



VOTE

TUESDAY MAY 16

11 a.m.-8 p.m.

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BUDGET SUMMARY

- Proposed budget of \$54,509,530
- **Estimated 0% tax levy increase (below 1.39% tax cap)**

WHERE TO VOTE

DISTRICT 1:

City of Hudson –
Hudson Central Fire
Station (77 North Seventh
Street, Hudson)

DISTRICT 2:

Greenport, Stottville/
Stockport, Ghent –
Greenport Community
Center (500 Town Hall
Drive, Hudson)

DISTRICT 3:

Claverack, Livingston,
Taghkanic – A.B. Shaw
Fire House (67 NY-23,
Claverack)

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HUDSON Highlights

Educationally Sound & Fiscally Responsible

The proposed spending plan for the 2023-24 school year would continue providing students with the educational opportunities, extracurricular activities and social-emotional supports that are currently available and more.

“This is a fiscally responsible spending plan that allows us to sustain and enhance the school environment and provide even more student opportunities for our school community,” said Dr. Lisamarie Spindler, Superintendent.

The \$54,509,530 budget proposal includes sustainment of programs. The estimated tax levy increase is **0%**, which is below the District’s maximum allowable increase (or tax cap) of 1.39% calculated under New York State’s property tax cap law. This amounts to \$346,782 in annual savings for taxpayers.

The proposed budget maintains varied opportunities for students to achieve academic success and become future ready. Examples include 45+ high school electives and college credit-bearing courses, as well as career and technical education programs through a partnership with Questar III BOCES.

The 2023-24 budget highlights the ever-present effort to maximize the skills and characteristics possessed by district staff to close the budget gap and reallocate funds to provide programs that will enhance the overall learning experience for all scholars.

Sustaining and building upon academic programs such as Project Lead the Way at Hudson Junior High School, the agricultural program and the art and music departments in both buildings is highlighted in this year’s budget. Creating engaging, hands-on learning experiences where students can develop knowledge and skills in high-demand fields such as engineering, architectural design, biomedical science and discover passions in the arts are direct results.

Additionally, the proposed budget would introduce the offering of Physics at the Senior High School, acceleration of Earth Science and Algebra in the Junior High School and maintain the presence of several Advanced Placement courses. The budget would also expand opportunities in mathematics throughout the district. The intensified

focus with the addition of a “Math Coach” and an updated curriculum will strengthen the program from all angles.

“Providing a new model for our mathematics program, along with designating a staff member to specialize in assisting the growth of scholars in this subject, is a crucial step for the district to improve academic outcomes and expand learning opportunities,” said Dr. Spindler.

In the 2022-23 school year, additional funding allowed the launch of the Bluehawk Academy for students in grades 7-12. Led by the dedicated trio of a guidance counselor, career restorative justice specialist and a social worker hired by the District, scholars who applied to be a part of the first cohort of the Bluehawk Academy are working diligently to pursue passions and interests while being exposed to potential career paths and advice from local businesses and mentors.

The Afterschool Program (ASP) continues to prove to be a vital resource for District families. While the salary of the program director, the student helpers, and part of the salary for the Writing Center Coordinator will all come from the 21st Century Community Learning Center partial grant award the District received, transportation will be covered by District funds.

This year’s \$100,000 Capital Project will focus on prioritizing security doors and upgrading HVAC components at Montgomery C. Smith Elementary School. A reminder that this will be paid for by budgetary funds that will be reimbursed to the district in the following year as a Capital Outlay Project.

In school safety and security, the District is in the process of hiring additional staff in security and monitor roles and is collaborating with New York State Police in linking door access and upgrading the software for door access during lockdown scenarios. Along with these developments, the District is concentrating on securing a new enhanced Security Camera System Software Program and new servers, enhancing procedures in buildings through the SchoolGate Guardian Visitor Management System and planning for more efficient communication through the wireless and telephone systems.



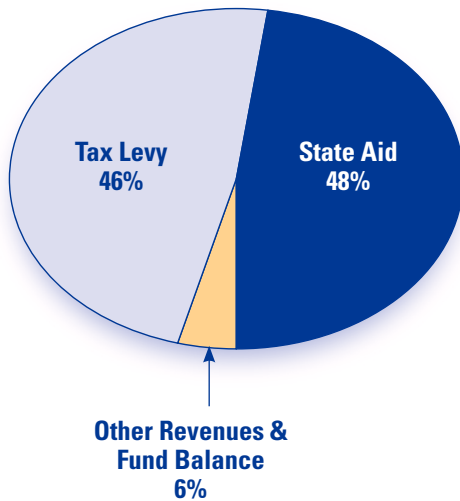
Three Saturday Academy sessions for scholars and their parents/guardians were held in the 2022-23 school year, and the District looks to build upon its community networking and exposure to new fields and activities heading into the 2023-24 school year. With dozens of community partners engaging, instructing and interacting with our scholars and their guardians, the District aims to expand learning opportunities with the school community.

REVENUES: Where money comes from to pay for Hudson City Schools

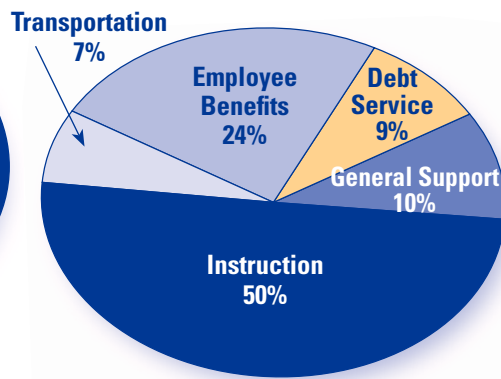
Revenue Source	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Change (\$)	Change (%)
Tax Levy	\$24,958,851	\$24,958,851	\$0	0.00%
Projected State Aid	26,092,932	26,333,754	\$204,822	0.92%
Utility Tax*	600,000	600,000	0	0.00%
Reimbursements & Misc.	1,130,000	1,245,000	115,000	10.18%
Rents, Tuition, PILOTS	243,241	232,609	-10,632	-4.37%
Assigned Fund Balance	1,100,000	1,139,316	39,316	3.57%
Grand Totals	\$54,125,024	\$54,509,530	\$384,506	0.71%

*Small City School Districts are eligible to receive a percentage of telephone, gas & heating fuel costs collected by the utilities.

Revenues



Expenses



EXPENSES: How money is spent at Hudson City Schools

Expense Category	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Change (\$)	Change (%)
General Support	\$ 4,876,680	\$ 5,226,333	\$ 349,653	7.17%
Instruction	27,349,208	27,334,791	-14,417	-0.05%
Transportation	3,774,000	4,064,000	290,000	7.68%*
Employee Benefits	12,976,058	12,808,700	-167,358	-1.29%
Debt Service	5,149,078	5,075,706	-73,372	-1.42%
Grand Totals	\$52,125,024	\$54,509,530	\$384,506	0.71%

*This is due to increased transportation needs for special education students placed out-of-district, as well as the Consumer Price Index.

**For \$100,000 Capital Outlay Project at MCSES to be paid with fund balance (see pg. 1)



The Hudson City School District announced the launch of the Bluehawk Academy on Feb. 1, 2023, a pilot school within the Hudson Junior/Senior High School designed to emphasize the strengths and interests of students to prepare them for the real world. "The program will be centered around generating employability, establishing work ethic and developing life skills and techniques to become successful in life after high school," Superintendent Dr. Lisamarie Spindler said.

THREE-PART BUDGET

By law, school districts must divide their budget into three components—program, administrative and capital—and compare them to amounts from the previous year. Hudson's three-part budget breaks down as follows:

Program	2022-23	2023-24
Amount	\$36,599,549	\$37,020,193
% of total	67.6%	67.9%

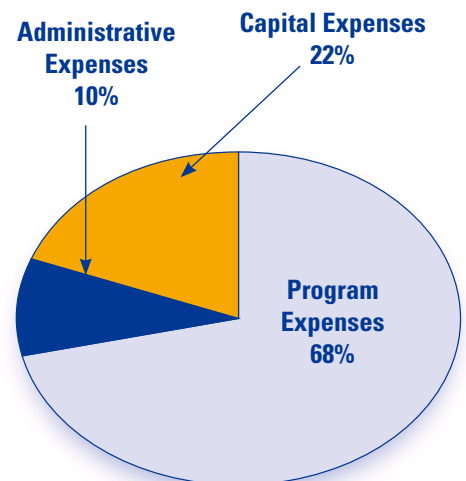
Program costs include the salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff delivering pupil services (including library, guidance, health, social work, speech therapy and athletics); also textbooks, instructional materials, equipment, extracurricular student activities, BOCES program costs, and transportation costs.

Administrative	2022-23	2023-24
Amount	\$5,258,180	\$5,367,111
% of total	9.7%	9.9%

Administrative costs include the salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff; public information and printing; insurance costs; legal and auditing expenses; and Board of Education expenses.

Capital	2022-23	2023-24
Amount	\$12,267,295	\$12,122,226
% of total	22.7%	22.7%

Capital costs include the salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial staff; plus debt service, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs, operation and maintenance costs, and utilities.



HUDSON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$54,125,024	\$54,509,530	\$ 54,221,780
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$384,506	\$96,756
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.71 %	.002%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$24,958,851	\$24,958,851	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	N/A	N/A	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	N/A	N/A	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	N/A	N/A	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$24,958,851	\$24,958,851	\$ 24,958,851
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$935,259	\$935,259	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$24,651,505	\$24,651,505	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$24,023,592	\$24,023,592	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$627,913	\$627,913	
Administrative Component	\$ 5,258,180	\$ 5,367,111	\$ 5,338,779
Program Component	\$ 36,599,549	\$ 37,020,193	\$ 36,824,767
Capital Component	\$ 12,267,295	\$12,122,226	\$ 12,058,234
Under a contingency budget, no equipment or student supplies can be purchased, including athletic equipment/uniforms, buildings & grounds purchases, and classroom equipment. Public use of facilities by outside groups, regardless of affiliation, must be charged a fee to cover ALL expenses related to usage. This includes the pool and fitness center, playing fields, and building space. Field trips not part of the instructional program cannot be provided unless self-funded. Non-instructional employees, not in a collective bargaining unit, cannot receive a salary increase. Public relations firms and publications used to assist the district in promoting its image cannot be funded.			

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$ 409

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Hudson City School District, Columbia County, New York, will be held at Hudson Central Fire Station, Greenport's Community Center, and AB Shaw firehouse in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 11:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

What if I have more questions?

Get more details at www.hudsoncsd.org/budget or call the Business Office at 518-828-4360 x2100.

What if the budget is defeated?

If the proposal is voted down, the District may resubmit the original budget or submit a revised budget to voters on June 20. If the revised proposal is not approved, the Board must adopt a contingency budget. Under a contingency budget, the District may not increase the tax levy over the prior year. Each program and department would be reviewed to eliminate non-mandated expenses for next year (e.g., extracurricular activities, field trips, sports, staff positions, and non-mandated academic programs or electives).



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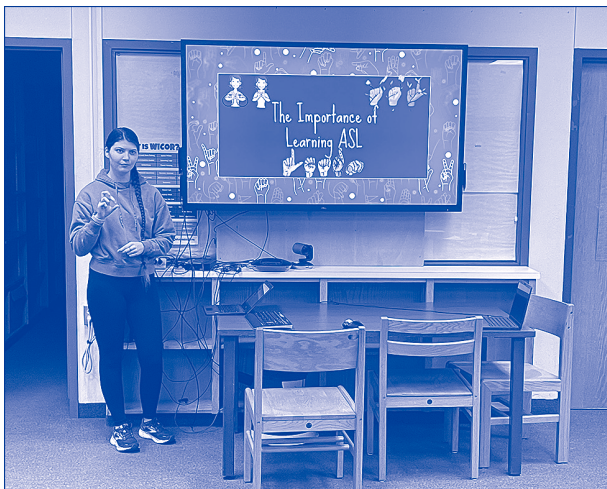
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ESTIMATED TAX IMPACT – This table shows the estimated tax impact of the proposed budget based on an assessed home value of \$100,000. To determine the annual tax difference based on a home value of \$150,000, multiply the amount in the “Difference” column by 1.5. For an assessed home value of \$200,000, multiply the “Difference” amount by 2, and so on.

Town	Annual Taxes (2022-23)	Annual Taxes (2023-24)*	Annual Difference*	Monthly Difference*
Claverack	\$1,255.74	\$1,255.74	\$0.00	\$0.00
Ghent	\$1,460.16	\$1,460.16	\$0.00	\$0.00
Greenport	\$1,321.84	\$1,321.84	\$0.00	\$0.00
Hudson	\$1,321.83	\$1,321.83	\$0.00	\$0.00
Livingston	\$1,744.08	\$1,744.08	\$0.00	\$0.00
Stockport	\$1,744.08	\$1,744.08	\$0.00	\$0.00
Taghkanic	\$1,443.35	\$1,443.35	\$0.00	\$0.00

**Based on the proposed 0% tax levy increase. Figures are estimates and subject to change based on STAR exemptions, changes in assessed and full values, and equalization rates.*



Looking to make an impact in our diverse community, several Hudson Senior High School students recently delivered New York State Seal of Biliteracy presentations in front of a panel of judges representing the high school. The New York State Seal of Biliteracy (NYSSB) recognizes students from district, charter, and non-public schools who have attained a high level of proficiency in two or more world languages (one of which must be English) by high school graduation.

ON THE BALLOT

NOTE: The ballot has two sides, a front and a back. When at the polls, please remember to complete both sides and select board candidates on the back of the ballot before casting your vote.

BUDGET PROPOSAL: Voters will decide on a 2023-24 school budget in the amount of \$54,509,530.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION: Voters will elect candidates to fill two open seats on the Board of Education. Both seats are full three-year, unpaid terms (July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026). Voters may select listed candidates or write-in candidates.

To learn about the candidates, visit www.hudsoncsd.org/budget. (Due to the NYSED legal timeline for Small City School Districts, a list of candidates was unavailable at the time of printing.)