

East Ramapo Central School District Town Hall Meeting



Community Conversations with Clarence

Tuesday, April 25th, 2023

5:00-6:15PM

Finkelstein Library

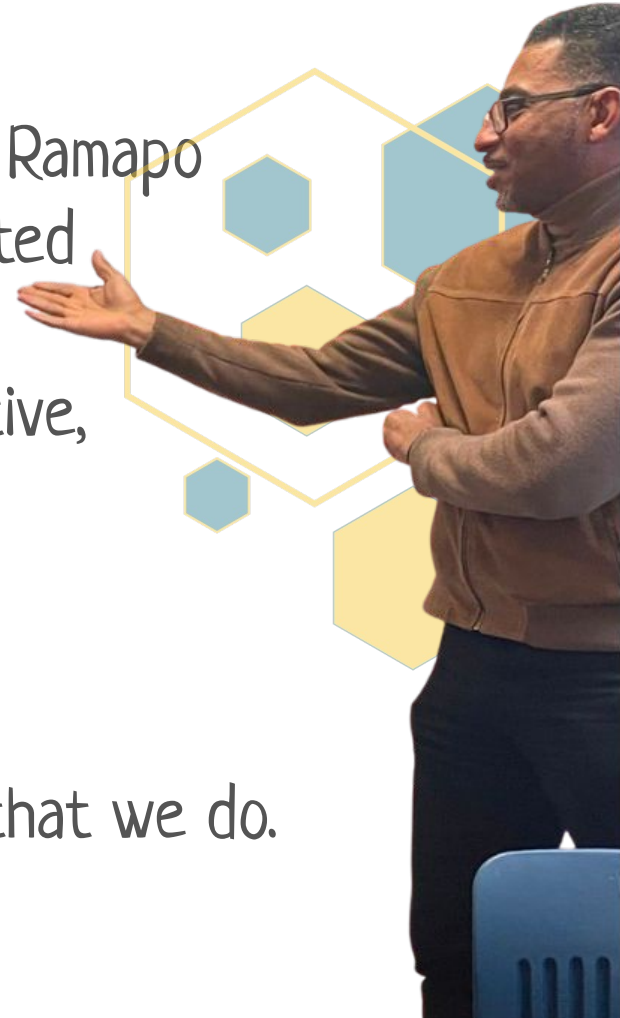


Mission

As a unified community, the East Ramapo Central School District is committed to educating the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, supportive, engaging and challenging learning environment.

Vision

We will become proficient in all that we do.

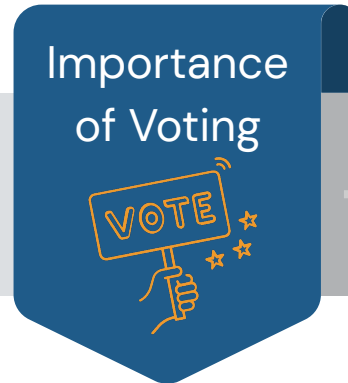


Community Conversations With Clarence

The Purpose:

A coming together to support family-community-district relationships by offering a space for questions to be addressed

The Process



Community Conversations With Clarence

Future Dates

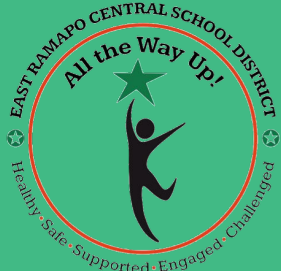
June 2023

Tentative Time: 6:00 p.m. (Weekday)

School District Location



2023-2024 Proposed Budget





Proposed Strategic Budget 2023-2024



Proposed 2023–2024 Revenue Budget

	2022–2023 Contingency Budget	2023–2024 Proposed Budget	\$ Difference	% Change
Tax Levy	\$154,490,227	\$157,564,583	\$3,074,356	1.99%
NYS Aid Revenue	\$94,651,214	\$134,335,929	\$39,684,715	41.93%
PILOTs	\$252,602	\$252,602	\$0	0.00%
Health Services	\$475,000	\$350,000	(\$125,000)	-26.32%
Non-Resident, Foster, OPWDD Tuition	\$1,678,313	\$1,403,000	(\$275,313)	-16.40%
Chapter Tuition - STAC	\$1,541,840	\$500,000	(\$1,041,840)	-67.57%
BOCES Refund for Prior Year Surplus	\$830,399	\$700,000	(\$130,399)	-15.70%
Workers Comp & Ins. Reimbursement	\$93,318	\$93,318	\$0	0.00%
Medicaid	\$989,000	\$1,120,000	\$131,000	13.25%
Use of Facilities	\$236,081	\$157,631	(\$78,450)	-33.23%
Interest & Misc Revenue	\$1,130,451	\$2,150,000	\$1,019,549	90.19%
Interfund Trans. for Debt Svs	\$53,055	\$53,055	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL	\$256,421,500	\$298,680,118	\$42,258,618	16.48%

Proposed 2023–2024 Expenditure Budget

	2022–2023 Contingency Budget	2023–2024 Proposed Budget	\$ Difference	% Change
Salaries	\$116,410,625	\$114,202,746	(\$2,207,879)	-1.90%
Benefits	\$58,690,653	\$57,575,833	(\$1,114,820)	-1.90%
Materials & Equipment	\$4,470,840	\$4,962,817	\$491,977	11.00%
Contractual	\$39,266,219	\$40,199,589	\$933,370	2.38%
Contractual - Legal *	\$2,026,953	\$2,168,301	\$141,348	6.97%
Contractual - Transportation **	\$61,868,506	\$62,787,869	\$919,363	1.49%
Debt Payment	\$5,561,162	\$5,782,963	\$221,801	3.99%
Transfer to Other Funds (F,H)	\$0	\$10,000,000	\$10,000,000	100.00%
Transfer from Special Aid	(\$31,873,458)	\$1,000,000	\$32,873,458	-103.14%
TOTAL	\$256,421,500	\$298,680,118	\$42,258,618	16.48%

Data revised on 3/24/23 (Expenditure estimate added to Transfer to Special Aid Fund)

* Increase is based on projected actuals for 22/23,

** Increase is based on projected actuals for 22/23 + CPI

Proposed Capital Projects

(Subject to voter approval)

<u>Project</u>		<u>Total</u>
* Playgrounds K-6 (11) - dependent on 5/16/23 voter results	\$	3,300,000.00
Gymnasium Floors (Ramapo, SV, Pomona, Kakiat)	\$	3,644,322.00
Gymnasium Bleacher Replacement (Ramapo, SV, Pomona, Kaki	\$	1,661,487.00
Ramapo High School Auditorium ADA Renovations	\$	1,051,788.00
Equipment B&G and Other	\$	342,403.00
Total 23/24 Transfer to Capital	\$	10,000,000.00

* Related fencing is budgeted in the ARPA Federal Funds

Revenues
\$298,680,118

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Expenditures
\$298,680,118



Balanced Budget

Estimated 2023-2024 Tax Impact

Estimated 2023-2024 Tax Rate Impact with Levy @ \$157,564,583 (1.99% increase)					
	Effective Market Value	Assessed Value	Change in Tax Rate (Per Thousand)	1.99% Levy Increase	
				Monthly	Yearly
Town of Clarkstown	\$450,000.00	\$121,725.00	\$0.91	\$9.18	\$110.21
	\$500,000.00	\$135,250.00	\$0.91	\$10.20	\$122.46
	\$550,000.00	\$148,775.00	\$0.91	\$11.23	\$134.70
Town of Haverstraw	\$300,000.00	\$213,360.00	\$0.34	\$6.12	\$73.46
	\$350,000.00	\$248,920.00	\$0.34	\$7.14	\$85.70
	\$400,000.00	\$284,480.00	\$0.34	\$8.16	\$97.95
Town of Ramapo	\$500,000.00	\$51,500.00	\$2.38	\$10.21	\$122.47
	\$550,000.00	\$56,650.00	\$2.38	\$11.23	\$134.71
	\$600,000.00	\$61,800.00	\$2.38	\$12.25	\$146.96

* The tax rates are based on if the current assessed value by each of the town assessors.

Above is based on 2022 assessed values and equalization rates

EQUALIZATION RATE

Town of Clarkstown	0.2705
Town of Haverstraw	0.7112
Town of Ramapo	0.103

(Data from each town assessor)



That's less than a cup of coffee. About 40 cents a day max.

Five Year Tax Comparison

	Actual <u>2018-2019</u>	Actual <u>2019-2020</u>	Actual <u>2020-2021</u>	Actual <u>2021-2022</u>	Actual <u>2022-2023</u>
Budgeted Tax Levy	\$ 151,461,007.00	\$ 154,490,227.00	\$ 154,490,227.00	\$ 154,490,227.00	\$ 154,490,227.00
Assessed Value					
Ramapo	\$ 1,084,179,966.00	\$ 1,099,790,684.00	\$ 1,113,221,261.00	\$ 1,122,644,777.00	\$ 1,131,777,249.00
Clarkstown	\$ 322,013,644.00	\$ 325,491,329.00	\$ 328,082,122.00	\$ 333,510,774.00	\$ 335,202,785.00
Haverstraw	\$ 441,169,788.00	\$ 444,978,334.00	\$ 446,052,419.00	\$ 443,793,788.00	\$ 443,399,400.00
	\$ 1,847,363,398.00	\$ 1,870,260,347.00	\$ 1,887,355,802.00	\$ 1,899,949,339.00	\$ 1,910,379,434.00
Tax Rate					
Ramapo	119.958121	120.010303	118.537247	117.596636	116.542792
Clarkstown	45.317512	46.403984	45.582054	44.403870	44.376738
Haverstraw	15.199123	16.041940	16.431190	16.907006	16.878385
Equalization Rate					
Ramapo	0.1190	0.1160	0.1144	0.1146	0.1030
Clarkstown	0.3150	0.3000	0.2975	0.3035	0.2705
Haverstraw	0.9392	0.8678	0.8253	0.7971	0.7112

Tax Rate decrease year-to-year for Ramapo & Clarkstown

Please note the tax rate reduction over the last four years for Ramapo and Clarkstown, while there was no increase in the tax levy.

Tax Levy History

Uncollected Revenue for Program
Updated

Fiscal Year	Max Allowable Levy	Tax CAP	Tax Levy	Difference
2018-2019	\$154,817,065	2.22%	\$151,461,007	\$3,356,058
2019-2020	\$159,493,891	5.30%	\$154,490,227	\$5,003,664
2020-2021	\$159,871,908	3.82%	\$154,490,227	\$5,381,681
2021-2022	\$158,613,756	2.67%	\$154,490,227	\$4,123,529
2022-2023	\$160,613,492	3.96%	\$154,490,227	\$6,123,265

Represents **\$23,988,197** of uncollected revenue for program

5 year projection

Based on 0% tax levy increase each year

	0% increase in tax Levy				0% increase in tax Levy				0% increase in tax Levy				0% increase in tax Levy			
	PROJECTION		BUDGET		PROJ BUDGET		PROJ BUDGET		PROJ BUDGET		PROJ BUDGET		PROJ BUDGET			
	2022-2023	2023-2024	DOLLAR CHG	%%	2025	DOLLAR CHG	%%	2026	DOLLAR CHG	%%	2027	DOLLAR CHG	%%	2028	DOLLAR CHG	%%
REVENUE																
Local Tax Levy	\$154,490,227	\$154,490,227	\$0	0.00%	\$154,490,227	\$0	0.00%	\$154,490,227	\$0	0.00%	\$154,490,227	\$0	0.00%	\$154,490,227	\$0	0.00%
Local Misc Rev	\$6,790,049	\$5,106,551	-\$1,683,498	-24.79%	\$5,208,171	\$101,620	1.99%	\$5,311,814	\$103,643	1.99%	\$5,417,519	\$105,705	1.99%	\$5,525,328	\$107,809	1.99%
State	102,451,214	134,835,929	32,384,715	31.61%	135,000,000	164,071	0.12%	135,000,000	0	0.00%	135,000,000	0	0.00%	135,000,000	0	0.00%
Federal	7,408,819	1,120,000	(6,288,819)	-84.88%	\$1,142,288	22,288	1.99%	\$1,165,020	22,732	1.99%	\$1,188,203	23,184	1.99%	\$1,211,849	23,645	1.99%
Transfers In	53,055	53,055	0	0.00%	53,055	0	0.00%	53,055	0	0.00%	53,055	0	0.00%	53,055	0	0.00%
TOTAL REVENUE	271,193,364	295,605,762	24,412,398	9.00%	295,893,741	287,979	0.10%	296,020,116	126,374	0.04%	296,149,004	128,889	0.04%	296,280,458	131,454	0.04%
EXPENDITURES																
Salary and Benefits Costs	140,152,649	172,778,579	32,625,930	23.28%	182,595,443	9,816,863.67	5.68%	188,728,699	6,133,256	3.36%	195,072,168	6,343,469	3.36%	201,633,306	6,561,138	3.36%
Other	106,862,721	122,827,183	15,964,462	14.94%	115,232,723	-7,594,460	-6.18%	119,697,292	4,464,569	3.87%	124,525,352	4,828,061	4.03%	129,657,238	5,131,886	4.12%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	247,015,370	295,605,762	48,590,392	19.67%	297,828,165.63	2,222,403.63	0.75%	308,425,990	10,597,825	3.56%	319,597,521	11,171,530	3.62%	331,290,544	11,693,023	3.66%
SURPLUS/DEFECIT	24,177,994	0			(1,934,424)			-12,405,875			-23,448,516		-35,010,086			
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	4,290,839	28,468,833			28,468,833			26,534,408			14,128,533		(9,319,983)			
YEAR END BALANCE*	\$28,468,833	\$28,468,833			\$26,534,408			\$14,128,533			-\$9,319,983		-\$44,330,068			
BALANCE AS% OF EXPENDITURES	11.53%	9.63%			8.91%			4.58%			-2.92%		-13.38%			
FUND BALANCE AS # OF MONTHS OF EXPEND	1.38	1.16			1.07			0.55			-0.35		-1.61			

Notes:

* This includes a 0% increase in tax levy revenue and \$0 for capital project expenditures each year, 2024/2025 through 2027/2028. To maintain a operating budget all fund balance reserves will have to be depleted.

Why Vote?

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



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](http://www.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!
Dr. Clarence G. Ellis
Superintendent of Schools

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President, Board of Education

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

ACADEMICS <ul style="list-style-type: none">Research-based teacher professional development in reading and literacy that will enhance instruction for English Language LearnersPrint and digital resources to support small-group reading instructionStudent access to accelerated/college courses, art, music and technology programs	SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING <ul style="list-style-type: none">Restorative environments where ALL students feel connected and comfortable and that build communityschool securityschool safetycounselingmentoringPlayground equipment at our elementary schools	OPERATIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none">Capital projects that prioritize the health and safety of students, staff and families: renovations to the secondary gymnasium floors, bleachers and auditoriumsequipment to maintain buildings and grounds district-wide
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VOTE: TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023 | 7:00 A.M. - 9:30 P.M.



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

DISTRITO ESCOLAR CENTRAL DEL ESTE DE RAMAPO



ÚNASE A NOSOTROS PARA EL

**2023-2024
Preliminar**

Presupuesto del Distrito

Reuniones comunitarias

PRESENTACION POR:

DR. CLARENCE G. ELLIS, SUPERINTENDENTE DE ESCUELAS
SRA. NATALIE ESPINAL, SUPERINTENDENTE ADJUNTA INTERINA DE NEGOCIOS

LAS REUNIONES SE LLEVARÁN A CABO LOS DÍAS:
MIÉRCOLES, 26 DE ABRIL DE 2023 19:00
OFICINA DEL DISTRITO DE ERCSD/SALA DE JUNTAS - 105 S. MADISON AVE,
SPRING VALLEY, NY
LUNES, 1 DE MAYO DE 2023 18:30
YESHIVA SPRING VALLEY GIRLS, 142 GRANDVIEW AVE, MONSEY, NUEVA YORK

Las reuniones también estarán disponibles virtualmente.
Consulte el sitio web del distrito:
www.ercsd.org para el enlace de la reunión.

EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

**2023-2024
Preliminary
District Budget
COMMUNITY MEETINGS**

PRESENTATION BY:

DR. CLARENCE G. ELLIS, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
MS. NATALIE ESPINAL, INTERIM ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF BUSINESS

MEETINGS WILL TAKE PLACE ON:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26, 2023 7:00 PM

ERCSD DISTRICT OFFICE /BOARD ROOM - 105 S. MADISON AVE, SPRING VALLEY, NY

MONDAY, MAY 1, 2023 6:30 PM

YESHIVA SPRING VALLEY GIRLS, 142 GRANDVIEW AVE, MONSEY, NY

Meetings will also be available virtually.

Please check the district website:
www.ercsd.org for the meeting link.

EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



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**2023-2024
Preliminè**

Presupuesto del Distrito

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SRA. NATALIE ESPINAL, SUPERINTENDENTE ADJUNTA INTERINA DE BUSINESS

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Importance of Voting



**Exercise your
RIGHT TO VOTE!**

East Ramapo Central School District
TRUSTEE AND BUDGET VOTE
MAY 16, 2023

Visit www.ERCSD.org



Exercise su derecho al VOTO!

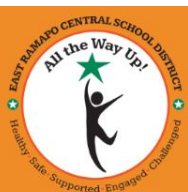
VOTACION DEL PRESUPUESTO Y
FIDEICOMISARIO DEL DISTRITO
ESCOLAR CENTRAL DE EAST RAMAPO
16 DE MAYO DE 2023

Visita www.ERCSD.org



Who can vote?

- ★ Citizens, age 18 or older, resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to May 16, 2023 and registered to vote.
- ★ Registration not needed if you voted in a school or November General election in the past 4 years.
- ★ Voters must vote at the poll location in the ward that they reside in.



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2023 Election Information:

The Budget Vote & Trustee Election is May 16, 2023.

In 2023, only registered voter residents of the following wards will vote to elect a trustee for the Board of Education who runs in their ward:

- Ward 3 - current incumbent trustee is Sherry McGill
- Ward 5 - current incumbent trustee is Simon Koth
- Ward 8- current incumbent trustee is Mark Berkowitz

Successful candidate for Ward 3 elections will serve for the term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.
Successful candidate for Ward 5 elections will serve for the term from May 17, 2023 to June 30, 2026.
Successful candidate for Ward 8 elections will serve for the term from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.

In compliance with the Federal Court Order registered voter residents of the other wards (1, 2, 4, 6, 7 and 9) will only vote on the budget. They cannot vote for trustee candidates in 2023.



Are you registered to Vote?



¿No estás seguro de si estás registrado para votar?
¿Se pregunta dónde se encuentra su sitio de votación?

Ahora puede confirmar esta información visitando <https://vip.ntsteamed.com/>
Para obtener más información acerca de la Elección de East Ramapo 2023 y votación presupuestaria, visite <https://www.ercsd.org/Page/11859>



Not Sure if You're Registered to Vote?
Are you wondering where your poll site is located?

You can now confirm this information by visiting <https://vip.ntsteamed.com/>
For more information about the 2023 East Ramapo Election and Budget Vote, please visit <https://www.ercsd.org/Page/11859>



Pa sèten si ou anrejistre pou vote?
Mande ki kote biwo vòt ou a sitiye?

Ou kapab konfime a konfime enfòmasyon sa yo lè ou vizite <https://vip.ntsteamed.com/>
Pou plis enfòmasyon sou 2023 East Ramapo eleksyon ak bidjè Vòt, tanpri vizite <https://www.ercsd.org/Page/11859>

Check your poll site tonight!

¡Revisa tu sitio de votación esta noche!

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION IS **MAY 3rd**

East Ramapo's Budget and Trustee Vote will be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from 7 A.M. to 9:30 P.M.

There is an
IN-PERSON VOTER REGISTRATION
ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2023

at the East Ramapo Board Meeting Room (P.L.C.C. Room)
located at 105 South Madison Avenue in Spring Valley.

Not registered to vote?
Visit ercsd.org/budgetvote23



El Presupuesto y Voto del Fideicomisario de East Ramapo se llevará a cabo el martes 16 de mayo de 2023 de 7 a.m. a 9:30 p.m

EL MIÉRCOLES 3 DE MAYO DE 2023 HAY UN REGISTRO DE VOTANTES EN PERSONA

en la Sala de Reuniones de la Junta de East Ramapo (Sala P.L.C.C.) ubicada en 105 South Madison Avenue en Spring Valley.

¡Ejerza su derecho al voto!
Visitar ercsd.org/budgetvote23



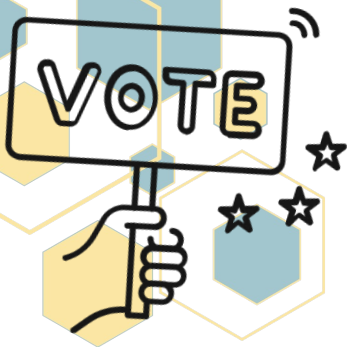
Bidjè East Ramapo ak vòt administratè yo pral fèt Madi 16 Me 2023, ant 7am - 9:30pm.

ENSKRIPSYON ELEKTÈ AN PÈSÒN AP FÈT 3 ME, 2023

nan sal reyinyon konsèy Ramapo ki sitiye nan 105 South Madison Avenue nan Spring Valley.

Poko anrejistre pou vote? Vizite ercsd.org/budgetvote23





- Voting represents the views and values of the community
- Voting decides what level of programming and services the school district will provide
- Voting is a privilege we have to have a voice, to show our children that their education matters to us and to demonstrate the power of democracy



Early Childhood Center



Fleetwood



KAKIAT STEAM ACADEMY
EST. 2016



Chestnut Ridge Middle School



Eldorado



Grandview



Elmwood



Hempstead



Pomona Middle School



Spring Valley High 21 School



East Ramapo Central School District Secondary Education Night

Mapping the Way to success
From 7th grade to 12th grade

Wednesday, April 26, 2023
7 P.M.- 9 P.M.

This special evening will provide:

- valuable insights into how your child can graduate with success
- opportunities to meet our partners
- insights into understanding the graduation process
- tips to knowing how to make the most of the secondary education experience

EAST RAMAPO FAMILY RESOURCE
PRESENTS

MUSIC
AND
GAMES

FOOD
BOOTHES
AND MUCH
MORE

**FREE SPRING
FLING**

FUN CELEBRATION FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

**SATURDAY,
APRIL 29TH
1PM- 4PM**

BOUNCY
HOUSE

PRIZES
BASKETS

DON'T MISS THIS FUN AND EXCITING DAY!
FREE TICKETS FOR GAMES. VENDORS,
SUMMER ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES FOR
KIDS AND MUCH MUCH MORE!!

LOCATION : SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
361 Route 59, Spring Valley NY
FOR MORE INFORMATION: CONTACT YOUR SCHOOLS
FAMILY RESOURCE COORDINATOR

EAST RAMAPO CENTRO de
RECURSOS FAMILIARES

MUSICA
Y
JUEGOS

PUESTOS
DE
COMIDA Y
MUCHO
MAS

**GRATIS SPRING
FLING**

CELEBRACION PARA TODA LA FAMILIA

**SABADO, 29
DE ABRIL
1PM- 4PM**

CASA
HINCHABLE

PREMIOS
Y
CANASTAS

Diversión para toda la familia, muchos
regalos. Actividades de verano para niños y
mucho más !!

SITIO : SPRING VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL
361 Route 59, Spring Valley NY
Para más información: Comuníquese con su
Coordinadora de Recursos Familiares de su Escuela



Community Questions & Conversation



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5:00-6:15PM

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