

Letter: Saugerties school budget vote result misleading



Dear Editor:

Saugerties school district Superintendent Kirk Reinhardt thanked the community for "a nearly 76% approval" of the proposed school budget.

That's very nice, but it's also very misleading. Maybe 76% of those who voted approved of it, but that certainly does not reflect true approval.

Here are more realistic numbers: There are a total of 15,625 registered voters in the Saugerties Central School District, but only 1,049 voted (about 6.7%); of those, 790 voted for the budget.

Let's face it, the majority of nonvoters don't turn out because they feel that it is an exercise in futility.

It would be more accurate to say, "Of the 6.7% of eligible voters, nearly 76% approved of the budget; the other 93.3% (14,576), or the majority of them, either don't approve or don't care." It would also be more accurate to say, "Out of all eligible voters, only 5% came out to show their approval for the budget."

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