



Annual budget vote is May 16

2023-24 spending proposal invests in academic programs

The Washingtonville Central School District Board of Education adopted a \$124,356,502 proposed budget for the 2023-24 school year. The proposal reflects a 2.85% tax levy increase, the total amount of local taxes that support the budget, and is within the allowable limits set by the New York State tax levy calculation, or "tax cap" as it is more commonly known. The district has been operating within its calculated state tax cap every year since it was implemented in 2012.

"Our 2023-24 school district budget again maintains all academic programs," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Larry Washington. "In addition, the proposed budget will add positions to accommodate for enrollment increases and meet pressing student needs."

Polls will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16.

Overall, the budget reflects the school district's commitment to providing high-quality education to students while also being fiscally responsible for taxpayers.

The budget includes significant investments in teachers, special education programs, related services and technology, all of which are critical to achieving the school district's goals.

- ✓ Reflects the importance of investing in quality teachers who can provide students with the best possible education.
- ✓ Includes the continued funding for technology upgrades to provide the students with access to the latest technology to enhance their learning experience.



- ✓ Maintains the safety and security of students and staff with police and security professionals.
- ✓ Includes a capital inter-fund transfer to pay for additions and alterations to existing school buildings and grounds. Projects may include, but are not limited to, the high school pool and natatorium repairs, renovations and improvements as well as other alterations to buildings and grounds.
- ✓ The capital inter-fund transfer also includes a capital outlay project for districtwide flooring replacements.
- ✓ Decreased reliance on fund balance and reserves to ensure long-term financial stability.

The 2023-24 New York state budget increases education aid overall, including needs-based Foundation Aid, the primary source of general-purpose operating aid for schools.

PROPOSITION 2

Proposition 2 supports the purchase of nine 72-passenger school buses for \$1,473,000. The District's fleet replacement plan is designed to be the safest, most cost-effective and most predictable way to budget for District transportation.

VOTE DATE

MAY 16, 2023

Polls open 6 a.m.- 9 p.m.

Washingtonville
High School Gymnasium
54 West Main Street,
Washingtonville, NY.

PROPOSED BUDGET

\$124,356,502

TAX LEVY INCREASE

2.85%

SPENDING INCREASE

\$7,681,197

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

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MORE BUDGET INFORMATION

Scan the QR code below for additional budget information on the district website at www.wcsdk12.org/budget/2023-24





THREE-PART SUMMARY

New York law requires school districts to present their budgets divided into three expenditure categories — program, administrative and capital — and compare them to the previous year's costs. Washingtonville's three-part budget breaks down as follows:

ADMINISTRATIVE

2023-24	\$11,136,684	8.96%
2022-23	\$10,818,215	9.27%

Administrative Costs include salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors, and administrative clerical staff, public information, printing, curriculum and staff development, school board costs, general insurance and professional fees.

PROGRAM

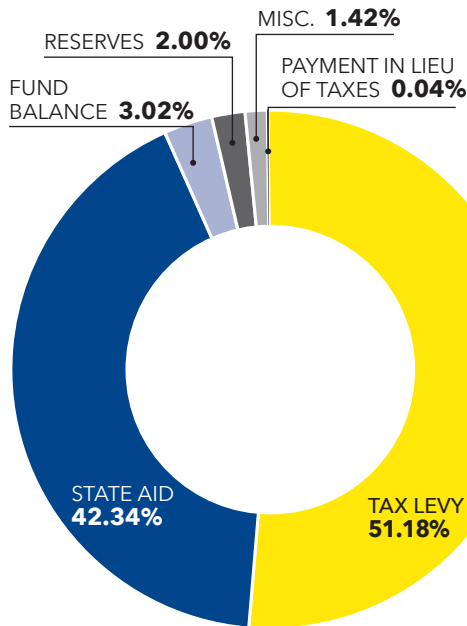
2023-24	\$97,938,666	78.76%
2022-23	\$90,474,413	77.54%

Program Costs include salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff who deliver pupil services (guidance, health, library/media, etc.), textbooks, equipment, co-curricular activities, athletics, and transportation costs (excludes bus purchases).

CAPITAL

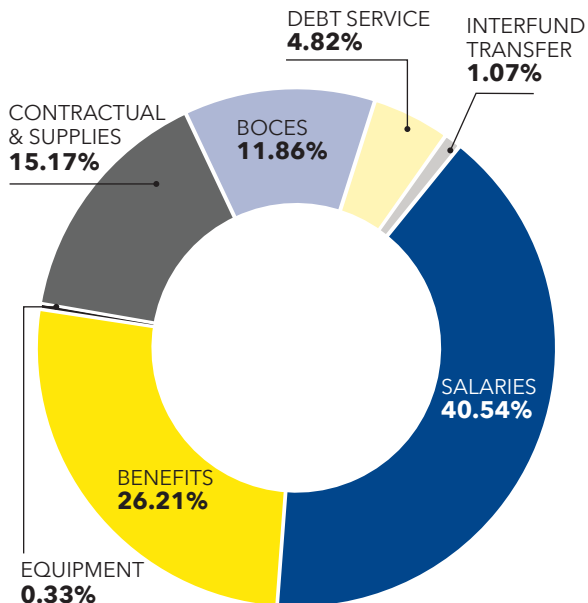
2023-24	\$15,281,152	12.28%
2022-23	\$15,382,677	13.18%

Capital Costs include salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial staff, debt service on buildings and school bus purchases, utilities, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs.



REVENUE SUMMARY

	Budget 2022-23	Proposed 2023-24	\$ Change
Property Tax Levy	\$61,876,473	\$63,641,288	\$1,764,815
State Aid	\$43,013,923	\$52,652,495	\$9,638,572
Use of Fund Balance	\$5,000,000	\$3,750,000	-\$1,250,000
Use of Reserves	\$4,508,913	\$2,488,969	-\$2,019,944
Miscellaneous	\$2,221,833	\$1,768,750	-\$453,083
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$54,163	\$55,000	\$837
Total Revenues	\$116,675,305	\$124,356,502	\$7,681,197



EXPENSE SUMMARY

	Budget 2022-23	Proposed 2023-24	\$ Change
Salaries	\$48,195,721	\$50,415,132	\$2,219,411
Benefits	\$30,443,747	\$32,592,537	\$2,148,790
Equipment	\$1,089,398	\$416,852	-\$672,546
Contractual** and Supplies	\$15,732,505	\$18,860,630	\$3,128,125
BOCES	\$14,504,964	\$14,742,793	\$237,829
Debt Service	\$6,423,970	\$5,998,558	-\$425,412
Interfund Transfer***	\$285,000	\$1,330,000	\$1,045,000
Total Expenditures	\$116,675,305	\$124,356,502	\$7,681,197

** Includes first year (\$94,891) of a five-year lease (aggregate cost of \$508,847) for 22 Sarah Wells Trail and a five-year renewal of the transportation contract for mandatory out-of-district transportation increased for CPI estimated first year cost of \$6,850,00

*** Includes a Capital inter-fund transfer to pay for additions and alterations to existing school buildings and grounds. Intended projects may include, but are not limited to, the High School Pool and Natatorium repairs, renovations, incidental and associated construction, services, materials and equipment, as needed with respect to the projects and improvements as well as other alterations to buildings and grounds. The Capital inter-fund transfer also includes a capital outlay project for districtwide flooring replacements.

21st Century skills for college and careers



The high school has one of just two Esports programs in Orange County. Students learn valuable skills for competitive college esports teams as well as business and technology careers through the elective and school team.

The Washingtonville Central School District has 3,922 students enrolled at Little Britain, Round Hill and Taft elementary schools, Washingtonville Middle School and Washingtonville High School. The district has a graduation rate of 96% and provides progressive and innovative academic and extracurricular programs for its students to educate them in 21st century skills to ensure they are college and career ready.

Project Lead the Way (PLTW)

has been essential to integrating STEM learning, beginning at the elementary level and continuing through high school. Two new classes have been added to the high school curriculum and three new courses were added to the middle school curriculum this school year. STEM learning will become an even bigger part of the curriculum next year.

Science 21, a standards-based science program for the 21st century, is now fully implemented for grades K-5 in the district. It will prepare students for new science investigations and exams that will start next year.



The boys and girls swim and dive teams were recognized in both state and regional competitions.

The Esports program at the high school is just one of two Esports programs in Orange County, including both a competitive team and an Esports & Video Game Production elective. Colleges now offer programs in competitive Esports gaming and students are learning skills that will help them in both college as well as emerging careers.

Dual enrollment college classes

will be offered next year. The high school is shifting from advanced placement classes to dual enrollment college classes with the goal of creating more opportunities for students to develop college-level skills and earn college credits.

A Spanish for Heritage Speakers

course will be added next school year at the high school for native speakers to focus on acquiring academic-level Spanish while improving reading and writing skills.

The Aspire Program provides students in all grade levels with various classifications, daily living, communication and academic skills. Small groups and individualized teaching as well as other special education services allow each student's needs to be met. An additional class will be added at Taft to meet the growing needs of the entire Washingtonville community.



Middle school students performed in Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR.



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VOTER INFORMATION

Who may vote?

You must be 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen, a district resident for at least 30 days, and a registered voter for either a general election or a school board election.

How do I register?

If you are not a registered voter for the general election through Orange County Board of Elections, you may register specifically with the Washingtonville Central School District for school votes only by contacting the district clerk: (845) 497-4000, ext. 27001. The last day to register to vote is on Thursday, May 11, 2023 by 5pm.

When and where do I vote?

Polls will be open 6 a.m. - 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, at Washingtonville High School, 54 West Main Street, Washingtonville, NY.

Absentee Ballots

Qualified voters can request an absentee ballot if they are unable to vote in person due to illness, physical disability, hospitalization, or travel. To receive an absentee ballot you must fill out and file an application. You may download an absentee ballot application from the district's website, pick one up at the district office, or request it by contacting the district clerk: (845) 497-4000, ext. 27001. If you want your ballot mailed to you, your application must be received by May 9. If you plan to pick up an application and ballot in person, you may do so until May 15. Absentee ballots must be returned to the district office by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote, May 16. Learn more about voting by absentee ballot at www.wcsdk12.org/budget/2023-24

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	\$116,675,305	\$124,356,502	\$122,591,687
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$7,681,197	\$5,916,382
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.58%	5.07%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.00%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$61,876,473	\$63,641,288	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$61,876,473	\$63,641,288	\$61,876,473
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,733,548	\$1,730,667	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$60,142,925	\$61,910,621	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$60,142,925	\$61,910,621	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval -See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$10,818,215	\$11,136,684	\$10,956,133
Program Component	\$90,474,413	\$97,938,666	\$97,536,387
Capital Component	\$15,382,677	\$15,281,152	\$14,099,167

*If the proposed budget is defeated (pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law) the Board of Education may resubmit the budget to the voters or immediately adopt a contingency budget. The contingency budget will require cuts of \$1,764,815 and will impact various academic and extra-curricular programs. Various equipment slated to be purchased in 2023-24 (excluding health & safety and NYS hardware aided amounts) will be reduced and in accordance with NYS Law, under a contingency budget the District would have to charge outside groups to use District facilities.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)	Description	Amount
	9 - 72 Passenger School Buses and Related Equipment	\$1,473,000
Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year		
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		\$782

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Washingtonville Central School District, Orange County, New York, will be held at the high school in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 p.m., prevailing time in the Washingtonville High School, 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.