



# Jericho

## Budget Bulletin

MAY 2022

### *BOE Adopts Budget That's Significantly Below Tax Levy Limit*

Jericho's Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2022-2023 school district budget at an open meeting on March 31, 2022. The maximum \$130,073,339 budget represents a 1.95% tax levy increase, which is significantly below the allowable New York State Tax Cap.

Since January, the school district hosted a series of public workshops to review the financial status of the school district and create a budget for the coming year. The Board of Education and district administration requested input from members of the school community.

Voting on the budget will be on Tuesday, May 17. If the budget is not approved by residents with a simple majority, the district can resubmit the original budget or a revised budget in June.

#### **On the Ballot**

The District plans to continue the building and facility upgrades and on May 17, voters will be asked to vote on two additional propositions.

Proposition #2 would authorize the Board to spend an amount not to exceed \$9,686,175 from the capital reserve fund established on

May 21, 2019 and from fund balance for the purpose of completing capital improvements. Some of these projects include air-handling and ventilation upgrades; gymnasium folding partition replacements; rooftop HVAC equipment replacement; ceiling and lighting upgrades; window replacement at the HS; MS lower level reconstruction, including courtyard installation; tennis court resurfacing/replacement; Sam Springer gym floor and bleacher replacement; roof replacement for portions of the HS/MS; building energy management systems upgrades; asphalt and paving upgrades; and security upgrades.

Proposition #3 would authorize the Board to create an additional capital reserve (Capital Reserve V), not to exceed \$20 million, which would be funded over the next several years, and provide funding for future capital projects.

Projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan can be found online in the Budget portion of the website and on page 5 of this newsletter.

#### **Maintaining Programs**

While preparing the budget, many strategies were consid-

ered, including keeping a multi-year, long-term perspective on the district's financial plans. All instructional programs will continue for next year, and there will be enhancements to some of these programs. Also, at the high school, new courses have been added to the course catalog, including sports journalism.

Additionally, the proposed budget includes funds to hiring an additional school counselor at the high school.

#### **Technology**

Included in the budget are plans to expand the technology initiative throughout the district, with a focus on security. Network security upgrades are planned, including the use of Cloudstrike, along with the addition of a new helpdesk and a planned network core refresh. The budget includes replacing 250 desktop PC units, continuing replacement of Chromebooks and iPads as needed with the refresh cycle, and continuing the Smart Board upgrade at our elementary schools. Additionally, there will be upgrades to instructional software and a new website will be launched this summer. More details about technology can be found

in Budget Workshop #3 on the website.

#### **Board of Education Seats**

There is one open seat on the Board of Education next year and four candidates are running for this seat. Listed in ballot order, the candidates are Robert Wozniak, John Sarraf, Joe Lin, and Chris Foresto. Current Board member Pam Wasserman-Heath is not seeking re-election. There is a Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the PTA and moderated by the League of Women Voters, scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 8 PM in the MS/HS Auditorium.

#### **How Do I vote?**

This year, the annual budget vote and school board election will take place in person on May 17, 2022 from 6 AM to 9 PM in the Sam Springer Gym. Information about absentee ballots is available on the district website under Announcements and also in this newsletter.

#### **Additional Information**

Copies of the presentations that were given during the budget workshops are available on the district website.

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### SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

Tuesday, May 17, 2022  
6 AM - 9 PM  
Middle/High School Gym

## COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

### Security & Network

- Deployment of Backupify to backup staff and student Google and Microsoft accounts
- Increasing our Azure commit to expand the range of services migrated to the cloud
- Deployment of a Sentinel, a SIEM (security information and event management) from Microsoft.
- Deployment of CrowdStrike, a live 24/7 monitoring service for endpoints, cloud workloads, identity, and SaaS applications
- Engaging Stetson Cybergroup in continued penetration testing, NIST GAP analyses, and Ed law 2-d compliance work

### Hardware

- Desktop refresh for 250 PC units
- Continued replacement of Chromebooks and iPads as needed with the refresh cycle for the Chromebooks rebooting in summer 2023
- Continuing the Smart Board upgrade at our elementary schools (potential SSIP purchase)

### Software

- Software additions or expansions to the district include Seesaw, Textivate, Diablo Highway, Spotify Soundtrap, Lumio, Padlet, Adobe Creative Cloud (doubling the license count), Microsoft Office suite (ensuring students at all grade levels have licenses for use anywhere)
- New website vendor and top to bottom redesign

### Instruction

- Continued use of Model Schools days for hands on technology professional development
- OTIS platform continues to be available to both parents and teachers to utilize
- KnowBe4 cybersecurity training will be supplemented with CFC's dark web monitoring, deep scanning, and phishing campaigns
- The last of our non-SSO software will be transitioned into ClassLink during the summer of 2022



## HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING IN 2022-2023

- Selected as a National Blue Ribbon School of Distinction
- Wellness Program - NEST Period
- Broad array of Advanced Placement and college credit-bearing course opportunities
- Science/Social Science/ Pre-Calculus Research: Four-year program that enables students to perform research with experts for the betterment of our world
- BOLT (Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow): Leadership class that challenges students to make a difference in the school and the world
- Project Lead the Way: International pre-engineering program that offers up to 20 college engineering credits
- Business: accounting, entrepreneurship, law, retail management and virtual enterprise classes
- Extensive World Language Program
- Co-Teaching and small class programs
- New Media Communications: Journalism program that enables students to explore communications in the digital age
- Wide range of elective and extracurricular opportunities
- The Jericho Academy - Alternative High School

### Numerous competitions including some of these examples:

- National History Day, Ethics Bowl, Mock Trial, Model UN, Debate
- NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) Writing Awards, Poetry Out Loud, Teen Ink, Walt Whitman Poetry, Hofstra Journalism, Canon Writing Program
- National Spanish/Italian/French/Latin Exams, Italian Poetry, Language Essay Competitions
- Regeneron, Dupont, Toshiba, Explora Vision, National Science Bowl, MIT Think, Brain Bee, LI Science & Engineering Fair, VEX Robotics, Science Olympiad, Eco Challenge
- NYSSMA, Reflections and various local Arts competitions





## JERICO ACCOLADES

**NAMED #1 HIGH SCHOOL ON LONG ISLAND IN  
2022 US NEWS & WORLD REPORT**

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**JERICO SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS RANKED THE  
FIFTH BEST DISTRICT  
IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2022 BY NICHE**

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**99% GRADUATION RATE - CLASS OF 2021**

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**99%**

**REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE  
(JERICO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021)**

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**95%**

**REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE  
WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION  
(JERICO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021)**

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**96%**

**4-YEAR COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATE  
(JERICO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2021)**

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**60 JERICO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS  
HONORED IN NATIONAL MERIT  
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM IN 2021**

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**3 STUDENTS WERE NAMED  
REGENERON SCHOLARS IN 2022**

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**NAMED BEST COMMUNITY IN AMERICA FOR  
MUSIC EDUCATION FOR 23ND YEAR IN A ROW**

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**NYS SCHOLAR ATHLETE SCHOOL OF  
DISTINCTION FOR 17 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

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## 2022-2023 BUDGET STRATEGIES:

- COVID is still here: Provide accommodations and resources necessary for the safety of students and staff
- Remain committed to being a premier school district and continue to deliver a high-quality, 21st Century education
- Remain committed to our district mission and goals
- Keep a multi-year perspective on the budget
- Develop long-range plans for our educational programs and goals
  - Continue to upgrade and renovate our facilities
  - Continue technology replacement plans and expand technology initiatives
- Continue to pursue efficiencies in all areas of the district budget



## Continuing to Help Those in Need

The Jericho School District continues to fundraise for those that are in need through food drives, supply collections, and staff jeans days. This year the fundraisers helped local residents with food, the people of Ukraine with supplies, and various scholarships to support and remember members of the Jericho community, to name a few. Thanks to the Jericho community for your generosity.

## Voting Qualifications

Only persons who are qualified voters as of May 17, 2022 shall be permitted to vote in the election held on May 17, 2022 on matters affecting the Jericho School District and the Jericho Public Library.

A qualified voter is defined as:

- \*A citizen of the United States
- \*At least eighteen years of age
- \*A resident in the Jericho Union Free School District for thirty days or more preceding the budget vote at which he/she offers to vote.

*Persons disqualified from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law are not eligible to vote in school district elections.*

**New voters may register and vote on the day of the election. They will be asked to provide proof of residency, age, and a photo ID.**

## ELEMENTARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- *Science, Engineering, Robotics - Science Laboratory Instruction staffed with full-time Science Specialists*
- *Expanded Library/Media program staffed with full-time Media Research Specialist*
- *Balanced Literacy program*
- *Math in Focus (Singapore Math)*
- *Band, Orchestra, & Chorus for Grades 4 & 5*
- *Student Leaders/Safety Patrol*
- *Instructional Technology including 1:1 Devices and Digital Programs*
- *World Languages (Introduction to Spanish, French, Italian, & Chinese)*
- *Response to Intervention (RtI) process and supports to address academic or behavior needs*
- *Special Education programs to address the individual needs of identified students*
- *Responsive Classroom & SEL/Mindfulness Experiences*
- *Arts-in-Education & Field Experiences*

## *Public Budget Hearing & Meet the Candidates Night*

The public hearing on this year's proposed budget will be held on May 10, 2022 at 7:30 PM in the MS/HS Auditorium.

There is one seat open on the Board of Education this year. Four candidates are running for these seats. Listed in ballot order, the candidates are Robert Wozniak, John Sarraf, Joe Lin, and Chris Foresto. Pam Wasserman-Heath is not seeking re-election.

There is a Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the PTA and moderated by the League of Women Voters, scheduled for Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 8 PM in the MS/HS Auditorium. More information will be posted on [www.jerichoschools.org](http://www.jerichoschools.org) as the event gets closer.

## *Jericho Public Library*

The Jericho Public Library budget remains flat so no vote is required. Two candidates are running for the library board: Denise Cole and Larry Weinstock. One seat is a five year term and one seat is a three year term.

## *Athletics Highlights*

- *The Jericho Athletic Program currently consists of 29 varsity teams, 17 junior varsity teams, and 31 Middle School teams*
- *Participation:*
  - 360 High School students participated on our 16 fall teams
  - 226 High School students participated on our 13 winter teams
  - 740 Middle School students participated on our 31 MS teams
- *A New York State Scholar Athlete High School of Distinction for 17 consecutive years - the most by any school district in New York State.*
- *Girls Badminton, Boys Badminton, Boys Soccer & Girls Volleyball won Conference Championships in 2019.*
- *Girls Golf finished as Nassau County Runner-ups in 2019.*
- *Boys and Girls Badminton, Boys Soccer won the Nassau County Championships in 2020.*
- *Boys Soccer won their 5th New York State Championship last fall and finished as the #10 ranked team in the nation.*
- *In the past 14 years, the Jericho Athletic Program has won:*
  - 21 Nassau County Championships
  - 33 Conference Championships
  - 2 individual athletes earned State Championship honors in their respective sports
  - 19 individual athletes received All-State honors
  - 1 individual named as an All American in boys soccer

## *With an Eye and Ear Toward the Arts: Art & Music Highlights*

- *Interdisciplinary Lessons and classroom renovations*
- *Virtual Cookies and Canvas Night with PTA's 21 Scholastic art awards*
- *National, state, & local Art Contest Winners including Cornell Awards*
- *24 Art Supervisors Association All-County student-artists and senior leadership award MUSIC*
- *21 All-State student-musicians & alternates*
- *Chamber music ensembles*
- *NYSSMA Piano Festival Host*
- *Live and Streamed performances*
- *Best Communities in America for Music Education (20+ consecutive years) SERVICE AND CLUBS*
- *National Art Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society & Thespian Honor Society, AV club*

### **ADVANCED PLACEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS**

AP art and music theory, exploratory electives, photography, musical theater, Jazz band, university and museum partnerships

## ON THE BALLOT: PROPOSITION #2

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$9,686,175 as follows (1) \$6,986,175 from the capital reserve fund established on May 21, 2019 and (2) \$2,700,000 from fund balance for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows: District-wide air-handling and ventilation upgrades; district-wide gymnasium folding partition replacements; district-wide rooftop HVAC equipment replacement; districtwide ceiling and lighting upgrades; window replacement at the HS; MS lower level reconstruction, including courtyard installation, providing additional natural light, and ventilation; tennis court resurfacing/replacement; Sam Springer gym floor and bleacher replacement; roof replacement for portions of the HS/MS; district-wide building energy management systems upgrades; district-wide asphalt and paving upgrades; district-wide security upgrades; all of the above to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs associated therewith.

### MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING IN 2022-2023

- National Schools to Watch Re-Designation
- Middle School Teaming/Student Team Advisors
- Instructional Support Team/Response to Intervention
- Co-Teaching and small class programs
- Classroom Technology Applications: EdPuzzle, SmartMusic, Classkick, Peardeck, Nearpod, Flipgrid, Desmos
- NEST Period
- OLWEUS Anti-Bullying Program
- ADL “No Place For Hate” Designation
- BRAVE (Bully Reduction Anti-Violence Education)
- Redesigned Classroom and Outdoor Spaces
- Digital Citizenship Initiative
- National History Day Projects Grades 7 & 8
- Faculty and Community Brunch and Learns
- Family Booktalks
- Wide range of elective and extracurricular opportunities
- Diversity Day
- Black History Forum
- Mathletes/Math Olympiad/American Math Competition
- Science Olympiad
- V.A.L.U.E. (Volunteer Activities Leave Us Enriched) Credit Program-Community Service
- Mentoring Program with Nassau County Bar Association
- Personal Best Initiative
- Literacy Leaders and Junior Librarians
- Kid EdCamp

### *Capital Improvements*

Included in the proposed budget, funds are allocated (\$1,275,000) to provide partial funding toward the tennis court resurfacing, elevator replacement, district-wide asphalt, concrete, and drainage replacement, and district-wide security replacements.

## ON THE BALLOT: PROPOSITION #3

SHALL the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law section 3651, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund known as the “Facilities Improvement Program V – Jericho Public Schools” for the purpose of district-wide replacements, renovations, upgrades, reconstruction, additions, and remediation of: roofs, exhaust fans, windows, masonry, doors, stairs, elevators, ceilings, lightings, plumbing, boilers, burners, floors, walls, bathrooms, ADA compliance, classrooms, labs casework, cafeteria/kitchen, electrical service, HVAC units, air handling, unit ventilators, security, emergency generators, energy efficiency projects, additional new space/new building additions, site-work, pavement, curbs, sidewalks, courtyard, athletic fields, tennis courts, bleacher/concession stands, playgrounds, lockers, locker room, gymnasium, pool, weight room, technology/communication, hazardous material remediation, bus garage, auditoriums, storage, furnishings and equipment incidental to said projects. The maximum amount of the aforesaid Capital Reserve Fund shall be \$20 million, plus investment income. The term is to be 10 years; the funds are to be transferred from surplus monies remaining in the general fund and/or from existing reserves as allowed by General Municipal and Education Law including a sum not to exceed \$5 million from the 2021-2022 budget and thereafter not more than \$10 million for each remaining year of the probable term until the maximum amount of \$20 million is reached. Upon the establishment and funding of said reserve, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall be directed to deposit monies of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the “Facilities Improvement Program V – Jericho Public Schools.” Upon the establishment and funding of said reserve, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall be authorized to invest, from time to time, the monies of this fund pursuant to section 1723-a of the Education Law.

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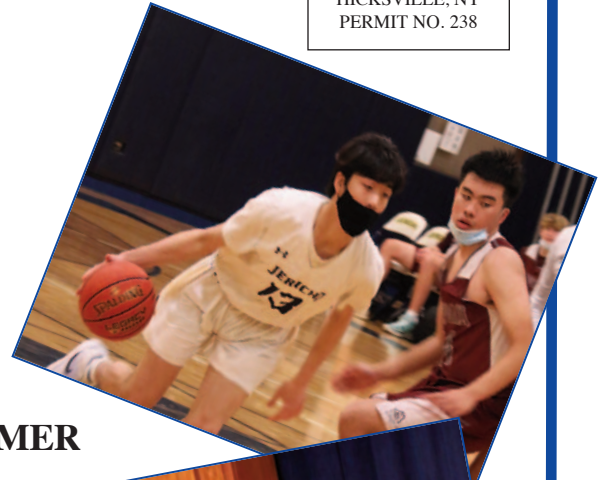
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## SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2022-2023 SCHOOL BUDGET

### (PROPOSITION #1)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2021-2022	%	2022-2023	%
INSTRUCTION	\$77,769,238	60.76%	\$78,642,868	60.46%
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$3,710,980	2.90%	\$3,862,108	2.97%
CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,275,000	1.00%	\$1,275,000	0.98%
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	\$8,651,999	6.76%	\$8,842,891	6.80%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$6,134,290	4.79%	\$6,283,072	4.83%
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$10,000	0.01%	\$10,000	0.01%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$29,595,594	23.12%	\$30,307,400	23.30%
DEBT SERVICE & UNDISTRIBUTED	<u>\$850,000</u>	<u>0.66%</u>	<u>\$850,000</u>	<u>0.65%</u>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$127,997,101</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>\$130,073,339</b>	<b>100%</b>