

Great Neck Public Schools Budget Meeting of April 30, 2020

Revised 2020-21 Budget Overview

Highlights & Background Information

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GNPS 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.

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”

What is a School District Budget?

School Budget = School Program = Opportunities for Children

A school district's budget is a plan detailing revenues and expenditures related to:

1. Class Size
2. Program
3. Infrastructure
4. Contractual Obligations



2020-21 Proposed Budget

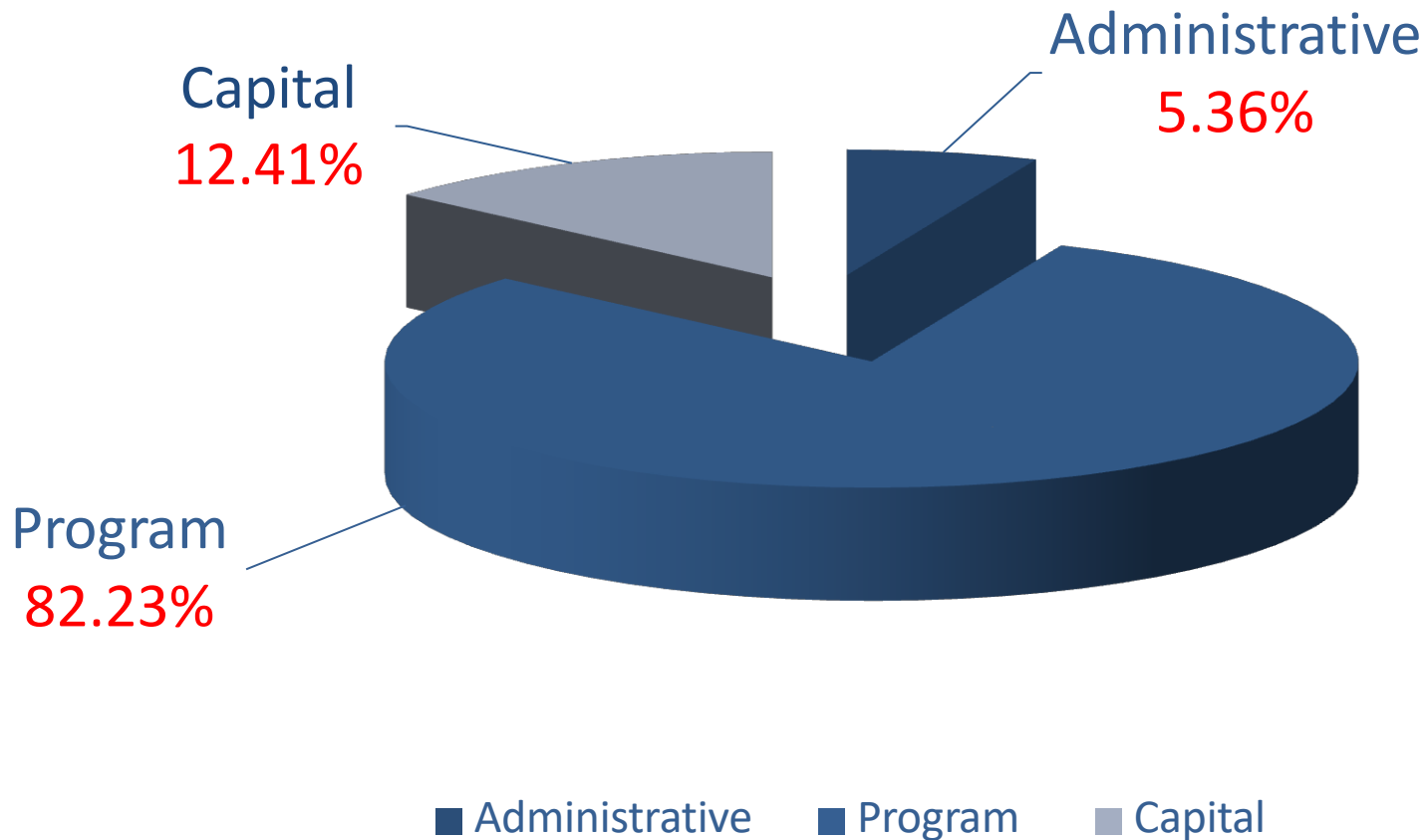
- Proposed Overall Budget:
\$241,395,571
- Budget to Budget Increase:
2.98%
- Projected Tax Levy Increase:
\$5,339,183 or 2.57%

**Proposed 2.57%
tax levy increase
is below the
allowable tax
levy limit**

2020-21 Proposed Budget (continued)

- 2020-21 Preliminary Expenditure Budget.....\$242,799,885
(as of February 28, 2020)
- **REVISED** 2020-21 Preliminary Expenditure Budget....\$241,395,571
(as of April 30, 2020)
- Total Reductions to Preliminary Revenue Budget.....\$1,404,314
- Tax Levy Increase (as of February 28, 2020).....2.96%
- **REVISED** Tax Levy Increase (as of April 30, 2020).....2.57%

2020-21 Proposed Budget Expenditures: Three Part Budget



Budget Impact of Legislative Changes

	Tax Base Growth Factor %	Allowable Levy Growth Factor %	Tax Levy Limit %	% Increase
2020-2021	0.82	1.81	4.16	2.57
2019-2020	1.01	2.00	4.09	1.94
2018-2019	1.01	2.00	2.85	2.52
2017-2018	0.00	1.26	1.26	1.26
2016-2017	0.36	0.12	0.17	0.17
2015-2016	0.08	1.52	1.56	1.56
2014-2015	0.68	1.45	2.39	1.97
2013-2014	0.00	2.00	3.14	3.14
2012-2013	0.41	2.00	2.49	2.49

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.

2020-21 Budget Challenges

- Anticipated reduction in state aid
- Increased contractual expenditures in transportation services
- Increased enrollment in special education program
- Capital project(s) cost overruns

2020-21 Budget Highlights

- Below the tax levy limit
- Maintains programs at the elementary and secondary levels
- Maintains Board of Education elementary class size guidelines
- Adds secondary level staffing, ENL and special education teaching positions

2020-21 Budget Highlights (continued)

- Maintains AIS services, English as a New Language (ENL) programs, the continuum of special education programs, and opportunities in support of all learners
- Maintains funding for extracurricular clubs and activities, music, art and athletics
- Provides ongoing professional development training for faculty and staff

2020-21 Budget Highlights

Academic Enhancements

- Add 2.0 FTE elementary special education teaching positions
- Add 2.0 FTE secondary special education teaching positions
- Add 4.0 FTE elementary special education teaching assistant positions
- Additional funding for state approved non-public school special education placements

2020-21 Budget Highlights

Academic Enhancements

- Add 5.9 FTE secondary level positions:
 - 0.8 FTE secondary level ENL teaching
 - 0.8 FTE NHS Dean of Students (2)
 - 0.2 FTE NHS tech staff developer
 - 4.1 FTE instructional positions in various departments
- Additional funding for secondary level robotics
- Funding for secondary level bilingual counseling

2020-21 Budget Highlights

Reductions to Preliminary Working Budget

- 2.0 FTE elementary guidance counselor positions
- 0.2 FTE elementary social worker position
- 0.5 FTE reading recovery position
- 1.0 FTE district info tech aide position
- 4.0 FTE secondary staffing (from previous slide)

2020-21 Budget Highlights

Reductions to Preliminary Working Budget

- Teachers salaries - elementary (2 additional positions)
- Teachers salaries - hourly secondary 0.85 FTE position
- Teachers salaries - secondary (4.0 FTE from preliminary budget)
- Activity stipends
- BOCES state reporting
- 1 school bus van
- Elimination of SHS 3:30pm late bus run
- Reduction of 6 contract security guards
- Curriculum development
- Test scoring services

2020-21 Budget Highlights

Operation and Facilities Capital and Building Condition Projects

<u>Project</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Balance of auditorium renovation project	EMB	\$1,200,000
Balance of window replacement projects	SM	\$1,000,000
Renovate boys & girls locker rooms	NM	\$500,000
Replace fans, lighting, ceiling in gymnasium	JFK, PKV, SR	\$375,000
Replace pool entrance stairs, upgrade pool ventilation	NM, SM	\$350,000
Renovate choral rooms	LKV, NM	\$265,000
Renovate toilet rooms	SR	\$205,000
Renovate art classrooms	SM	\$165,000

2020-2021 Preliminary Budget Revisions

2020-2021 Preliminary Expenditure Budget as of February 28, 2020 \$ 242,799,885 (1)

Changes Made to Preliminary Budget	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	
A2110-1200 Teachers Salaries		204,865	
A2110-1300 Teachers Salaries		501,960	
A2110-1302 Activity Sponsors		31,147	
A2110-1305 Intramurals Secondary		80,000	
A2810-1572 Guidance Counselors		183,892	
A2250-1577 Psychologists		15,000	
A2110-1311 Curriculum Development		10,000	
A2110-1211 Curriculum Development		10,000	
A1620-1658 Director of Security		138,577	
A1620-4060 Contract Security Guards		340,000	
A5510-2100 Bus Purchases		61,000	
A5540-4039 Contract Transportation	850,000		
A2810-4900 BOCES-Reporting		10,000	
A2810-4519 Test Scoring – Outside Contracting		10,000	
A9020-8020 Contribution-NYS TRS		79,655	
A9030-8030 Contribution – Social Security		63,943	
A9060-8060 Group Health Insurance		114,275	
A9950-9001 Inter-Fund Transfers: Capital		400,000	
Total ADDITIONS TO: PRELIMINARY		1,404,314	(2)
REVISED 2020-2021 PRELIMINARY EXPENDITURES BUDGET		241,395,571	(3)
2020-2021 Preliminary Revenue Budget as of February 28, 2020		\$ 242,799,885	(1)

Changes Made to Preliminary Revenue Budget	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>	
A1001 Real Property Taxes		803,359	
A3101 State Aid		600,955	
Total Additions to Preliminary Revenue Budget:		1,404,314	(2)
REVISED 2020-2021 PRELIMINARY REVENUE BUDGET:		\$ 241,395,571	(3)

Budgeted Expenditures

2019-2020 FINAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET:

\$234,418,944

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
Personnel Services	\$775,079	
Retirement Expenditures	\$904,637	
Health Insurance		\$1,100,798
Social Security & Medicare	\$109,596	
Supplies and Materials, Equipment, Contractual & Other		\$77,779
Capital Projects	\$2,200,000	
BOCES	\$156,760	
Secondary Level Bi-Lingual Crisis Counselors	\$100,000	
Debt Service	\$389,827	
Special Ed Tuition – Private Schools	\$714,478	
Transportation	\$2,568,682	
Medicare Reimbursements	\$600,000	
All Other Expenditures		\$363,855
		<u>\$6,976,627</u>

2020-2021 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:

\$241,395,571

Budgeted Revenues

2019-2020 FINAL REVENUE BUDGET:

\$234,418,944

	<u>INCREASE</u>	<u>DECREASE</u>
Real Property Taxes	\$5,339,183	
Day School Tuition from other Districts		\$200,000
Registration Fees, Recreation, Enrichment		\$144,500
Appropriated Reserves and Fund Balance	\$3,414,432	
Payment in Lieu of Taxes		\$739,400
State Aid		\$626,278
Interest Income		\$88,069
Adult Education	\$10,000	
Rental of District Facilities		\$46,241
All Other Revenues	\$57,500	
		<u>\$6,976,627</u>

2020-2021 PRELIMINARY REVENUE BUDGET:

\$241,395,571

Determination of Tax Levy

DETERMINATION OF TAX LEVY & SCHOOL TAX REPORT CARD 2020-2021

	BUDGET 2019 - 2020	PRELIMINARY BUDGET 2020 – 2021	Percent Increase
GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION	234,418,944	241,395,571	2.98%
Less: Estimated Revenue			
State Aid	9,705,357	9,079,079	
Miscellaneous	14,899,733	13,749,023	
Appropriated Fund Balance		2,200,000	
Appropriated Reserves:			
Retirement Contribution	1,541,875	2,000,000	
Workers Compensation	575,880	1,000,000	
Restricted Debt Service	152,813		
Unemployment Insurance	15,000	10,000	
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability	10,000	500,000	
Total Estimated Revenue	26,900,658	28,538,102	
Amount to be Raised by Real Property Tax	\$207,518,286	\$212,857,469	2.57%
PROJECTED ENROLLMENT GROWTH	2019-2020 PROJ.	2020-2021 PROJ.	
Enrollment	6,671	6,686	0.22%

2019-20 Class I Tax Rates

TABLE IV

RANK	DISTRICT	2019-2020 TAX RATE	RANK	DISTRICT	2019-2020 TAX RATE
1	Hewlett-Woodmere	1605.323	32	Island Trees	1044.013
2	Levittown	1469.028	33	Elmont	1044.003
3	Plainedge	1450.337	34	Valley Stream-30	1042.566
4	Westbury	1441.855	35	Jericho	1033.069
5	Hempstead	1427.497	36	Valley Stream-24	1006.864
6	Amityville	1380.820	37	East Williston	997.508
7	Baldwin	1328.516	38	Roosevelt	987.154
8	Merrick	1321.529	39	Carle Place	961.490
9	Freeport	1282.097	40	Herricks	960.412
10	Lynbrook	1276.385	41	Franklin Square	923.225
11	North Merrick	1265.162	42	New Hyde Park-Garden City	920.772
12	Bellmore	1247.088	43	Mineola	891.378
13	Syosset	1246.631	44	Floral Park-Bellerose	875.900
14	Woodbury	1246.631	45	Port Washington	847.996
15	Locust Grove	1246.631	46	Cold Spring Harbour	836.638
16	Seaford	1246.387	47	Hicksville	834.991
17	North Bellmore	1244.664	48	Uniondale	832.405
18	Plainview	1243.714	49	Locust Valley	830.564
19	Old Bethpage	1243.714	50	Glenwood Landing	808.500
20	Farmingdale	1242.819	51	Glen Head	808.500
21	Rockville Centre	1241.731	52	Sea Cliff	808.500
22	East Rockaway	1240.227	53	Brookville	798.036
23	Malverne	1236.453	54	Bayville	798.036
24	Wantagh	1219.598	55	Garden City	764.905
25	West Hempstead	1166.297	56	Long Beach	750.460
26	Massapequa	1109.307	57	Island Park	717.026
27	Oceanside	1108.794	58	Great Neck	710.919
28	East Meadow	1096.953	59	East Norwich	671.784
29	Valley Stream	1083.834	60	Oyster Bay	671.784
30	Bethpage	1062.707	61	Lawrence	659.217
31	Roslyn	1054.164 Median	62	Manhasset	591.938

Contingent (Austerity) Budget

- If the budget vote fails, the BOE would be required to adopt a contingent “austerity” budget.
- If the budget fails on the first vote, the Board can decide to put up the same or an adjusted budget for a public re-vote or adopt a contingency budget. If the re-vote fails, the District would be forced to adopt a contingency budget.
- Under the tax levy cap law, the district must revert to last year’s tax levy, which is \$5,339,183 less than this year’s proposed tax levy. This means the school district could not collect any more revenue through property taxes than it collected this year.

Contingent (Austerity) Budget

- This would require a reduction of more than **\$5.3 million** from the 2020-2021 proposed budget impacting:
 - Class size
 - Staffing
 - Academic programs
 - Non-mandated study skills
 - Reading, math and special education services
 - After-school clubs and athletic programs
 - Early morning drop off
 - Capital projects
 - Other transportation services
- All contractual and debt service obligations would remain in effect.

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 by TBD
- Qualified voters can obtain applications for absentee ballots from the district website
- Completed ballots must be received by TBD

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: What is the impact of this budget on my real estate taxes?

A: Real property tax liabilities are a function of assessed values, legislative adjusted base proportions and tax levies. Nassau County's phase in of the new re-assessment figures over the next five-year period makes this a difficult question to answer. It will depend on whether your home has been correctly assessed over the years and if not, what adjustments the Nassau County Assessor has or will be making to your property. It also depends on any improvements you have made to your home, and any exemptions you may have.

Q: How much support is given to private and parochial students?

A: This budget provides support for transportation, library materials, textbooks, nursing, psychological, social work, speech therapy and related service in excess of \$6,500,000 a year.

Q: How much of this budget is dedicated for security?

A: \$2,764,181

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

Q: What is a Fund Balance?

A: Funds remaining at the end of a fiscal school year. These funds can accumulate over time if the trend for revenues annually exceeds expenditures.

Q: What is a Reserve?

A: A Reserve is a Reservation of Fund Balance. Education Law, General Municipal Law, and Real Property Tax Law govern what can be a Reserve and how much can be maintained as an Unreserved Unappropriated Fund Balance.

Q: How much can a school district legally have in Fund Balance and Reserves?

A: On June 30, the District can maintain in its Unreserved, Unappropriated Fund Balance 4% of the ensuing year's budget. Individual reserve amounts are based on the level of anticipated expenditures that will be funded by the respective reserves.

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

Q: How much Fund Balance and Reserves does the District have after anticipated additions and future appropriated amounts?

A: Approximately \$54,000,000.

Q: How are Fund Balance and Reserves used?

A: They are non-operating revenues and are typically used for non-operating expenditures such as Capital expenditures. However we are now using these funds in support of the operating budget. \$5.7 million is being used as a funding source in the 2020-2021 budget. It is also enabling the District to meet payroll and other expenditures when budgeted revenues are not being received as scheduled, such as what is happening during this Coronavirus Pandemic.

Q: What is the District's contingency plan in the event of a mid-year state, federal or local reduction in aid?

A: The District would use Reserves and Fund Balance to replace the shortfall in revenues.

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

Q: What is State Aid?

A: The District receives approximately 4% of our revenue budget from State Aid. It is funding from New York State calculated by formulas that are dependent on the property and income wealth in a school district, student daily attendance and enrollment, and the level of expenditures in specific categories.

Examples of some of the expenditures that are aided are:

- BOCES
- Building Expenditures
- Computer Software
- Library Materials
- Special Education
- Textbooks
- Transportation

Q: How has the coronavirus pandemic affected the 2020-2021 budget? The 2019-2020 budget?

A: There is a delay in the receipt of property taxes; construction projects have been disrupted; the cancellation of various programs requiring the refund of registration fees.

Frequently Asked Questions (continued)

Q: How is a budget formulated and are items in the budget prioritized?

A: Budgeting starts with what is mandated: contractual obligations, labor agreements, debt service, outside service contracts; and then additional amounts are added for what is deemed necessary to provide the best education possible for our students. Revenue sources are then analyzed as to whether they can be counted on as a source of funding, and decisions are made accordingly.

Q: What cost saving methods are employed in the District?

A: The District participates in cooperative purchasing arrangements; cooperative transportation, utilizes Federal, State and County contracts, entered into an energy performance contract, utilizes BOCES, and judiciously utilizes fund balance and reserves to finance capital projects instead of borrowing the money.

Q: Does the District partner with other school districts and/or governments to deliver services to students and residents?

A: Yes, the District has an arrangement with the Great Neck Parks District for security console operations and use of facilities and fields. The District also rents out our facilities to the Great Neck Library and the Great Neck Social Center.

PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOTE

June ???, 2020

**your VOTE
is your VOICE**

