



# Highlights

## SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

Dear Community Member,

It has been a momentous year for the Harrison Central School District. Our children continue to attain unprecedented academic milestones, our faculty remain at the top of their profession, and our district has received repeated recognition for excellence in financial management. We are proud of our accomplishments and the role every member of our learning community has played in that success.

**In October, our community overwhelmingly approved a comprehensive Facilities Bond Referendum.** The Board of Education is grateful for the support of our community, and facility work already is underway throughout the district. This summer will be busy and productive as we receive state approval for work included in the bond referendum.

Our annual budget process is underway, and the Board is seeking our community's approval of a budget that provides meaningful opportunities for students, amid ongoing economic challenges and increasing unfunded state mandates.

**The District's proposed 2017-18 budget provides students with an engaging, rigorous academic experience, maintains class sizes, and advances our academic program while remaining below the allowable tax levy cap.**

The Board believes it is essential to maintain class sizes that allow teachers to meet the individualized needs of every student. We remain dedicated to providing the best educational experience for our children and to offering professional development for our extraordinarily talented and dedicated faculty. The coming year will see growing enrollment at the elementary and middle level, an increase in special education services, and increased course participation at the high school. To meet this growth, the 2017-18 budget includes additional teaching positions.

**For the first time since the inception of the tax cap levy seven years ago, the budget proposes important instructional advances in our academic program:**

- ♦ Implementation of the Middle Years International Baccalaureate Program, which spans grades six through ten and offers a rigorous academic experience for every child.
- ♦ Introduction of an Academic Learning Center at HHS to support students who want more help with their studies or who are struggling with learning. This program provides another avenue for student success and reinforces our district's dedication to maximizing every student's potential.
- ♦ Harrison's students not only embrace opportunity but thrive in an environment that is committed to their success. **This past year, 93% of seniors took at least one Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate course.** To ensure all students have access to these challenging courses, the budget proposes funding for fees associated with International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement exams.
- ♦ To enhance our physical education, health and athletic program, the budget includes an Assistant Athletic Director to provide improved oversight and support of the athletic and physical education programs. Modified cheerleading also will be introduced at the middle school.

The ability of the Superintendent, the leadership team, and the Board to develop a budget that maintains class size and programs below the tax levy cap is the result of carefully planned, long-term strategic initiatives. In addition, external variables that positively impacted this year's budget include reduced pension costs, an increase in real property improvements, and a modest increase in state aid. **The 2017-18 Budget represents a budget-to-budget increase of 1.78%, resulting in a 1.84% tax levy increase, below the allowable limit.** Over the past seven years, the Harrison Central School District tax levy has been at or below the cap.

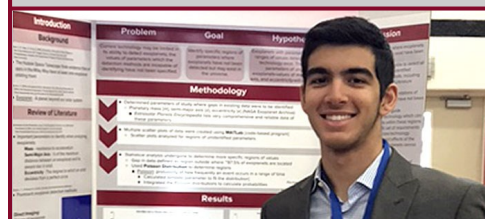
We would like to thank the members of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee for their input and feedback throughout the budget process. The Board remains committed to providing the highest quality education and is grateful for your continued support of our children.

Sincerely,

Board of Education: Kelly Mulvoy Mangan, President; Joan Tiburzi, Vice President;  
Trustees: Dennis Di Lorenzo, Rachel Estroff, Placido Dino Puccio, Robert Sullivan, Lindy Wolverton

Louis N. Wool, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

### HHS Junior Keon Azar Competes At Intel International Science and Engineering Fair



Harrison High School junior Keon Azar has been selected to present his HHS Science Research work at this year's prestigious Intel International Science and Engineering Fair in Los Angeles, California. Keon's topic in the Physics and Astronomy category is "Evaluation of Exoplanet Detection Method: The Limits of Current Knowledge."

Keon placed in the top 12 at the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair to advance to the Intel International Competition, where his research will be compared with those students from around the globe.

"It had been a dream of mine to go to Intel, one I believed was unachievable as the competition is insane," said Keon. "So when they called my name - I was astonished!"

It was especially heartening to see all of my friends and teachers so excited and happy for me. I am beyond happy for all of the HHS students' collective success at the Westchester Engineering and Science Fair. I love working alongside all of my extremely intelligent and bright peers who inspire me to work harder and succeed along with them."





## PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

### Growing Enrollment/Increased Participation at HHS

- Kindergarten teacher for new section at Harrison Avenue
- .5 FTE at HAS to support PE, Music and Art due to enrollment growth
- Add Special Education teacher at the elementary level
- 1.0 FTE for Music, ART, PE and ENL at LMK
- 2.4 FTE's in co-teaching, adaptive theater, ENL, ELA, science, business, technology, dance, music, art for enrollment/participation increase at HHS
- Support staff for special education programs and recess supervision district-wide

### Programmatic Improvements

- Maintains District-wide Class Size
- Implement the Middle Years International Baccalaureate Program in grades 6 through 10
- Fund testing feed for International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement for all students
- 1.0 FTE Instructional support for new High School learning center
- New Assistant Athletic Director position
- Coaching for Modified Cheerleading

### Maintenance and Safety

- Implement Energy Performance Project
- Partial roof replacement at High School
- Resurface all-weather track at High School
- Paving and masonry repairs
- District-wide field/facility upgrades and improvements
- District-wide asbestos abatement
- Other building repairs as necessary
- New five year district-wide copier lease
- Security upgrades district-wide, additional cameras and door upgrades

## 2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

PROGRAM	BUDGET 16-17	BUDGET 17-18
Regular Instruction	\$36,926,600	\$37,919,991
Special Education Instruction	\$10,860,048	\$11,160,444
In Service Training	\$407,000	\$415,000
Library/Audio-Visual	\$1,427,632	\$1,413,383
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$787,424	\$858,747
Guidance	\$1,275,231	\$1,387,133
Health Services	\$1,274,558	\$1,283,234
Psychological & Social Work Services	\$1,364,161	\$1,368,991
Co-Curricular Activities	\$614,379	\$622,665
Interscholastic Athletics	\$1,277,497	\$1,298,021
Pupil Transportation	\$5,845,242	\$5,869,412
Benefits	\$21,669,754	\$21,521,531
Legal	\$280,000	\$285,000
Interfund Transfers	\$198,000	\$198,000
<b>PROGRAM COMPONENT</b>	<b>\$84,207,526</b>	<b>\$85,601,552</b>

### ADMINISTRATION

Board of Education	\$117,280	\$85,168
Central Administration	\$563,354	\$557,641
Business Administration	\$1,123,742	\$1,134,198
Legal	\$280,000	\$285,000
Personnel & Public Information	\$648,371	\$670,056
Central Printing & Mailing	\$213,715	\$212,676
Central Data Processing	\$824,583	\$837,368
Special Items	\$767,913	\$784,061
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$5,918,208	\$6,355,513
Benefits	\$3,534,294	\$3,632,706
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</b>	<b>\$13,991,460</b>	<b>\$14,554,387</b>

### CAPITAL

Buildings Operation and Maintenance	\$7,184,384	\$7,211,469
Judgments and Claims/Assessments	\$273,000	\$276,000
Debt Service and Interfund Transfers	\$2,615,240	\$2,615,240
Benefits	\$1,761,772	\$1,738,063
<b>CAPITAL COMPONENT</b>	<b>\$11,834,396</b>	<b>\$11,840,772</b>

<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$110,033,382</b>	<b>\$111,996,711</b>
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### GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	BUDGET 16-17 \$110,033,382	BUDGET 17-18 \$111,996,711	% CHANGE 1.78%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,027,921	\$1,053,598	2.50%
County Sales Tax	\$1,440,000	\$1,475,000	2.43%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$487,000	\$545,000	11.91%
Health Services for Other Districts	\$240,000	\$240,000	0.00%
Interest & Earnings	\$125,000	\$280,000	124.00%
State Aid	\$4,363,711	\$4,550,540	4.28%
Federal Aid	\$0	\$50,000	
<b>TOTAL NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES</b>	<b>\$7,683,632</b>	<b>\$8,194,138</b>	6.64%
<b>APPROPRIATED RESERVE</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	0.00%
<b>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	<b>\$1,200,000</b>	<b>\$800,000</b>	-33.33%
<b>REAL PROPERTY TAXES</b>	<b>\$100,949,750</b>	<b>\$102,802,573</b>	1.84%
<b>ESTIMATED TAX RATES (per \$1,000 of assessed valuation)</b>			
Harrison	\$757.67	\$778.18	2.71%
Rye Town	\$12.13	\$12.45	2.62%
North Castle	\$539.20	\$532.09	-1.32%

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# HCS D Year In Review: Accomplishments, Accolades, and Awards

## Harrison Students Shine In State and National Competitions

Senior Raffi Piliero is the #1 Debater in the country, senior Matt Zinman is #11, and junior Lauren Cole is #17 nationally. The HHS Debate team had another outstanding year with 14 victories, participants at the NCFL and NSDA Nationals, and three to the Tournament of Champions in Kentucky.

Adam Eljimal and Matthew Schwartz were 2nd in the Nation and Brett Silber had a strong finish at the National IDC/DECA competition. The HHS DECA (Business) Club had a record 33 students advance to the NY State competition.



HHS Model Congress team had one of its most successful conferences on record at the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Penn Model Congress competition in Philadelphia - winning 17 awards, passing 14 bills in Committee, 2 bills in Full Session, and a Best Delegate Golden Gavel winner.

Jaclyn Ciaramella, Michael Barletta, Ana Pena, and Bianca DeOliviera were the Mayor's Choice Recipients for their artwork.



The Parsons Green Key Club donated Halloween candy to Operation Gratitude for care packages to United States military personnel.



S.J. Preston implemented StoryWalks® - an opportunity to promote literacy, physical activity, and encourage parent and community involvement.

For the seventh year in a row, the Harrison High School Boys Winter Indoor Track and Field team has captured the League Championship. The team finished in 2nd place in the Section 1 A/AA Championships.



Seniors Rob Donohue and Stephen Windisch were recognized by the prestigious Golden Dozen Football organization for excellence on the field, in the classroom, and in the community. Donohue was honored to be selected as the evening's student speaker.



Students from Louis M. Klein Middle School competed at the annual NYS Lower Hudson Regional Science Olympiad at Scarsdale Middle School earlier this month and earned seven medals.



The 2nd Annual Harrison Relay for Life Event raised over \$100,000 for the American Cancer Association. This year's event will be held on June 3rd beginning at 7pm.



Thirteen students represented Harrison at the annual WCSMA (Westchester County School Music Association) All County Elementary and Intermediate Band and Orchestra Music Festivals.



HHS seniors Madeline Rawson and Matthew Zinman were named National Merit Scholarship Finalists.



The Purchase School Community and its Caring Kids Club conducted a "Help Haiti" drive. The students collected basic necessities to help the victims of Hurricane Matthew.



Harrison Avenue fourth graders visited the Teatown Lake Reservation Nature Preserve and Education instilling a love of the environment, positive attitudes toward conservation and protection, and a sense of personal and civic environmental responsibility.



The HHS Varsity Cheerleaders qualified for the UCA Nationals in Orlando, Florida. Eight athletes were selected as All-American - Cassandra Cruz, Sophia Jacobi, Gianna Menniti, Alycia Pasqual-Pena, Mariah Reyes, Brianna Rodrigues, Jules Schwartz and Krystal Shaw.





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### SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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HCSD has received the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** for their fiscal year end 2016 comprehensive annual financial report (CAFRs). This is the **10th consecutive** year the District has been awarded this distinction for achieving the highest level of excellence in public sector financial management from the **Government Finance Officers Association**.



## BUDGET VOTE

***Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. — At your neighborhood elementary school***

### REGISTRATION

As there is no personal registration for school elections, voting in a budget vote does not automatically entitle one to vote in a general election. Therefore, all citizens are strongly encouraged to register to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections. Registration materials are available at [www.westchestergov.com/boe](http://www.westchestergov.com/boe) or the Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY, (914) 995-5700; (Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

### VOTER ELIGIBILITY

There is no personal registration. At the time of the vote, voters will sign a statement affirming that they possess the following qualifications : 1) A citizen of the United States; 2) 18 years of age; 3) A resident of the District for a period of at least 30 days. Voters must be able to produce at least one of the following proofs of residency: a driver's license; a non-driver identification card; a utility bill; or a voter registration card.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for an absentee ballot may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk, 50 Union Avenue, Harrison, or may be downloaded from the District website, [www.harrisoncsd.org](http://www.harrisoncsd.org). Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Completed ballots must be received in the District Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day.

**For more information: [www.harrisoncsd.org](http://www.harrisoncsd.org) or call (914) 835-3300**