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TRANSPORTATION VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE

Tuesday, March 13, 2018
S-VE High School Auditorium Lobby
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
*Please bring valid ID

Qualification of Voters

In order to vote in any School District Meeting, a person must meet the following qualifications:

- ◆ Be a citizen of the United States
- ◆ Be 18 years of age or older
- ◆ Be a resident of the School District for a period of 30 days or more, prior to the meeting at which he/she offers to vote.

Residents offering to vote will be asked for identification upon registration.

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Communication Regarding Transportation Proposition

Dear Spencer-Van Etten Community,

On Tuesday, March 13th, 2018 we will hold a vote on the purchase of new buses. The district is currently on a bus replacement schedule that replaces our school buses on a 5-7 year rotation. The district adopted a bus replacement schedule several years ago to ensure that our bus fleet remains under warranty and the buses retain their value upon trade in. Our district receives over 90% state aid on the purchase of buses.

The vote will take place on March 13th from noon - 8:00pm in the S-VE High School Auditorium Lobby, regarding the proposition below. If you have any questions about the proposition, please contact John Horvath at 589-7160 or jhorvath@svecsd.org.

Respectfully,
Dr. Joseph Morgan, Superintendent

Two (2) 72-Passenger School Buses

Unit Price = \$115,428.16

Total Price for (2) = \$230,856.32

One (1) 66-Passenger Bus with Wheelchair Capability

Estimated Unit Price = \$129,823.80

Total Estimated Price for 2017-18 Bus Purchase = \$365,000.00

Trade-In Quotes

Bus	Quote
#150 2011 72-Passenger	\$32,000.00
#151 2012 72-Passenger	\$32,000.00

TOTAL for all trades listed above = \$64,000.00

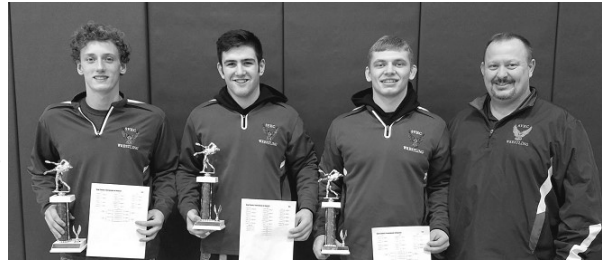
PROPOSITION I – TRANSPORTATION PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$365,000 to purchase two (2) 72-passenger buses and one (1) 66-passenger bus with wheelchair capability, and so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collection in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law, and, in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued?

In the Spotlight

Congratulations Mr. Knolles

The S-VE staff and students proudly send-off Mr. Eric Knolles from Middle School Principal to Superintendent of the Waverly School District. Highlights of Mr. Knolles' 7 years as S-VE Middle School Principal include working with fellow principals and teachers to implement the common core curriculum, being chosen as 1 of 10 middle schools in NYS for the RtI Demonstration Project and bringing the Fishing Derby back to Nichols Pond in Spencer. Additionally, Mr. Knolles spent 5 years coaching successful Varsity Wrestling Teams, pictured to the right. A final message from Mr. Knolles to all students: *"Be where you're supposed to be, when you're supposed to be there, doing what you're supposed to be doing."* Best wishes, Mr. Knolles. Your Panther roar will be missed.



Mrs. Bobbi Brock will act as Interim Principal until the position of Middle School Principal is filled.

Empty Bowls Project

The Empty Bowls Project is a yearly charity event put on by the Spencer-Van Etten High School Key Club. Each year, club members seek out donations of soup, breads, desserts, beverages, and other supplies to open up a restaurant in the Gym Lobby of the High School. For a suggested donation of \$8, guests are treated to a luncheon served by Key Club members. 100% of the proceeds are donated to the local food cupboard. Since this event began, fifteen years ago, Key Club has donated thousands of dollars to the local food pantry. This year, the Empty Bowl's Project will take place on **Tuesday, March 13 from 11:00am to 1:00pm**. If you have any questions or want to make a reservation, call the Spencer-Van Etten High School main office at 607-589-7140.

The Sound of Music

The Spencer-Van Etten Music Department announces their High School Musical Production of **"The Sound of Music"** by Rodgers and Hammerstein. Come see Savannah Sitzer as Maria and Rowan Paige as the Captain, along with the rest of the cast and crew! The performance will be held the evening of March 16th and 17th at 7:00pm and March 18th at 2:00pm in the S-VE High School Clyde Spear Auditorium. Pre-sale tickets will be available from any cast members or in the high school main office for \$8/ticket. Tickets will also be available at the door for \$10/ticket.

The Community is Invited to Attend:

March 8th @ 7:00pm in the S-VE Middle School Library

⇒ *Board of Education Meeting*

March 13 @ 11:00am in the S-VE High School Gymnasium Lobby

⇒ *Empty Bowls Project*

March 13 @ noon - 8:00pm in the S-VE High School Auditorium

⇒ *Transportation Vote*

March 16 & 17 @ 7:00pm in the S-VE High School Auditorium

⇒ *Musical, "The Sound of Music"*

March 18 @ 2:00pm in the S-VE High School Auditorium

⇒ *Musical, "The Sound of Music"*

March 22nd @ 7:00pm in the S-VE Middle School Library

⇒ *Board of Education Meeting*



Parent/School Communication

New Spanish Teacher at the High School

Please join us in welcoming Ms. Maritza Pena to our district! She comes to us with over 20 years experience. Originally from the Dominican Republic, Ms. Pena has taught in New York City, Newark Valley, and most recently, Waverly. She plans to stay at S-VE until she retires. To read more about Ms. Pena, go to our website www.svecsd.org.

High School Guidance Office News

During the course of the next few weeks, the guidance office will be busy meeting individually with students in the Junior, Sophomore, and Freshman classes to plan out their course of study for the 2018-19 school year. All students will be receiving a copy of their course requests at the end of the meeting, and are encouraged to discuss with their parent/guardian. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your students' counselor with any questions.

Seniors who have not yet done so are encouraged to submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or FAFSA. Ms. McKinery and Mr. Ashman are willing to help anyone with this process who needs it. You can access the FAFSA at: <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>

NWEA Testing

Students in grades K-8 recently completed their winter NWEA/MAP testing. You may have heard about this assessment from your child or his/her teacher. We administer this assessment in the fall, winter and spring to check student progress and to assess if we are providing each student with what he/she needs. Below is more information to help explain what the NWEA/MAP testing is all about, from NWEA.org. If you ever have questions regarding the testing, please contact your child's teacher.

How do schools and teachers use MAP Growth scores?

Teachers can use the score to inform instruction, personalize learning, and monitor the growth of individual students. Principals and administrators can use the scores to see the performance and progress of a grade level, school, or the entire district.

Can MAP Growth tell me if my child is working at grade level?

Yes, but please note that MAP Growth scores are just one data point that teachers use to determine how a student is performing.

Is MAP Growth a standardized test?

Unlike a standardized test, MAP Growth is administered periodically during the school year. Instead of asking all students the same questions, it adjusts to each child's performance—giving a more accurate measure of what they know. Teachers also receive results right away, which enables them to react more quickly.

What types of questions are on MAP Growth tests?

The MAP Growth tests include multiple choice, drag-and-drop, and other types of questions.

"Children learn better—and faster—when teachers have a clear picture of what each student knows and is ready to learn next" - Parent's Guide to MAP Growth

Promoting Social Skill Building and Positive Behavior

Our mission at the Middle School is to create a positive culture where people are valued, kindness matters and growth is celebrated. A team of MS staff is taking the current Growth Mindset Philosophy to the next level! A 7-member team has participated in trainings this year to bring the new PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) system to our Middle School. The team is learning what drives behavior and how to best intervene to promote desired behaviors. Our aim is to create, implement and reinforce consistent expectations throughout our school building, extending beyond our classroom walls.

Beginning in the fall of 2018, expect to see more information as we continue to create an environment where all students can be successful in and out of school.