



LANSINGBURGH

— CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT —

BUDGET EDITION • MAY 2022

District Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 17

On Tuesday, May 17, 2022, Lansingburgh Central School District residents will vote on the proposed budget that was adopted by the Board of Education on April 11, 2022. The proposed budget of \$57,383,864 reflects a spending increase of \$2,634,686. It also includes \$2,861,061 in additional State Aid. This increase represents year two of the three-year phase in of fully funding the district's Foundation Aid. We expect

the final phase in funds for the 2023-24 budget.

The estimated tax levy increase is 1.80%, however the school tax bill increase to the homeowner will vary, depending on equalization and STAR. The increase on a home with the full market value of \$100,000 would be an estimated \$37.78.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

The proposed tax levy for the 2022-23 budget stays within the allowable tax cap. The allowable tax cap is 2.60% for the 2022-23 school year, and the district is asking for 1.80%. This budget's state aid revenues are based upon the New York State Budget estimates published on April 11, 2022.

The proposed budget includes an additional nurse at Turnpike Elementary as well as a Nurse Practitioner to oversee student health needs. It also maintains funding for the district to pay for all necessary student school supplies in the 22-23 school year. Since student supplies are not a contingent item, the district will not be able to pay for this expense if the budget is voted down.

The district recently completed a Request for Proposals (RFP) for

transportation services and First Student was selected as the new transportation provider. This budget seeks approval for a five-year contract with First Student. It is important to note that transportation costs are 90% aidable by New York State, meaning a smaller impact on taxes.

The largest increase in the budget is the resurfacing of the Athletic Track since it is nearing the end of its current life. The district feels this is an important step to take with close to 200 students on the track team as well as other schools and community groups relying on the facility. This capital improvement will be paid for with Repair Reserve funds. Since capital improvements are not a contingent item, the district will not be able to pay for this expense if the budget is voted down.

PUBLIC HEARING

MEET THE CANDIDATES: There will be a "Meet the Candidates" forum giving residents an opportunity to meet the candidates running for the 2 five-year term Board of Education positions and 1 two-year term Board of Education position to be filled effective July 1, 2022. Meet the Candidates will begin at 6:00 p.m. followed by a public hearing on the budget at 6:30 p.m. on May 9, 2022, in the Knickerbacker Middle School Auditorium.

SUMMARY OF IMPORTANT DATES:

May 3, 2022:

- Voter Registration – 12:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

May 9, 2022:

- Meet the Candidates – 6:00 p.m.
- Budget Public Hearing – 6:30 p.m.

May 17, 2022:

- Budget Vote & Board Election – 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Will be held on Wednesday, May 3 from noon to 6:00 p.m. in the District Office (55 New Turnpike Road, Troy)

If you are not currently registered to vote, you must register for the school budget vote and board election. When registering, bring a valid driver's license. If you do not have one, bring other proof of date of birth and residence.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are again available to any registered voter this year. Applications for absentee ballots are obtainable from the District Clerk at the District Office (55 New Turnpike Road, Troy, NY) between 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

VOTING LOCATIONS

Voting will take place at the following from 12:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

- Lansingburgh High School – 320 Seventh Avenue, Troy, NY 12182
- Turnpike Elementary School – 55 New Turnpike Road, Troy, NY 12182

**BUDGET
VOTE****TUESDAY
MAY 17, 2022**
Absentee Ballots
Due by 5 p.m.**School Budget Ballot 2022-2023:**✓ **YES or NO**Budget
Proposed

RECOMMENDATION: Be it resolved, that the detailed Proposed Budget in the amount of \$57,383,864 be adopted with an anticipated income exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$40,944,874; and the amount to be raised by taxes of \$16,438,990; and that this budget will be referred to as the **Basic Budget**.

**BOARD OF
EDUCATION
UPDATE**

Six (6) individuals are running for the three (3) seats opening on the Board of Education. Two seats are for a 5-year term (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2027) and the third seat is for a 2-year term (July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2024).

The names of board candidates shall appear on the ballot as follows:

1. Jessica Vartigian
2. Catherine Curtis
3. Jami Briggs
4. Tina Rysedorph
5. Thomas Zakrzewski
6. Talia Pallozzi

More information about this year's candidates is available on www.lansingburgh.org

Copies of the Budget... are available in the district office, 55 New Turnpike Road, and in the main office at each of the four schools, at the Lansingburgh Branch of the Troy Public Library and on the district website, www.lansingburgh.org

Copies also will be available at the public hearing.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

| | BUDGET 2021-2022 | PROPOSED 2022-2023 |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| General Support | \$ 5,551,659 | \$ 5,631,254 |
| Instruction | 28,734,529 | 30,382,767 |
| Transportation | 4,756,474 | 4,762,798 |
| Community Service | 900 | 900 |
| Employee Benefits | 10,804,023 | 11,292,269 |
| Transfer to Other Funds/Debt Services | 4,901,593 | 5,313,876 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$ 54,749,178 | \$ 57,383,864 |

SUMMARY OF REVENUE

| | BUDGET 2021-2022 | PROPOSED 2022-2023 |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| Appropriated Fund Balance | \$ 750,000 | \$ 750,000 |
| State Aid | 36,615,860 | 39,109,874 |
| Charges for Services | 304,000 | 174,000 |
| Use of Money & Property | 412,000 | 67,000 |
| Refund Of Prior Years Expenditures | 330,000 | 380,000 |
| Federal Affected Areas | 0 | 0 |
| Interfund Revenues | 100,000 | 375,000 |
| Payment in Lieu Of Tax/Penalties | 89,000 | 89,000 |
| Property Tax | 16,148,318 | 16,438,990 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$ 54,749,178 | \$ 57,383,864 |

ESTIMATED ASSESSED VALUE TAX PER THOUSAND

| | LANSINGBURGH | BRUNSWICK | SCHAGHTICOKE | PITTSTOWN |
|-----------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| 2021-2022 | \$20.98 | \$75.46 | \$82.44 | \$32.39 |
| 2022-2023 | \$21.36 | \$76.82 | \$83.93 | \$32.39 |



Message from the Superintendent

To the Lansingburgh School Community:

To date, the 2021-22 school year has been built around establishing a path to normalcy, moving away from the COVID-19 pandemic and most of the health and safety restrictions that accompany it. With all students and staff returning to school full time for the entire school year, we have been strategically planning in the areas of academic achievement, social and emotional awareness and addressing chronic absenteeism. This strategic planning has helped ease any loss of opportunity that our students have experienced during school closures in the past two school years.

Our students and school community overall have demonstrated a resilience that makes me very proud to be the superintendent of this great district. The district has utilized Federal stimulus funding to enhance our academic and student support services. We have created several clubs and activities in each school to capture more student interest and spark new interests beyond what students may have realized was possible. In the high school, we created a new position of Employment & Training Coordinator whose duties include creating/finding student career exploration and training programs to ensure Lansingburgh graduates are prepared for a future of their choosing. To assist our families, the district has set aside some Federal Funding money to provide after school care free of charge.

The Board of Education has adopted a proposed budget of \$57,383,864 to present to the voters for the 2022-23 school year. This represents an overall increase in spending of \$2,634,686 (4.81%). School districts are not immune to inflation, which impacts nearly all aspects of our programming. Inflation rates were 4.69% in 2021 and 7.68% in the first two months of 2022, well beyond the 2.83% growth rate in New York State. With this in mind, the district must be financially responsible with taxpayer funding while still maintaining high quality instruction and

programs for our students. The Board of Education understands that investment in our children's education benefits our community in the future and asks for your support in continuing to provide the best possible education for them.

Included with this plan is a tax levy increase of \$290,672 (1.8%). This **DOES NOT EXCEED** our maximum allowable tax cap, which is 2.6% this year. Through the budget development process, we have been careful to ensure this budget is representative of the district's mission statement to "provide a safe and nurturing educational environment where high expectations, rigor, life-long learning and civic responsibility are developed and encouraged." ***If passed, this budget will allow the district to maintain all current programs.***

As in years past, our district continues to avoid any erratic tax levy changes, while providing the highest quality education for the children of the Lansingburgh community. If you have any questions regarding this or any other aspect of the budget, please feel free to email me (aabitabile@lansingburgh.org) or call me at 518-233-6850 and I will be more than willing to talk.

Ever Upwards,

Dr. Antonio W. Abitabile, Ed. D.
LCSD Superintendent



Class of 2022 Top Academic Students



RPES Great Reading Camp Out



TES Classes Hatched Chicks



School Dances Have Returned



BUDGET Q & A

Q: What happens if the budget fails?

A: If the budget is not approved, then the Board of Education has the option to:
1. Put up the same budget for a revote 2. Put up a new budget for revote
3. Adopt a Contingent Budget

Q: What if the second vote fails?

A: If the budget were to fail a second time, the Board of Education must adopt a contingent budget.

Q: What is a contingent budget?

A: A contingent budget is one where the Tax Levy cannot exceed that of the previous year. In addition, the administrative portion of the budget must be equal to or less than the percent from the previous year's budget, and all non-contingent items cannot be included in the budget.

Q: What are contingent items?

A: Legal Expenses – Debt Service, Principal, and Interest Judgements
Other Legal Obligations – Social Security and other payroll taxes and assessments, Preexisting contractual obligations.
Expenditures specifically authorized by statute: Transportation, Textbooks, Supplies for Loan to Pupils, Membership in NYS School Board Association, Convention and Conference Expenses, District's Share of Services Provided by BOCES, Health Services, Student Accident Insurance, In-Service Training for Teachers, Child Nutrition Programs and other items necessary to maintain Lansingburgh educational programs.

Q: What are Non-Contingent Items?

- A:**
- Rental of office equipment
 - Use of school buildings by outside organizations except where there is no identifiable extra cost to the district, or such cost is fully paid by a donation before the activity occurs
 - Capital expenditures (except in an emergency)
 - Transportation and maintenance of interscholastic athletic teams
 - Equipment purchases
 - Pupil uniforms whether for athletic activities or otherwise.
 - Student Supplies

None of the items listed above would be allowed under a contingent budget

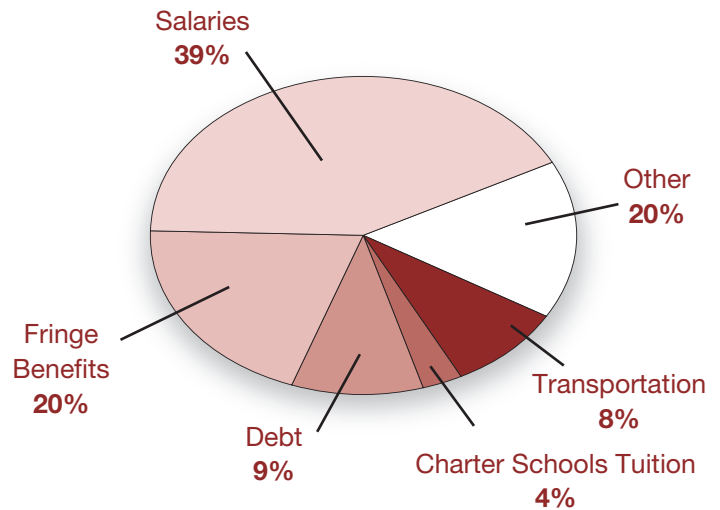
Senior Citizen School Tax Exemption Information

| Annual Income | Percentage Assessed Valuation Exempt From Taxation |
|---------------|--|
| \$29,000 | 50 percent |
| \$30,000 | 45 percent |
| \$31,000 | 40 percent |
| \$32,000 | 35 percent |
| \$32,900 | 30 percent |
| \$33,800 | 25 percent |
| \$34,700 | 20 percent |
| \$35,600 | 15 percent |
| \$36,500 | 10 percent |
| \$37,400 | 5 percent |

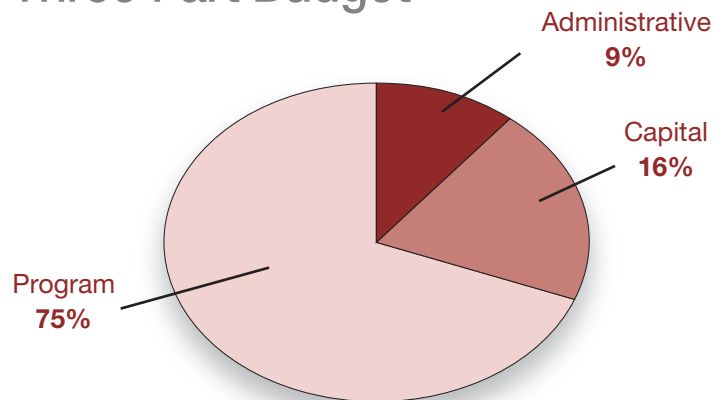
The Lansingburgh School District will allow a percentage school tax exemption on real property owned by persons 65 years of age or over. Taxpayers must meet the statutory qualifications set forth in Section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law of the State of New York. The annual income scale and the tax exemption percentage are listed to the left.

Note: Applications approved by the city or town tax assessor's office will automatically be applied to your school district taxes.

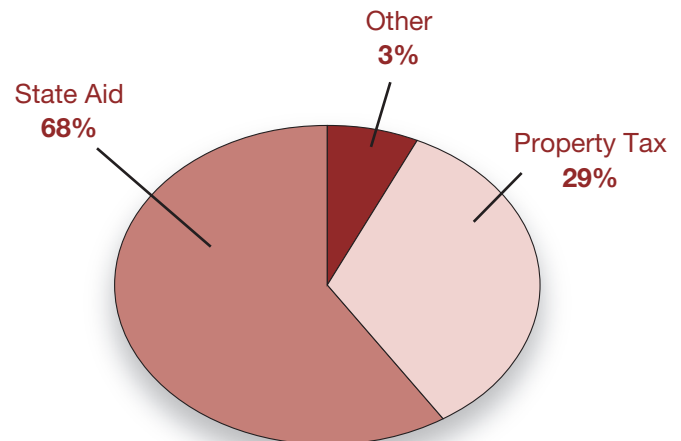
2022 – 2023 Proposed Budget



Three Part Budget



2022 – 2023 Revenue





Federal Stimulus Funds Allow District to Strengthen & Grow

This school year, districts nationwide began receiving Federal Funding through the American Rescue Plan Act (ARP) and the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSAA). This money is meant to address the impact that COVID-19 has had on students and schools. School districts have ARP funding available through September 2024 and CRRSAA funding available through September 2023. By that point, the district will have received \$7,254,293 (ARP) and \$2,641,818 (CRRSAA) to use at its discretion. We want to give district families and taxpayers some examples of how Lansingburgh has been using this money to benefit students so far.

More Teaching Faculty & Support Staff

During the time that Lansingburgh has started receiving Federal Funding, the district has been able to use it to hire more teaching faculty and support staff across its four schools. This has included more teachers in subjects that were noticeably impacted by the pandemic (reading/writing, math), classroom support staff, specialized services faculty/staff and a new position to help students understand the variety of professional/educational options after graduating.

New faculty/staff hired this year includes:

- 5 ELA (English Language Arts) Teachers
- 7 Math Teachers
- 4 Reading Teachers
- 16 Teaching Assistants
- 7 Special Education Personnel (Both Teachers & Related Services)
- A College & Career Readiness Coordinator
- Expanded offerings during summer months that extend K-12 learning



Free Afterschool Care

Using the funding, Lansingburgh has been able to fully fund free after school care for Turnpike Elementary and Rensselaer Park Elementary students, complete with afternoon snacks for students.

More Extracurricular Clubs & Activities

Below is only a sampling of extracurricular clubs and activities started in Lansingburgh in the last year. By offering opportunities like these at school, Lansingburgh students have been presented with a chance to access new interests - free of cost - that they would have been less likely to discover otherwise.

- **KMS Media Club:** Knickerbacker Middle School students do hands-on production and on-camera work with staff to create the middle school's weekly news program.
- **Knights Boxing Club:** A 4-day per week non-contact boxing club at the middle and high school level where students run workouts consisting of heavy punching bags, light punching bags, and cardio & core exercises while working toward individual fitness goals.
- **RPES Junior Knights Wrestling Club:** This peewee wrestling program at the grade 3-5 level has been very popular since it started. It is helping younger students make disciplined mind/body connections, learn how to balance individual accomplishments with those of a team and it is just plain fun!

Purchasing School Supplies, Technology & Equipment

Federal Funding is also being used to purchase more items and supplies the district needs for students on a regular basis. This includes new classroom smart boards, musical instruments, library books, educational software for individualized learning, increased server capacity for better education technology performance and much more.





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Lansingburgh Voting Districts

Voting District 1:

Lansingburgh High School Gym (320 7th Ave.)

The voting location for those living north of 101st St to the south of 118th St.

Voting District 2:

Turnpike Elementary School Gym (55 New Turnpike Rd.)

The voting location for those living north of 118th St to the end of Pleasantdale; Northern Drive;
Corliss Park; Miami Beach Estates; Highpointe; all of Brunswick 7; and all of Speigletown.

Speigletown Fire House is not a voting location.

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Absentee ballots are again available to **any** registered voter this year. Applications for absentee ballots are obtainable from the District Clerk at the District Office (55 New Turnpike Road, Troy, NY). Completed absentee ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM, prevailing time, on May 17, 2022.

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