



Syosset School District



Budget Hearing 2022-23 Budget

May 9, 2022



2022-23 Budget Planning Calendar

Important Dates

- ✓ February 7 - Budget Meeting
- ✓ March 21 - Budget Meeting
- ✓ April 11 - Budget Meeting & Budget Adoption
 - May 9 - Budget Hearing
- **May 17, 2022 – Annual District Election
and Budget Vote**

Syosset Budget and Tax Cap

	Tax Cap Calculation	Actual Tax Levy
2022-23 Est.	2.61%	2.36%
2021-22	2.31%	1.98%
2020-21	3.23%	1.70%
2019-20	3.34%	2.49%
2018-19	3.57%	2.26%
2017-18	2.24%	2.12%
2016-17	0.30%	0.14%
2015-16	1.56%	0.91%
2014-15	1.39%	1.33%
2013-14	3.08%	2.84%
2012-13	2.26%	2.26%

Tax Levy Increase = 2.36%

Calculated Tax Cap = 2.61%

Approx. \$525K Under the Cap

Budget to budget Increase = 4.32%

Cumulative amount below the cap: **\$10.8 million**

Proposed 2022-23 Three-Part Budget Format

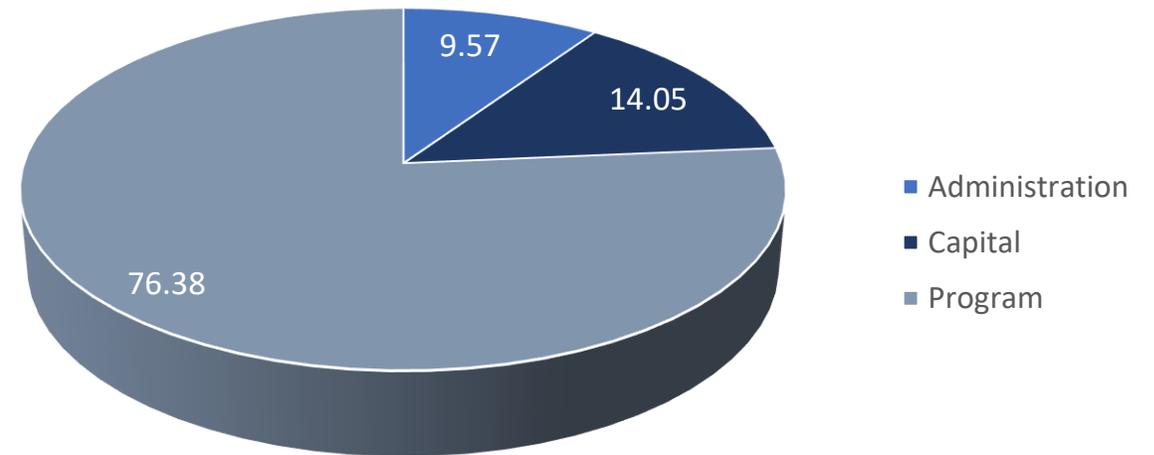
Syosset Central School District

'State Category (3-Part Budget) Report'

Fiscal Year: 2023

	2022-2023 Proposed Budget	2021-2022 Adopted Budget
Administration	24,685,605.00	23,673,986.00
Capital	36,217,294.00	34,336,751.00
Program	196,928,371.00	189,149,288.00
Total Budget	257,831,270.00	247,160,025.00

Three-Part Budget Components



Proposed 2022-23 Three-Part Budget Format

Program Codes

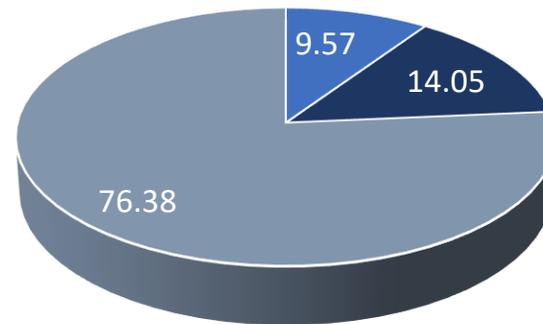
Program	Description	Amount
2110	Teaching-Regular School	82,740,555.00
2250	Prg For Sdnts w/Disabil-Med Elgble	30,636,922.00
2280	Occupational Education(Grades 9-12)	435,000.00
2330	Teaching-Special Schools	675,084.00
2610	School Library & AV	2,796,407.00
2630	Computer Assisted Instruction	3,932,243.00
2805	Attendance-Regular School	325,404.00
2810	Guidance-Regular School	3,305,232.00
2815	Health Svcs-Regular School	1,981,295.00
2820	Psychological Svcs-Reg Schl	2,613,342.00
2825	Social Work Svcs-Regular School	338,312.00
2850	Co-Curricular Activ-Reg Schl	1,710,634.00
2855	Interscholastic Athletics-Reg Schl	2,781,557.00
5510	District Transport Svcs-Med Elgble	256,180.00
5540	Contract Transportation-Med Elgble	11,507,600.00
7140	Recreation	297,127.00
8070	Census	18,750.00
9000	Employee Benefits	50,246,727.00
9901	Transfer to Special Aid Fund	330,000.00
Total Program		196,928,371.00

Capital Codes

Capital	Description	Amount
1620	Operation of Plant	15,337,133.00
1621	Maintenance of Plant	6,583,176.00
9000	Employee Benefits	5,066,053.00
9760	Tax Anticipation Notes	720,000.00
9901	Transfer to Debt Service Fund	5,420,932.00
9950	Transfer to Capital Fund	3,090,000.00
Total Capital		36,217,294.00

Administration

Administration	Description	Amount
1010	Board Of Education	46,700.00
1040	District Clerk	98,271.00
1060	District Meeting	37,500.00
1240	Chief School Administrator	386,204.00
1310	Business Administration	581,804.00
1320	Auditing	119,470.00
1345	Purchasing	583,783.00
1380	Fiscal Agent Fee	7,000.00
1420	Legal	422,600.00
1430	Personnel	725,174.00
1480	Public Information and Services	179,670.00
1670	Central Printing & Mailing	570,312.00
1680	Central Data Processing	2,826,700.00
1910	Unallocated Insurance	1,266,645.00
1981	BOCES Administrative Costs	811,845.00
1983	BOCES Capital Expenses	215,809.00
1989	Unclassified	50,000.00
2010	Curriculum Devel and Suprvsn	3,130,249.00
2020	Supervision-Regular School	6,636,132.00
2070	Inservice Training-Instruction	503,000.00
9000	Employee Benefits	5,486,737.00
Total Administration		24,685,605.00



■ Administration ■ Capital ■ Program

2022-23 Budget

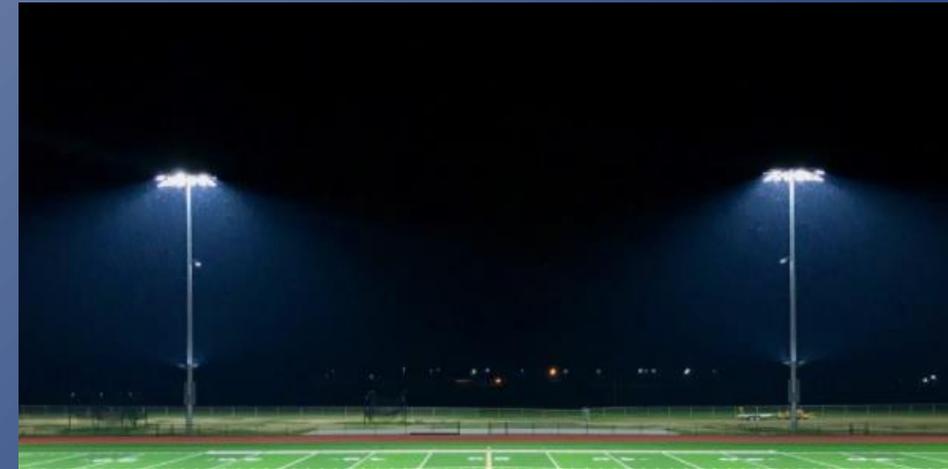
The 2022-23 budget continues to support:

- All existing programs and services for students
- Instructional technology
- Mental wellness of students
- Maintaining existing cleaning, disinfecting and safety protocols
- Fiscal stability to optimize our response to changing circumstances.
- Investment and maintenance of our physical plant and equipment

Draft Budget Detail – Facilities Projects

Project List for Transfer to Capital

- Library renovation at South Woods
- Lighting for turf field
- Tennis court reconstruction at HS
- Paving of HS parking lot
- Smaller-scale district-wide plumbing, roofing and masonry projects and ventilation upgrade of maintenance facility.



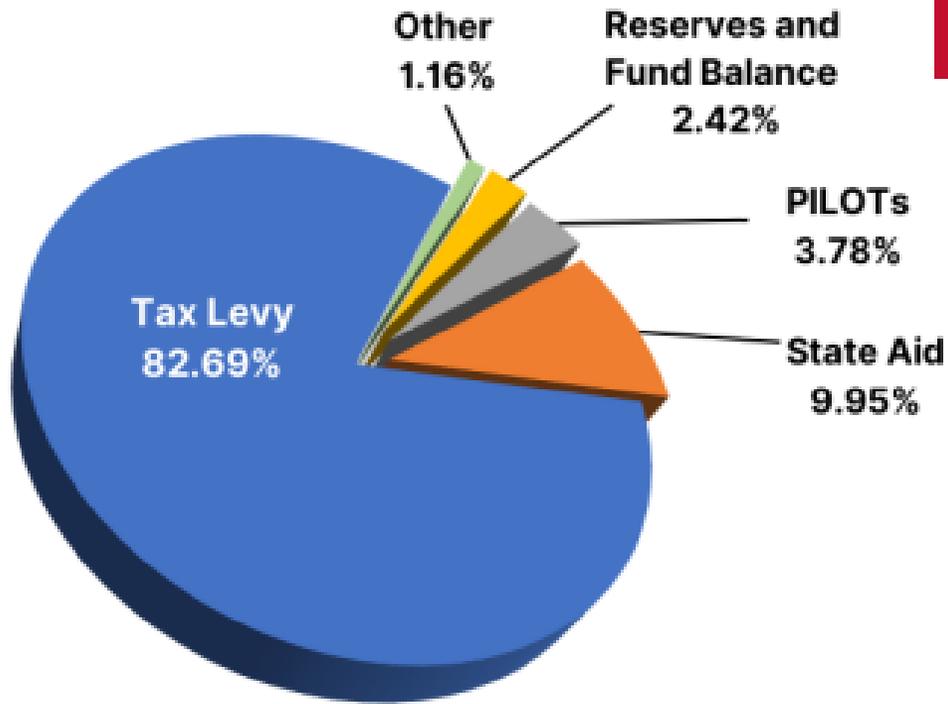
DRAFT Syosset Budget & Tax Levy

	Draft 2022-23 Budget
Preliminary Spending Plan DRAFT	257,831,270
Estimated State Aid (Including Anticipated Building Aid)	-25,658,758
Local Revenue <i>(Includes PILOTS & LIPA PILOT - PILOTS ARE ESTIMATED USING CURRENT YEAR VALUES & SUBJECT TO REVISION)</i>	-11,781,620
Appropriated Fund Balance	-1,700,000
Planned Use of Restricted Reserves	-4,550,400
Transfer from Debt Service Fund (Premium to offset debt service expense.)	-940,000
Estimated Tax Levy 2022-23 (\$)	213,200,492
Estimated Tax Levy Increase FOR 2022-23 BASED ON ASSUMPTIONS ABOVE	2.36%

← Budget = Expenditure Plan that supports all instructional programs and services of the school district.

← Tax Levy = The amount of funds raised through property taxes after all other revenue sources are deducted.

Sources of Revenue



REVENUES

	Budget 2021-22	Proposed 2022-23
STATE AID	\$19,731,030	\$25,658,758
RESTRICTED RESERVES	\$4,854,579	\$4,550,400
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$2,813,547	\$1,700,000
REVENUE FROM DEBT SERVICE FUND	–	\$940,000
OTHER LOCAL REVENUE	\$1,882,649	\$2,036,559
PILOTS	\$9,588,924	\$9,745,061
GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY	\$208,289,296	\$213,200,492
TOTAL REVENUE	\$247,160,025	\$257,831,270

Detailed Budget Information Available on District website: www.syossetschools.org

Budget Brochure and Budget Notice mailed to homes

BUDGET 2022

Syosset Pride

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Budget Proposal Preserves Excellence, Supports Students, Invests in the Future While Remaining Below the "Tax Cap"

Dear Syosset Community,
On May 17, the community will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed budget adopted by the Syosset Board of Education for the 2022-23 school year. Despite the fiscal challenges caused by the pandemic, the budget has been carefully designed to maintain all of the programs and opportunities that make a Syosset education so special. In addition, particular attention has been made to support students' mental well-being and address any learning gaps created by the challenges of the past two years. Lastly, it provides for continued attention to our aging facilities to invest in Syosset's future.

The "Tax Cap" calculated for Syosset under New York State law is 2.61%. However, the proposed budget provides for a tax levy increase of 2.36%, which is approximately \$525K under the cap. This represents a budget increase of 4.32% over the current year, in part due to one-time facilities projects. This is the 10th year in a row of school budgets with tax increases below the State-allowed limit. This illustrates the Board's ongoing focus on maintaining academic excellence while seeking efficiencies and grants to offset the tax levy and fund capital projects.

The fiscal stability of the District positioned us well to aggressively implement health and safety protocols necessary to keep our students, our staff, and ultimately our community safe, without compromising our academic program or overlooking the evolving needs of our students and community during the shifting conditions of the pandemic.

The proposed budget supports the continuation of the strong social-emotional programs that build a positive and supportive community in each school. It is the first layer of our "Culture of Care," Syosset's multi-tiered system of support that interweaves positive behavior supports, restorative practices, mental health and wellness services, and academic assistance calibrated to students' needs.

Our students' mental wellness remains a longstanding priority. Since 2017, we have hired four social workers, including persons bilingual in Mandarin and Spanish. For next year, the staffing plan includes an additional 1.5 full time social workers to further address student needs.

We are again excited to offer the community a Universal Pre-K (UPK) program completely funded by a State grant. The pilot program has been a great success, and next

year it will be expanded to run for the full school year with additional seats.

Additionally, the proposed budget allows us to continue to address the needs of the facilities throughout the district. The proposed budget includes funding to install outdoor lighting on the multi-purpose turf athletic field, which will extend the amount of time the field can be used by our athletic teams and provide low-level illumination of the track in the evening for walkers. When the field was constructed in 2019, we planned ahead by laying underground electrical conduit so the proposed lighting project can be installed without any disruption to the new field.

Also included in the proposed budget is a much-needed renovation of the South Woods Middle School library, with plans for a digital media/podcasting studio, collaborative student learning hubs, quiet reading nooks, and research presentation pods. Necessary District-wide paving, roofing, and building work is also planned.

Planning this year's budget was not without challenges – we saw significant increases in retirement system contributions (which are sensitive to stock market conditions), and especially health insurance costs as we exit the pandemic. However, the proposed budget is balanced despite these pressures and without compromising our educational program.

On May 17, in addition to the school budget vote, the community will have the opportunity to vote for three candidates for the Board of Education. Additional voting information can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.

We encourage you to attend the public budget hearing on May 9 at South Woods Middle School beginning at 8:00 p.m. For more information, you may visit www.syossetschools.org/budget or call the District Office at (516) 364-5600. The Board and administration value your input and welcome your thoughts and questions.

Regards,
The Syosset Board of Education

**SCHOOL
BUDGET
VOTE AND
ELECTION
TUESDAY,
MAY 17
POLLS OPEN
6 A.M. TO 9 P.M.**

See Page 4 for a list of voting locations

POINTS OF PRIDE

SYOSSET SCHOOLS DELIVER

- Syosset Central School District ranked 5th Best School District in NY, 9th Best School District in America by Niche.com, up from 9th and 82nd places, respectively, in 2016.
- Syosset Central School District ranked 3rd for Districts with the Best Teachers in NY by Niche.com
- 13 Syosset High School seniors named National Merit Semifinalists; 46 named National Merit Commended Students
- Seven Syosset High School students recognized as College Board National Recognition Program scholars
- Four Syosset High School students named Regeneration Science Talent Search Scholars; Two students became Regeneration Science Talent Search Finalists
- First place in Annual KidYO Hackathon
- Five students named as 2022 US Presidential Scholar Candidates
- One National Honor Society Scholarship Finalist
- One student selected for the Stanford China Scholars Program
- District teacher named NYS Master Teacher
- District teacher named Harvard Club of LI Distinguished Teacher
- 18 students qualified for the American Invitational Mathematics Exam (AIME)
- Two First-Place winners in the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair (LISEF)
- 102 Regional Awards plus 6 National Awards in the 2022 Scholastic Arts and Writing Awards

Fine and Performing Arts

- Designated a Best Community for Music Education for 21st time
- 27 students selected as New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) All-State Musicians
- Two students selected for National Association for Music Education (NAME) All-National Honor Ensembles
- Two students named Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar Artists
- One student finalist in the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra of New York Vocal Competition
- Middle School teacher guest conducted for the Texas Music Educators Association's Region 10 Middle School Band Conference in Texas
- Two Syosset High School students selected for the Drexel University High School Photography Contest
- Two Chamber ensembles invited to perform in the Young Musicians Regional Concert sponsored by the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center
- Award of Excellence in the Go APE Exhibit at the Art League of Long Island

Character and Community

- 2020-2021 School year - Both Middle Schools designated as No Place for Hate schools. One with Gold Star Distinction.
- Partnerships with ERASE Racism, Holocaust Memorial and Tolerance Center, Syosset Interfaith Clergy, and Harmony Social Emotional program.
- Tens of thousands of dollars and goods raised District-wide for local and national charitable organizations such as Ronald McDonald House, American Legion, Veteran of Foreign War Posts, Turners to Towers Foundation, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Long Island, Soles4Soles, Habitat for Humanity, Island Harvest, Cohen's Children's Hospital, Deasy Outreach Program, Glen Cove Soup Kitchen, St. Baldrick's Foundation, St. Edwards' Food Pantry, National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) and Brooke Jackman Foundation.

Athletics

- SHS Tennis Team named LI High School Tennis Team of the Year by the US Tennis Association
- Girls Cross Country - Nassau County Champions
- Gymnastics - Nassau County Champions and All-American team
- Kickline - National Champions, Small Varsity Hip Hop
- Boys Swimming and Diving - Nassau County Champions, earned their 64th consecutive dual meet win, and County Champions in 200 and 400 Freestyle Relays and 100 Freestyle
- Girls Tennis - Long Island Champions
- Boys Winter Track - Nassau County Champions
- Girls Winter Track - Runners up at County Championship
- Wrestling - Conference 1A Champions
- Boys Basketball - AA-1 Champions
- Girls Basketball - Conference AA-1 Champions
- Boys Fencing - Division 1 League Champions
- Competitive Cheer - 3rd place, UCA Regional Competition



School District Budget Notice			
Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budget Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 247,160,025	\$ 257,831,270	\$ 252,920,074
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$ 10,671,245	\$ 5,760,049
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.32%	2.33%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	

A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$ 208,289,296	\$ 213,200,492	
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)	\$ 208,289,296	\$ 213,200,492	\$ 208,289,296
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$ 5,799,187	\$ 6,109,119	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$ 203,164,810	\$ 207,616,583	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$ 202,490,109	\$ 207,091,373	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$ 674,701	\$ 525,210	

Administrative Component	\$ 23,673,986	\$ 24,685,605	\$ 24,175,391
Program Component	\$ 189,149,288	\$196,928,371	\$ 193,217,260
Capital Component	\$ 34,336,751	\$ 36,217,294	\$ 35,527,423

** Should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law the district is required to operate under a contingent budget, the district would be required to eliminate certain expenses to conform to the requirements of the law. Reductions could be made in equipment and other expenses required by law. The district would have to take savings actions totaling about \$4.9 million, which may result in the elimination of some programmatic additions such as the High School teaching positions currently included in the budget. Capital projects including turf field lights, library renovation at South Woods Middle School, tennis court reconstruction, and paving, roofing and masonry repairs and upgrades would be removed from this year's budget.

** 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
	N/A	\$ 0
		\$

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$1,413
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¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by Section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Syosset School district, Nassau County, New York, will be held at Robbins Lane Elementary School, H.B. Thompson Middle School and Syosset High School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by hand ballot or machine.

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Syosset, New York 11791

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Section 203 of the federal Voting Rights Act requires school districts in Nassau County to provide election information in English and Spanish. In accordance with this Act, materials produced by Syosset Central School District pertaining to the District Elective and School Budget Vote will be distributed in both languages.

School Budget Vote and Election

May 17, 2022