

# SCHOOL DISTRICT OF HORICON

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## 2018 State of the School District Address

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### Rich Appel, Horicon District Administrator

Good evening, I'd like to share with you the state of affairs for the School District of Horicon.

The School District of Horicon has remained fiscally responsible as we work to provide opportunities for our students to grow and excel through our curriculum and extracurricular activities. We continue to operate with decreased resources, and increased accountability for students, employees, and school operations. We continue to forge on with a positive approach as we evaluate ourselves, our programs and set goals for continuous improvement.

The school district has so many incredible opportunities that are before us thanks to the generous support of our community with the passing of the referendum last April. This gift and vote of support for our district is something that we must insure that we do right! We have the opportunity to complete this project with a state of the art facility that will support our families and community for decades to come. Last year I stated that we needed to work on updating and addressing our facility needs so that we could provide for our students and families state of the art schools that would help make the School District of Horicon as the district others want to attend. As a staff we continue to work on making Horicon a school district that others seek to attend. We must provide competitive programs that will have students and families wanting to be a part of our programs. We continue to go down the road to make this a reality.

Our proposed budget this year will see the anticipated change that we stated would happen prior to the referendum with a slight increase change in our overall tax impact from recent years. Last year's mill rate was 10.01. We are proposing a mill rate of 10.92 for this year.

I want to thank our employees for their continued dedication to the children of the School District of Horicon. Their commitment and dedication is evident every day and their efforts to help our students find their gifts makes me proud to be leading this district. The journey and demands of our profession are great, but not nearly as great as the rewards when we see the successes and growth of each child.

I'd like to thank the entire Horicon community for the contributions you have made in keeping the School District of Horicon a great place to raise and educate children. I'm honored and excited to be given the trust and responsibility of the position of being your Superintendent and I give you my pledge to daily do whatever it takes to support the programs, staff and students of this district for their own success.

I am proud to be a Marshmen! Horicon Strong – ONE TEAM  
Thank you.



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