



Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District

HIGHLAND FALLS-FORT MONTGOMERY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2022-23 BUDGET VOTE!

An Overview

We have worked to put together a sound fiscal plan for the 2022-2023 school year that focuses on the needs of our students without increasing the tax levy. We have been able to do this because of the additional State Aid that is coming to the District and being fiscally prudent.

With the COVID Federal Relief Funding and the allocation of State Aid, Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District is able to expand instructional programming aimed at providing our students with diverse and effective learning and enrichment opportunities,

throughout the coming summer and the 2022-2023 school year. Additionally, the funding will allow our school district to continue moving forward with the essential social and emotional segments of our programming. This budget contains an additional social worker/counselor position and special education teacher. These components will allow us to best respond to the negative effects of the pandemic, while also allowing for further growth and progress.

As a result of work from our faculty, staff, Board of Education, and administration, an expenditure plan of \$35,953,900 has been developed with the allocation of \$176,927 from reserves and a tax levy increase of 0%. The

**Show your
Highland Falls-
Fort Montgomery PRIDE
VOTE
Tuesday, May 17
Polls Open:
6 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

Board of Education adopted this expenditure plan on April 21, 2022.

Voting for the School Board Elections and Budget will take place on May 17, 2022, at the Highland Falls Intermediate School. Polls will be open from 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

GUS KOUTSOURADES INCUMBENT

Gus Koutsourades is a lifetime resident of the beautiful Hudson Valley having moved here with his family in 1963. Besides owning a modest small business in Highland Falls, he also serves on the Highland Falls Library board of trustees. Gus enjoys his involvement with the school board and hopes to continue the current accomplishments that have occurred over the past several years.



STEVEN WALKER

Steven Walker is a proud, actively engaged parent of two boys in our school district. Professionally, Steven currently runs a successful software company. He has brought extensive managerial experience to several Fortune 500 companies. Steven's goals for running for school board are budget optimization (zero wasteful spending), operational transparency, and open communication.



ANNE LAWLESS INCUMBENT

Anne has served on the Board of Education for over 15 years and has held a leadership position for many of those. She has raised her family in the community and works at IBM as a financial analyst. Anne represents our Board on our audit committee and is the Impact Aid representative for our school district. One of Anne's many goals for running for re-election is to be able to continue her part in preserving a quality education for our school children.



CHRISTINE MCCORMICK

My name is Christine McCormick. I am an O'Neill graduate, local Court Clerk for 11 years, and 40 year plus resident. I am a grandmother of a second grade student and am extremely concerned about the direction that our public school system is taking. Your voice as parents, grandparents, uncles, aunts and taxpaying community members is critical and if elected, your voice will be heard.



2021-2022 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The District was successful in securing the contract with Department of Defense Education Activity to continue providing educational services to the high school age students of West Point for another ten years.
- The James I O'Neill High School earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2022 Best High Schools by U.S. News. This is the fourth time in the past five years James I O'Neill has earned this honor. Dr. Sheboy stated, "while it is a recognition of the High School, it's the entire district who shares in the efforts that lead to such recognition." US News - James I. O'Neill named one of the best schools in the region again.
- Highland Falls - Fort Montgomery CSD was named one of the 2022 Best Communities for Music Education Districts by NAMM Foundation.
- Continuing updates to the facilities at O'Neill High School
 - Replacement of the Gym Floor (summer 2022)
 - New Volleyball system installed
 - ADA and other facility upgrades



WHERE DO I VOTE?

Highland Falls Intermediate School

52 Mountain Ave, Highland Falls, NY, between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 pm when the polls will be open for the purpose of voting by voting machine.

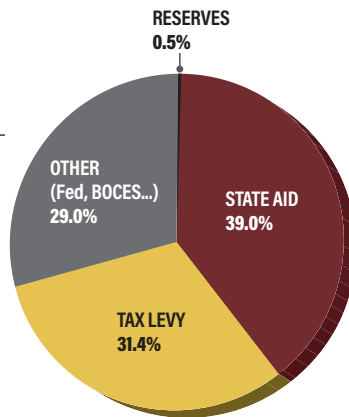
Questions?

Please call the District Clerk's Office, (845) 446-9575, ext. 1300

Voter and referendum information is also available online: www.hffmcsd.org

REVENUE CHART

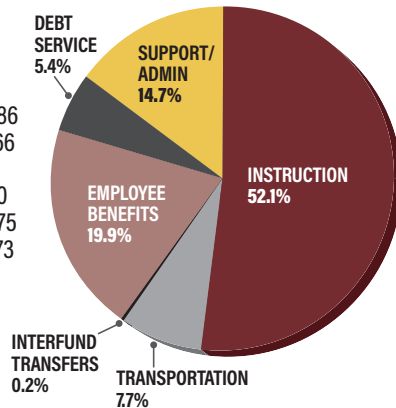
State Aid	\$14,039,610
Tax Levy	\$11,305,952
Other (Fed, BOCES, etc.)	\$10,431,411
Reserves	\$176,927



EXPENSE CHART

2022/23 Draft Budget

Instruction	\$18,721,897.86
Transportation	\$2,770,198.66
Interfund Transfers	\$62,000.00
Employee Benefits	\$7,171,098.00
Debt Service	\$1,952,568.75
Support/Administrative	\$5,276,136.73



ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Registered voters may vote by absentee ballot if they are unable to get to the polls on May 17.

The application for an absentee ballot can be obtained from the District Clerk or on the district website. Absentee ballots must reach the District Office no later than 5 p.m. on the day of the election.

THREE-PART BUDGET COMPARISON

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	2021-2022	2022-2023
General Support	\$1,504,393.00	\$1,587,235.36
District/Building Administration	\$1,060,655.00	\$1,042,459.99
Employee Benefits	\$542,253.00	\$557,633.06
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$3,107,301.00	\$3,187,328.41

PROGRAM BUDGET

Regular Instruction	\$8,239,172.00	\$8,428,097.83
Special Education	\$6,531,088.00	\$6,664,665.99
Instruction Support/Programs/Services	\$2,728,037.00	\$3,029,789.14
Pupil Activities	\$662,969.00	\$661,344.90
Transportation	\$2,700,582.00	\$2,770,198.66
Employee Benefits	\$5,573,898.00	\$5,828,593.96
TOTAL PROGRAM BUDGET	\$26,435,746.00	\$27,382,690.48

CAPITAL BUDGET

Operations and Maintenance	\$2,343,608.00	\$2,646,441.38
Debt Service	\$1,922,788.00	\$1,952,568.75
Employee Benefits	\$764,024.00	\$784,870.98
TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET	\$5,030,420.00	\$5,383,881.11

GRAND TOTAL	\$34,573,467.00	\$35,953,900.00
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The proposed budget represents 3.99% increase over last year's budget and a 0% projected increase on the tax levy.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THE BUDGET IS NOT APPROVED?

Under a Contingent Budget, the District would have to reduce the budget by \$148,912. If the proposed budget is defeated by voters, by law, the Board of Education has the option to offer another vote or adopt the contingency budget. If the contingency budget is adopted, Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Schools would be required to reduce the purchases of equipment and impact other initiatives. Fees would also be required to be imposed on all community organizations who use the school district facilities.

VOTE Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Polls Open: 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.

 **BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Anne Lawless, *President*
 Faith Aprilante, *Vice President*
 Aaron Falk, *Board Member*
 Ned Kopald, *Board Member*
 Gus Koutsourades, *Board Member*
 Gabe O'Connell, *Board Member*
 Kristen O'Dell, *Board Member*
 Erik Mitchell, *West Point Liaison*

 **SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Frank Sheboy

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SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 34,573,467	\$35,953,900	\$35,804,988
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$1,380,433	\$1,231,521
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.99 %	3.56%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$11,305,952	\$11,305,952	
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)	\$11,305,952	\$11,305,952	\$11,305,952
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$745,009	\$850,222	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,560,943	\$10,772,162	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$10,560,943	\$10,455,730	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$316,432	
Administrative Component	\$3,107,301	\$3,187,328.41	\$3,187,328.41
Program Component	\$26,435,746	\$27,382,690.48	\$27,363,778.48
Capital Component	\$5,030,420	\$5,383,881.11	\$5,253,881.11

The School District Budget Notice (on left) is mandated by state law. School districts must present their costs in three prescribed components.

The budget document, which contains a summary report of tax exemptions, is available at www.hffmcsd.org.

If you have any questions or need more information, please call the Business Office at (845) 446-9575 or visit the district website.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹

\$719.27

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Highland Falls-Fort Montgomery Central School District, Orange County, New York, will be held at the Highland Falls Intermediate school in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Highland Falls Intermediate school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by Section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.