



THE HERALD

Special Budget Issue From Your Board of Education



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Community Members,

May 2024

As we prepare for the 2024-2025 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 2024-2025 budget reflects a 3.15% increase from the current year's expenditure plan and includes a property tax levy increase of 2.54%, consistent with what the State-mandated property tax levy formula allows. In addition, residents will have the opportunity to vote on a proposition to establish a capital reserve fund for building improvements. The creation of this capital reserve fund would enable the District to put away money over time, instead of borrowing, in order to finance capital projects later. The establishment and funding of this capital reserve comes at no additional cost to taxpayers. In addition, the budget includes the introduction of the MyView English Language Arts program for Grades 3-5, upgrades to our cybersecurity hardware and software, an additional secondary level Social Worker, continuation of the districtwide air conditioning initiative, new mascot and branding for High School East, and security upgrades including armed security guards.

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/budget, so that you will be able to make an informed decision when voting on Tuesday, May 21. The budget statement is available for inspection at all schools 14 days before the vote. It is also available at the public library, on the district website, at the Budget Hearing and at the Annual Election.

Sincerely,

The Half Hollow Hills Board of Education

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Dr. John Mathew
Michael Prywes



**SCHOOL
BUDGET VOTE &
TRUSTEE
ELECTION**

**May 21, 2024
7:00 a.m.
to
10:00 p.m.
High School
East
Gymnasium**

In compliance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act, election information is offered in English and Spanish.

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HALF HOLLOW HILLS 2024-2025 BUDGET

Continuing the District's tradition of investing in and improving its facilities without the need for large-scale borrowing, \$5.32 million in capital projects is proposed and would include the following:

- Continue with the window replacement project at Candlewood Middle School.
- Full replacement of the athletic track at High School West.
- Purchase of a pre-fabricated bathroom facility to be located by the existing turf field at High School West. Facility will include a men's room, a women's room, a custodial closet and a small concession area.
- Renovation of boys and girls locker rooms at High School West - including replacement of flooring, lighting, ceilings, shower areas and coaches' rooms (or portions thereof, dependent on budget).



Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund

At the Budget Vote and Board of Education Trustees Election on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, the residents of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District will have the opportunity to vote on a proposition to establish a capital reserve fund for building improvements.

Reserve funds are separate savings accounts set up to finance specific District expenses. The Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund would be established to finance the cost of improvements, renovations, construction, reconstruction, purchases and/or alterations to bathrooms, ceilings, lighting, interior flooring, windows, HVAC and building mechanical systems, parking lots and sidewalks. **There is no additional expense to taxpayers and the District will take on no additional debt.**

To learn more about this proposition, please visit our Building Improvements Capital Reserve Fund webpage by scanning this QR code or by visiting www.hhh.k12.ny.us/capitalreserve.

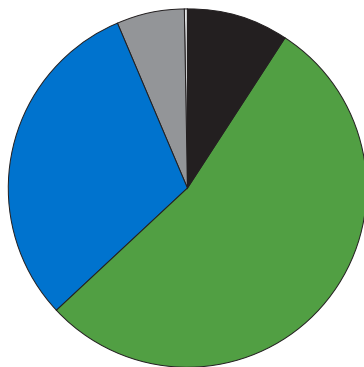


TOTAL EXPENDITURES

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Total Budget	\$289,790,216	\$298,912,008
Dollar Increase from Prior Year		\$9,121,792
Percent Increase from Prior Year		3.15%

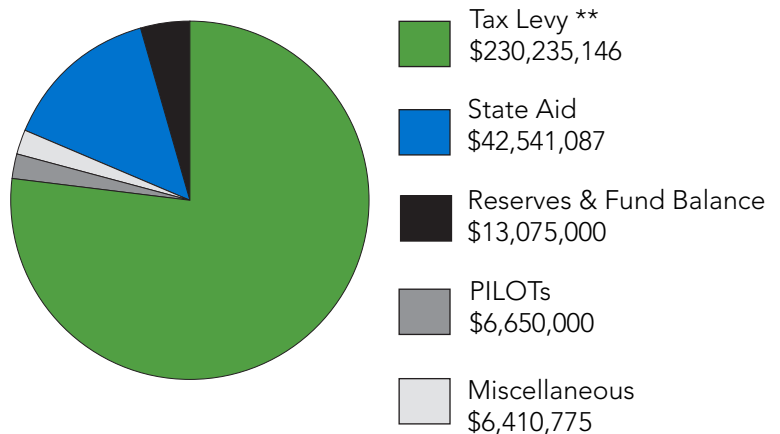
PROJECTED 2024-2025 EXPENDITURES

Instruction	\$160,791,362
Undistributed	\$91,054,226
General Support	\$28,039,280
Transportation *	\$18,915,740
Community Service	\$111,400



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

PROJECTED 2024-2025 REVENUES



** The District is proposing a tax levy increase of 2.54%, which is consistent with what the Property Tax Levy Cap formula allows.