

# NEW YORK MILLS

May  
2015

## UNION FREE SCHOOL BUDGET NEWSLETTER

### Dear School Community Member,

The New York Mills Union Free School District Board of Education adopted a proposed budget of \$13,518,387 for the 2015-16 school year. The budget represents a 2.796% increase from the 2014-15 budget. The increase in spending is due to increases in fixed costs such as salaries and health insurance, an increase in the number of students in outside Special Education and alternative placements, and the addition of Teacher Assistant positions for Title I student support services. To offset these increased costs, we implemented multiple cost-saving measures, such as staff reductions in our School Monitors and School Social Worker through attrition, transitioning from leasing to purchasing of school buses, and a .4 reduction in our secondary Social Studies department.

The Board of Education held budget workshops at their meetings on March 3, March 17, April 7, and April 21. At those workshops, it was discussed that the tax levy limit (or tax cap) for our school district for 2015-16 is 2.91%. Through the use of extra reserve funds, we are projecting a 2015-16 levy increase of 1.25%, which is smaller than increases in recent years. A 1.25% levy increase keeps us well below our tax levy limit.

To honor our veterans, the Board of Education approved an Alternative Veteran's Exemption that will begin in the 2015-16 school year. This exemption will be distributed

### BOE Candidate

There is one School Board vacancy for a five-year term. The following candidate has submitted a petition:

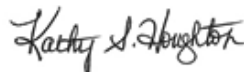
**Janet M. Wroblecki**

Mrs. Wroblecki previously served as a board member from 2008 to 2013.

throughout the rest of the non-exempted parcels in the school district, with a projected tax rate impact of .49%. Please keep in mind that the actual tax rates for the towns of New Hartford and Whitestown will not be finalized until August when the state equalization rates are distributed. The New York Mills Union Free School District Board of Education continues to be mindful of our taxpayers, while still striving to provide the best possible learning experience for our K-12 students.

The School Budget Vote and Board Member election will take place on Tuesday, May 19 from 12:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Beekman Gymnasium. Thank you for your continued involvement in the public education of our school community's children.

Sincerely,



Kathy Houghton, Superintendent

Please vote on the school  
budget and Board of  
Education member



election on Tuesday,  
May 19, 2015, in  
the Beekman Gym.

# Budget Components

## Administrative Component

The administrative component consists of overall management activities including board of education, superintendent's office, business office operations such as central data processing, payroll, purchasing, BOCES administrative expenses, insurance, printing, mailing, personnel, legal and auditing services, and building administrative costs.

<b>Function or Account</b>	<b>Budget 2014-15</b>	<b>Proposed 2015-16</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Board of Education	\$27,505	\$27,705	\$200
Central Administration	\$192,322	\$192,322	\$0
Finance	\$150,826	\$157,546	\$6,720
Legal Services	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$0
Personnel	\$56,620	\$56,620	\$0
Records Management	\$4,922	\$5,069	\$147
Public Information	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Central Services	\$285,764	\$327,571	\$41,807
Other Special Items	\$221,147	\$224,715	\$3,568
Curr. Dev. & Sup.	\$94,640	\$96,640	\$2,000
Supervision - Regular Sch.	\$305,544	\$305,544	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$143,065	\$149,285	\$6,220
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,493,355</b>	<b>\$1,554,017</b>	<b>\$60,662</b>

**Administrative  
Component  
is 11.50%  
of Budget**

## Program Component

The program component consists of funding the instruction of and educational support services for the district's 597 students. Transportation of students, athletics, and co-curricular activities are also included in this budget component.

<b>Function or Account</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Legal Services	\$21,500	\$21,500	\$0
Instruction	\$6,535,250	\$6,706,794	\$171,544
Other Dist. Transportation	\$322,685	\$355,601	\$32,916
Garage Building	\$83,853	\$83,853	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$2,561,360	\$2,670,445	\$109,085
Other Transfers	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,534,148</b>	<b>\$9,847,693</b>	<b>\$313,545</b>

**Program  
Component  
is 72.85% of  
Budget**

## Capital Component

The capital component consists of maintenance of buildings, upkeep of grounds, and electricity, heat, water & sewer, and telephone services. Funds are also included for the lease of school buses, payments on the capital project, and for refund of taxes for claims against property assessments.

<b>Function or Account</b>	<b>2014-15</b>	<b>2015-16</b>	<b>Difference</b>
Operation of Plant	\$572,446	\$573,629	\$1,183
Maintenance of Plant	\$274,277	\$277,432	\$3,155
Refund of Taxes	\$40,000	\$40,000	\$0
Lease of Buses/Purchase	\$172,413	\$156,554	\$(15,859)
Employee Benefits	\$316,260	\$323,324	\$7,064
Debt Service	\$747,776	\$745,738	\$(2,038)
Transfer to Capital	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,123,172</b>	<b>\$2,116,677</b>	<b>\$(6,495)</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$13,150,675</b>	<b>\$13,518,387</b>	<b>\$367,712</b>

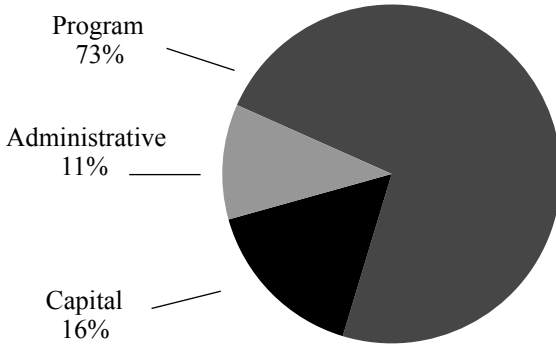
**Capital  
Component  
is 15.66%  
of Budget**

**Total Budget  
Increase  
2.796%**

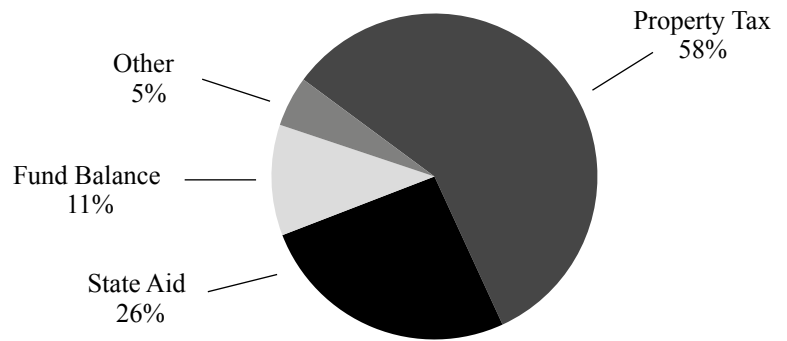


# Budget Report Card

## Expenditures



## Revenues



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#### Overall Budget Proposal

Budget Adopted for the 2014-15 School Year      Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year      Contingency Budget for the 2015-16 School Year\*

Total budgeted amount, not including separate propositions	\$13,150,675	\$13,518,387	\$13,457,725
Increase/decrease for 2015-2016 school year		\$367,712	\$307,050
Percentage increase/decrease in proposed budget		2.796%	2.334%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.62%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,388,815	\$7,481,175	
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)	\$7,388,815	\$7,481,175	1.25%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$168,542	\$169,413	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,225,407	\$7,435,040	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$7,220,273	\$7,311,762	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$5,134	\$123,278	
Administrative component	\$1,493,355	\$1,554,017	\$1,493,355
Program component	\$9,534,148	\$9,847,693	\$9,847,693
Capital component	\$2,123,172	\$2,116,677	\$2,116,677

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2015-16 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\* 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

#### Under the Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$675

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2015-2016 by the qualified voters of the New York Mills Union Free School District, Oneida County, New York, will be held at Beekman Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, at 12:00 p.m. prevailing time OR between the hours of 12:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Beekman Gymnasium, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup>The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.





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Kathy Houghton, Superintendent of Schools  
Michael Spost, Secondary Principal  
René Wilson, Elementary Principal

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## Proposition 1 - Budget \$13,518,387

Resolved that the Board of Education is authorized to expend the amount of \$13,518,387 for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, which will include two (2) five (5) year lease of up to \$35,000 annually for two (2) seventy passenger buses and, for which the required funds shall be appropriated and the necessary real property taxes shall be raised by a tax on taxable property in the District.

## Proposition 2 – School Bus Purchase

Resolved that the Board of Education is authorized to purchase one school bus at an estimated maximum cost of \$120,000, the cost of which shall be raised by levy of a tax to be collected in annual installments, and in anticipation of such tax, debt obligations shall be issued in an amount not to exceed the estimated maximum cost, or which shall be paid by an installment purchase contract.

## Tax Levy Increase

The tax levy increase for 2015-16 is projected to be 1.25%.

Note: Rates are estimated based on current information available. Final equalization rates will not be set by the State of New York until August. In the two previous years, the final tax on true was actually lower than projected at the time of budget development.

## Tax on True

The tax on true value for the district in 2015-16 will be approximately \$22.59.

## Absentee Ballots

Absentee Ballots are available. Those interested can apply in person daily from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. or by mail. Applications for an absentee ballot must be received by the District Office by May 18, 2015.

## Voter Eligibility Requirements

A voter must meet the following eligibility requirements to vote in school elections:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have been a resident of the school district for a minimum of 30 days prior to the vote, including those who rent. Section 2018-C of the Education Law may require all persons who vote to provide one form of identification or proof of residency.
- Be at least 18 years of age.

**Please vote on the school budget and Board of Education member election on Tuesday, May 19, 2015, in Beekman Gym.**