



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2024-2025 SCHOOL BUDGET

(PROPOSITION #1)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2023-2024	%	2024-2025	%
INSTRUCTION	\$79,509,525	58.83%	\$81,458,193	58.25%
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$4,016,521	2.97%	\$4,186,446	2.99%
CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$1,275,000	0.94%	\$1,275,000	0.91%
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	\$9,268,251	6.86%	\$9,706,525	6.94%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$6,986,721	5.17%	\$7,204,474	5.15%
COMMUNITY SERVICES	0	0.00%	0	0.00%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$33,118,002	24.50%	\$35,105,646	25.10%
DEBT SERVICE & UNDISTRIBUTED	\$975,000	0.72%	\$910,000	0.65%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$135,149,020	100%	\$139,846,284	100%

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY

Hardware

- Launching the biggest hardware upgrade in district history by adding drops and access points throughout the district
- Erate-funded project will result in dozens of new connections, the addition of new switches to our server closets, and expanded Internet access in all of our classrooms
- Replacing Nutanix components as part of our backup infrastructure upgrades
- Replace 700 Chromebooks and 200 desktop PCs in 2024-2025

Software

- IncidentIQ, a new helpdesk and asset management system, will be rolled out in 2024-2025
- ParentSquare has been rolled out and will be expanded in 2024-25 as we add StudentSquare and other new modules
- AI software has dominated many discussions. To that end, we will be rolling out Chat for Schools (an Ed Law 2-d compliant ChatGPT clone) to grades K-12 and are providing all teachers with access to CanvaMagicSchool.ai

Security & Network

- Monitor to ensure that district employees are utilizing secure passwords
- Migrate all student records to the cloud

Instruction

- Formed an AI Committee that has helped steer AI purchases and supplemented the work of the Technology Committee
- Continue to provide one-on-one staff training to anyone who signs up, and we cover virtually any tech topic
- Expand the use of the GoGuardian suite, which now includes Edulastic (test prep), GoGuardian Admin (filtering), and Peardeck (web-based apps for teachers to use during instruction), and will also expand the use of TypingClub
- Make use of Turnitin's new AI detection capabilities
- Continue to utilize Model School days through BOCES to provide tech-centered training for teachers and will enter year 3 of our push-in Professional development program

MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- #1 Open Enrollment, Suburban Middle School in New York State (3rd Consecutive Year)
- 2nd Highest Proficiency Rates on the NYS Grade 3-8 Math Assessments on Long Island
- 21 out of 24 NYS Archives Student Research Awards Went to Students at Jericho Middle School
- 4th Redesignation as a "School to Watch" by the National Forum to Accelerate Middle-Grades Reform
- Wide Range of Elective and Extracurricular Opportunities Explorations in Science Research
- Mathletes/Math Olympiad/American Math Competition
- Diversity Day
- Theater Program
- Anti-Bullying Programs
- National History Day Projects
- Mentoring Program with Nassau County Bar Association
- Personal Best Initiative
- Digital Citizenship
- Field Trips – Washington D.C. and Philadelphia
- Middle School Teaming/Student Team Advisors
- NEST Period
- Learning Walks/Intervisitations
- Faculty and Community Brunch and Learns
- Family Booktalks & Author Visits
- World Read Aloud Day
- Literacy Leaders and Junior Librarians
- Instructional Support Team/Response to Intervention
- After School Success Program
- Co-Teaching and Small Class Programs
- ENL Programs
- New Science and Art classrooms

Budget Bulletin

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2024-2025 JERICHO PUBLIC LIBRARY BUDGET

(PROPOSITION #3)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2023-2024	2024-2025
Library Materials	\$506,338	\$534,925
Programming	\$128,500	\$133,000
Property Improvements	\$9,500	\$9,000
Furniture & Equipment	\$70,600	\$83,700
Operating Expenses	\$769,700	\$788,800
Salaries & Benefits	\$4,082,308	\$4,146,895
Capital Outlay	\$20,000	\$18,000
Capital Project Fund	\$5,000	\$30,000
Total Expenditures	\$5,591,946	\$5,744,320
Less Total Anticipated Income/Partial Surplus Transfer	\$205,028	\$269,766
Total To Be Raised By Taxes	\$5,386,918	\$5,474,554

Percentage Increase in the Library Tax Levy 1.63 %

The proposed levy will be within the allowable threshold as prescribed in Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011

There is one seat open for the Library Board.

Copies of the complete Jericho Library Proposed 2024-2025 Budget are available at the Jericho Public Library for inspection.



Jericho Budget Bulletin

MAY 2024

Board of Education Adopts Budget Below Tax Levy Limit

Jericho's Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2024-2025 school district budget of \$139,846,284 at the March 21, 2024 Board Meeting. The \$115,460,399 tax levy to support the adopted budget represents a 3.25% increase, which is below our New York State Tax Cap calculation.

Since January, the district hosted a series of public workshops to review the financial status of the school district and create a budget for the coming year. The Board of Education and district administration requested input from members of the school community at these workshops.

Voting on the budget will be on Tuesday, May 21. If the budget is not approved by residents with a simple majority, the district can resubmit the original budget or a revised budget in June.

On the Ballot

The District plans to continue the building and facility upgrades and on May 21, voters will be asked to vote on an additional proposition.

Proposition #2: SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$4,448,603 from the

capital reserve fund established on May 17, 2022 for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows: district-wide bathroom upgrades; district-wide plumbing and pump upgrades; auditorium reconstruction at Jackson Elementary School; district-wide ceiling and lighting upgrades; district-wide building energy management systems upgrades; district-wide asphalt and paving upgrades; district-wide security upgrades; district-wide exterior door upgrades; all of the above to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs associated therewith.

Maintaining Programs

While preparing the budget, many strategies were considered, including keeping a multi-year, long-term perspective on the district's financial plans. Our goal each year is to achieve a tax levy that is within our threshold, while maintaining and/or expanding all current instructional programs. All instructional programs will continue for next year, and there will be enhancements to some of these programs. Also, a new course has been added to the

course catalog at the high school - The Pursuit of Happiness, which is a senior level English Course and students enrolled in the class will have the opportunity to earn college credit.

Technology

This year's technology budget reflects Jericho's commitment to the thoughtful, collaborative introduction of artificial intelligence software and hardware into our schools. The programs Chat for Schools, Merlyn Origins, and Class Companion are now in use across the district, as is Turnitin.com's AI plagiarism detection service. As a result of the implementation of these services, Jericho has positioned itself on the cutting edge of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in education.

Cybersecurity and data protection also remain district priorities, and to that end we've implemented a new communication tool for district and parent outreach - ParentSquare. We intend to expand its use in 2024-2025. We are also planning a device refresh that will include hundreds of new mobile devices for Jericho students.

Board of Education Seats

There are two seats on the Board of Education up for reelection this year and there are four candidates running. The candidates are Jenn Camhi, Shewar Khan, incumbent Samuel Perlman, and incumbent Jennifer Vartanov. There is a Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the PTA and moderated by the League of Women Voters scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 7:30 PM at Jericho High School in the Little Theater and it will be streamed on YouTube.

How Do I vote?

The annual budget vote and school board election will take place on May 21, 2024 from 6 AM to 9 PM in the High School's Sam Springer Gym and early mail.

Information about absentee ballots is available on the district website www.jerichoschools.org under the announcements tab.

Additional Information

Copies of the presentations that were given during the budget workshops are available on the district website.

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**SCHOOL BUDGET
 VOTE INFORMATION**

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024
 6 AM - 9 PM
 Middle/High School Gym**

ON THE BALLOT: PROPOSITION #2 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

To vote upon the expenditure from the Capital Reserve Fund known as “Facilities Improvement Program V – Jericho Public Schools.” Said matter to be presented as Proposition No. 2 as follows:

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Public Budget Hearing & Meet the Candidates Night

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HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Broad array of course offerings:
 - *25 AP Courses, 37 College Courses
 - *Science/Social Science/Pre-Calculus Research: Four-year
 - *Extensive World Language Program: 5 Languages
 - *Technology & Project Lead the Way: Robotics, Engineering, Video Production
 - *Business: Accounting, Entrepreneurship, Law, Real Estate, Retail Management & Virtual Enterprise
 - *ELA: The Pursuit of Happiness, Creative Writing, New Media Communications & Broadcasting
 - *Culinary Arts & Agriculture: Gourmet Basics, International Foods, The Business & Science of Food
 - *Music & Art: Music Theory, Performance Ensembles, Digital & Graphic Arts
 - *Physical Education: Yoga, Weight Training, Dance, Aquatics, Judo & Sports Medicine
- Student Voice & Leadership Opportunities: Student Council, Mentor Program, SDMT, BOLT (Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow), Student Ambassadors, Club Officers, Team Captains,
- Variety of extracurricular opportunities: Theater Production, Clubs, Athletics, Service Organizations
- Supporting Student Needs – Wellness Program - NEST Period, Café 126, JMAC, Assemblies, the Jericho Academy (Alternative High School), PPS, Counseling & Support Team

Numerous competitions including some of these examples:

- National History Day, Mock Trial, Model UN, FBLA, Virtual Enterprise & Debate
- Poetry Out Loud, Canon Writing Program, Pegasus Literary Magazine
- National Spanish/Italian/French/Latin Exams
- Regeneron, National Science Bowl, ISEF, Science Olympiad, Grow-NY
- LI Math Fair, Mathletes, Coding, AMC
- NYSSMA, Reflections, Chamber Music Competiton, Young Composers
- Scholastic Art Contest, ASA, All County Art Competition, Congressional Art



JERICHO ACCOLADES

JERICHO SCHOOL DISTRICT NAMED #1 DISTRICT IN NEW YORK STATE IN 2024 BY NICHE
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JERICHO SCHOOL DISTRICT WAS RANKED THE SIXTH BEST DISTRICT IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2024 BY NICHE
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NAMED #1 HIGH SCHOOL ON LONG ISLAND IN 2023 BY US NEWS & WORLD REPORT
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NAMED #1 OPEN ENROLLMENT MIDDLE SCHOOL IN NY IN 2023 BY US NEWS & WORLD REPORT
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99% GRADUATION RATE - CLASS OF 2023
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99% REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE (JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023)
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93% REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION (JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023)
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98% 4-YEAR COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATE (JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2023)
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NAMED BEST COMMUNITY IN AMERICA FOR MUSIC EDUCATION FOR 25TH YEAR IN A ROW
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NYS SCHOLAR ATHLETE SCHOOL OF DISTINCTION FOR 19 CONSECUTIVE YEARS
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2024-2025 BUDGET STRATEGIES:

- Remain committed to being a premier school district and continue to deliver a high-quality, 21st century education
- Keep a multi-year perspective on the budget
- Continue to develop long-range planning
- Continue to upgrade and renovate our facilities
- Continue technology replacement plans and expand technology initiatives
- Continue to pursue efficiencies in all areas of the district budget
- Our goal each year is to achieve a tax levy that is within our threshold, while maintaining and/or expanding all current instructional programs



Voting Qualifications

Only persons who are qualified voters as of May 21, 2024 shall be permitted to vote in the election held on May 21, 2024 on matters affecting the Jericho School District and the Jericho Public Library.

A qualified voter is defined as:

- *A citizen of the United States
- *At least eighteen years of age
- *A resident in the Jericho Union Free School District for thirty days or more preceding the budget vote at which he/she offers to vote.

Persons disqualified from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law are not eligible to vote in school district elections.

New voters may register and vote on the day of the election. They will be asked to provide proof of residency, age, and a photo ID.



ELEMENTARY PROGRAM

- Integration of STEAM into the curriculum (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math)
- Science lab experiences for students facilitated by full-time Science Specialists
- Library-Media program staffed with full-time Library-Media Specialist
- A literacy program emphasizing explicit language instruction with independent learning and language exploration explored through various elements of reading and writing
- Math in Focus (Singapore Math)
- Band, Orchestra, & Chorus for Grades 4 & 5
- Student Leaders/Safety Patrol (Community Outreach Projects)
- Instructional Technology including 1:1 Devices and Digital Programs (i.e., Coding, Robotics, Multimedia)
- World Languages (Introduction to Spanish, French, Italian, & Chinese)
- Response to Intervention (RTI) process and supports to address academic or behavior needs
- Special education programs to address the individual needs of identified students
- Responsive Classroom & SEL/Mindfulness Experiences
- Arts-in-Education & Field Experiences (i.e., trips, assemblies, presentations)

Capital Improvements

Included in the proposed budget, funds are allocated (\$1,275,000) to provide partial funding toward district-wide bathroom renovations, auditorium reconstruction at the Jackson Elementary School, district-wide asphalt and paving, and safety and security upgrades.

Athletic Highlights

- The Jericho Athletic Program currently consists of 31 varsity teams, 18 junior varsity teams, and 30 Middle School teams
- Participation:
 - *363 High School students participated on our 16 fall teams
 - *295 High School students participated on our 13 winter teams
 - *695 Middle School students participated on our 31 MS teams
- A New York State Scholar Athlete High School of Distinction for 19 consecutive years - the most by any school district in New York State.
- Girls Bowling, Boys Badminton and Girls Volleyball won Conference Championships
- Boys Swimming & Diving were Division Champions
- Boys golf finished as Nassau County runner-ups
- Boys Badminton has won 6 consecutive Nassau County Championships, and the inaugural Long Island Championship
- In the past 15 years, the Jericho Athletic Program has won:
 - *22 Nassau County Championships
 - *36 Conference Championships
 - *4 individual athletes earned State Championship honors in their respective sports
 - *19 individual athletes received All-State honors
 - *1 individual named as an All American in boys soccer

With an Eye and Ear Toward the Arts

Visual Arts

- JHS Art Alumni day
- ARTventure Campus Family Day
- Jericho Public Library K-12 Art Show
- ASA All-County Art Exhibit and Senior Leadership Award
- Art Competitions: LI’s Best, Scholastic, Photography, Congressional,
- Unsung Heroes Art History Contest
- PTA Reflections

Performing Arts

- Jericho Summer Music Program
- Music in the Parks, Washington DC, Disney World Trips
- NMEA All-County, NYSSMA All-State Participation
- Chamber Music Competitions – Young Composer Awards
- Festival Hosts NYSSMA Piano Festival Host – NMEA D1 East All-County
- Jericho Piano Showcase – Pop up Concerts
- Best Communities in Education Recognition

Service & Clubs

- National Art Honor Society, Tri-M Music Honor Society, Thespian Honor Society, AV club, Art club, Noteworthy A Cappella
- Musical Theatre, Jazz band, Pep Band, Tri-M Mentorship program, interdisciplinary instructional models

Advanced Placement & Partnerships:

- AP Art, Music Theory, Quaver Music/SEL, and Art of Education University