\$5,912,137</b>	<b>\$81,484</b>

## PROGRAM COMPONENT

Function/Account	2014-2015 Approved Budget	2015-2016 Proposed Budget	Difference
Teaching - Regular School	\$8,819,879	\$8,854,302	\$34,423
Instruction - Special Programs	\$3,093,328	\$3,771,030	\$677,702
Instruction - Special School	\$150,000	\$215,000	\$65,000
Instructional Media	\$1,647,032	\$1,698,244	\$51,212
Pupil Personnel Services	\$957,373	\$975,910	\$18,537
Co-curricular & Athletics	\$515,654	\$598,288	\$82,634
Transportation	\$984,546	\$989,440	\$4,894
Interfund Transfer Special Aid & Cafe Funds	\$20,500	\$20,500	-
Community Services	\$7,300	\$7,300	-
Employee Benefits	\$8,916,723	\$8,447,382	\$(469,341)
<b>Total Program Component</b>	<b>\$25,112,335</b>	<b>\$25,577,395</b>	<b>\$465,060</b>

	2014-2015 Approved Budget	2015-2016 Proposed Budget	Difference
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$34,060,502</b>	<b>\$34,761,317</b>	<b>\$700,815</b>

The district is proposing to take advantage of a New York State Department of Education program that will reimburse a significant portion of school district capital project expenditures up to \$100,000. This means that much-needed building repairs can be accomplished at a greatly reduced cost to local taxpayers.

The state offers school building aid reimbursement for smaller capital projects (up to \$100,000 each year) according to the individual school district's building aid ratio. Based on Chenango Valley's current building aid ratio of 81 percent, if the district completes \$100,000 in capital projects, it will be reimbursed \$81,000 the following year. The aid received on a project next year can be used to offset the cost of a project the following year, creating a cycle of mini-projects primarily funded by building aid. It's an efficient, cost-effective way to keep our buildings and facilities in good working order.

In the coming year, the district plans to use this funding opportunity for the following improvements:

- Team Room locker replacement
- Middle School gymnasium lighting
- Auditorium control room equipment

The total cost of these three projects is approximately \$100,000; the net cost after building aid reimbursement is approximately \$19,000.



Old lockers in the Team Room are scheduled to be replaced as part of a mini capital project.

## District census finishing soon Have you completed a form?

The district has been conducting a census over the past year in order to update our mailing list and family records. All residents are asked to complete the census, regardless of whether you have children attending our schools.

If you have not yet completed a census form, please visit our website: [www.cvcasd.stier.org](http://www.cvcasd.stier.org) and submit the online form. See the photo of our homepage at right for location of the link. To request a form by mail, please call 762-6827. Over the next few months, district representatives will be contacting or visiting households that have not yet completed the census.



## Project Lead the Way to begin in September

Chenango Valley is proud and excited to announce that the Project Lead the Way program will begin in the district this fall.

Project Lead The Way is the nation's leading provider of science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) programs. Through world-class K-12 curriculum, high-quality teacher professional development, and outstanding partnerships, PLTW helps students develop the skills needed to succeed in the global economy. The

U.S. Department of Commerce estimates that jobs in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) will grow 17 percent by 2018 — nearly double the growth for non-STEM fields. By 2018, the U.S. will have more than 1.2 million unfilled STEM jobs because there will not be enough qualified workers to fill them. STEM is where jobs are today and where job growth will be in the future.

The program provides a comprehensive approach to STEM education. Through a curriculum based on activities, projects, and problems, PLTW gives students a chance to apply what they know, identify problems, find unique solutions, and lead their own learning. For educators, the program's engaging, rigorous teacher professional development model provides tools to empower students and transform the classroom into a collaboration space where content comes to life.

At CV, high school students will be able to take Engineering at CVHS or can elect to take Biomedical Science at Chenango Forks High School. Middle School students will be offered two modules: Design & Modeling and Automation & Robotics. At the elementary level, there will be a focus on form & function in second grade and robotics in fifth grade.

In keeping with our district vision: *to be a model of innovation and educational excellence that prepares our students for the challenges of life in the 21st century*, the Project Lead the Way program is another way we're working to help Chenango Valley students develop the skills needed for success in our changing world.



Embracing technology

Building 21st century skills



## Bus Purchase Proposition

Voters will be asked to consider a proposition to purchase four (4) buses for the district fleet: three (3) 66-passenger buses with undercarriage and one (1) 35-passenger mini-bus. The total cost of the buses will not exceed \$385,000.

### The need for new buses

Chenango Valley maintains a fleet of 31 buses. Our buses are normally replaced after approximately 10-12 years and have been driven 100,000 to 120,000 miles. Our goal is to meet the New York State guidelines, which recommend replacing all larger buses every ten years. This helps keep the cost of repairs down, especially since the buses are out of warranty after ten years. It also helps to ensure that our students are being transported in safe, reliable vehicles.

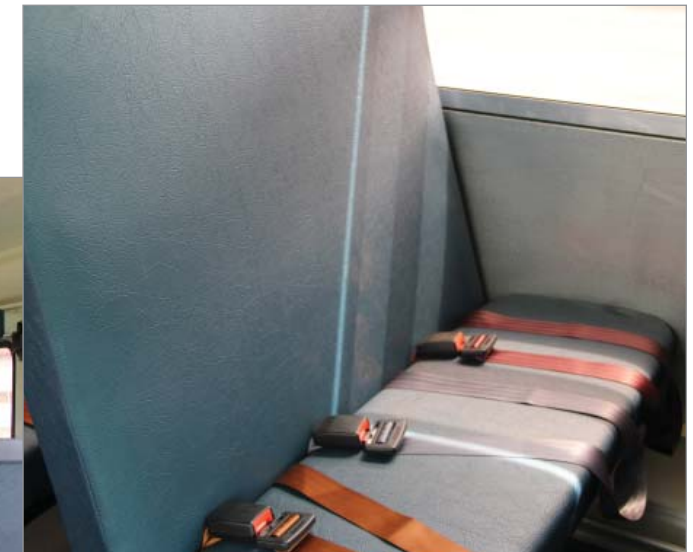
For years, our long-range plan has been to replace three buses each year. However, after a few unsuccessful bus propositions, the district fell behind in the purchase plan and a number of buses were no longer under warranty. As a result, we have had to replace more than three buses in several propositions in order to get caught up.

### The cost of bus acquisition

Total cost (with interest): \$396,650 to be paid over five years  
 State aid (74.1%): \$293,918 reimbursed over five years  
 Total cost to taxpayers: \$102,732 spread over five years

Annual cost to taxpayers: \$ 20,546

Average cost per household = \$3.04 per year\*





## Board of Education Candidates

(three seats open: two (2) five-year terms, July 1, 2015-June 30, 2020; one (1) two-year term, July 1, 2015-June 30, 2017)

### **Karen Taylor**

My name is Karen Taylor and I am running for one of the open positions on the Chenango Valley Board of Education. My parents graduated from CV, I graduated from CV, and now my children will be. My son will be graduating in 2016 and my daughter in 2021. I have seen the changes in the school district and have seen the challenges CV faces. Now is my time to run for the Board.



My son is a three season runner. I work closely with the school's coaching staff and assist in any way possible. You will see me at the finish line with a stopwatch, at the side lines cheering, or in the midst of the team with baked goods to congratulate them on a job well done. My daughter on the other hand, is involved with basketball and softball through the Civics. I am at every practice and game as time permits. I believe in fully supporting the children in sports and in academics. This goes not only for my children, but for all CV students. I support all the children of CV, the coaches, and the teachers.

I am a Senior Program Accountant for a local non-profit. I create and track the budgets for the agency and work closely with the Directors on meeting the agency's needs. I work with the Federal, State and local governments in administering their grants and claiming funds. I believe that this experience is an added bonus to being on the Board. I have a firm grasp on the school's budgetary needs. This in turn, helps my understanding of the Board's role when it comes to the community's funds.

I am also very connected within our community. I am on the Administrative Council at church, am co-manager of the church Thrift Store, and help wherever I am needed. I have instilled volunteering into my children so they too may improve our community. Through church, Summer Fun, or just picking up trash, they know that our community and our schools should be in the forefront of their minds.

My slogan is "Our children, our community, our future". I fully support this statement. Our children are my top priority. We should be preparing them to fit into our community, and to prepare them for the future. I look forward to representing the Board on behalf of our children and our community.

### **Joel Luchun**

Since 1970, I and my family have lived in the Chenango Valley District. I have an engineering degree from the City University of New York and a Master Certificate in Management and Leadership from Marymount University in Virginia. I have worked as a department manager and program manager for the Link Division of the Singer Company and a program manager for the headquarters of the USPS and the Securities Exchange Commission. I am now retired.



My granddaughter is a senior at CVHS, and my grandsons go to Chenango Bridge Elementary. Waiting in the wings is 4-year-old granddaughter, Lily. I am a totally involved grandfather who helps with homework, tutors, and supports and attends the children's school social and athletic events. My wife is a dedicated 28 year employee of CV schools, working as an aide for children with special needs.

I presently serve on the CV Board of Education. This year, a leading local businessman will be leaving the Board after years of service. A strong business and management sense is essential to a successful school board. My management experience makes me unique among the candidates to continue the sound business decision process that has led us to financial success and limited tax increases. This past year we all received a tax rebate because of our sound budget process and this will happen again in 2016 because of our work on the upcoming school budget.

I believe it is critical that school boards represent the concerns and positions of the parents and taxpayers of the district. I am dedicated to having open and meaningful discussions at our board meetings with full public involvement. Critical issues such as common core, state testing, teacher evaluation, capital improvements, and curriculum are best served with full parental involvement. Local control and local input are essential to continuing the success of the CV schools.

I will continue to work hard to foster an atmosphere of open communication and mutual respect and to increase parent and teacher involvement with educational and curriculum issues within the CV District. I have a particular interest in seeing that children with learning disabilities are afforded every opportunity to succeed. Please consider saving one of your votes for me.

## District earns school safety award

Chenango Valley is one of 131 school districts in New York State to receive the Utica National Insurance Group's "School Safety Excellence Award" for 2015. This is the tenth year CV has earned the award.

This honor recognizes school districts' efforts to help keep students, staff and visitors safe. Districts earn the distinction by meeting specific criteria to enhance overall safety.

Chenango Valley Board of Education President Gerald Abbey and District Superintendent David Gill accepted a certificate and a \$500 award at Utica National's annual school safety seminar at the DoubleTree Hotel in Binghamton.

We appreciate the hard work of our staff in all areas and departments for their efforts to help ensure a safe Chenango Valley.



Board President Gerald Abbey, left, and Superintendent David Gill, right, accepted the Utica National School Safety Excellence Award.

## Meet the school board candidates May 6

6 p.m., High School Auditorium

The public is invited to meet the six candidates running for three open seats on the Chenango Valley Central School District Board of Education at a Candidates Forum scheduled for 6 p.m. Monday, May 6 in the High School Auditorium. Candidates will each be asked a brief series of questions designed to help residents make an informed voting decision. The questions, and each candidate's responses, will later be posted on the district website.

Following the question-and-answer session, candidates will be on hand to meet district residents attending the forum.

For more information on the board candidates, please see pages 6-8 of this *Newscaster*.

## Code of Conduct Public Hearing scheduled for May 20

A Public Hearing to review proposed changes in the Chenango Valley Central School District Code of Conduct will be held at 7 p.m. on May 20 in the MS/HS library. The proposed changes to the Code of Conduct include amending the policy to include conduct expectations for CV athletic coaches. District residents are invited to attend.

## Board of Education Candidates

(three seats open: two (2) five-year terms, July 1, 2015-June 30, 2020; one (1) two-year term, July 1, 2015-June 30, 2017)

### **Kelly Warwick**

It is with great enthusiasm that I am seeking my first term on the Chenango Valley School Board. I graduated from CV in 1989. I attended SUNY Cortland and earned a B.S. in Political Science and Elementary Education. I went on to earn my Master's in Special Education from Marywood University.



I taught for five years at the Children's Home of Wyoming Conference and then accepted a position at Windsor Central School District. I taught for 7 years in the middle school and I am in my 4<sup>th</sup> year at the high school. I am a resource room teacher and I am co-teaching Participation in Government and Economics. I am also an active member of the Windsor Teacher's Association and serve as their treasurer.

I have played an active role in the Port Dickinson PTA for several years and have been the treasurer for the past three. I have been involved in countless activities, including: fundraising, holiday help, and family events. I have also been attending CV Board and budget meetings to learn everything I can about what it takes to be an effective board member.

My husband Ron and I believe in this community and made the easy decision to purchase a home in the Chenango Valley District where we are raising our two daughters. Keira is in 6<sup>th</sup> grade at CB and Kaida is in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade at PD.

I think there are several reasons why Chenango Valley is such a great place to live. The people in this community are unique, but have similar value systems. Through my experiences here I have learned that we share the belief that our children deserve the best educational experience possible. We prioritize fiscal responsibility and want our tax dollars, regardless if we have school-aged children, to be spent on sound programs that help our children grow – academically, socially, emotionally, physically and artistically. We are passionate about ensuring that policies are implemented that will guarantee our kids graduate with the skills and experiences needed to be successful in the ever-changing and competitive world we live.

The skills I have to offer as a school board member come from being an educator, an active community member, a leader, a treasurer, a team player, a lifelong learner and a mom. I am proud to be a Warrior and would be honored to serve the community to help make certain our ideals are represented.

### **Andrea Rutherford**

My name is Andrea Rutherford and I am formally expressing my interest in one of the three seats for Chenango Valley Board of Education. My family and I have been lifelong members of the Chenango Valley School District. Being a graduate of C.V., along with my children attending the Chenango Valley district since pre-k, I feel that with the educational system changing and evolving with technology, it is now more important than ever that we advocate for the children and teachers to get the time and support they need.



My daughter is currently in 10<sup>th</sup> grade, my son in 9<sup>th</sup> grade and my youngest will be joining the district in the near future. I would love to become more involved with the decision making process of how their school runs. My career goals are to become dynamic, well-rounded and well versed in the education system. I am currently in the HR/Payroll department at Cornell University (previously employed at SUNY Binghamton in their HR Department). I have ample knowledge of how schools run, obtain grants for funding, as well as dealing with tight budgets, and handling audits first hand all while trying to keep, vice presidents, deans, faculty, staff and students happy and on the road to success. I have assisted with the implementation of policies and procedures for employees, and enjoy working towards a goal. I also currently serve on the Cornell Employee Care and Wellness committees. Outside of work, my family and I are active members of Saint Mark's church and participate in the monthly Canteen of feeding the needy, as well as World Vision sponsors.

If elected to the board, I promise to show you my extraordinary dedication to our community and our children. School board officials provide a vital service to our community. With public education being the backbone of the American society and the foundation for our children's future it is important our school board establish a vision for the education program, and maintain structure to achieve that vision. Each member should be a strong advocate for continuous improvement in student learning which with your vote, I would be able to help provide. Lastly, thank you to all who support our children, the School Board, and this election. I wish the absolute best of luck to all the candidates.

## Board of Education Candidates

(three seats open: two (2) five-year terms, July 1, 2015-June 30, 2020; one (1) two-year term, July 1, 2015-June 30, 2017)

### **Christine Lomonaco**

My name is Christine Lomonaco and I am excited to announce my candidacy for a CV school board position. I grew up in Hillcrest, graduated from Chenango Valley in 1983, and went on to study at BCC. I currently live in Port Dickinson with my husband Vince, also a CV graduate, and our two children Dominick (class of 2020) and Logan (class of 2023).



Since 1991 I have been employed in education. First, for the Union-Endicott School District as a secretary in the special education office and then the superintendent's office. In 1994 I began employment with Broome-Tioga BOCES as a building secretary and I have spent the last four years working for the assistant superintendent managing our professional development and teacher evaluation system among other responsibilities.

I would love the opportunity to become part of the Chenango Valley Board of Education. I believe my dedication to our district, my ability to work as a team player, and my organizational skills can be a great resource. I was a member of the CV-CF merger committee and I gained a deeper understanding of the budget process and management of our school district. While serving on that committee I first became interested in running for a school board position.

In addition to raising a family and working full-time, I actively participate in our community. I am the secretary for the Port Dickinson Community Association, have assisted my husband in coaching various civic sport teams for the last several years, have been a director and most recently the secretary for BOCES Support Services Association, I am a member of the combined civic Summer Fun committee, and I help organize combined civic events. This past fall I worked with St. Francis of Assisi to sponsor a grammar basketball team after realizing there was interest from enough boys to create a team. In addition to volunteer work, my husband and I also create and sell decorative items (in our spare time).

I am proud to call myself a CV graduate! I have high expectations and work hard to be my best personally and professionally. You can trust me to support fellow board members, students, staff, and our community if elected.

Please vote for me - I would love to have an opportunity to represent you and promote Chenango Valley's visions and goals!

### **Jessica Aurelio**

My name is Jessica Aurelio. I am a 21 year-old born & raised in our beloved Binghamton, NY. Currently, I am working towards my Bachelor's degree in Political Science at Binghamton University. I am also a coach at Chenango Gymnastics and an usher at the Floyd L. Maines Veterans Memorial Arena & Forum Theatre. Last May, I graduated from SUNY Broome with my Associate's degree in Criminal Justice. I then went on to intern at the Broome County District Attorney's office, while also successfully completing the Zone 6 Peace Officer Academy and eight- hour pre-assignment security training, and before that, I was a student at Chenango Valley.



Some may ask what qualifies me to run for school board at such a young age. As a recent graduate of Chenango Valley, I am in tune to the obstacles our students face today. I want to be a part of the Board that will prompt the district's faculty, staff, & administration to *inspire, engage, and empower* our students to overcome these obstacles and achieve their maximum potential. To do this, we need to put the needs of our students first while maintaining a balanced budget. We need to focus on current topics of importance such as sex ed, bullying, and common core.

As you may know, my brother, Jason, ran for school board a number of years back and he received a tremendous amount of support from our community; he was elected and has been doing an admirable job on the board since. Although Jason and I do not always see eye-to-eye, we do share the same core values. By electing another Aurelio to the Board, you will not be electing the same person twice. Rather, you will be electing a complement to a current Board member. I am confident that I will be an asset to the Board while representing our district and students in a positive and progressive manner.

If elected, I will provide the fresh, female perspective that is so desperately needed on our Board.