

JHS 2021 graduate, Jayden Sisley, celebrates receiving his diplomas with JHS Principal Dana Williams.

2022-23 BUDGET INFORMATION

"We see every child learning every day!"

THE JAMESTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORT • MAY 2022

Message from Superintendent Kevin Whitaker, Ed.D.

On Tuesday, **May 17**, Jamestown residents will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed 2022-23 school budget, the creation of two reserve funds, the opportunity to purchase land across from the high school, and to elect two Board of Education members. The 2022-23 Budget, in the amount of $93,893,354 includes a **0% increase to the tax levy**. The proposed budget addresses three essential components:

- **Learning Loss due to the pandemic,**
- **The increase in mental health support needs among our student population and,**
- **Keeping the tax levy increase at 0% while maintaining the ability to protect our taxpayers in this manner into the future.**

This budget will add **critical positions** that **will directly help our students' and families' academic and mental health needs** that arose as a result of the COVID pandemic over the last two years.

Some of the highlights of the proposed budget include: **two community navigators, an increase in contracted social workers, additional reading teachers, paraprofessionals, academic support staff, teachers on special assignment, and 5 teachers at the high school**.

The community navigator program has proven to be a successful model for connecting with families and bridging the gap between our community and our school. The addition of two more navigators allows for more work to be done in support of families and students who are struggling academically and socially with school.

Our student mental health concerns have been worsened significantly by the pandemic. The number of calls for mental health support have increased dramatically, putting a great strain on our existing support systems, both within and outside of the school district. With the addition of paraprofessionals, social workers and school psychologists, we can better address these needs in school, and begin to assist with family and community concerns in this area as well.

In the area of academics, it is common knowledge that the pandemic has significantly curtailed student learning across the last two years. In order to bring our students back to the levels of learning that they need in order to be successful, we must provide them with reading support, academic intervention support and behavioral support so that they can find success in their classrooms.

With voter approval and support, we will be able to continue to provide for equipment, vehicles and essential maintenance of our facilities into the future without raising costs to the local taxpayers.

Finally, we will be asking you to vote for the acquisition of land across from the high school that we utilize for student, staff and community parking. Additionally, two Board of Education seats are open for election. There will be more information on the candidates added to www.jpsny.org/elections and in an upcoming postcard mailed to the community.

We value our community's input and support, and I thank you for taking the time to read this message.

For every $1 JPS spends...



Looking for more info?

When and where is the vote?

Polling places will be located at Jefferson, Lincoln & Washington Schools. The polls will be open from noon to 9 p.m. on **May 17th.** Please call the District Clerk at the Administration Building (483-4420) with any questions on polling locations, or where you should vote.

How can I vote by absentee ballot?

Registered voters who are not able to vote in person on Election Day may be eligible to vote by absentee ballot. Reasons for voting by absentee ballot include: Absence from county on election day; temporary illness or physical disability; including being unable to appear due to risk of contracting or spreading a communicable disease like COVID-19; permanent illness or physical disability; duties related to primary care of one or more individuals who are ill or physically disabled; resident or patient of Veterans Health Administration Hospital or detention in jail/prison, awaiting trial, awaiting action by a grand jury, or in prison for conviction of a crime or offense which was not a felony. Applications can be obtained through the District Clerk, in person, by mail, or by phone. (District Offices, 197 Martin Road, Jamestown, NY 483-4420). Those wishing to receive the ballot by mail must apply by **May 10**. Absentee ballots must be received in person, or by mail, by **5 p.m. on May 17th.**

Who is eligible to vote?

To be eligible to vote in the JPS Budget/Board of Education Election, an individual must be: at least 18 years of age, a United States citizen, a resident of the Jamestown School District for at least 30 days prior to May 17th, and a registered voter. If you have a question regarding voter eligibility, please contact the District Clerk at 483-4420.

More info at www.jpsny.org/budget

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Public Hearing May 10 at Jamestown High School at 6 p.m.
Vote on the Budget & BOE elections on **May 17**

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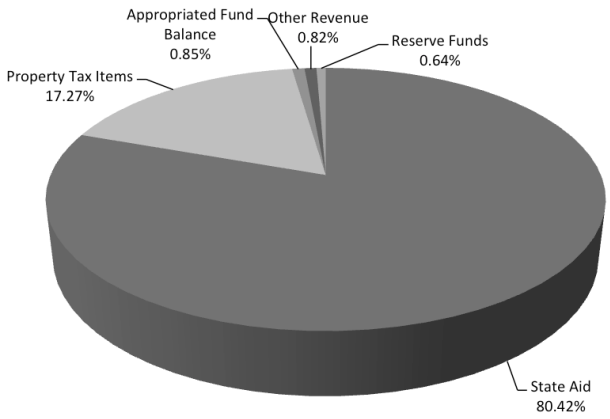
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2022-23 Budget Information

2022-23 Revenues
Where General Fund Dollars Come From

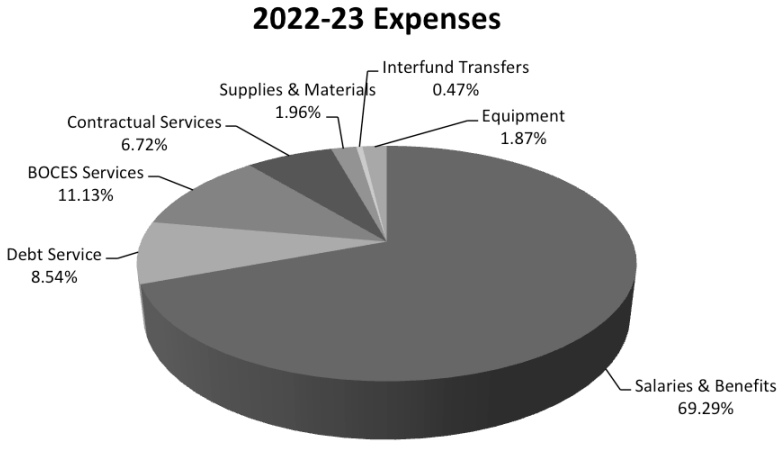
2022-23 Revenue



Operating Revenues	2022-23 Proposed Budget	% of Budget
State Aid	$ 75,508,323	80.42%
Property Tax Items	$ 16,211,567	17.27%
Appropriated Fund Balance	$ 800,000	0.85%
Other Revenue	$ 773,464	0.82%
Reserve Funds	$ 600,000	0.64%
TOTAL	$ 93,893,354	100.00%

2022-23 Expenses
Where General Fund Dollars are Spent

2022-23 Expenses

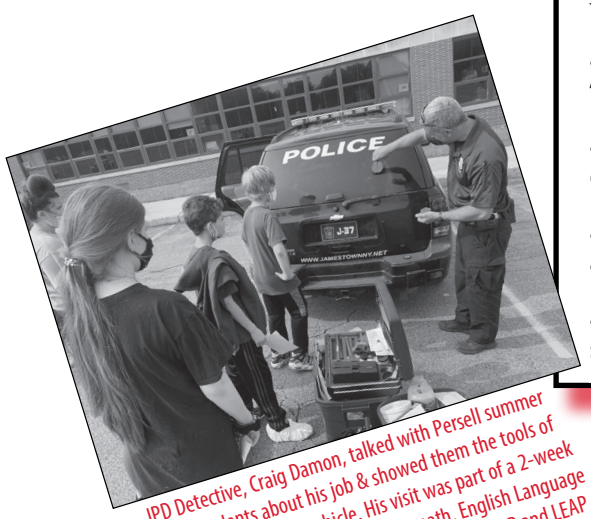


Operating Expenses	2022-23 Proposed Budget	% of Budget
Salaries & Benefits	$65,061,686	69.29%
Debt Service	$ 8,020,414	8.54%
BOCES Services	$10,452,949	11.13%
Contractual Services	$ 6,314,217	6.72%
Supplies & Materials	$ 1,840,119	1.96%
Interfund Transfers	$ 445,000	0.47%
Equipment	$ 1,758,969	1.87%
TOTAL	$93,893,354	100.00%



Both the JHS Varsity Boys Basketball team and JHS Varsity Football team advanced to the New York State semi-finals championship games.





JPD Detective, Craig Damon, talked with Persell summer JUMP students about his job & showed them the tools of the trade from his CSI vehicle. His visit was part of a 2-week forensic unit that combined science, math, English Language Arts and teamwork. JPS summer programs, JUMP and LEAP (for elementary school students) are an important way the district is helping to combat "summer slide."

Celebrating just a few of our many JPS Achievements...

• JHS English as a New Language paraprofessional, Celia Wilson & Bush Elementary School teacher, April Shoup, were honored by the WNY Educational Service Council. Mrs. Shoup received the Award of Excellence in Teaching and Mrs. Wilson received the Award for Excellence for Support Service Staff.

• JHS Business teacher, Sheila McIntyre was selected to attend the Educator's Financial Literacy Academy & received a scholarship to cover 100% of her tuition expenses.

• All JHS fall athletic teams were designated All-WNY Scholar Athlete Teams - the first time that every JHS team in a season has received this award. In addition, 18 seniors were named to the fall All-WNY Scholar Athletes.

• JHS Express Winterguard placed 3rd at the Winter Guard International Regional Competition.

• JPS band directors, Meghan Murray, Carrie Pawelski, Gina Wakefield & Marc Lentsch presented at the NYS School Music Asscociation's Annual Conference.

• The JCC Alumni Association presented Lincoln Elementary School Principal, Katie Russo, with the 2021 Distinguished Alumni Award.

• JHS senior, Cecelia Eklum, was named the NYS female winner of the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association Scholarshop Award.

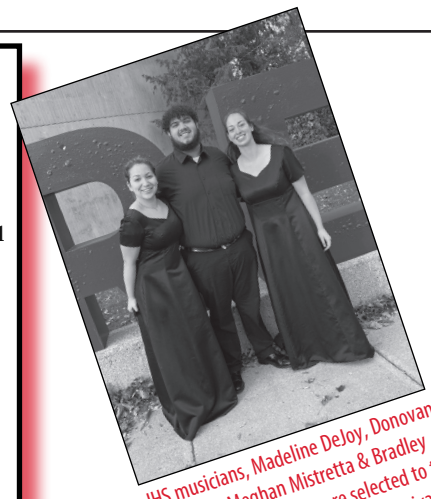
• JHS senior, Sabion Taylor, was awarded 1st place in the JCC College Connections Speech Contest. JHS sophomore Reiley Kolstee, received 1st place in the local VFW "Voice of Democracy" Speech Contest. JHS sophomores, McKenna Schneider and Abrielle Monaghan, won the school-level Poetry Out Loud Contest.

• JHS 2021 graduate, Ella Smith, was awarded a $1,000 scholarship from the Jamestown Teachers Association given each year to a senior going into education.

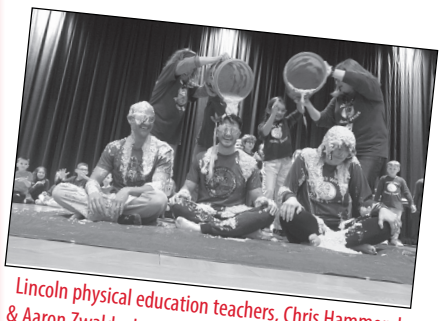
• JHS Mock Trial team rolled through its trial schedule undefeated last year becoming the Chautauqua County Mock Trial Champions.

• JPS administration team helped 40 local children through the Salvation Army's Angel Tree campaign. The administrators have been donating for over 15 years & helped over 1,000 kids.

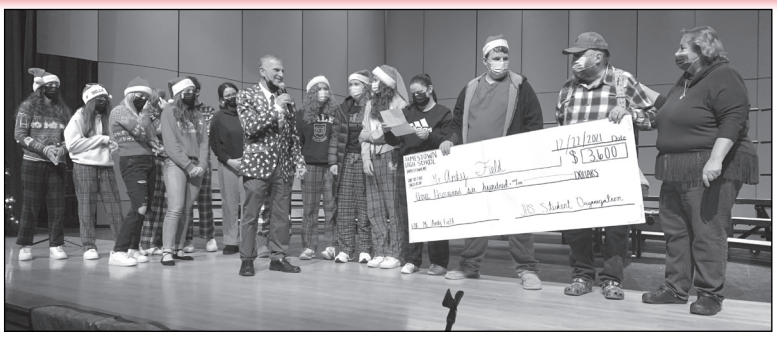
• Jamestown Board of Education member, Nina Karbacka, was recognized by the NYS School Boards Association with a Level 4 Board Lifetime Achievement Award.



JHS musicians, Madeline DeJoy, Donovan Gomez, Meghan Mistretta & Bradley Galeazzo (alternate), were selected to the NYSSMA Conference All-State Festival. In addition, JHS had eight music students selected for the Sr. High Area All-State and two for the Jr. High Area All-State.



Lincoln physical education teachers, Chris Hammond & Aaron Zwald, along with Principal Katie Russo, were slimed by students for exceeding the school's goal & raising $9,423.77 for the American Heart Association through the Kids Healthy Heart Challenge. Bush School has also participated in the challenge for over 15 years & has raised over $30,000!



JHS raised $3,600 for their custodian, Andy Field, who is combating a serious illness during their annual Penny Wars. The classes raise money each year to help a member of the JPS family.



JHS seniors, Manalis Espinosa & Ezequiel Ariel Alejandro, represented the WNY delegation in the annual Puerto Rican Youth Leadership Institution. Both students received special leadership opportunities & scholarships.

JPS Budget & BOE Election Questions & Answers...

Q. What will I be voting on May 17?

A. The community will be voting on four items on the ballot: the 2022-23 School Budget, a proposition to approve the purchase of land next to JHS, a proposition to approve two Capital Reserve Funds and two Board of Education seats, each for three-year terms, beginning in July 2022. One Capital Reserve fund is being created for purchasing transportation and equipment, and the other is for capital projects that may be needed by the district in the future.

Q. How will the proposed 2022-23 JPS Budget affect my taxes?

A. There is **no increase in the School Tax Levy**. In fact, the levy is at the same level as it was in 2010-11, which means that JPS has been able to continue the trend of our local school taxes not going up for the past 14 years.

Q. What are the highlights of the budget?

A. There are a number of highlights in the proposed 2022-23 budget. The three main themes are: 1) Addressing the learning loss that took place due to the pandemic; 2) Addressing the mental health support needs of our students; and 3) Maintaining a zero percent increase in our tax levy. The first directly addresses the effects of the COVID pandemic on student learning loss recovery and mental health support. The district is proposing five reading teachers, five JHS teachers, five AIS teachers, 15 additional paraprofessionals, three social workers, five school counselors, two community navigators and five Deans of Students. All of these positions will have a direct effect on our students and their learning, health and wellbeing. The other highlight to the proposed budget is establishing two capital reserve funds - one for future capital projects in the district and one for transportation and maintenance.

Bush UPK students participate in Chautauqua Institution's Arts Education "Feelin' the Beat" where they learn the elements of music & use those elements to connect to their emotions & the emotions of others.



Find more information on the proposed budget & Board of Education Elections at www.jpsny.org/budget

Q. Why do we need a proposition to purchase land next to JHS?

A. For many years, the high school has partnered with First Lutheran Church to utilize their parking lots during the day. We have enjoyed a strong partnership and have benefitted from their generosity. In order to allow for the number of cars that are used to transport staff and students to school, it is important to do so in a safe manner. As the land area surrounding the high school is currently fully utilized, when the opportunity arose to acquire the land that the parking lot occupies, it presented an opportunity to own the land and continue our ability to safely allow for parking nearby our school for staff, students, and community members who come to our academic, musical and sporting events.

Q. Why do we need propositions to establish two capital reserve funds?

A. Like your home when you save for a new roof, or you need to put new tires on your car, the district also needs to save for potential capital projects, maintenance issues or new transportation for our students. JPS proposes establishing two capital reserve funds for this purpose, in order to ensure that we can balance out state aid reductions in the future, and not have to reach to our local taxpayer base for capital improvements, equipment, maintenance and vehicle purchases. This will allow us to plan to maintain a flat tax impact across the next five to 10 years.

Jefferson 7th grader, Amelia Bush, made a pie from scratch to celebrate Pi Day with teacher, Olivia Nelson. Students used their measurement skills to make the crust & filling.



Jefferson School Counselor, Kate Cusimano, shows 5th grader, Drew Beebe, how to use a meditation worksheet & practice deep breathing. Ms. Cusimano was presenting a social/emotions learning lesson to the class.

