EAST BLOOMFIELD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE OF ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD ELECTION

NOTICE IS GIVEN that the election of two members of the Board of Education of the District and the vote upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of the District during the ensuing school year and authorizing the levy of taxes will be conducted at the District's Operations Center located at **1 Oakmount Ave., Bloomfield, NY**, from **7:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.**

AND NOTICE IS GIVEN that voting upon the propositions hereinafter set forth shall also take place at said meeting:

LIBRARY TAX PROPOSITION Shall the Board of Education of the East Bloomfield Central School District levy and collect a tax, pursuant to Education Law \$ 259, in the sum of \$184,295 (which is an **increase of \$4,495** from the tax levy currently in effect for the Bloomfield Public Library of \$179,800) for the continuing support and maintenance of the free library services offered to District residents by the Bloomfield Public Library.

NOTICE IS GIVEN that at the May 17, 2022 election, voters shall elect two (2) members of the Bloomfield Public Library Board of Trustees for three-year terms, commencing July 1, 2022.

Candidates on the ballot for re-election: Sara Turnbull Carey Lynn Richards

Also available: Two blank lines for casting a vote for two (2) write-in candidates

Bloomfield Public Library Budget Fact Sheet

The Bloomfield Public Library is asking residents of the Bloomfield Central School District to vote on the library's 2022-2023 funding. The library is asking to approve a \$184.295 tax levy.

The Library Budget Resolution will appear on the same ballot as the Bloomfield Central School District budget. This represents an increase of \$4,495 over the base amount of \$179,800 that was approved by voters in 2021.

The Board of Trustees continues to carefully monitor library expenses and revenue. Funding increases are largely driven by mandated minimum wage increases and cost-of-living adjustments to salaries and benefits.

The Bloomfield Public Library is an essential community resource and learning center offering access to digital services people rely on. Library services improve community literacy. Preschoolers learn early-reading skills. Children and teens use the library to complete homework and school projects. People without internet access can use the library's computers for such things as information searches, job applications, tax form completion, applications for health insurance, and print documents.

Here are some facts from 2020-2021 of how the Bloomfield Public Library was enjoyed by the community:

22,110 items were borrowed.

- The library added 801 new items, bringing a total collection of 20,0007.
- 7,102 digital items were borrowed.
- 3,827 items were sent to other OWWL libraries.
- 4,352 items were borrowed from other OWWL libraries.
- 1,464 people held a Bloomfield Library card.
- 57 new users signed up for a library card.
- 11,561 people walked through the library door.
- 1,503 public computer sessions took place on the library's public access computer stations.
- 81 Recorded programs were posted online.
- 14 in-person programs were done with a total attendance of 216.

The library was open on average 41 hours per week, for a total of 2,015 hours for the year.

If the vote passes, what can be expected?

The library will continue to purchase new materials, including best sellers, movies, ebooks, Young Adult and Children's materials, and magazines.

The library will be able to expand program offerings, events, and classes.

The library will maintain the current level of computer and internet access, tutoring, and meeting room availability.

The library will continue to collaborate with school and community organizations.

If the vote fails, what can be expected?

The library will offer fewer new materials including books, ebooks, movies, etc.

The library's service hours may be reduced.

Programming events and classes may be reduced.

Important information about the vote:

The library's budget and Board of Trustees elections will occur on **Tuesday May 17, 2022 from 7 am to 8 pm** at the District's Operations Center located at 1 Oakmount Ave, Bloomfield, NY, for qualified voters of the East Bloomfield Central School District, Ontario County, New York.