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★ 2023 EAST RAMAPO BUDGET VOTE

Who can vote?

Citizens, age 18 or older, residents of the District for at least 30 days prior to May 16, 2023 and registered to vote. If you voted in a school election or a November general election in the past four years, you need not register. Visit rocklandgov.com for Rockland County voter registration forms.

Voter Information

Voters in ALL wards can vote on the budget. Voters in wards 3, 5 and 8 will also be able to vote for trustee candidates listed above your address on this mailer. Visit ercsd.org/budgetvote23 for information.

Ward Information

There are 9 wards to comply with the Federal court order. Visit ercsd.org/budget-vote23 for Wards and maps. If you still reside at the registered address as shown on the front of this mailing, you vote in the Ward and poll site shown above your address. If you moved, but remain in the District, visit ercsd.org/budgetvote23.



2023 BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

- **Poll sites are open from 7 A.M. to 9:30 P.M. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 for in-person voting. Voters MUST vote at their Ward poll site location as printed above your address on this mailer. Only Wards 3, 5 and 8 vote on trustee candidates in 2023.**
- Voters not registered as permanent disabled must submit an absentee ballot request form. The last date to request an absentee ballot to be mailed back to the voter is Tuesday, May 9, 2023. The last date to request an absentee ballot for pickup is Monday, May 15, 2023.
- **All absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk's office by 5 P.M. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 to be counted.**

Visit ercsd.org/budgetvote23 for Voter Information



EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

"A unified community educating the whole child"

BUDGET EDITION • SPRING 2023

Budget Vote Scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 2023

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESIDENT AND SUPERINTENDENT

DEAR EAST RAMAPO COMMUNITY,

After months of careful planning and thoughtful consideration, the East Ramapo Central School District Board of Education recently adopted a budget of \$298,680,118 for the 2023-24 academic year. This proposed spending plan maintains all of the district's high quality programs and services in support of the district's long-term goals in the areas of academic instruction, social-emotional learning and operations.

The 2023-24 budget includes a proposed tax levy of 1.99%, **which stays within the New York State tax levy cap**. As always, the Board of Education remains sensitive to the tax burden on the community.

Assembling the district's budget is no easy task. The year-round process involves gathering input from community members, the Board of Education, administrators and educators. This proposed budget is the result of strong collaboration, prudent negotiation and is in service of the district's strategic plan.

This newsletter provides an overview of the proposed budget that taxpayers will vote on May 16, how tax bills may be affected, polling locations, Board of Education candidates up for election and more. The district's official website—ercsd.org—also includes additional information about the proposed 2023-24 budget, as well as an archive of Board of Education meetings during which the proposed spending plan was discussed.

We hope to see you at the polls on Tuesday, May 16!

Shimon Rose
President, Board of Education

Dr. Clarence G. Ellis
Superintendent of Schools

2023-2024 Proposed Budget Summary	
Proposed Budget:	\$ 298,680,118
Budget-to-Budget Change:	16.48%
Projected Tax Levy Increase:	1.99%



This proposed budget reinforces our commitment to Academics, Social-Emotional Learning and Operations to create the schools that our students deserve:

ACADEMICS

- Research-based **teacher professional development** in reading and literacy that will enhance instruction for English Language Learners
- **Print and digital resources** to support small-group reading instruction
- Student access to **accelerated/college courses, art, music and technology programs**



SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

- Restorative environments where ALL students feel connected and comfortable and that build community:
 - **school security**
 - **counseling**
 - **mentoring**
- **Playground equipment** at our elementary schools



OPERATIONS

- Capital projects that prioritize the health and safety of students, staff and families:
 - renovations to the secondary **gymnasium floors, bleachers and auditoriums**
 - **equipment** to maintain buildings and grounds district-wide



VOTE: TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 | 7:00 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.

★ District Budget Notice East Ramapo Central School District 2023-2024

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 256,421,500	\$ 298,680,118	\$ 295,605,762
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$ 42,258,618	\$ 39,184,262
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		16.48%	15.29%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 154,490,227	\$ 157,564,583	
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)	\$ 154,490,227	\$ 157,564,583	\$ 154,490,227
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$ 2,735,178	\$ 2,879,652	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 157,878,314	\$ 158,658,771	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$ 151,755,049	\$ 154,684,931	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$ 6,123,265	\$ 3,973,840	
Administrative Component	\$ 23,550,476	\$ 24,410,048	\$ 24,410,048
Program Component	\$ 208,285,141	\$ 242,598,117	\$ 242,598,117
Capital Component	\$ 24,585,883	\$ 31,671,953	\$ 28,597,597

* Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2023-24 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated: Reduction of selected administrative, instructional and other expenses.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ :	\$781

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the East Ramapo Central School District, Rockland County, New York, will be held at the following locations: Ward 1 Summit Park Elementary School; Ward 2 Pascack Community Center, Ward 3 Spring Valley High School, Ward 4 Chestnut Ridge Middle School, Ward 5 Yeshiva Viznitz, Ward 6 Elmwood Elementary School, Ward 7 Ramapo High School, Ward 8 Pomona Middle School and Ward 9 Lime Kiln Elementary School.

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

★ On the Ballot

PROPOSITION #1: 2023-24 BUDGET: Shall the Annual Budget of the School District, as proposed, in the amount of \$298,680,118 be adopted and a tax levied?

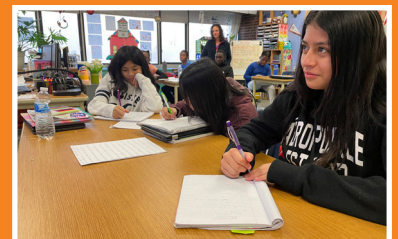
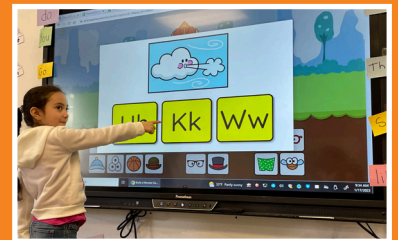


To learn more about the 2023-24 proposed ERCSD budget visit ercsd.org/budgetvote23 or SCAN HERE.

Para obtener más información sobre la propuesta de presupuesto del ERCSD para 2023-2024, visite ercsd.org/budgetvote23 o ESCANEE AQUÍ.

Pou jwenn plis enfòmasyon sou bidjè ERCSD ki pwopoze pou peryòd 2023-24 la, ale sou www.ercsd.org/budgetvote23 oswa ESKANE LA A.

צו לערנען מער איבער די 2023-24 פארגעשלאגענע ERCSD בודזשעט, באזוכט ercsd.org/budgetvote23 אדער סקענט דא.



★ VOTO DE PRESUPUESTO DE EAST RAMAPO 2023

¿Quién puede votar?

Los ciudadanos, de 18 años de edad o más, residentes del distrito durante al menos 30 días antes del 16 de mayo de 2023 y que están registrados para votar. Si votó en una elección escolar o en una elección general de noviembre en los últimos cuatro años, no necesita registrarse. Para obtener los formularios de registro de votantes del condado de Rockland, visite rocklandgov.com.

Información para el votante

Los votantes de TODAS las divisiones electorales pueden participar para decidir sobre el presupuesto. Los votantes de las divisiones electorales 3, 5 y 8 también podrán votar por los candidatos a consejeros que aparecen arriba de su dirección en este correo. Visite ercsd.org/budgetvote23 para obtener información.

Información de la divisiones electorales

Hay nueve divisiones electorales que deben cumplir con la orden de la corte federal. Visite ercsd.org/budgetvote23 para conocer las divisiones electorales y los mapas. Si aún reside en la dirección registrada que se muestra en el frente de este correo, usted vota en la división electoral y el sitio de votación que se muestra arriba de su dirección. Si se mudó de esta dirección, pero permanece en el distrito, visite ercsd.org/budgetvote23.

VOTO DE PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN DE CONSEJEROS 2023

- Los lugares de votación estarán abiertos el martes 16 de mayo de 2023 de 7:00 a. m. a 9:30 p. m. para la votación en persona. Los ciudadanos DEBEN votar en el centro de votación de su división electoral como se indica en este correo. Solo las divisiones electorales 3, 5 y 8 votan por los candidatos a consejeros en 2023.
- Los votantes que no estén registrados como personas con discapacidad permanente deben presentar un formulario de solicitud de una boleta de voto en ausencia. La última fecha para solicitar que se envíe por correo una boleta de voto en ausencia al votante es el martes de mayo de 2023. La última fecha para solicitar que se recoja una boleta de voto en ausencia es el lunes 15 de mayo de 2023.
- Todas las boletas de voto en ausencia deben recibirse en la oficina del secretario del distrito antes de las 5:00 p. m. el martes 16 de mayo de 2023 para el recuento.

Visite ercsd.org/budgetvote23 para obtener información para los votantes.

★ VÒT BIDJÈ RAMAPO LÈS 2023

Ki moun ki ka vote?

Sitwayen, ki gen 18 lane oswa plis, ki abite nan Distri a depi omwen 30 jou anvan 16 Me 2023, epi ki enskri pou vote. Si ou te vote nan yon eleksyon ki te fèt nan lekòl oswa nan yon eleksyon jeneral pandan mwa Novanm nan, nan kat (4) ane ki sot pase yo, ou pa bezwen enskri ankò. Vizite rocklandgov.com pou ou ka jwenn fòm enskripsyon elektè ki nan Konte Rockland yo.

Enfòmasyon sou elektè yo

Elektè nan TOUT sikonskripsyon yo ka vote sou bidjè a. Elektè ki nan sikonskripsyon 3, 5 ak 8 yo pral kapab vote tou pou kandida nan pòs administratè ki mansyone sou tèt adrès ou a nan kourye sa a. Ale sou ercsd.org/budgetvote23 pou ou ka jwenn enfòmasyon.

Enfòmasyon sou sikonskripsyon an

Dapre dekrè tribinal federal la, gen 9 sikonskripsyon. Vizite ercsd.org/budgetvote23 pou Sikonskripsyon ak kat yo. Si ou toujou abite nan adrès ki anrejistre a, jan sa endike nan paj devan kourye sa a, ou ap vote nan sikonskripsyon ak biwo vòt yo endike sou tèt adrès ou a. Si ou te demenaje, men ou toujou rete nan Distri a, ale sou ercsd.org/budgetvote23.

VÒT BIDJÈ 2023 AK ELEKSYON ADMINISTRATÈ YO

- Lokal biwo vòt yo louvri soti 7 a.m. rive 9:30 p.m, nan dat Madi 16 Me 2023 pou elektè k ap vote an pèsòn yo. Elektè yo DWE vote nan lokal biwo vòt sikonskripsyon yo a, jan yo enprime l sou tèt adrès ou a nan kourye sa a. Se sèlman sikonskripsyon 3, 5 ak 8 yo k ap vote pou kandida administratè yo an 2023.
- Elektè ki pa enskri kòm andikape pèmanan dwe soumèt yon fòm demann pou vote pa mwayen korespondans. Dènye dat pou mande voye yon bilten vòt bay elektè a pa mwayen korespondans se Madi, Me 2023. Dènye dat pou ou mande pou yo vin chèche yon bilten vòt pa mwayen korespondans se Lendi 15 Me 2023.
- Biwo Grefye Distri a dwe resevwa tout bilten vòt pa mwayen korespondans yo anvan 5 p.m. nan dat Madi 16 Me 2023 pou yo ka konte yo.

Ale sou ercsd.org/budgetvote23 pou ou ka jwenn enfòmasyon sou elektè yo

★ 2023 טעשדוב אפעמער

2023 בודזשעט און טראַסט וואלן

- וואלן לאקאציעס זענען אפן פון 7:00 אינדערפרי ביז 9:30 ביינאכט, דינסטאג, מאי 16, 2023 פאר ווילער וועלכע קומען אראפ שטימען פערזענליך. ווילער מוזן שטימען ביי זייער וואַרד וואלן לאקאציע ווי געשריבן אויבן אונטער אייער אדרעס אויף דעם בריוו. נאר וואַרדס 3, 5 און 8 שטימען פאר טראַסט קאנדידאטן אין 2023.
- ווילער וועלכע זענען נישט רעגיסטרירט אלץ פערמאנענטע דיסעבלד מענטשן מוזן אריינגעבן אן עבסענטי בעלאט פארלאנג בויגן. די לעצטע דאטום צו פארלאנגען אן עבסענטי בעלאט צו ווערן צוריקגעשיקט דורך די פאסט איז דינסטאג, מאי 2023. די לעצטע דאטום צו פארלאנגען אן עבסענטי בעלאט צו ווערן אפגענומען איז מאנטאג, מאי 15, 2023.
- אלע עבסענטי בעלאטס מוזן ערהאלטן ווערן דורך די דיסטריקט קלערק'ס אפיס ביז 5:00 נאכמיטאג, דינסטאג, מאי 16, 2023 צו געציילט ווערן.

ווער קען שטימען?

בירגער, פון 18 יאר און עלטער, איינוואוינער פון די דיסטריקט פאר צום ווייניגסטנס 30 טעג בעפאר מאי 16, 2023 און רעגיסטרירט צו שטימען. אויב איר האט געשטימט אין סקול וואלן אדער אין אלגעמיינע וואלן אין נאוועמבער אין די פארגאנגענע פיר יאר, דארפט איר נישט רעגיסטרירן. באזוכט rocklandgov.com פאר ראקלענד קאונטי ווילער רעגיסטראציע בויגנס.

ווילער אינפארמאציע

ווילער פון אלע וואַרדס קענען שטימען אויף די בודזשעט. ווילער אין וואַרדס 3, 5 און 8 וועלן אויך קענען שטימען פאר די טראַסט קאנדידאטן וועלכע זענען אויסגעוועלט העכער אייער אדרעס אויף דעם בריוו. באזוכט ercsd.org/budgetvote23 פאר אינפארמאציע.

וואַרד אינפארמאציע

עס זענען דא 9 וואַרדס אין איינקלאנג מיט דעם פּעדעראלן געריכט ארדער. באזוכט ercsd.org/budgetvote23 פאר וואַרדס און מאפעס. אויב איר וואוינט נאכאלץ ביי דעם אדרעס רעגיסטרירט ביי ראקלענד באַוֹרד און עלעקשענס ווי געוויזן אויפן פארנט פון דעם בריוו, קענט איר שטימען אין די וואַרד און ביי די וואלן לאקאציע וואס שטייט העכער אייער אדרעס. אויב איר האט זיך אוועקגעצויגן, אבער איר וואוינט נאכאלץ אין די דיסטריקט, באזוכט ercsd.org/budgetvote23.

באזוכט ercsd.org/budgetvote23 פאר ווילער אינפארמאציע