

District Presents 2022-2023 Budget and Vote Information

PROPOSED BUDGET CONTINUES TO SUPPORT DISTRICT FOCUS AREAS

Each year the Board of Education focuses on the development of various policies to guide our daily work in providing safe, healthy, and welcoming schools that are full of excellent learning opportunities for each of our students. Although often not thought of as a policy, in fact the most important policy statement that the Board makes is the annual budget which provides the clearest signal of the district's priorities relative to supporting the teaching and learning that takes place within our schools each day. This seven-month process begins in October and ends with the budget vote which is held on the third Tuesday of May each year.



In the intervening seven months, a great deal of planning takes place to ensure that we are finding an appropriate balance between providing our students with the best possible program that is within the confines of the taxpaying public. We believe that the budget that was presented to and adopted by the Board for the 2022-2023 school year accomplishes this balance while keeping a clear focus on the seven key areas of our strategic plan:

1. The development and implementation of a strong and rigorous K – 12 curriculum;
2. The effective delivery of instruction and, when students struggle to learn, instructional interventions;
3. The use of well-designed assessments that provide us with critical information to improve teaching and learning;
4. Promoting positive student wellness and behavior through explicit instruction and, when students struggle, effective interventions;
5. The recruitment, retention, and development of strong personnel in all areas of district operation;
6. The development of effective internal and external communications and communication tools; and
7. The ongoing development and maintenance of long-term plans in all major areas of district operations including curriculum, finance, and facilities.

After you read the information within this newsletter, we encourage you to review the additional Financial Information available on our website at <https://www.bsbsd.org/Page/13354>.

We greatly appreciate the community's ongoing support of our students and staff and hope to see all eligible voters at one of our voting sites on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

Ken Slentz
Superintendent of Schools

Jason Fernau
President, Board of Education

Budget Vote Dates:

- May 4** Budget Hearing on 2022-23 Budget
- May 10** Voter Registration Day
- May 17** Budget Vote and Board of Education Election

BUDGET at-a-Glance

PROPOSED BUDGET

\$98,575,342

SPENDING INCREASE

3.8%

over the current year

TAX LEVY INCREASE

2.5%

over the current year

PROPOSITIONS ON THE BALLOT:

Voters will consider the following separate propositions on the ballot:

Proposition I: School Budget

The district will be authorized to expend the sum set forth in its estimate of expenditures for the 2022-2023 school year in the amount of \$98,575,342 and to levy the necessary taxes therefore.

Proposition II:

School Vehicle Replacement

The district will spend up to \$920,000 to purchase and replace school buses and vehicles.

Proposition III:

Ballston Spa Public Library

The district will be authorized to collect and contribute \$60,885 towards the expense of operating the public library.

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTIONS:

There are two full term (three year) Board seats up for election this year, commencing in July 2022. Interested voters will select from the following candidates at the polls (in order of appearance on the ballot): Lawrence Ryan, Jason Gurtler, Christopher Zeppieri, Brody Savoie and Holly Barker-Flynn.

Additional information will be posted to the website. Also, a Meet the Candidates night will be held on May 2, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the BSHS Library for area voters to learn more about the candidates.



Gordon Creek Elementary School Orchestra students enjoying the applause at Winter Concert

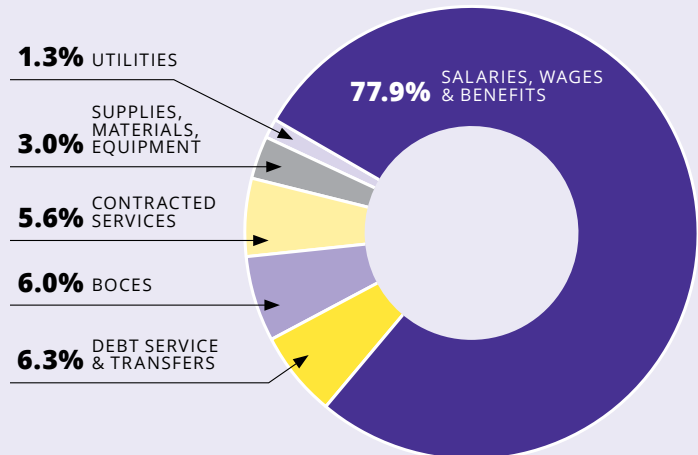
On Track for a Meaningful Diploma

Our district's primary goal is to have each of our students receive a meaningful diploma at the end of their educational career with us. For our students to achieve this, they need to be exposed to rich and rigorous learning materials and curriculum; to have strong supports to help remove barriers to their learning; to have a variety of pathways to explore their interests; and to have talented and committed faculty and staff to deliver effective instruction and provide consistent supports. The 2022–23 budget provides additional resources in each of these areas including:

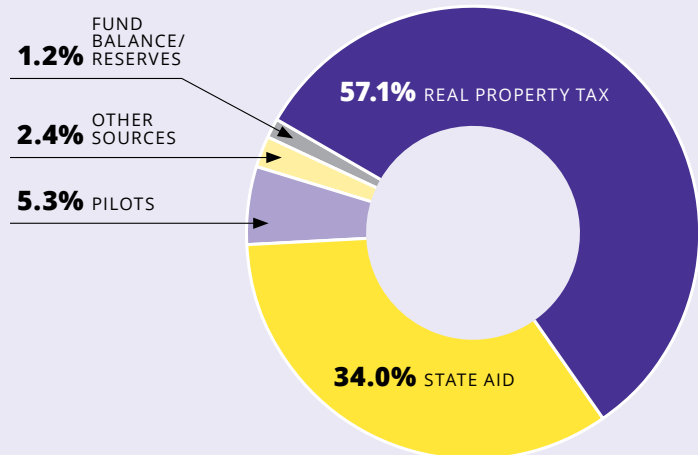
1. The continuation of the implementation of and teacher training for our elementary academic and social-emotional curriculum;
2. The continued development of and teacher training for the Middle School International Baccalaureate model of curriculum development, instructional delivery, and civic readiness;
3. The continued expansion of our Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses and pathways and the addition of interest-based courses for high school students;
4. The addition of social, emotional, and behavioral support personnel and programs;
5. The expansion of program support for students with disabilities;
6. The expansion of pathways for students who need alternative models of high school including Spa Academy;
7. The restoration of music faculty positions which had previously been reduced; and
8. The implementation of an administrative model for special education that provides the necessary focus and support for students, families, staff, and principals.

We believe that this work is and can only be done in true collaboration with our families, our community, and of course, our staff. And as we go about our work together, we believe that we must have a shared mindset that each year we commit to doing better than the year before by taking advantage of our own opportunities to learn and improve. We believe that serving as role models for lifelong learning for our students can only further the likelihood that they will in fact earn a meaningful diploma.

2022-2023 EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES



Expenditures	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	Change	
			Dollars (\$)	Percent (%)
Salaries, Wages & Benefits	\$73,800,862	\$76,780,460	\$2,979,598	4.0%
Supplies, Materials, Equipment	\$2,944,386	\$2,984,895	\$40,509	1.4%
Contracted Services	\$5,153,311	\$5,477,764	\$324,453	6.3%
BOCES	\$5,960,182	\$5,872,110	-\$88,072	-1.5%
Utilities	\$1,232,170	\$1,256,200	\$24,030	2.0%
Debt Service & Transfers	\$5,836,814	\$6,203,913	\$367,099	6.3%
Total Expenditures	\$94,927,725	\$98,575,342	\$3,647,617	3.8%



Revenues	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	Change	
			Dollars (\$)	Percent (%)
State Aid	\$30,509,051	\$33,560,843	\$3,051,792	10.0%
PILOTS	\$5,689,000	\$5,177,000	-\$512,000	-9.0%
Other Sources*	\$2,609,000	\$2,389,000	-\$220,000	-8.4%
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$1,225,000	\$1,200,000	-\$25,000	-2.0%
Real Property Tax	\$54,895,674	\$56,248,499	\$1,352,825	2.5%
Total Revenues	\$94,927,725	\$98,575,342	\$3,647,617	3.8%

* Other Sources of Revenue include federal aid, charges to other districts, interest earnings, and other miscellaneous sources.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$94,927,725	\$98,575,342	\$96,175,484
Increase/Decrease for 2022-23 School Year		\$3,647,617	\$1,247,759
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.84%	1.31%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.70%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$53,848,641	\$56,248,499	
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)	\$53,848,641	\$56,248,499	\$53,848,641
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,603,946	\$1,675,970	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$53,906,066	\$55,745,848	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$52,244,695	\$54,572,529	
I. Difference: (G - H): Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval	\$1,661,371	\$1,173,319	
Administrative Component	\$9,599,876	\$10,049,586	\$9,614,905
Program Component	\$71,941,557	\$74,820,672	\$73,489,558
Capital Component	\$13,386,292	\$13,705,084	\$13,071,021

Contingency Budget Assumptions: A contingent budget would result in the reduction and/or elimination of certain expenses such as equipment, supplies, and personnel as determined by the Board of Education. In all, a contingent budget would require \$2,399,858 in reductions.

Description	Amount
School District Buses & Vehicles	\$920,000
Ballston Spa Public Library	\$60,885

List of separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings	\$607

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-2023 by the qualified voters of the Ballston Spa Central School District, Saratoga County, New York, will be held at the Ballston Spa High School for voters in District 1 and the Malta Town Hall for voters in District 2 on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

Vote May 17, 2022

The annual statewide School Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections will be held on **May 17, 2022 from 7 am-9 pm**. District residents vote at **Ballston Spa High School (residents of the Towns of Ballston, Milton and Charlton) and the Malta Town Hall (residents of Malta)**.

The Bottom Line:

The adopted 2022-2023 budget for the Ballston Spa Central School District is \$98,575,342 which represents a 3.8% increase in expenditures over the 2021-2022 budget.

The projected tax levy increase to support the 2022-2023 budget is \$56,248,499, which represents a 2.46% increase over the 2021-2022 tax levy.

The tax impact on the average home in the district assessed at \$262,000 is projected to be \$68 per year.

The adopted budget supports all current programs in place and adds additional staff support for both academic programs, as well as for struggling and accelerated students.



Ballston Spa Central School District

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Upcoming Events

May

- 2 **Meet the BOE Candidates Night**, 6:30 pm,
High School Library
- 13&14 **NYSSMA Solo Festival**, High School-Middle School
- 14 **Wellness Expo and Scotties 5k/Kids Color Fun Run**,
WR Complex
- 17 **Budget Vote and School Pride Day**, 7:00 am-9:00 pm,
High School Library and Malta Town Hall
- 26 **All-District Elementary Concert**, 7:00 pm,
High School Stadium Field
- 30 **NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day**

June

- 3 **High School Senior Prom**, 8:00-11:00 pm,
Saratoga Springs City Center
- 9 **Clean Tech ECHS Graduation and Student
Presentations**, 8:30 am, TEC-SMART
- 9 **High School Senior Awards Night**, 7:00 pm,
High School Auditorium
- 20 **NO SCHOOL – Juneteenth** (observed)
- 23 **High School Graduation**, 4:00 pm,
Saratoga Performing Arts Center
- 24 **Last Day of Classes**
- 27 **Superintendent Conference Day**

Complete event information is located on the District Website's Events Calendar. Please check often for the latest info, or call the appropriate school office. Also, follow the district on Twitter @BSCSD or Facebook/Instagram @BallstonSpaCSD for frequent updates and information.

District Budget and Vote Information

The Board of Education approved the proposed 2022-23 school district budget at the April 13, 2022 meeting. The annual statewide School Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections will be held on May 17, 2022 from 7:00 am – 9:00 pm. District residents vote at Ballston Spa High School (residents of the Towns of Ballston, Milton and Charlton) and the Malta Town Hall (residents of Malta).

The mandated School District Annual Budget Hearing is scheduled for May 4, 2022 at 6:30 pm in the Ballston Spa High School Library. It will also be broadcast on the district's YouTube channel. Questions may be submitted via email at boe@bscsd.org

Please visit the website for additional details on the budget vote and/or contact us for more information. Residents may call the district's budget hotline with specific questions for the Assistant Superintendent for Business at 518-884-7195 ext. 1320.

If a resident of the school district meets the definition of a "qualified voter" but has not registered to vote, (s)he must register to be eligible to receive a ballot. A qualified voter may register with the county by contacting the Saratoga County Board of Elections, or at the district's registration day on May 10, 2022.

Absentee ballots are available for voters who are unable to visit the polls on May 17, 2022. An application for the absentee ballot is available for pickup at the District Office or by calling 518-884-7195 ext. 1320. Absentee ballots must be received no later than 5:00 pm on May 17, 2022.

Questions and comments may be sent via the comments section on the district website at www.bscsd.org or call the District Office at 518-884-7195.