



# HOLLAND CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 BUDGET NEWSLETTER

## From the Superintendent:

I hope this budget newsletter finds you all well. Our school year is quickly coming to exam season. Our students have been enjoying their academics and extracurricular activities this year and have represented us well in athletics, as scholar athletes, in music programs, in our career and technical programs, and in simply being polite, respectful young adults. I am proud to have the opportunity to watch them grow.

We are looking forward to graduation and planning for next year. On the following pages you will see detailed information about the budget for 2024-25. We were able to keep to the tax cap as we fiscally plan for the next year and into the future. We had some added challenges with the threat of lowering our foundation aid, but we were able to meet those challenges and have put together a budget that still meets the needs of our students.

I encourage you all to exercise your right to vote in our 2024-25 annual budget vote and Board of Education election on May 21st from 7:00am until 8:00pm in the Holland Community Center.

Yours in Education,  
Eric Lawton  
Superintendent

## DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

May 21, 2024

7:00am-8:00pm

Holland Community Center



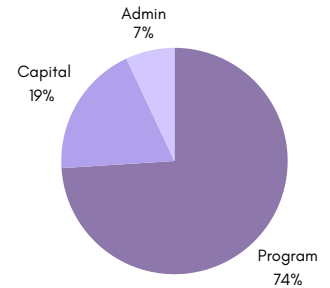
**Vote on the  
School Budget,  
Vehicle Proposition,  
and Board of Education  
Position**



# Holland Central School 2024-2025 Proposed Expenditure Budget

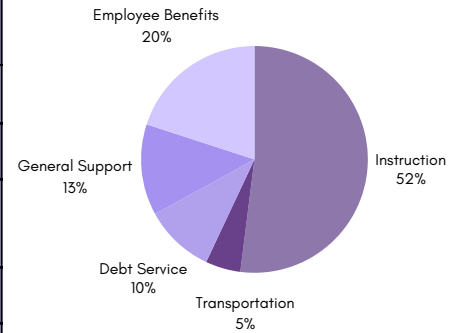
## Tripartite Budget

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change	% Change
<b>Program</b>	\$16,990,143	\$16,878,136	(\$112,007)	(-0.66)%
<b>Capital</b>	\$3,449,919	\$4,257,317	\$807,398	23.40%
<b>Administration</b>	\$2,109,963	\$1,516,994	(\$592,969)	(-28.1)%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,550,025</b>	<b>\$22,652,447</b>	<b>\$102,422</b>	<b>0.45%</b>



## Component Budget

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change	% Change
<b>General Support</b>	\$2,761,879	\$2,960,696	\$205,517	7.46%
<b>Instruction</b>	\$12,106,324	\$11,730,080	(\$376,244)	-3.10%
<b>Transportation</b>	\$1,133,357	\$1,119,849	(\$20,208)	-1.77%
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	\$4,482,380	\$4,596,100	\$113,720	2.54%
<b>Debt Service</b>	\$2,066,085	\$2,245,722	\$179,637	8.69%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,550,025</b>	<b>\$22,652,447</b>	<b>\$102,422</b>	<b>0.45%</b>



# Holland Central School 2024-2025 Proposed Revenue Budget

## Revenue Budget

	2023-2024	2024-2025	Change	% Change
<b>Interfund Transfers &amp; Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	\$1,149,032	\$663,296	(\$485,736)	-42.27%
<b>Misc. Revenues</b>	\$457,036	\$465,240	\$8,204	1.8%
<b>Property Tax Levy</b>	\$8,424,381	\$8,759,346	\$334,965	3.98%
<b>Sales Tax</b>	\$1,250,000	\$1,150,000	(\$100,000)	-8%
<b>State Aid</b>	\$11,269,576	\$11,614,565	\$344,989	3.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,550,025</b>	<b>\$22,652,447</b>	<b>\$102,422</b>	<b>0.45%</b>

## Estimated Tax Impact

	Rate in 2023-2024	Rate in 2024-2025	Increase Per \$1000
Aurora	\$42.16	\$43.84	\$1.68
Colden	\$36.12	\$37.56	\$1.44
Concord	\$31.61	\$32.87	\$1.26
Holland	\$16.86	\$17.53	\$0.67
Sardinia	\$25.94	\$26.97	\$1.03
Wales	\$36.12	\$37.56	\$1.44
Java	\$12.62	\$13.12	\$0.50
Sheldon	\$13.49	\$14.03	\$0.54

Rates are **estimates** based on assessment values, equalization rates, and exemptions from 2023-2024.

## Ten Year Tax-Levy History

2015-2016	1.50%
2016-2017	0.00%
2017-2018	0.00%
2018-2019	1.98%
2019-2020	2.73%
2020-2021	3.33%
2021-2022	1.90%
2022-2023	2.99%
2023-2024	3.08%
2024-2025	3.98%

## 4th Grade Art Enrichment Students Recreate Famous Paintings



Kaylee White, Alayna Pazian, Rhaya Wagner & Jessa Kraft painted a version of Vincent VanGogh's Sunflowers.

Tyler Roth, Reesi Reisdorf, Olivia Krickovich & Addison Ruminski recreated a portion of George Seurat's Sunday on La Grande Jatte.



Dawson Lefort, Keely Conley, Keith Ralph, Ella Koziol & Adalynn Kanner were inspired by Georgia O'Keeffe's landscapes.

# Voter and Absentee Ballot Information

## **Qualification for Voters:**

To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the date of vote.

## **Absentee Ballots:**

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters in the district who request one. You may request an absentee ballot by emailing the district clerk [sradecki@hollandcsd.org](mailto:sradecki@hollandcsd.org) or by calling 716-537-8209 by May 14, 2024. Completed absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk no later than 5:00pm prevailing time on the date of the election.



# Budget Notice

## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *										
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 22,550,025	\$22,652,447	\$22,217,482										
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$102,422	(\$332,543)										
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		.45 %	(1.47)%										
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.1%											
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$8,424,381	\$8,759,346											
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)	\$8,424,381	\$8,759,346	\$8,424,381										
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$258,627	\$336,615											
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$8,165,754	\$8,422,731											
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$8,165,754	\$8,422,731											
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0											
Administrative Component	\$2,108,964	\$1,516,993	\$1,349,511										
Program Component	\$16,996,843	\$16,878,136	\$16,710,654										
Capital Component	\$3,369,590	\$4,257,317	\$4,157,317										
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-25 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p>It is anticipated that a contingent budget would require \$434,965 in reductions including the elimination of most equipment, non-essential operation of plant maintenance and capital outlay, community use of District facilities, some athletics, and non-essential conferences and travel.</p> <p>** 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)</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Description</th> <th>Amount</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Vehicle Proposition</td> <td>\$264,774</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>\$</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Description	Amount	Vehicle Proposition	\$264,774		\$		\$		\$
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<p><b>*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: <a href="mailto:emscmgts@nysed.gov">emscmgts@nysed.gov</a></b></p>			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year										
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>			\$350										

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Holland Central School District, Erie County, New York, will be held at the Holland Community Center, 3 Legion Drive, Holland, NY on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 7:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time, 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.

# School Budget Vote and Board Member Election

## May 21, 2024

### 7:00am-8:00pm

## Holland Community Center

**Proposition 1: Budget-** \$22,652,447. Our tax cap is 3.98%.

**Proposition 2: Purchase of Fleet Vehicles-**

One Collins DH516 34 Passenger School Bus: \$99,433

One Collins DE516WR Wheelchair Bus: \$117,341

Ford Explorer: \$48,000

Total Vehicle Proposition: \$264,774

**Board of Education Seat-**

One member for the BOE for 5-year term to end in 2029.

## Candidates for Board of Education Seats

There is one five-year seat open on the Board of Education. One community member has submitted a petition, and her biography is below. All potential candidates were invited to submit photographs and statements for this publication. The District is not responsible for facts or opinions contained in any of this information.

There is a space on the ballot for any write in candidates.



**Mary Jo  
Szucs**

My name is Mary Jo Szucs, I am seeking re-election on Holland Central School Board. I have been a resident of Holland for 18 years. My husband's family has generations that have graduated from Holland. The most recent was my oldest daughter who graduated last year. My husband and I have 2 children currently attending the high school. My profession is in health care and I currently work for Independent Nursing Care. I have been very involved with HCS since my children started school. I have volunteered countless hours to help provide educational, meaningful and fun opportunities to the children of HCS. I am currently still serving on the Holland PTO, and serve on various board committees, and board association committees such as ECASB and NYSSBA. This district and community are very important to me. I have helped and continue to make positive and open minded decisions. Since being on the board I have helped open the Middle School, kept taxes low, helped put forth 3 much needed capital improvement projects, served on the administrative hiring committee, updated current policy manual, and advocated for our district and its needs on the state level. I have attended conferences through ECASB and NYSSBA to further my knowledge on current school board information. In my 3rd term I will continue to make sure our children receive the best quality education possible, while being mindful of our finances. I will continue to be attentive to the information provided to us by our Superintendent and Business Official, and will make the best decisions based on their professional knowledge and guidance. I will continue my board relationship and make well thought out decisions to preserve our district educationally and fiscally, all while keeping focus on our # 1 priority our children. I will continue to work hard, listen, and vote based on what is the best solution to keep moving the district forward in this ever changing world, while being mindful of ALL stakeholders. I have great pride for this district and the 8 townships we serve. It would be my great honor to be re-elected to the Holland Board of Education. Please vote for me, Mary Jo Szucs, on Tuesday May 21, 2024!!!



*Valedictorian*



*Salutatorian*



# Congratulations!

## Class of 2024 Top Ten Seniors:

1. Jacob Leitzan: This year's valedictorian; plans to study Animal Science at Cornell University
2. Dealya Mest: This year's salutatorian; will study Physics at Rochester Institute of Technology
3. Seth Schoenthal: Plans to attend SUNY Geneseo to major in Chemistry
4. Lilah Linder: Graduated in January and has been pursuing her nursing education at GCC
5. Carolyn Waligora: Is looking forward to attending the University of South Carolina and majoring in International Business
6. Jack Galley: Has been accepted into the Physical Education program at SUNY Brockport
7. Grace Zywiczyński: Will be studying Occupational Therapy with animals
8. Julia Galley: Intends to pursue a major in Elementary and Special Education at SUNY Brockport
9. Cristian Rummenie: Will be attending SUNY Brockport to major in Exercise Science
10. Julia Dietz: Plans to major in Education



*Class of 2024 "Senior Sunrise"*



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