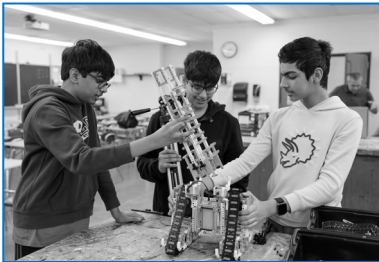




# THE HERALD

## Special Budget Issue From Your Board of Education



### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Community Members,

May 2023

As we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year, the Half Hollow Hills Central School District Board of Education and Central Administration team have worked very carefully to present a budget that maintains support for our students and high-quality academic, athletic and arts programs, invests in facilities improvements, and is fiscally responsible to you - our community members.

The 2023-2024 budget reflects a 3.43% increase from the current year's expenditure plan and includes a property tax levy increase of 1.46%, consistent with what the State-mandated property tax levy formula allows.

Please take time to review this special budget issue of The Herald, and the documents found on our website at [www.hhh.k12.ny.us/district/budget-information](http://www.hhh.k12.ny.us/district/budget-information), so that you will be able to make an informed decision when voting on Tuesday, May 16.

Sincerely,

#### The Half Hollow Hills Board of Education

- David Kaston, *President*
- Diana Acampora, *Vice President*
- Betty DeSabato
- Eric Geringswald
- Stephanie Gurin
- Adam Kleinberg
- Michael Prywes



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**SCHOOL  
BUDGET VOTE &  
TRUSTEE  
ELECTION**

**May 16, 2023  
7:00 a.m.  
to  
10:00 p.m.  
High School  
East  
Gymnasium**

Half Hollow Hills  
Central School District  
525 Half Hollow Road  
Dix Hills, NY 11746

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# HALF HOLLOW HILLS 2023-2024 BUDGET

## MISSION

The Half Hollow Hills Central School District is committed to providing all students with opportunities to excel in academics, athletics and the arts.

## ACADEMICS

The 2023-2024 budget is built to support the district's high-ranking K-12 academic program, which is designed to meet the individual needs of all students. This includes a robust Advanced Placement program, STEM programs, 1:1 computing, planetarium, world languages, a variety of extracurricular activities, English as a New Language services and programs for students with disabilities.

## ATHLETICS

Half Hollow Hills offers our middle and high school students many opportunities to participate in sports. Our teams are very competitive and succeed at the local, regional and state levels. The 2023-2024 budget continues to invest in the success of our student-athletes through the funding of coaching, unified sports teams, equipment and facilities.

## FINE ARTS

The Half Hollow Hills Fine Arts department continues to offer our students diverse and exciting opportunities in theatre, music and art. The 2023-2024 budget enables our students to participate in drama clubs, productions and performance ensembles, utilize recording and broadcasting studios, and to take classes in the traditional arts and new mediums.

### New STEM Program Expansion

The 2023-2024 budget includes the creation of a Biological Research Space at High School East for use by all secondary science research students. This space will help students develop their programming, engineering and research skills through engagement in controlled indoor agriculture technologies.

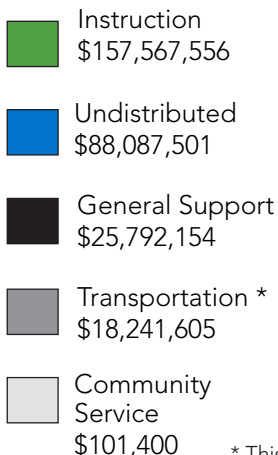
Continuing the District's tradition of investing in and improving its facilities without the need for large-scale borrowing, \$4.7 million in capital projects is proposed and would include the following:

- Replacement of track at High School East.
- Completion of the window replacement project at High School East.
- Replacement of track at West Hollow Middle School.
- Renovation of one set of girls and one set of boys student/public use bathrooms at West Hollow.
- Begin replacement of the original windows at Candlewood Middle School.

## TOTAL EXPENDITURES

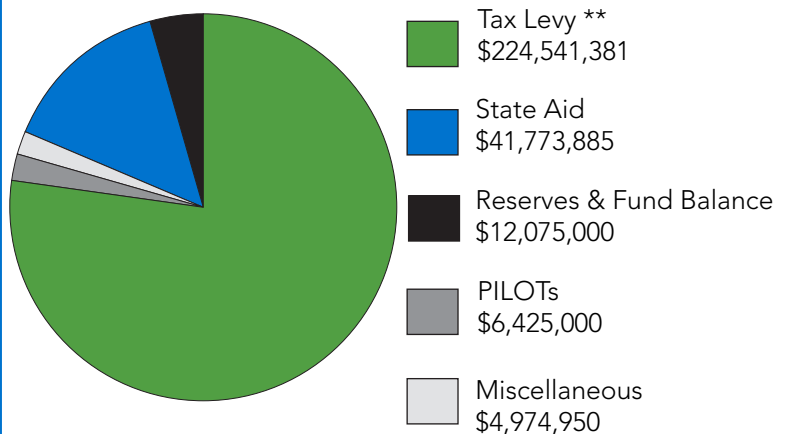
	2022-2023	2023-2024
Total Budget	\$280,169,185	\$289,790,216
Dollar Increase from Prior Year		\$9,621,031
Percent Increase from Prior Year		3.43%

## PROJECTED 2023-2024 EXPENDITURES



\* This budget line reflects the projected cost of the third year of a five-year transportation contract, the total five-year estimated cost of which is \$72,596,031.

## PROJECTED 2023-2024 REVENUES



\*\* The District is proposing a tax levy increase of 1.46%, which is consistent with what the Property Tax Levy Cap formula allows.