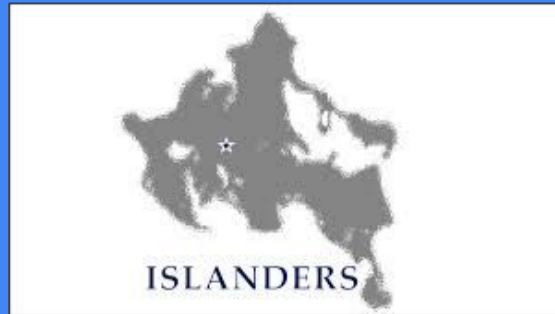


Shelter Island UFSD

2024-2025 Proposed Budget:

“Consistent Academic Achievement, Facilities Improvement, & Fiscal Stability”



Board of Education Meeting of March 11, 2024
Budget Overview & Adjustments
Presentation #4

Accomplishments

- US News & World Best High School - 3 Years In A Row (soon to be 4)
 - This past year - top 18% of High Schools in United States; top 23% of High Schools in New York State
- Continued Significant Improvement - State Exams in ELA and Mathematics in Participation, Performance, and Growth
- Implementing new Elementary ELA and exploring Math Curriculums
- New Strategic Plan for the district (Year 1 of 5)
 - Academic - Focus on Scaffolding
 - Increase Parental Outreach & Involvement
 - Employee of the Month Program
 - Classes Create Class Rules

Accomplishments

- Installed state of the art septic system to reduce amount of nitrates using reserve funds
- Installed brand new softball field using reserve funds
- Installed a new school sign using reserve funds
- Expanding intramurals for our elementary students
- Expanding clubs for our elementary students
- Introducing new classes

Budget Formation Process

- District administration consults with teachers and staff to determine programmatic wishes and goals for the 2024-2025 school year.
- District administration examines the value and efficacy of existing programs to determine if changes are needed in the 2024-2025 school year.
- District administration gathers pricing, contractual obligations and best estimates in compiling the spending plan.
- The Board of Education reviews these decisions to determine if they represent the proper direction for the District and its taxpayers.

District Administration Budget Goals

In formulating a proposed spending plan for evaluation by the Board of Education, we have sought to:

- Design and adopt a budget that stays below the Tax Cap limitations.
- Develop a budget that maintains district programs
- Design a budget that builds on prior community support and values fiscal restraint.
- Design a budget that helps us provide the best education possible at the most efficient cost as possible.

Budget In Summary, As Presented...

	2022-2023 Adopted Budget	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Board of Education	\$124,634	\$127,219	\$139,194	9.41%
Central & Business Administration	\$751,510	\$789,074	\$810,197	2.68%
Facilities	\$959,382	\$965,938	\$985,941	2.07%
Property Insurance and BOCES Administration	\$178,520	\$195,113	\$210,510	7.89%
Academic Administration and General Instruction	\$3,750,005	\$3,685,904	\$3,808,589	3.33%
Special Education and Other Instruction	\$1,959,701	\$1,924,843	\$1,919,996	-0.25%
Clubs and Athletics	\$285,572	\$350,773	\$326,769	-6.84%
Transportation	\$541,556	\$447,356	\$487,631	9.00%
Benefits	\$3,338,030	\$3,620,061	\$3,831,657	5.85%
Debt Service	\$420,613	\$427,838	\$436,563	2.04%
Transfer to Other Funds	\$136,000	\$129,974	\$129,974	0.00%
Total	\$12,445,523	\$12,664,093	\$13,087,022	3.34%

All figures are subject to adjustment.

To stay within the Property Tax Cap, the budget will need to be reduced by \$214,418.

Revenue Budget

- The Revenue Budget represents the funds available to pay for the expenditures.
- At the moment, the District will need to make reductions of \$214,418 to the proposed budget in order to remain under the tax cap.
- Fewer cuts would be required if the State Legislature restores some of the aid cuts proposed by the Governor.

	2022-2023 Proposed	2023-2024 Anticipated	Difference
Property Taxes	\$11,236,630	\$11,496,884	\$260,254
State Aid	\$694,128	\$526,563	-\$167,565
Reserves	\$83,335	\$190,000	\$106,665
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$650,000	\$590,210	-\$59,790
Other Revenue (Interest, Tuition, Etc)		\$107,750	\$107,750
Total	\$12,664,093	\$12,911,407	\$247,314
	Budget Thus Far	\$13,125,825	
	Budget Reduction Needed	\$214,418	

What is Appropriated Fund Balance? See the next slide.



Appropriated Fund Balance?

- The Appropriated Fund Balance is money left over from Year 1 that is used as a revenue source in Year 2.
- The District must reduce its reliance on Fund Balance because less and less of the budget is left unspent each year.

<u>School Year</u>	<u>AFB</u>
2018-2019	\$770,556
2019-2020	\$746,008
2020-2021	\$714,978
2021-2022	\$699,996
2022-2023	\$685,331
2023-2024	\$650,000
2024-2025 (proposed)	\$590,210

What Could Be Cut?

- If we make partial cuts to:
 - Travel and Conference
 - Materials and Supplies
 - Equipment

We will be only \$167,000 over the Property Tax Cap, which is the amount cut from our State Aid in the Governor's budget.

- Assuming the Legislature restores the Governor's budget cuts, we would have a balanced budget.

What Should Be Cut At This Time?

- We have about a month before the Board is scheduled to adopt the District's budget. The Board could even wait until late-April to adopt the budget.
- The State Legislature will be done with the State Budget on or about the first week in April.
- It may be prudent to wait until the state budget is finalized before making any more additional cuts.

Newsday Article - March 6, 2024

Hochul may drop aid plan

School funding policy targeted in budget proposal

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ALBANY — Because of better-than-anticipated tax revenue, Gov. Kathy Hochul is willing to consider shelving her proposal to end a longtime policy that guaranteed no school district would receive less state aid than it did the previous year, the state budget director said Tuesday.

Hochul, a Democrat, pro-

posed ending the policy, known as “hold harmless,” citing declining school enrollments over the last decade. The proposal was met with criticism from both Democrats and Republicans in the State Legislature, as it would mean less state assistance for 337 of the state’s more than 700 school districts — including 44 on Long Island.

The governor and state legislative leaders last week released their revenue and economic forecast for the current fiscal year, which projected the state will collect \$1.35 billion more in revenue than originally predicted.

State Budget Director Blake Washington, speaking with re-

porters Tuesday, said that money will “go a long way to smooth out any rough edges that are seen by the legislature.”

“It could go toward any number of things that are in the executive budget,” he said.

When asked by Newsday if that means eliminating the proposed change to hold harmless, Washington said: “Modifying that, I think, is probably fair game.”

Hochul’s \$233 billion state budget proposal released in January for fiscal year 2024-25 kept overall spending nearly flat and reduced some aid to schools through the elimination of hold harmless. The spending plan included nearly \$35 billion in

school funding statewide.

The state Assembly and Senate spending proposals, known as “one-house” bills, are due next week, kicking off budget negotiations between the legislature and governor. Democrats, who hold a majority in the Senate and Assembly, are expected to restore hold harmless in their spending plans.

The final state budget is due by April 1.

Along with hold harmless, Washington told reporters the governor is open to amending the state school aid formula, which would likely result in near- and long-term changes, he said.

The State Education Depart-

ment, along with education advocacy groups, have called for a study of the decades-old, complex funding formula, which takes into consideration factors including student need, regional cost differences, local district fiscal capacity and the cost of successfully educating a child.

The current formula, originally enacted in 2007-08, but not fully run until last year, has been criticized for its use of outdated 2000 Census poverty data, among other things.

Washington said the administration would be receptive to “amending the formula to provide a meaningful result that the legislative leaders can agree upon.”

Next Time....

- April 8 - Budget Adoption by the Board of Education
 - The Board can choose to delay the adoption of a budget until as late as April 26
 - **We are proposing moving this meeting one week later to April 15 to allow for time.**
- May 13 - Budget Hearing at Board of Education Meeting
- May 21 - Budget Vote - 12:00 pm until 9:00 pm at the School Gym