



# Bloomfield Public Library

## Proposition Explained

This year, the Bloomfield Public Library will be asking voters of the Bloomfield Central School District to vote on a proposition that will create equitable funding and governance across the school district. In the first section below is the proposition as it will appear on the ballot (vote date T.B.D.). This is followed by an explanation of the different parts of the proposition. For more information about the vote visit <http://bloomfieldpubliclibrary.org/vote>.

### 1. WHAT IS THE PROPOSITION?

QUESTION: Shall the Bloomfield Public Library be permanently established as a school district library for the benefit and free use of all residents of the Bloomfield Central School District, such library to have seven Library Board Trustees, elected by the voters of the School District for terms of up to five years, and be authorized to raise \$165,000, separate and apart from the annual School District budget, to support and maintain such library, said appropriation to be raised annually by a tax upon the taxable property of said School District, to be an annual appropriation thereafter until changed by further vote of the majority of voters of the Bloomfield Central School District, and to be levied and collected yearly as are other general taxes, and shall the current \$10,000 annual appropriation of the Bloomfield Central School District to the existing Bloomfield Public Library be eliminated?

### 2. WHAT DOES THE PROPOSITION MEAN?

QUESTION: Shall the Bloomfield Public Library be permanently established as a school district library for the benefit and free use of all residents of the Bloomfield Central School District,

- *The library's funding and governance will follow the boundaries of the Bloomfield Central School District.*

such library to have seven Library Board Trustees, elected by the voters of the School District for terms of up to five years,

- *Any eligible school district resident can run for election as a trustee to help make decisions for the library. The terms of elected trustees will be up to five years.*

**and be authorized to raise \$165,000, separate and apart from the annual School District budget, to support and maintain such library,**

- *All Bloomfield Central School District properties would be taxed equitably to fund the library (approximately \$0.39 / assessed \$1,000).*

**said appropriation to be raised annually by a tax upon the taxable property of said School District, to be an annual appropriation thereafter until changed by further vote of the majority of voters of the Bloomfield Central School District, and to be levied and collected yearly as are other general taxes,**

- *Library tax, while separate from the school's budget, will appear annually as a separate line on the school tax bill distributed in August/September. Town taxes will no longer be used toward funding the library's budget.*
- *School District residents will need to vote on future changes to the library's budget*

**and shall the current \$10,000 annual appropriation of the Bloomfield Central School District to the existing Bloomfield Public Library be eliminated?**

- *The \$10,000 the library currently collects from the school district will be discontinued.*