

BCSD Dateline

PUBLICATION OF THE BEDFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 | 7 AM - 9 PM

AT YOUR LOCAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Budget Facts

Total Proposed 2022-2023 Budget	\$148,032,191
Budget-to-Budget Increase	2.47%
Tax Levy % Increase	2.69%

What this budget does:

- **Continues** to provide summer 2022 opportunities for students to access support and interventions.
- **Focuses** on class size to keep student-to-staff ratio small and within the lower limits of Board policy guidelines.
- **Remains** current and provides high-quality instruction and professional development.
- **Invests** in innovation, design thinking, digital citizenship and interdisciplinary STEAM curriculum.

We are committed to:

- **Safety and Mental Health:** Focus on physical and emotional safety and social-emotional learning.
- **Inclusive Practices:** Focus on equity, access and continued commitment to inclusive practices to ensure success for ALL students.
- **Professional Development:** Invest in targeted development that will enhance our core instructional practices and interventions.
- **Communication:** Ensure effective communication with our families and community members.

* Approval of this budget includes a 4-year Computer Instructional Purchase Agreement (\$200,000).

BCSD: INSPIRING & CHALLENGING OUR STUDENTS

Dear Bedford Central School District Residents,

On April 6, the Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2022-23 budget that will be presented to you, the voters, on May 17, 2022.

We are pleased to present a budget that continues to honor our commitment to "Inspiring and Challenging Our Students" while serving as a tool to foster and support equitable opportunities for all.

While the impact of time lost during the pandemic will drive our programming and instructional models for years, we believe the BCSD is in a solid position, that our students and staff have accomplished much and have demonstrated significant achievement. While still addressing the social, emotional and academic needs of students, this budget is both proactive and progressive and presents a blueprint for the Bedford Central School District that is one of forward visioning with the pandemic optimistically in our rearview mirror. It reflects our core values by taking a "students first" approach, ensuring that the student experience is at the center of everything we do.

The principles which guided the development of this budget are:

- Enhancing programs for students, exploring new and innovative programs and initiatives, expanding analysis of student achievement data, and continuing our investment in professional development
- Maintaining favorable class sizes and ensuring expenditures that have direct impact on student experience, voice and equitable opportunities
- Aligning the 2022-23 budget with prior years' actual expenditures, including pre-pandemic school years
- Limiting projected expenses and maximizing potential revenue to stay within the legislative property tax levy cap
- Complying with state and/or federally mandated programs with minimal additional costs
- Continuing to maximize operational efficiencies.

What's new in this budget:

- Additional staffing that includes a third assistant principal at FLHS which will make supervision comparable to neighboring districts, a K-12 Ed Tech Specialist/STEAM Teacher Coach, a K-5 Math Teacher Coach, a Bilingual Community Liaison, and additional teachers for Special Education, Art, PE, and Music
- A new K-5 math curriculum and a new eighth grade Earth Science Regents course for FLMS
- New musical instruments and art supplies
- An overhaul of athletic uniforms and athletic equipment
- Introduction of new athletic teams and additional coaching positions
- Funding for new extracurricular clubs at FLHS and FLMS

In summary, this budget continues our efforts to provide outstanding educational programs for students, as we continue on our path to BCSD's sustained fiscal health.

We remain committed to our BCSD mission: To cultivate curiosity and a passion for learning by providing challenging educational opportunities for all students so they may achieve their full potential as productive and contributing members of society.

Thank you for your continued support of our BCSD students.

For additional information, see our budget presentations on our website: bcsdny.org/Page/2759

With respect and appreciation,

Dr. Joel Adelberg, Superintendent of Schools
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#FOXESUP: Points of Pride



BEDFORD HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- BHES celebrated many of our traditions again this year. The principal's dunking booth to reward summer reading was a big success. Third and fourth graders performed in the African Dancing and Drumming program. We celebrated Dr. Seuss week with special events including community readers, Seussland and plays performed by the fifth grade. Second graders worked with Visions and Voices to write plays that were performed by professional actors. Fifth grade will be celebrating with a trip to Boundless Adventures and Lake Compounce. We were excited to welcome parents back into the building for many of these special events!

BEDFORD VILLAGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- A long-standing tradition at BVES is the Kindergarten/Fifth Grade Buddies. Fifth graders are matched to kindergarten students and serve as mentors, reading to their buddies and helping with projects. It provides leadership experience and builds a special bond between the grades.
- BVES is committed to social-emotional learning and building a climate of CARE. Through the implementation of RULER, students and staff are using tools like the Mood Meter, Community Circle and the Charter to identify emotions and build social-emotional skills. Schoolwide participation in The Great Kindness Challenge extended this learning. In addition to ongoing acts of kindness, students filled the hallways with kind messages about their peers and staff, and wrote letters of gratitude to bus drivers.

FOX LANE HIGH SCHOOL

- 14 students represented Fox Lane at the 2022 New York State Science Olympiad Tournament. Students earned two top-10 finishes, proving to be one of the top teams in New York. Our Science Research students have also had a successful year, receiving local, state and national recognition in various competitions.
- The ESOL and World Language departments collaborated to assess more than 40 candidates for the Seal of Biliteracy.
- Fox Lane musicians continue to inspire! Among other prestigious events, Jazz Band and Chamber Choir performed in Albany as part of the New York State School Music Association's Music in Our Schools Month celebration. Fox Lane also had two small orchestra ensembles perform at the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's Third Annual Young Musicians Regional. Fox Lane was one of only four high schools in the region invited to perform at this prestigious event.

FOX LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- This year, Principal Harrison created a Principal Advisory Committee. About six students per grade level meet with Harrison monthly to discuss their experience at FLMS. Students share what is going well and areas that they feel may need attention or improvement.
- On Fridays, staff and students engage in schoolwide RULER lessons and discussions. Our focus for this year has been on understanding the Emotions Matter mindset, creating staff and student Charters and utilizing the Mood Meter Tool.

MOUNT KISCO ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Mount Kisco Elementary is Rooted in Love! We celebrated the tenth anniversary rededication ceremony for the MKES Community Garden and all that it represents for our community.
- In mid-January, MKES fully integrated dual language bilingual education into our kindergarten classes. By implementing the program to our newest generation of learners, the academic benefits are even greater, as it takes five to seven years to be proficient in a second language.

POUND RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- This year, we debuted PRES Student News, a video news show that is written and produced primarily by fifth graders. Students showcase school events and field trips and embed creative, original segments such as "Myth Busters," "Ask a Fifth Grader," and "Fresh Faces at PRES."
- While March was National Nutrition Month, PRES has been focusing on health and wellness all year long. From the Fun Run (our fall PTA fundraiser) to a robust calendar of nutrition education, challenges and programming in March to our first Wellness Fair, PRES is prioritizing healthy habits!

WEST PATENT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- WPES was redesignated as a State School of Character and is awaiting word from the national level. This year, as we continue our RULER implementation, we integrated our Character Core Virtues and focused on the emotional wellness of our entire WPES community. In addition, social-emotional learning is everywhere: in literature, in social studies and even in our chicken coop!
- WPES is proud of our Enrichment for All programming! Every student is participating in woodworking, environmental science and gardening in the fall and spring. This year, we have implemented a thriving outdoor program, including caring for our chickens, extensive composting and partnering with FLHS in our Bee Friends initiative.

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-2022 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-2023 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$144,465,256	\$148,032,191	\$144,514,864
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$3,566,935	\$49,608
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.47%	.034%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$130,922,937	\$134,440,264	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$130,922,937	\$134,440,264	\$130,922,937
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$9,105,822	\$9,024,997	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$122,231,568	\$125,415,267	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$121,187,115	\$125,415,267	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$414,453	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$ 13,233,553	\$13,615,350	\$12,948,404
Program Component	\$111,024,528	\$113,987,023	\$111,613,005
Capital Component	\$20,207,175	\$20,429,818	\$19,953,455

In the event of a contingent budget, the District is required to maintain the 2021-22 tax levy. The expense budget would require a decrease of \$3,517,327. This would necessitate elimination of proposed certified and classified staff positions, professional development, curriculum enhancements, co-curricular and athletic program enhancements. Additional deductions would be required in general education teaching positions, supplies and materials, reduced services from BOCES, eliminate expenses related to educational technology leases and capital equipment, removal of non-contingent expenses such as instructional and operating equipment. The three component budget reductions would be:

Administrative Reduction: \$666,946
 Program Reduction: \$2,374,018
 Capital Reduction: \$476,363

The budget to budget increase would be .034%. This statement of assumptions is projecting a contingency budget for 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to section 2023 of the Education Law.

** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)	Description	Amount
	BOND PROPOSITION #1	\$58,964,798
	BOND PROPOSITION #2	\$3,651,800

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹ \$1,225

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Bedford Central School district, Westchester County, New York, will be held at Bedford Hills, Bedford Village, Mt. Kisco, Pound Ridge, West Patent school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 7:00am & 9:00pm prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

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Propuesta de presupuesto general	Presupuesto aprobado para el año escolar 2021-22	Presupuesto propuesto para el año escolar 2022-23	Presupuesto de contingencia para el año escolar 2022-23
Monto total presupuestado, sin incluir propuestas separadas	\$144,465,256	\$148,032,191	\$144,514,864
Aumento/Disminucion para el año escolar 2022-23		\$3,566,935	\$49,608
Porcentaje de aumento/disminucion del Presupuesto Propuesto		2.47%	.034%
Variacion del indice de precios al consumidor		4.7%	
A. Gravamen propuesto para apoyar el monto total presupuestado	\$130,922,937	\$134,440,264	
B. Gravamen para apoyar la deuda de la biblioteca, si corresponde			
C. Gravamen por proposiciones no exclubles, si procede**			
D. Monto total de la reserva del tope impositivo utilizado para reducir la tasa impositiva actual			
E. Total propuesto de gravamen fiscal para el año escolar (A + B + C - D)	\$130,922,937	\$134,440,264	\$130,922,937
F. Total de exclusiones permitidas	\$9,105,822	\$9,024,997	
G. Limite de gravamen de impuestos escolares, excluyendo el gravamen para exclusiones permisibles.	\$122,231,568	\$125,415,267	
H. Total propuesto gravamen tributario para el año escolar excluyendo el gravamen para apoyar la deuda de la biblioteca y/o exclusiones permisibles (E-B-F+D)	\$121,187,115	\$125,415,267	
I. Diferencia: G-H (El valor negativo requiere 60.0% de aprobacion del votante – vea la nota a continuacion con respecto a las proposiciones separadas)**	\$414,453	\$0	
Componente administrativo	\$13,233,553	\$13,615,350	\$12,948,404
Componente del programa	\$111,024,528	\$113,987,023	\$111,613,005
Componente de capital	\$20,207,175	\$20,429,818	\$19,953,455

En caso de un presupuesto contingente, se requiere que el distrito mantenga la recaudacion de impuestos del 2021-22. El presupuesto de gastos requeriria una reduccion de \$3,517,327. Esto requeriria la eliminacion de personal certificado y clasificado, desarrollo profesional, mejoras en el plan de estudios, mejoras en el programas cocurriculares y atleticos. Adicionalmente, se requeriria reduccion en puestos docentes de educacion general, suministros y materiales, reduccion de servicios de BOCES, eliminar gastos relacionados con el arrendamiento de tecnologia educativa y equipo de capital, eliminacion de gastos no contingentes tales como los equipos de instruccion y operacion. Las reducciones presupuestarias, lost es componentes serian:

Reduccion Administrativa: \$666,946
 Reduccion de Programas: \$2,374,018
 Reduccion de capital: \$476,363

Los aumentos de presupuesto a presupuesto serian de .034%. .Esta declaracion de suposiciones proyecta un prusupesto de contingencia para el año escolar del 2022-23, en caso de que el preupuesto propuesto no sea aprobado de conformidad con la seccion 2023 de la ley de educacion

** Enumera las Proposiciones Separadas que no estan includes en el Monto Total Presupuestado: (El Impuesto Tributario asociado con las propuestas de servicios educativos o de transporte no son elegibles para la exclusion y pueden afectar los requisitos de aprobacion de los votantes)	Descripcion	Importe
	PROPOSICION DEL PRESTAMO 1	\$58,964,798
	PROPOSICION DEL PRESTAMO 2	\$3,651,800

Bajo el presupuesto propues to para el año escolar 2022-23

Ahorros estimados en la exencion basica de star 1

\$1,225

La votacion del presupuesto anual para el año fiscal 2022-23 por parte votantes calificados del Distrito Central Escolar de Bedford, Condado de Westchester, NY, sellevara a cabo en las escuelas elementales de Bedford Hills, Mount Kisco, Pound Ridge, West Patent, el martes, 17 de mayo del 2022, entre las 7 am y las 9 pm, momento en que se abriran las urnas para votar mediante papeleta o maquina de votacion

1. La exencion de la desgravacion fiscal escolar basica (STAR) esta autorizada por la seccion 425 de la Ley del Impuesto a la Propiedad Inmobiliaria.

Summary Appropriation Budget

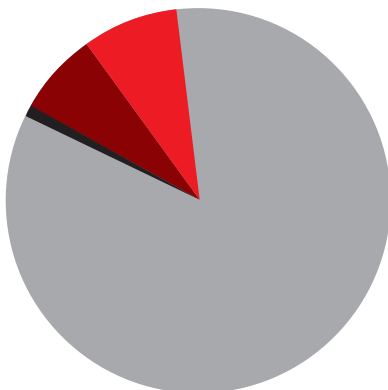
APPROPRIATIONS	Budget 2021-22	Proposed Budget 2022-23
Board of Education/Superintendent/Business Office	\$1,421,162	\$1,485,000
Legal/Professional Personnel Services	\$1,000,606	\$1,199,757
Operations & Maintenance	\$8,043,825	\$7,968,756
Data Processing/Storeroom	\$809,421	\$820,614
Insurance Fees/School Dues	\$513,437	\$540,136
Refunds of Property Taxes	\$250,000	\$250,000
BOCES Administration	\$1,100,493	\$1,109,993
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$13,138,944	\$13,374,256
Supervision/Planning/Training	\$5,222,602	\$5,122,742
Teaching & Instructional Services	\$41,857,971	\$40,402,091
Special Education	\$17,720,392	\$20,644,525
Instructional Media	\$2,933,967	\$3,142,694
Pupil Services	\$5,420,298	\$5,587,894
Co-Curricular/Athletics	\$1,021,333	\$1,190,341
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$74,176,563	\$76,090,286
Total - Transportation	\$9,367,313	\$9,545,256
Total - Employee Benefits	\$38,063,036	\$38,896,418
Total - Debt Service	\$8,999,401	\$9,405,975
Total - Interfund Transfers	\$720,000	\$720,000
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS 2.47%	\$144,465,256	\$148,032,191

What happens if the budget doesn't pass?

Should the proposed budget be defeated, \$3,517,326 in non-contingent expenditures would need to be removed in a contingent budget. These may include equipment purchases and repairs, unreimbursed community use of facilities, extra-curricular clubs, athletics, electives and advanced placement courses, certain student supplies and staffing reductions which may lead to increased class sizes.

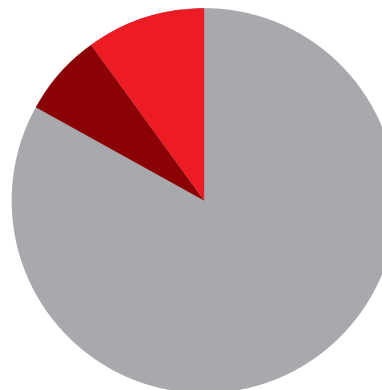


Where will the money come from?



- 90.82% Tax Levy & STAR \$134,440,264
- 5.60% State & Other Aids \$8,296,335
- 3.31% Service Charges & Misc. \$4,899,092
- 0.27% Fund Balance \$396,500

Where will the money be spent?



- 77% Instructional Program \$113,987,023
- 13.8% Capital \$20,429,818
- 9.2% Administrative \$13,615,350



Repair. Refresh. Reimagine.

FAST FACTS

PROPOSITION 1: \$59 MILLION

Infrastructure
Health & Wellness
Enhanced Learning Environments

PROPOSITION 2: \$3.6 MILLION

Air conditioning at Fox Lane High School

PROPOSED PROJECT TOTAL:

\$62.6 million

ESTIMATED STATE AID:

\$7.8 million

TAX IMPACT:

Debt service principal payments
lower than existing debt

PROPOSED FINANCING PERIOD:

15 years in three installments

**PROPOSITION 2 CAN ONLY PASS
IF PROPOSITION 1 PASSES**



FOX LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTRANCE



FOX LANE HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT LEARNING EXCHANGE



FOX LANE HIGH SCHOOL WELLNESS CENTER

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Voter Registration

To vote in school elections, you must be a registered voter for either school elections or general elections. To be eligible to register, you must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age by the election date and a resident of the district for at least 30 days before the election. The last day for registration with the district is May 12, 2022.

Absentee Ballots

An application must be submitted before an absentee ballot can be provided to a voter. Applications for absentee ballots must be completed and received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballot applications are available from Sandra Speyer, District Clerk, at the Administration Building on the Fox Lane Campus during regular business hours (8 am - 4 pm) or by downloading the application: bcsdny.org/Page/2566

School Board Candidates

There are three vacant seats for trustees. The candidates for those seats are:
Amal Shady, Chris Kramer, Roger Nadel, Gilian Goldman-Klein and Blakeley Lowry.