

Shelter Island UFSD

2021-2022 Proposed Budget: “Care, Safety, Academics, and Opportunity”



Budget Workshop
March 8, 2021

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 within the Tax Cap limitations.
- Develop a budget that maintains district programs and community support.
- Design and adopt a budget that values fiscal restraint.
- Develop a budget that seeks to identify and implement cost savings.
- Design a budget that helps us transition from pandemic to post-pandemic educational needs.

Brief Review

- At the February 8 and February 24 meetings, the Board reviewed the proposed budget for the 2021-2022 school year.
- The Board and Administration reaffirmed the idea that the budget will not exceed the property tax cap.
- The Board posed questions on a number of topics related to the budget to determine the reasons behind certain increases and decreases.

What's New? - Increases

- The appropriations for busing have increased by \$4,867 over previously presented figures. These changes will accommodate the maximum possible increases to transportation costs under the District's busing contracts.
- The appropriations retiree health insurance costs have increased by \$7,128 over previously presented figures. These changes are due to changes to contractually mandated expenses for certain retirees.

What's New? - Decreases

- The appropriations for off-island educational placements for special education students have been decreased by \$26,275 over previously presented figures. These changes are possible because of decreased anticipated need.
- The appropriations for a school teacher aide have been reduced by \$18,333 over previously presented figures. These changes are possible because of changes in anticipated assignments.

Proposed Budget - Summary

	2020-2021 Adopted Budget	Spent or Encumbered on January 15, 2021	2021-2022 Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Central Administration and Support	\$930,115	\$891,019	\$971,722	4.47%
Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$916,141	\$864,908	\$974,841	6.41%
Instruction	\$5,860,660	\$5,219,401	\$6,058,373	3.37%
Transportation	\$512,400	\$414,512	\$517,245	0.95%
Benefits	\$3,333,142	\$2,150,548	\$3,264,535	-2.06%
Debt Service and Interfund Transfers	\$597,563	\$132,902	\$622,813	4.23%
Total	\$12,150,022	\$9,673,290	\$12,409,529	2.14%

(\$37,587)

All figures are
subject to
adjustment.

The proposed budget requires reductions to become property tax cap compliant. Those reductions will occur over the next few weeks.

Budget - Next Steps

- The District will continue to monitor any changes in the proposed state aid. The Legislature is expected to adopt a budget on or before April 1, 2021. Any increase in state aid will decrease the need to make additional budget cuts.
- Additionally, the District will continue to look for potential reductions in the expenditure plan. Expenses must be reduced to make the budget property tax cap compliant.
- Should state aid increase sufficiently, the District may also look to reduce the Appropriated Fund Balance as part of a continued shift in budgeting estimates.

Next Time....

- April 12 - Budget Adoption by the Board of Education
- May 10 - Budget Hearing at Board of Education Meeting
- May 18 - Budget Vote - 12:00 pm until 9:00 pm at the School Gym