

Great Neck Public Schools Budget Meeting

2020-21 Budget Overview

Highlights & Background Information

March 2, 2020

Dr. Teresa Prendergast, Superintendent of Schools
Mr. John Powell, Assistant Superintendent for Business



GREAT NECK PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Where Discovery Leads to Greatness

Mission Statement

The Great Neck Public School District provides an innovative and collaborative educational environment that supports academic excellence and the social and emotional growth of all students so that they may become life-long learners and compassionate, productive members of a diverse, global society.

Budget Strategies

- ✦ Remain committed to district mission and goals
- ✦ Continue delivery of instructional and extra-curricular programs
- ✦ Pursue operational efficiencies district-wide

Maintaining Fiscal Strength

- ✦ Keep a multiyear perspective on the budget
- ✦ Maintain and renovate facilities
- ✦ Ensure that reserves and fund balance are adequate
- ✦ Continue strong financial controls and oversight as evidenced by:
 - Moody's Investors Service Aaa Credit Rating
 - Our ability to borrow money at a lower interest rate
 - Unqualified External Audit Opinion
(Independent auditor's judgment that a company's financial records and statements are fairly and appropriately presented)
 - Favorable reports from the Internal and Internal Claims Auditors
 - No Designation under the Controller's Fiscal Stress Management System

What Does The Proposed 2020-21 Budget Do?

	YES	NO
+ Does this Budget maintain all existing Programs and Personnel?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
+ Does this Budget protect the health of and provide a safe environment for all students and Personnel?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
+ Does this Budget support the District's Aaa credit rating?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
+ Does this Budget (tax levy) stay below the tax cap?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
+ Does this Budget maintain the fiscal strength of the District?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
+ Does this Budget maintain and protect the property, plant and equipment of the District?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
+ Does this budget support the need for additional educational personnel in order to meet the changing needs of our students?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Great Neck Public Schools

- ✦ A long tradition of high achievement
- ✦ Excellent “return on investment”
- ✦ A history of sound fiscal management
- ✦ A key element in making Great Neck a “destination location”

2020-21 Budget Highlights

- ✦ Below the tax levy cap
- ✦ Maintains all current programs at the elementary and secondary levels
- ✦ Maintains Board of Education elementary class size guidelines
- ✦ Maintains funding for extracurricular clubs and activities, music, art and athletics
- ✦ Maintains the excellence of special education programs, and opportunities of support for all learners

2020-21 Budget Highlights: Academic Enhancements

- ✦ Add 2.0 FTE Elementary Guidance Counselor positions
- ✦ Add 0.2 FTE Elementary Social Worker position
- ✦ Add 0.5 FTE Reading Recovery positions
- ✦ Add 1.0 FTE District Info Tech Aide position

2020-21 Budget Highlights: Academic Enhancements

- ✦ Add 4.9 FTE Secondary Level teaching positions
- ✦ Add 0.8 FTE Secondary Level ENL teaching position
- ✦ Add 0.8 FTE NHS Dean of Students (2 positions)
- ✦ Add 0.4 FTE NHS Tech Staff Developer
- ✦ Additional funding for secondary level robotics programs
- ✦ Provide funding for secondary level bilingual counseling services

2020-21 Budget Highlights: Academic Enhancements (cont'd)

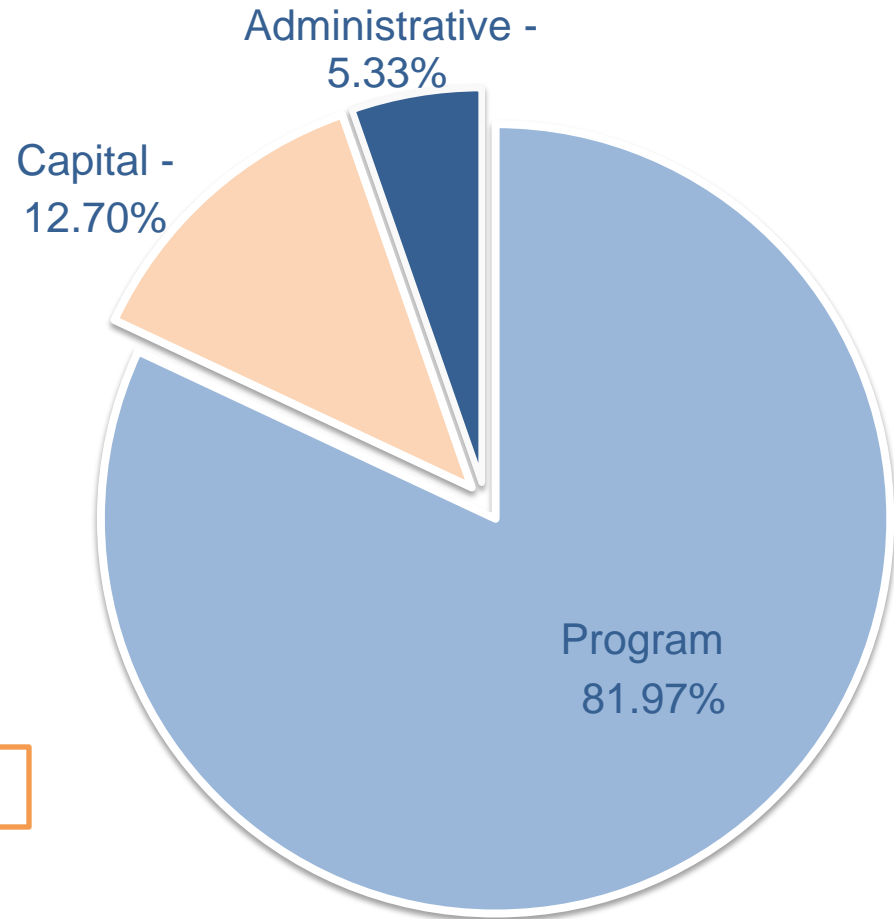
- ✦ Add 2.0 FTE Elementary Special Education teaching positions
- ✦ Add 2.0 FTE Secondary Special Education teaching positions
- ✦ Add 4.0 FTE Elementary Teacher Assistant positions
- ✦ Additional funding for state approved non-public school special education placements

Cost Drivers

- ✦ Transportation Services
- ✦ Medicare Reimbursement
- ✦ Security
- ✦ Increased Enrollment in District Special Education Program
- ✦ Non-Public School/Private School Special Education
- ✦ Capital Project(s) Cost Overruns

2020-21 Three Part Budget

‣ Program	\$199,033,372
‣ Capital	\$ 30,828,366
‣ Administrative	\$ 12,938,147
‣ Total	\$242,799,885



Impact of Legislative Changes

- ★ Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 established a tax levy limit on all school districts in New York State effective for the 2012-2013 school year.

Year	Tax Base Growth Factor %	Allowable Levy Growth Factor %	Tax Levy Limit %	% Increase
2015-2016	0.08	1.52	1.56	1.56
2016-2017	0.36	0.12	0.17	0.17
2017-2018	0.00	1.26	1.26	1.26
2018-2019	1.27	2.00	2.85	2.52
2019-2020	1.27	2.00	4.09	1.94
2020-2021	0.82	1.81	4.16	2.96

Impact of Legislative Changes

Project Description	Approved Grant 2015-16	Approved Grant 2016-17	Approved Grant 2017-18	Approved Grant 2018-2019	Approved Grant 2019-2020
AVL summer program for children with handicapping conditions	\$476,645	\$513,633	\$622,019	\$511,220	\$553,906
Employment preparation education	\$421,492	\$434,424	\$434,424	\$443,885	\$467,104
Fund for the improvement of education (physical education)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
IDEA Part B, flowthrough – Public Law 99-142, Section 611	\$1,398,163	\$1,598,088	\$1,475,223	\$1,508,667	\$1,589,359
IDEA Part B, preschool incentive – Public Law 99-457, Section 619	\$45,710	\$76,330	\$48,054	\$49,103	\$51,385
Nassau Department of Drug and Alcohol	\$73,306	\$73,416	\$73,453	\$75,053	\$75,586
NCLB – Title I (basic grant) Chapter I	\$563,041	\$564,947	\$537,228	\$554,564	\$548,827
NCLB – Title 2A (size reduction & Eisenhower)	\$158,737	\$155,744	\$149,268	\$166,647	\$152,150
Universal Pre-Kindergarten	\$654,324	\$654,324	\$654,324	\$654,324	\$654,324
WIA Title 2, Adult Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$150,000	\$149,854
NCLB - Title IIIA Immigration	\$55,724	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Title III Part A, LEP	\$50,024	\$48,654	\$52,925	\$58,065	\$59,898
Teacher Centers	\$40,971	\$41,051	\$57,103	\$40,967	\$40,932
Title IV SSAE All	-	-	-	\$38,483	\$41,192
Totals	\$3,938,137	\$4,160,611	\$4,104,021	\$4,250,978	\$4,384,517

Impact of Financial Changes

NY State Mandated Retirement System Employer Contribution Rate Reductions (based on investment performance and actuarial assumption methods)

Retirement System	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Teachers Retirement	13.26%	11.72%	9.80%	10.63%	8.86%	9.53%
Employees Retirement	18.20%	15.50%	15.30%	14.9%	14.60%	15.00%

Impact of Financial Changes

(Select Miscellaneous Revenue)

Revenue Account	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	Preliminary 2020-21 Budget
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$6,810,505	\$7,161,995	\$7,402,346	\$7,987,642	\$7,540,009	\$6,800,609
Adult Education	\$600,000	\$650,000	\$900,000	\$980,000	\$765,000	\$765,000
Day School Tuition from Other Districts	\$1,300,000	\$1,750,000	\$2,425,000	\$1,900,000	\$2,300,000	\$2,100,000
Rental of Facilities	\$408,073	\$425,140	\$434,794	\$467,342	\$706,134	\$659,893
Interest on Deposits and Investments	\$80,000	\$70,000	\$85,000	\$250,000	\$600,390	\$513,621
Appropriation Fund Balance and Reserves	\$2,131,283	\$2,055,620	\$2,195,371	\$2,328,637	\$2,295,568	\$5,710,000
State Aid	\$7,876,481	\$8,847,371	\$8,900,970	\$9,609,825	\$9,705,357	\$9,680,034

Impact of Financial Changes

✦ Employer Taxes

		Actual Wage Base						
		2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021 (estimated)
Social Security	6.20%	\$118,500	\$118,500	\$127,200	\$131,800	\$132,900	\$137,700	\$142,967
Medicare	1.45%	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit	No Limit

✦ Health Insurance Premiums

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21
Year-to-Year Increase	5.20%	8.00%	12.50%	8.23%	5.38%	4.04%

Employee contributions have also increased.

2020-21

Preliminary Budget Summary

- ✦ Proposed overall budget:
\$242,799,885
- ✦ Budget-to-budget increase:
\$8,380,941 or 3.58%
- ✦ Projected tax levy increase:
\$213,660,828 or 2.96%

Proposed Revenue Increases

2019-2020 Final Revenue Budget	\$234,418,944
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Real Property Taxes	\$6,142,542
Day School Tuition from Other Districts	\$(200,000)
Registration Fees; Elementary (Recreation) Enrichment	\$(145,000)
Appropriated Reserves and Fund Balance	\$3,414,432
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	\$(739,400)
Other Miscellaneous Revenues	\$56,700
State Aid	\$(25,323)
Interest Income	\$(86,769)
Adult Basic Education	\$10,000
Rental of District Facilities	\$(46,241)

2020-2021 Preliminary Revenue Budget	242,799,885
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Preliminary Expenditure Changes

2019-2020 Expenditure Budget	\$234,418,944
All Personnel Services	\$1,950,520
Teachers' Retirement	\$938,317
Employees' Retirement	\$45,975
Social Security and Medicare	\$173,539
Health Insurance	\$(988,934)
Supplies & Materials	\$138,349
Transportation	\$1,779,682
Contractual & Other	\$5,839
Capital	\$2,600,000
BOCES Services	\$166,760
Equipment	\$131,484
Textbooks	\$(1,040)
Special Ed. Tuition Private Schools	\$714,478
Debt Services	\$389,827
Crisis Counseling	\$100,000
Medicare Reimbursement	\$600,000
All Other Expenditures	\$(363,855)
2020-2021 Preliminary Expenditure Budget	\$242,799,885

- ✦ The quality and educational excellence of the Great Neck Public School District has always been one of the community's greatest assets.
- ✦ The 2020-21 proposed budget will continue to preserve and enhance the educational opportunities for our next generation of learners.
- ✦ Additional school budget information is available via the district website and upcoming mailings.

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BOE Budget Meetings & Adoption

- ★ Informal Hearing:
Monday, March 2, 8:30 p.m., North Middle
- ★ Discussion with School Community:
Saturday, March 21, 9:30 a.m., South High
- ★ Informal Hearing:
Monday, March 23, 8:30 p.m., South High
- ★ Official Hearing & Adoption:
Tuesday, April 21, 8:30 p.m., North High
- ★ Hearing (discussion only):
Monday, May 11, 8:30 p.m., South Middle

NYS Election Law & Rules for Voter Registration

- ✦ In order to vote, you must be 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the U.S. and have lived in the district for at least 30 days.
- ✦ Register to vote at Phipps Administration Building on school days, 9AM – 4PM.
- ✦ You must register by Thursday, May 14 to vote on Tuesday, May 19.
- ✦ Qualified voters can obtain applications for absentee ballots from the district website. Completed ballots must be received by 5PM on Tuesday, May 19.

Budget Vote – Tuesday, May 19th

- ✦ Polls are open
7 a.m – 10 p.m.
- ✦ Baker School:
Multipurpose Room
- ✦ South High School:
West Gymnasium
- ✦ Saddle Rock:
Multipurpose Room
- ✦ Lakeville School:
Auxiliary Gym

