

Bainbridge Free Library

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Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 10-5, and Saturday 10-1

February 21, 2023

Board of Education
Timothy R. Ryan, Superintendent
Bainbridge-Guilford Central School
18 Juliand Street
Bainbridge, NY 13733

Dear Mr. Ryan & Members of the Board of Education:

The Trustees of the Bainbridge Free Library request that, pursuant to Section 259 of New York State Education Law, the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District Board of Education place the following proposition on the ballot for the voters at the May, 2023 School District election:

Resolved, that pursuant to Education Law, Section 259, the Board of Education of the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District is authorized to levy and collect an annual tax, year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$80,000.00, which shall be paid to the Bainbridge Free Library for the support and maintenance of the library; with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District.

The above request is prompted by our desire to comply with the Board of Regents policy that urges public libraries to shift tax support from general appropriations by towns and villages to a direct public vote. This shift will reduce town and village appropriations for library services and provide taxpayers with an opportunity to vote on how their local public library is financially supported.

If the vote is successful, our library will be able to continue focusing on the importance of early literacy development, be a source for life-long learning, and grow with our community.

We would be happy to provide you with additional information or respond to any questions you may have regarding the above.

Sincerely,


David Lieb

President, Board of Trustees
Bainbridge Free Library

Information pertaining to the Bainbridge Free Library seeking stable funding:

-The Trustees of the Bainbridge Free Library are preparing to request, pursuant to Section 259 of New York State Education Law, that the Bainbridge-Guilford Central School District Board of Education place a funding proposition on the May 2023 ballot.

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-If the vote is successful, our library will be able to continue serving our community with the resources and services we have provided as well as increase our services in accordance with our long-range plan. Also, we will be able to sustain the un-funded mandate from the State requiring our collection of titles be fully digitized into an online catalog available for borrowers throughout the Four County Library System.

-Currently there are 31 of the 42 libraries in our Four County Library System that have successfully gained the much needed support from their voters with this way of public funding. Also, more than 50% of public libraries in the United States are funded in this manner.

-The Bainbridge Free Library is proposing to request the amount of \$80,000 of public funding. Below is the estimated tax impact:

Library tax at \$80,000

Tax impact on home assessed value:

\$50,000 = \$21.18 additional tax per year

\$100,000 = \$56.36 additional tax per year

\$150,000 = \$84.53 additional tax per year

-The Bainbridge Free Library is the oldest operating library in Chenango County. Since 1908, the library has stood as an important hub in our community. As a testament to our library's valued role in the community, our number of patrons and new library users continues to grow. The library's book use (circulation) has increased greatly, over the past five years, from 2,487 books borrowed in 2017 to 5,058 books borrowed in our current Annual Report to the NY State Library Association.

-With this stable funding, we look forward to continuing our focus on the importance of early literacy development, being a source for life-long learning, and growing with our community.

Proposition for the School District ballot

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Signature	Printed Name	Address	Date
	MARTIN H. BAKER	5 GREENLAWN AVE.	2/17/23
	EVELYN S. BAKER	5 GREENLAWN AVE.	2-17-23
	Susan Pixley	182 Cooper Schoolhouse Rd	2-17-23
	Rhonda Stearns	6011 SEARLES WILK RD	2/17/2023
	Sue Fletcher	2492 State Hwy 7	2/17/2023
	JENNIFER Lambrecht	39N Main St Bainbridge	2/18/2023
	ED GORTON	18 Bixby St.	2/18/23
	Lori M. Davidson	19 Greenlawn Ave	2/18/23
	Michael L Davidson Jr	19 Greenlawn Ave	2/18/23
	Jessica Chambers	118 Town Line Rd	2/18/23
	Kathleen Barnard	113 Paddock Park	2/18/23
	Deborah E. Loya	64 W. Main St.	2/21/23
	Brenda L. PARSONS	122 Acrost Dr.	2/21/23
	Paul Cliffe	31 Kirby St.	2-21-23
	Kailey Harris	309 Corbin rd	2-21-23

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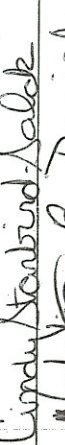










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	Cathy Sperrick	111 Crest Dr	2/14/23
	Penny Felt	113 Crest Dr	2/14/23
	Ernest R. Whitacre	107 Crest Drive	2/14/23
	Matthew Hinchey-Carforti	121 Crest Dr	2/14/23
	Lewis Whitney	127 Crest Dr	2/14/23
	Beverly Whitney	127 Crest D	2/14/23
	Erik Barnard	37 Pearl St	2/14/23
	Arie Mykawa	8 Juliana St.	2/14/23
	DAVID SPERRICK	928 SABLES HILL RD	2/14/23
	William Sperrick	111 Crest Dr.	2/14/23
	Beverly Pearson	4 Scott St.	2/15/23
	Zane Haberman	108 Crest Dr.	2/15/23
	RONALD HABERMAN	108 CREST DR	2/15/23
	Sandra Hancock	163 Marykone Lane	2-15-23
	WILLIAM BUTLER	104 CREST DR.	2-15-23
	Cynthia L. Butler	104 Crest Dr	2-15-23

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	Dolores Nabinger	154 Hillside Acres	2/15/23
	Louise G. Witham	63 N Main St	2/15/23
	Stephen A. Witham Jr	63 N Main St	2/15/23
	Kathleen S. Haddad	60 N. Main St.	2/15/23
	DAVIS PARSONS	34 W. Kirby St	2/15/23
	DORIS PARSONS	8 EVANS STREET	2/15/23
	Cindy Starbird-Salak	13 Evans Street	2/15/23
	Natalie B. Daniels	16 Evans Street	2/15/23
	Violet Wade	6 Evans Street	2/15/23
	John L. Glina	1795 CR 39 # B	2/16/23
	Amber L. Northrup	950 County Rd. 39	2/16/23
	June White	242 Mt. Pleasant Dr.	2/16/23
	John W. Payne	1 Poyner St. Bainbridge	2/16/23
	Robin M. Haddad	148 Lyon Rd Bainbridge	2/16/23
	Robert D. Smith	54 Kirby St. B-Bridge	2/16/23
	Philip C. Wade	6 Evans, B.B.	2-16-23

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	Michelle Gifford	2587 State Hwy 7, Bain.	2/15/23
	Ashlyn Oviemet	86 Acty Rd 38, Bain	2/15/23
	Jennifer Neubauer	187 Elm Dr Bainbridge	2/15/23
	Eric Tomp	145 Highland Ave Bainbridge	2/15/23
	Phyllis Arnold	134 Aery Lane Ln	2/15/23
	Grace Arner	208 Onty Rt 38	2/15/23
	Lance Maesen	208 Onty Rt 38	2/15/23
	Tolu Lewis	157 Co Rd 38 Bainbridge	2/15/23
	Martha B Dibbell	3 Erens St Bainbridge	2/16/23
	Justin A Parsins	4589 B SR 206 Bainbridge	2/16/23
	Janet L M Donough	6 Forest Ave Bainbridge	2/21/23
	Albert Getz	415 Main, Bainbridge	2/21/23
	C. Dean Oliver	246 Dingham Hill Rd.	2/21/23
	Amy B Bookhout	55 W Main St	2/21/23
	Leon Pearsall	4500 H St, Bainbridge	2/21/23

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	DAVID J. LIEB, JR.	49 N MAIN ST BAINBRIDGE	14 FEBRUARY 2023
	Joan S. Lieb	49 W. Main St. Bainbridge	02-15-2023
	Janie Lieb	100 36 Kirby St	2-20-2023
	Magnus Erhardt	36 Kirby St, Bainbridge	2-20-2023
	Thombs Lieb	21 Jericho rd, Bainbridge	2-21-2023
	Tim Hackett	24 DENO ST. BAIN	2-21-2023
	JAY Campbell	24 PEARL ST Bainbridge	2-21-2023
	ALICE LIEB	48 S. MAIN AVE BAINBRIDGE	2-21-2023
	MELVINA TAFF	60 SAUNDERS DR BAIN	2-21-23
	Mary N Drachler	4 Newton Town Rd, Bainbridge	2-21-23
	Georgetta West	15 Newton Ave, Bainbridge	2/21/23
	Eileen Reynolds	454 Ives Settlement Rd BAIN	2/21/23