



Highlights

SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

Dear Community Members:

The Harrison Central School District embraces excellence, rigorous learning, and enriching educational experiences for every student. Our students flourish and are inspired by teachers who support every aspect of their learning and development. The Board appreciates the dedication of the faculty and staff who empower student success and ensure their well-being. These accomplishments and opportunities are made possible by the ongoing support of our community.

The Board is proud that the District once again has received Standard and Poor's Global Rating of "AAA." This rating is evidence of our sound financial and organizational management and maximizing of taxpayer dollars. Long term financial planning has ensured the District was able to access the most competitive rates of borrowing for the facility improvement bonds. The Harrison Central School District remains one of only three districts in New York State with the "AAA" rating from Standard and Poor's.

The Harrison community's continuous support of our schools has provided exceptional educational experiences for our children. Serving the needs of both the children and the taxpayers of our community receives the Board's utmost commitment. The proposed budget provides exceptional learning experiences for students and the maximum value to Harrison's taxpayers in spite of restrictive state policies and unfunded mandates.

The proposed 2019-20 budget advances educational initiatives for all students. Initiatives include:

- **Maintain District class sizes with a target of 22 students K-12**
- **Full Time Middle Years International Baccalaureate Program Coordinator**
- **Maintain funding for International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement exams for every student**
- **Increase number of co-teachers in classrooms**
- **Increase mandated special education teachers & support staff**
- **Part Time Health Assistant in all four elementary schools**
- **Facility improvements throughout District**
- **Installation of exterior restrooms and field improvements**

Since New York State's adoption of the mandated tax cap, the Harrison Central School District tax levy has always been at or below the mandated cap, with an average increase over the past ten years of 1.94% (tax levy) and 1.84% (budget). The proposed 2019-20 budget represents a budget increase of 2.32% and a tax levy increase of 2.29%, **within the allowable tax levy cap.**

The Board thanks the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee; these dedicated community members provide valuable input throughout the budget process. The Board truly appreciates the continued support of our community in providing the best possible education for Harrison's children.

Sincerely,

Board of Education:

Kelly Mulvoy Mangan, *President*;

Lindy Wolverton, *Vice President*

Trustees: Dennis Di Lorenzo, Rachel Estroff, Kelly Kozak,

Placido Dino Puccio, Robert C. Sullivan, Jr.

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

Facilities Improvements updates may be found on the back page of the 2019 HCSD Budget Newsletter Highlights

Harrison High School Wins Community Service Challenge



Harrison High School has been chosen as the winner of the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Community Service Challenge. The Harrison program, Athletes in Action, was created by HHS student-athletes, Josh Cooper, Matthew Cooper and Connor Novak and integrates community service into the Harrison High School athletics program. HHS athletic teams visit the Pleasantville Cottage School for emotionally troubled children to play and teach its sport with residents. The HHS Athletes in Action was selected from among 91 other projects submitted.

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PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Instructional Program

- Maintain District class sizes at target of 22
- Full Time Middle Years IB Program Coordinator
- Maintain funding for IB and AP exams
- Increase number of co-teachers in classrooms
- Increase mandated special education teachers and support staff
- Part Time Health Assistant in elementary schools

Building and Facility

- Upgrade internet and phone systems (5 year agreement)
- Roof replacement at Parsons
- Installation of exterior restrooms
- Athletic field improvements
- Facility improvements throughout District
- Re-establish capital improvement budget to ensure long-term building maintenance
- Complete energy performance contract

2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

SUMMARY OF THE PROPOSED 2019/2020 BUDGET

PROGRAM	BUDGET 18-19	BUDGET 19-20
Regular Instruction	\$38,793,539	\$39,251,877
Special Education Instruction	\$11,506,230	\$12,330,488
In Service Training	\$423,500	\$431,400
Library/Audio-Visual	\$1,442,148	\$1,496,954
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$884,672	\$932,403
Guidance	\$1,434,939	\$1,466,145
Health Services	\$1,292,685	\$1,217,454
Psychological & Social Work Services	\$1,413,016	\$1,485,359
Co-Curricular Activities	\$625,103	\$646,561
Interscholastic Athletics	\$1,360,942	\$1,393,887
Pupil Transportation	\$6,561,387	\$7,016,417
Benefits	\$22,850,762	\$22,914,279
Legal	\$265,000	\$270,000
Interfund Transfers	\$198,000	\$172,500
PROGRAM COMPONENT	\$89,051,923	\$91,025,724
ADMINISTRATION		
Board of Education	\$84,962	\$79,014
Central Administration	\$566,727	\$580,251
Business Administration	\$1,197,147	\$1,195,962
Legal	\$265,000	\$270,000
Personnel & Public Information	\$686,058	\$678,227
Central Printing & Mailing	\$208,250	\$206,471
Central Data Processing	\$803,789	\$891,754
Special Items	\$831,925	\$923,739
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$6,466,999	\$6,497,598
Benefits	\$3,867,491	\$3,838,560
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	\$14,978,348	\$15,161,576
CAPITAL		
Buildings Operation and Maintenance	\$6,941,711	\$7,155,338
Judgments and Claims/Assessments	\$277,500	\$279,000
Debt Service and Interfund Transfers	\$3,588,851	\$3,848,994
Benefits	\$1,867,323	\$1,938,699
CAPITAL COMPONENT	\$12,675,385	\$13,222,031
TOTAL BUDGET	\$116,705,656	\$119,409,331



REVENUES AND TAX RATES

	BUDGET 18-19	BUDGET 19-20	% CHANGE
GENERAL FUND BUDGET	\$116,705,656	\$119,409,331	2.32%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,126,701	\$1,179,981	4.73%
County Sales Tax	\$1,600,000	\$1,630,000	1.88%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$668,740	\$579,660	-13.32%
Health Services for Other Districts	\$240,000	\$240,000	0.00%
Interest & Earnings	\$500,000	\$650,000	30.00%
State Aid	\$4,767,227	\$4,985,339	4.58%
Federal Aid	\$50,000	\$0	-100.00%
Interfund Transfers	\$480,000	\$440,000	
TOTAL NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES	\$9,432,668	\$9,704,980	2.89%
APPROPRIATED RESERVE	\$200,000	\$200,000	0.00%
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$800,000	\$800,000	0.00%
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$106,272,988	\$108,704,351	2.29%
ESTIMATED TAX RATES (per \$1,000 of assessed valuation)			
Harrison	\$808.71 *	\$837.30	3.54%
Rye Town	\$12.71	\$12.89	1.42%
North Castle	\$580.56	\$570.55	-1.72%

* 2018-19 rate was adjusted to actual upon issuance of tax warrant.

REVENUES
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HCSD Year In Review: Accomplishments, Accolades, and Awards



Every third grade student from **Parsons, Preston, Harrison Avenue and Purchase Elementary Schools** visited the New York Hall of Science in Queens. They engaged in hands-on learning experiences at the Design Lab and were challenged to design and engineer products and solutions for real world problems.

HHS Teacher Maria Battipaglia's Latin students visited the Metropolitan Museum of Art for a private tour of Roman artifacts. **Emma Berkowitz, Kristen MacIlvane and Phoebe Streeter** presented to classmates and museum docents.

The HHS Debate Team posted an impressive 15 tournament wins this year. **Eli Lapkin, Ava Zinman and Molly Ryan** earned bids to compete at the Tournament of Champions.



The **LMK Science and Technology Fair** showcased 74 students in grades 6-8 who presented the culmination of their research and exploration based on the scientific method or a design and engineering process.

HHS and LMK Literary Magazines *Imagine* and *Paper Planes* received the Award for Excellence from the National Council of Teachers of English.



Sophomore **Katherine Cole** received the Certificate of Excellence at the Regional High School Arts Exhibition featuring student artwork from 30 public and private high schools.

High school and middle school student thespians took the stage to perform classic musicals this spring, ***Me and My Girl*** at HHS and ***Gyps and Dolls*** at LMK.

Senior **Stephanie Tateiwa** performed in the Jazz Ensemble with the highly selective Lincoln Center Youth program.



Junior **Alistair Xhayet** was selected to participate in the prestigious Columbia Honors program to study particle physics. White Plains Hospital PreMed Program, run by Harrison alumna Dr. Kaare Webber, accepted HHS students: **Teddy Corcoran, Alessia Vata, Michael Correia, Nadine Areikat, and Cristofer Hernandez.**



HHS and LMK students were recognized at the annual Meducci Lodge Celebration of Italian Heritage for scholarship in Italian language and culture: **Felipe Adelman Brants, Alexandra Gresham, John Luca Antolino, Joseph Santarelli, James Costabile, Anthony Gambino, and Mia Paparatti.**

HHS Model Congress Team had another successful year winning 23 awards in total at competitions at the UPenn, Harvard and Yale tournaments.



HHS DECA Business Club qualified 55 students to compete in the NY State Competition in Rochester. Eleven students placed in the top 10 of their categories and five students placed in the top 5, qualifying them for the national competition.

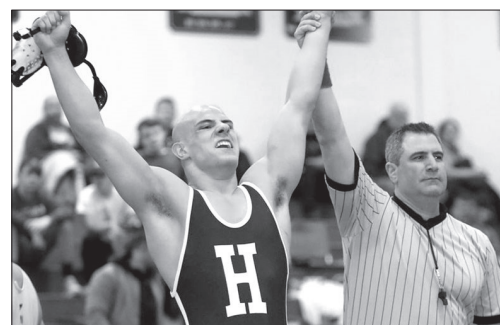
HHS Science Research Students competed against students from 41 area high schools in the Westchester Science and Engineering Fair. HHS students earned **16 top awards.**



The **Varsity Ice Hockey Team** won the League B Championship and received the Sportsmanship Award for Section One. HHS Senior **Christian Pizzutello** received the Doc Rasbeck Award for excellence on the ice and in the classroom.

HHS Girls Basketball Team was recognized with the Bill Glassman Memorial Sportsmanship Award given to one school in Section 1 for their commitment to sportsmanship and fair play.

HHS earned the New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) **School of Excellence Award** for 75% of HHS athletic teams achieving scholar athlete status.





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Louis N. Wool, Ed.D.

District Facility Improvements Update: Moving Ahead

Much of the facility improvement work has been completed or is nearing completion, and the largest project, the middle school, is underway. New learning spaces are already in use, including the eight new classrooms at Harrison High School, as well as the new high school guidance center and music wing. Work continues throughout the district, and the summer will be busy and productive. As a result of our AAA rating from Standard and Poor's, the District has been able to borrow at the most competitive interest rates – which means the District has maximized its borrowing potential and reduced overall project cost.



Completed Projects:

- HHS music classrooms
- HHS classrooms and guidance center
- Harrison Avenue Cafeteria
- LMK track and field and restrooms
- New roof installation at Purchase and Preston

Projects Underway:

- Harrison Avenue Classrooms: Expected completion–May
- Parsons Addition: Foundation and steel frame constructed, Expected completion–August
- LMK Auditorium: Expected completion–July/August
- LMK Infrastructure: Exterior work began in April

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 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 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. 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 or call (914) 835-3300