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VOTER INFORMATION

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.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available. If you will be away or unable to be at the polls on Tuesday, March 26th, please request an application for an absentee ballot from the District Clerk. After receipt of the application, the ballot will be sent. All absentee ballots must be filed with the District Clerk by 5pm on the day of the election. If you have any questions regarding registration, eligibility to vote or absentee ballots, you may call Laurie Cooper, District Clerk, at 589-7100.

TRANSPORTATION VOTE WILL TAKE PLACE

Tuesday, March 26, 2019
S-VE High School Auditorium Lobby
12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
*Please bring valid ID



COMMUNICATION REGARDING TRANSPORTATION PROPOSITION

Dear Spencer-Van Etten Community,

On Tuesday, March 26, 2019 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 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 approximately 90% state aid on the purchase of buses.

The vote will take place on March 26 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 Jane St. Amour at 589-7105 or jstamour@gstbooces.org.

Respectfully,
Diahann Hesler, Superintendent

Two (2) 72-Passenger School Buses

Estimated Unit Price = \$117,184.23

Total Price for (2) = \$234,368.46

One (1) 66-Passenger Bus with Wheelchair Capability

Estimated Unit Price = \$129,632.61

Total Estimated Price for 2018-19 Bus Purchase = \$364,001.07

Trade-In Quotes

Bus	Quote
#152 2015 72-Passenger	\$38,000.00
#153 2015 66-Passenger	\$22,000.00
#155 2015 72-Passenger	\$38,000.00

TOTAL for all trades listed above = \$98,000.00

PROPOSITION I - TRANSPORTATION PROPOSITION

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$365,500 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?

Spencer-Van Etten Central School District

#SVEChoosesKind

The S-VE High School kicked off their “S-VE Chooses Kind” campaign for the month of February. Everyone was encouraged to be the best person they can be Every Day. Every Minute. Always.

The kindness initiative began by forming a group of students called “Kindness Ambassadors”. The Kindness Ambassadors, a mixed group of 9th-12th graders, met, defined and planned the kickoff for #SVEChoosesKind. This initiative began with the entire school viewing the movie Wonder together. Wonder showed us that everyone faces challenges and how critical kindness is in today’s world. It also demonstrated strength and perseverance that the main character exhibited to overcome the bullying he endured.

Showing kindness and respect can provide an incredible learning atmosphere. We also know that giving and receiving kindness can improve one’s physical and mental health. For these reasons, our Kindness Ambassadors believed that focusing on kindness for the month of February was important.

Students participated in a variety of activities throughout the month, planned by our Kindness Ambassadors. They started with writing their own precept, a motto or rule to live by, during advisory. They examined what they truly stand for and what guides them in their life. Additionally, students had an opportunity to leave positive and kind messages on peers’ lockers. They were challenged to perform random acts of kindness for both people they know and don’t know. They also discussed the power of hurtful words and the damage they cause.

Since viewing Wonder, students had the opportunity to purchase paper hearts and write positive messages on them. Our library windows are now lined with kindness. Each advisory nominated a charity to receive the proceeds from the heart message sale. Go to our website to find out who the winning charity was from all those submitted.

Together We Achieve... Promoting Kindness and Pride



5th & 6th Grade Chorus

Spencer-Van Etten Middle School 5th and 6th Grade Chorus worked from September through December to learn and polish a new composition by Jill Gallina titled, “Ugly Christmas Sweater.” A recording of the December performance was entered into a contest held by the composer. Our chorus was a winner in the national contest! We were praised by the composer for our outstanding performance and enthusiasm! We won a prize package allowing us to select some choral music for our school, along with some classroom teacher resources.

Together We Achieve... Inspiring Growth



4th Grade Poetry Night

4th grade students participated in a two month poetry unit where they read, analyzed, and wrote several poems modeled after established poets. Poems include examples of alliteration, anaphora, metaphors and similes, and extended metaphors. Students were able to truly express themselves through this unit and their creative sides really came out! They typed their poems and created their own book of poems. 4th grade poets had an open mic to share these creations with family and friends on February 28th in the elementary cafeteria.

Together We Achieve... Fostering Innovation

Strategic Plan

S-VE has partnered with BOCES to create a new Strategic Plan. Teams, composed of staff, community members and Board of Education members are focusing on 4 pillars centered on programming, facilities, technology and climate/culture. This plan will coordinate our initiatives for the next 5 years, as we evaluate what our students will need between the age when they enter school and when they graduate. Although the strategic plan will be a 5 year cycle, the vision will be looking at our kindergarteners to see what resources and skills they need upon their graduation in 2032 so that we cultivate future ready citizens that are creative and can problem solve.

Together We Achieve Excellence Beyond Expectations

Photos

The community is invited to submit photos of district sponsored events for consideration to be used on district publications. Those interested may submit up to four photos per event to sveinfo@svecsd.org.

Find us on

Website: www.svecsd.org

Twitter: @SpencerVanEtten

Facebook: Spencer-Van Etten Central School District

Adult Education Opportunity

Are you interested in a **High School Equivalency Diploma**? Good news! A class is now available at the Spencer-Van Etten High School.

Adult participants may begin at any time. Classes are held every Monday and Wednesday from 5-8pm at the S-VE High School Library. You do not have to be a Spencer-Van Etten resident to attend.

Call today (607)739-7684 or just show up. Feel free to bring a friend too!

This program is through Greater Southern Tier BOCES Adult Literacy.

Together We Achieve... Adult Education