



# The 2003-04 Proposed Budget

May 23, 2003

Dear Brighton School District Resident:

This newsletter for the community contains information about the Brighton School District 2003-04 Budget, as recommended by Dr. Henry J. Peris, Superintendent of Schools, and adopted by the Board of Education. It also contains information on the election of two members to the Brighton Board of Education and the votes to expend money from two existing Capital Reserve Funds.

Residents will vote on these proposals on Tuesday, June 3, 2003.

Our community has a strong commitment to education. In this regard, we continue to pursue the mission of the Brighton Central School District, to realize the high aspirations our community has for its children. The community support of our School District's mission is reflected in the many contributions made by community members to the tradition of excellence in our schools. The budget development process has provided the Board of Education with the opportunity to actively pursue the mission of the School District and to receive community input on the preliminary budget through ten school and community budget forums as well as public comment at the Board of Education budget meetings held this year.

The major proposal for your consideration is the 2003-04 school year budget. This proposal reflects the school aid figures adopted by unanimous vote in the State Senate and better than 2/3 majority in the State Assembly on May 15. The adoption of a State Budget provided school aid figures that enabled us to restore some of the items that we were forced to cut based on figures in the Governor's budget proposal. We believe our budget for 2003-04 strikes a good balance between expense/program reductions and tax rate growth in an effort to preserve what distinguishes a Brighton education. The 2003-04 budget reflects a 5.4% increase in operating expenditures that would result in an estimated 3.6% increase in the property tax rate.

In addition to the budget, there are three items for voters to decide on June 3:

- Elect two members to the Board of Education.
- Vote on Proposition 1, which would authorize expenditures for capital projects during 2003-04. Approval of Proposition 1 would not affect the budget or increase the tax rate.
- Vote on Proposition 2, which would authorize expenditures for technology improvements during 2003-04. Approval of Proposition 2 would not affect the budget or increase the tax rate.

In this newsletter, you will find details about all of these proposals and the estimated taxes and state aid needed to support the 2003-04 expenditure plan. Please call any member of the Board of Education or Dr. Henry Peris if you have any questions.

This budget proposal represents the thoughtful deliberation of your Board of Education, faculty, staff, school administrators, parents, and students. Please plan to vote on Tuesday, June 3 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Brighton High School, 1150 Winton Road South. Voting details are on the back cover. Your participation is important.

Thank you for your continuing interest in and support of Brighton Schools.



Sincerely,

#### **Brighton Board of Education**

Thomas B. Brigham, Jr., President Molly S. Panner, Vice President John C. Beisheim Bruce E. Gianniny Julene Gilbert

Marvin C. Sachs

Martha Sciremammano

The PTSA Festival of Ideas in March offered 48 workshops such as "Science Extravaganza" for children in grades 3-8. This annual event involves parents, staff, students and community members. For more photos, go to http://festival.bcsd.org.

## The School District

#### Who We Are

The Brighton Central School District is widely recognized for its outstanding programs, successful student body, interested parents and supportive community. The school district includes about 25,000 residents living in over 10,500 households.

Brighton's schools are organized on a districtwide basis so that all students at a given grade level attend the same school. The schools are Council Rock Primary School for kindergarten through grade two, French Road Elementary School for grades three to five, Twelve Corners Middle School for grades six through eight and Brighton High School for grades nine through twelve.

Enrollment has been increasing 2% annually over the past 10 years. The fall 2003 enrollment was 3,658 students. This figure includes students in K-12 classes as well as students with special learning needs for whom Brighton pays tuition in programs run by the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) and in private schools such as Mary Cariola Children's Center.

In addition to a comprehensive K-12 educational program, the District offers a continuing education program with three sessions each year, a Pre-School Parent Program, a Parent/Family Resource Center, a summer performing arts program, a summer school for elementary students with identified learning needs and a summer school for middle and high school students who need extra instruction to meet Regents requirements.

The District owns a vehicle maintenance facility on the high school campus plus two buildings that are not currently used for regular classes. The Twelve Corners Elementary building on Monroe Avenue houses administration offices, the Pre-School Parent Program, the Parent/Family Resource Center, three BOCES programs and a credit union, and the Brookside Elementary building on Idlewood Road houses the Brighton Recreation Department, State Education Department offices, a private school and a day care program. The income from the rented spaces helps support the school budget.

#### **District Mission**

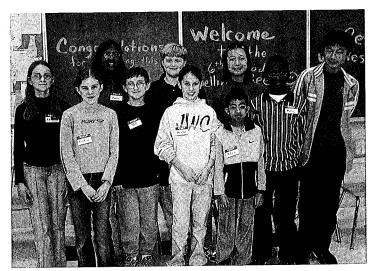
The District Mission and Vision adopted in 1996 are the foundations of the budget that is prepared each year. The mission states, in part:

The mission of the Brighton Central School District is to realize the high aspirations our community has for its children. We expect all students to achieve their full potential for personal development, educational success, and lifelong learning. We are committed to equipping students with knowledge, values, and skills that will enrich their lives and enable them to become responsible, contributing citizens of a changing global community.

## **Quality Indicators**

- Brighton students perform very well in the new state assessments given at designated grade levels as students progress through elementary, middle and high school. The large majority of our students meet or exceed the N.Y.S. Performance Standards. Our schools are deemed to far exceed the state standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.
- The average academic class size for all levels is 21 students.
- Brighton provides for support services to 401 students with learning disabilities attending Brighton Schools, BOCES and private/parochial schools.
- Last June, 259 students graduated from Brighton High School. Eighty-seven percent received Regents diplomas, and 95% continued on to study at colleges and universities.
- The average Verbal SAT score for the Brighton High School Class of 2002 was 589 compared to 494 in New York State and 504 nationally.
- The average Math SAT score for the Brighton High School Class of 2002 was 600 compared to 506 in New York State and 516 nationally.
- Brighton High School has seven Finalists and 15 Commended Students in the 2003 National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- Brighton High School offers 23 Advanced Placement (AP) courses each year. In 2002, 81% of the AP exams written by Brighton students were rated 3 or higher, the levels recognized for high achievement.
- In September 2002, *Worth* magazine named Brighton High School as one of the top 50 public "feeder" schools for Harvard, Yale and Princeton.

Brighton High School was ranked 11<sup>th</sup> in the United States in a study published in *Newsweek Magazine* on March 13, 2000. Public schools were ranked according to a ratio of the number of Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate tests taken by all students at the school in 1999 divided by the number of graduating seniors.



Good spelling is still in style! Finalists in the 6th grade spelling bee at Twelve Corners Middle School are proud of their accomplishments. The winner of the 7th and 8th grade spelling bee, Naomi Ashan, again placed 1st for all grades in the Regional Spelling Bee and won an all-expense paid trip for two to Washington, D.C. to compete in the National Spelling Bee.

## Foundations of the Budget

## **Budget Guidelines 2003-04**

The guidelines below were developed last September using a combination of the Consumer Price Index, projected student enrollment increases for 2003-04 and significant increases in some budget areas this current year.

- Meet all applicable mandates, health, safety and legal requirements
- Fulfill all contractual obligations
- · Support educational programs and services vital to successful implementation of the District mission and vision
- Identify alternative funding sources
- Consider K-5 Facilities Study recommendations
- Prepare the first draft of the 2003-04 budget with an increase of no more than 4.5% over the 2002-03 budget

## **Community Input**

During February and March, Dr. Peris worked with the Board, staff and community to reduce next year's preliminary projection of expenditures. The purpose was to strike a balance between reducing program/staff and increasing the tax rate. This work had to be done very thoughtfully in order to preserve what distinguishes a Brighton education while not overburdening the taxpayers. The District received input through a series of 10 broad-based community budget forums and seven Board of Education budget meetings.

## **Budget Initiatives**

The 2003-04 appropriation plan supports these initiatives:

- · A level of resources needed to support and maintain the high quality education this community has come to expect for its students
- · Five additional teachers to accommodate student enrollment growth and program needs
- The continuation of a summer school program for middle and high school students requiring remediation and additional learning time to meet the new graduation standards
- The continued support of information technology in the teaching learning process, with much of the support provided through an existing \$600,000 technology reserve fund

## **Operating More Efficiently**

The District continues to save money through the following efforts:

- · Cooperatively purchasing natural gas, food and supplies
- · Self-insuring for Workers' Compensation, dental insurance and health insurance indemnity plan
- · Cooperating with other school districts to transport students to programs located out-of-district
- Purchasing services through BOCES
- Renting out classroom space not currently needed
- Receiving grants to enhance the educational program

## Ten-Year Historical Review - Keeping Costs Down

This budget recommendation must not be viewed in isolation since it is connected with budgets from prior years as well as with anticipated educational needs that will impact future years' budgets. The following information provides an historical perspective of the District's budget efforts over 10 years, from 1992-93 to 2002-03:

- The Brighton School District's average annual budget increase has been 4.9%, the 2<sup>nd</sup> lowest in Monroe County.
- The Brighton School District invested \$6.9 million in capital improvements without incurring additional debt.
- The Brighton School District invested \$3.5 million in technology without incurring additional debt.
- The Brighton School District's average annual tax rate increase has been 3.3%. (An 8-year basis is used because tax rates changed when the Town of Brighton went to full value assessment.)
- The Brighton School District's cost per pupil dropped from 1<sup>st</sup> in 1992-93 to 6<sup>th</sup> in 2002-03 among 17 school districts.
- These statistics were realized during the same time period in which the Consumer Price Index increased an average of 2.8% each year, enrollment increased a total of 608 students (an average of 2% each year), and Brighton received the lowest amount of operating aid per pupil in Monroe County.

## Revenues and Expenditures

## Projected Revenues for 2003-04 are \$46,379,240 an increase of 5.4% over the 2002-03 budget.

- \$1,800,000 Sales Tax: This represents Brighton's share of sales tax collected in Monroe County. A 2.9% increase is projected.
  - **\$250,000 Investment Income:** The District invests funds received from all sources until they are needed for monthly operations. Investment income is expected to decrease 37.5% given current economic conditions.
  - **Rental Income:** The District receives income from renting most of the Brookside School building, a few rooms in the Twelve Corners Elementary building, two classrooms to BOCES in the middle school and two in the high school, and Town use of the new pool. Total rental income is increasing 10.8% due to leasing additional space in Brookside and a 3% increase in rental fees.
- \$1,180,500 Other Income: This category includes such items as revenues from tuition-paying students, adult education programs, payments in lieu of taxes, and reimbursement for health services the District provides to non-residents attending private and parochial schools in Brighton. This category is projected to increase 12.4%, mainly due to additional properties that are making payments in lieu of taxes.
  - **\$850,000 Fund Balance:** This category includes surplus revenues and under-expended appropriations from the current school year and is normally used to reduce the tax levy in the next school year. The fund balance is unchanged.
- **\$6,591,549 State Aid:** This category shows a budget-to-budget increase of \$390,549 (6.3% increase). Brighton's estimate of State Aid is conservatively based on the recently adopted State Budget.
- \$35,307,191 Property Levy: This category shows a 5.7% increase.

## Total Proposed Expenditures for 2003-04 are \$46,379,240 an increase of 5.4% over the 2002-03 budget.

- \$3,495,084 General Support: Among the many categories in this account are operations and maintenance, central printing, central media services, pupil services, legal services, etc. This category is up 2.6%. The operations and maintenance budget is \$1,622,114 or 46% of this total category, and District utility costs are 72% of the operations and maintenance budget. There is a \$30,000 increase in the budget for utility costs. District property and liability insurance has increased by \$16,680 or 16%. Tuition for students with disabilities placed in private schools remains at \$550,000. The cost for one student currently attending a Charter School is \$9,000.
- \$4,013,342 BOCES: The Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) is a cooperative arrangement to provide specialized services for 10 eastside school districts. This category is up by \$267,527 or 7.1%. The District is budgeting for two fewer students with disabilities, but the cost of related services for students with disabilities is up \$100,000. The District currently has 10 more students in the multi-occupational program than budgeted for this year, so the 10 are included in next year's budget. The cost of support services for students with disabilities attending Brighton Schools has increased \$64,557. The total also includes an increase of \$33,938 in transportation expenses for students with disabilities.
  - **\$827,737 School Budgets:** This category includes individual school budgets for textbooks, library books, field trips, equipment, supplies, etc. The allocation is on a per-pupil basis and is being held at the current year's level. The total increase of \$30,706 is based on an increase in enrollment.
    - **\$0** One-Time Expenditures: This allotment, which was \$22,000 this year, has been eliminated for next year, a 100% reduction.
- **\$24,458,676** Instructional & Support Personnel: This category represents the major part of expenditures. It is up 3.6% and includes all staff salaries based on contractual, negotiated increases. It includes an increase of 5 FTE (full-time equivalent) teachers due to increasing enrollment and program needs, reductions of .5 FTE for keyboarding at French Road and .5 FTE for staff development, and elimination of 1.3 FTE as the District moves toward a fee-based driver education program.
- **\$8,988,950 Benefits:** This category is up \$1,318,500 or 17.2%. This is due to a \$455,000 increase in health insurance plans, a \$795,500 increase in mandated Employee Retirement contributions and a \$42,000 increase in Social Security.
  - \$159,857 Interscholastic Sports: This category includes the interscholastic sports program for the high school and middle school. Overall costs are down \$483.
- \$1,786,854 Transportation: This includes the cost of transporting students to Brighton public schools as well as over two dozen private and parochial schools. This category will increase 1.2%, which reflects a transportation contract increase equal to the Consumer Price Index.
- **\$2,648,740 Debt Service:** This category includes interest and principal payments on construction bonds. The 6.7% decrease is primarily due to refinancing two bond issues at lower interest rates.

## **Budget Information**

#### The Budget Proposal

The budget proposal asks for voter approval to support a budget of \$46,379,240 to meet estimated expenditures for the 2003-04 school year. The chart below shows the impact on taxes.

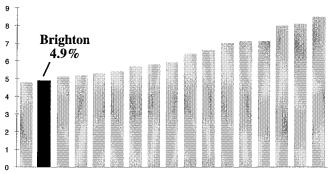
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\* This is the rate per \$1000 assessed value. The tax bill for an average home in Brighton valued at \$140,000 is \$3,289 this year. The estimated tax on this home under the proposed 2003-04 budget is \$3,409, a \$120 (3.6%) increase.

## Average Annual Budget Increases 1992-93 to 2002-03

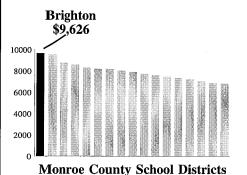
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#### Cost Per Pupil

1992-93



2002-03



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Brighton's cost per pupil has declined from first to sixth in Monroe County.

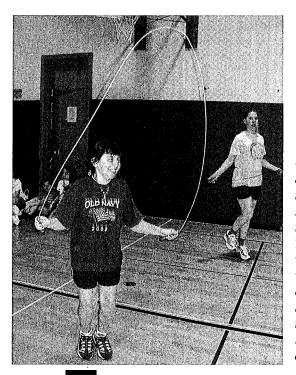
Over the past 10 years, **Brighton's spending** on a per pupil basis is \$301 below the increase in the Consumer Price Index.

## **Basic STAR Exemption Impact**

This chart shows the estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000). The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

	Budget Adopted for the 2002-03 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2003-04 School Year
Basic STAR tax savings	\$705	\$730
School tax increase (decrease)	\$24	\$86
Net Basic STAR tax savings	\$681	\$644

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2003-04 by the qualified voters of the Brighton Central School District, Monroe County, New York, will be held at Brighton High School in said district on Tuesday, June 3, 2003 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. prevailing time in the Brighton High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.



Over 500 French Road students jumped rope to raise money for the American Heart Association in the three-day Jump Rope-A-Thon in March. They worked for a good cause while learning that exercise and diet build healthy hearts. For five consecutive years, French Road raised the most money of all schools in the U.S.

## **Budget Information**

Three Part Budget Summary

	Adminis	tration		P	Program					
	Category	2002-03	2003-04	Category	2002-03	2003-04	Category			
1	Board of Education	\$34,534	\$36,286	Legal Services	\$45,464	\$45,680	Operation of Plant			
ı	Central Administration	159,470	170,647	Instruction	24,009,830	25,224,003	Maintenance of Plant			
l	Finance	680,874	674,047	Other Dist. Transpor	rtation 110,464	104,048	Employee Benefits			
۱	Legal Services	45,464	45,680	Contract Transportat	tion 2,025,707	2,093,597	Debt Service			
ı	Personnel	142,012	138,466	Community Services	s 1,800	4,600	TOTAL			
ı	Records Management	18,072	18,783	Employee Benefits	6,371,211	7,562,888				
١	Public Information	59,036	59,405	Transfer to Debt Ser	rvice 0	50,000				
l	Other Central Services	337,339	340,585	Other Transfers	40,000	0				
İ	Other Special Items	524,963	571,918	TOTAL	\$32,604,476	\$35,084,816				
١	Curriculum Development and Supervision	151,766	152,917		<b>‡</b>	Brighton Sc	chool District Vote			
ı	Supervision Regular Sch.	1,630,497	1,539,496		Â					
1	Research and Evaluation	153,133	154,158							
	Employee Benefits	757,593	821,748		U	<b>U</b> I'	<b>7</b>			

\$4,694,753 \$4,724,136

**TOTAL** 

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It's your opportunity.

Capital

2002-03

857,500

560,071

2,797,989

\$2,487,866 \$2,509,366

\$6,703,426 \$6,570,288

2003-04

838,386

623,796

2,598,740

## **Overall Budget Proposal**

	Budget Adopted for the 2002-03 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2003-04 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2003-04 School Year*
Total budgeted amount	\$44,002,655	\$46,379,240	\$44,844,536
Increase (decrease) for the 2003-04 school year		\$2,376,585	\$841,881
Percentage increase (decrease) in each proposed budget		5.4%	1.9%
Change in the consumer price index		1.6%	
Resulting est. property tax levy for the 2003-04 school year		\$35,307,191	\$33,772,487
Administrative component	\$4,694,753	\$4,724,136	\$4,568,239
Program component	\$32,604,476	\$35,084,816	\$33,922,828
Capital component	\$6,703,426	\$6,570,288	\$6,353,469

\*The contingency budget is based upon the following assumptions: Allowable increase of 1.92% by state law plus increases for expenses related to student enrollment and reduction in previously approved debt service expense. The actual appropriation under a contingency budget would be determined by the Board of Education should this become necessary.



Each year Brighton Central Schools hosts over two dozen programs for the community. Brighton senior citizens especially enjoy visits to the Home & Careers classes at Twelve Corners Middle School. In April, Jo Schalk and her students made biscotti (Italian cookies) and the seniors frosted them. Students served coffee and everyone enjoyed biscotti and conversation.

## **Board of Education Candidates for Two Seats**

#### Martha Sciremammano 18 Glenhill Drive, Brighton resident 17 years

Education: B.A. in Anthropology, University of Rochester Employment: Homemaker and community volunteer

Family: Husband - Frank, Daughter - Joie, Brighton graduate Class of 2001, now a sophomore at University of Maryland,

Son - Frank, a sophomore at Brighton High School

Community Activities: School Positions Held: Member, Brighton Board of Education, 2001-present; Trustee Brighton Education Fund, 2000-present; Two-year terms: PTSA Co-Chair at Council Rock Primary School (CRPS), Co-President of Brighton Central PTSA, PTSA Co-Chair at Brighton High School (BHS); PTSA Co-Representative to the Board of Education (6 years). Awards: New York State PTA Life Membership Award, Brighton Rotary Citizen of the Year 2002. School Events Chaired: Festival of Ideas (10 years), CRPS Community Service (5 years), Ice Cream Socials

and School Activity Nights, 8th Grade Closure Party, Newsletter Editor for Central PTSA; currently serving as Sophomore Class Liaison for Class of 2005, chairing BHS Springfest and editor for BHS Newsletter. District/School Committees: Served as parent representative on a variety of committees including District and School-Based Budget Advisory, Shared Decision Making, BHS School Review, Religion in our Schools focus group, BHS Student Policy, various sports Booster Clubs. School Board Representative to: Monroe County School Boards Association Information Exchange Committee, Curriculum Council, Central PTSA, District Election Committee, BHS Student Parking Committee. Service to Community: Past-president Evans Farm Neighborhood Association, Brighton Baseball Board (5 years), Girl Scout Leader (4 years)

Statement: It is an honor to serve as a member of the Brighton Board of Education. This volunteer commitment is a culmination of many years of service to our schools and community. Since our oldest child started school in 1987, volunteering has become a passion! Whether it's pitching in as a classroom helper, serving as parent member on committees, chairing Festival of Ideas, or overseeing Central PTSA as Co-President, each volunteer opportunity has taught me much about our school community. It is that diverse experience that helps me make thoughtful decisions as a member of our School Board.

We are all fortunate to live in a community where education is highly valued and appreciated. My priority is to continue the excellence that defines the Brighton School District, giving our children the knowledge, tools, and opportunities they need to become all that they can be. We must appreciate every child for who each is and all our children for what they bring to our schools. As a member of our Board of Education, I hope to continue to serve our district with the dedication and energy that I have shown for these many years.

### Thomas B. Brigham, Jr. 60 Indian Spring Lane, Brighton resident 19 years

Education: Marquette University, Bachelor of Arts Case Western Reserve University School of Law, J.D.

**Employment and Professional Memberships:** 1983-present, Vice President and Assistant General Counsel, JPMorgan Chase Bank Admitted to law practice in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio Monroe County Bar Association (Business Law Council) Family: Wife - Carolyn, speech and language therapist, Webster

School District, and community volunteer

Daughter - Courtney, Brighton graduate Class of 1992 Son - Matthew, Brighton graduate Class of 1995 Daughter - Molly, Brighton graduate Class of 1998

Community Activities: Brighton Board of Education, 1991-present East House Corporation, Past Chairman of the Board of Directors Brighton Youth Soccer, treasurer, coach 1984-87

Case Western Reserve University School of Law, alumni admissions representative and career counselor

Statement: The Brighton community, known for excellence as a tradition in its schools, is committed to providing the best possible educational program for its children within the means available to us. In facing this challenge, the historic partnership of parents, students, community members and staff continues to deal with very significant issues in the matters of increasing enrollment; the uncertainty of state aid year over year: developing annual budgets for programs and services along with managing the capital reserve funds; and ensuring the success of our general and special education programs, especially in light of increasing mandates and higher state standards and assessments. It is a privilege to serve our community as a member of the Brighton School Board and participate in this process. I look forward to an opportunity to deal with these many issues and serve the community through another term on the school board.

### Jaclyn Mutnick Richard 615 Eastbrooke Lane, Brighton resident 8 Years

Education: A.A.S., Hudson Valley Community College **Profession/Employment:** Dental Hygienist with 35 years experi-

Family: Son - Jacob, a sophomore at Brighton High School

Community Activities: Member, BHS Booster Club for the Performing Arts; member, Jewish Community Center Gala Steering Committee; member, Jewish Community Center Jewish Book Festival Committee; member, Temple Beth-El Education Committee

Statement: As a single, working mother, I believe I will bring a valuable perspective to the Board that mirrors many of Brighton's hardworking residents. While I think the Board has done a good job in difficult economic times, I will work tirelessly with the Board to assure that your school taxes are spent in a fair and disciplined manner without a negative effect on the quality of education. My enthusiasm, energy and ability to work cooperatively with others will help me make decisions that are in the best interests of both the students and the Brighton community. I will work hard to maintain the Brighton tradition of excellence in education. Please visit http:// www.VoteForJaclyn.com for more information.

## Voting Information

## Four Proposals on June 3, 2003 Ballot

#### BUDGET

The budget proposition would authorize the appropriation of \$46,379,240 to meet estimated school district expenditures for the 2003-04 school year. Approval of the budget would result in an estimated 3.6% increase in the property tax rate.

#### **BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION**

Voters will elect two members to the Board of Education. There are three candidates, whose names will appear on the ballot in the following order: Martha Sciremammano, Thomas B. Brigham, Jr. and Jaclyn Mutnick Richard. Voters may also write in names.

#### PROPOSITION #1

Capital Reserve Fund (General) Withdrawal

This proposition would authorize the withdrawal of \$1,104,000 for capital improvements to include gym roof replacement and carpet and tile replacement at Brighton High School; library roof replacement and masonry restoration at Twelve Corners Middle School; playground replacement and gym air handler replacement at French Road Elementary School; and electrical upgrade, emergency generator installation and 1956 roof replacement at Council Rock Primary School. Approval of this proposition would not increase the budget or tax rate.

#### **PROPOSITION #2**

Capital Reserve Fund (Technology) Withdrawal

This proposition would authorize the withdrawal of \$600,000 for technology to include a computer for each teacher's use at TCMS and BHS, new student management software, networking, website improvements, training and a digital media wireless lab at Twelve Corners Middle School. Approval of this proposition would not increase the budget or tax rate.



The Girls' Varsity Soccer Team makes an entrance during the Homecoming Pep Rally this fall. The team is one of the District's 78 interscholastic sports teams for grades 7-12. Each year about 1,300 students participate in this interscholastic program.

#### **Annual Budget Hearing**

Tuesday, May 27, 2003, 7:30 p.m., Brighton Administration Building, 2035 Monroe Avenue. Televised on Cable 12.

#### When and Where to Vote

Tuesday, June 3, 2003, 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m., Brighton High School, 1150 Winton Road South, Rochester, NY. Handicapped accessible.

#### **Voter Qualifications**

- You must be a resident of the school district for at least 30 days immediately preceding the vote.
- You must be at least 18 years of age.
- You must be a citizen of the United States.
- You need **one proof of residency** such as a driver's license or non-driver's ID.
- You don't need to be registered!

#### **Absentee Ballots**

Absentee ballots are available to qualified school district voters. If you need an absentee ballot, please call Pat Sullivan, District Clerk, at 242-5080, e-mail her at pat\_sullivan@bcsd.org or visit her at 2035 Monroe Avenue, Rochester, NY 14618.

#### **Additional Information**

- Proposed budget details are available in the Brighton Memorial Library and all school offices, including the District Business Office, 2035 Monroe Avenue.
- Call 242-5089 if you have budget questions.
- A one-hour video on the budget will be broadcast on Brighton Cable 12 on the following schedule:
  - May 27 9:30 a.m., 2:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
  - May 28 8:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m.
  - May 29 7:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 7:30 p.m.
  - May 30 10:00 a.m., 6:00 p.m., 9:00 p.m.
  - May 31 Noon, 8:00 p.m.
  - June 1 Noon, 8:00 p.m.
  - June 2 8:00 a.m., Noon, 5:00 p.m, 8:00 p.m., 10:00 p.m.
  - June 3 7:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., Noon, 2:00 p.m.,

5:00 p.m.

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