



THE HERALD

Special Budget Issue From Your Board of Education



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Community Members,

May 2025

As we prepare for the 2025-2026 school year, the Half Hollow Hills Central School District Board of Education and Central Administration team have worked very carefully to present a budget that maintains support for our students and high-quality academic, athletic and arts programs, invests in facilities improvements, and is fiscally responsible to you - our community members.

The 2025-2026 budget reflects a 2.93% increase from the current year's expenditure plan and includes a property tax levy increase of 2.76%, consistent with what the State-mandated property tax levy formula allows. This year's budget reflects our ongoing commitment to student growth and achievement through sustained investments in fine arts and athletics, the purchase of a new Digistar projection system and software for the planetarium, roll out of a new K-5 ELA (English Language Arts) progress monitoring tool to inform instruction and guide early interventions, the addition of an elementary social worker, and continued upgrades to instructional technology, including Chromebook replacements and new Smart TVs.

Please take time to review this special budget issue of The Herald, and the vast information found on our website at www.hhh.k12.ny.us/budget, so that you will be able to make an informed decision when voting on Tuesday, May 20. Two weeks prior to the vote, a copy of the budget is also available for inspection at all schools, the public library, at the Budget Hearing and at the annual budget vote and trustee election.

Sincerely,

The Half Hollow Hills Board of Education

- Diana Acampora, President
- Stephanie Gurin, Vice President
- Nadia Bilal
- Eric Geringswald
- Adam Kleinberg
- Dr. John Mathew
- Michael Prywes



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SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

May 20, 2025

7:00 a.m.

to

10:00 p.m.

High School East Gymnasium

Half Hollow Hills
Central School District
525 Half Hollow Road
Dix Hills, NY 11746

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HALF HOLLOW HILLS 2025-2026 BUDGET

MISSION

The Half Hollow Hills Central School District is committed to providing all students with opportunities to excel in academics, athletics and the arts.

ACADEMICS

The 2025-2026 budget is built to support the district's high-ranking K-12 academic program, which is designed to meet the individual needs of all students. This includes a robust Advanced Placement program, a computer for each student, STEM programs, world languages, a variety of extracurricular activities, English as a New Language services, and programs for students with disabilities.

ATHLETICS

Half Hollow Hills offers our middle and high school students many opportunities to participate in sports. Our teams are very competitive and succeed at the local, regional and state levels. The 2025-2026 budget continues to invest in the success of our student-athletes through the funding of coaching, unified sports teams, equipment and facilities.

FINE ARTS

The Half Hollow Hills Fine Arts Department continues to offer our students diverse and exciting opportunities in theatre, music and art. The 2025-2026 budget enables our students to participate in drama clubs, productions and performance ensembles, utilize recording and broadcasting studios, and to take classes in the traditional arts and new mediums.

Digital Planetarium Upgrade

The 2025-2026 budget includes the installation of a new Digistar projection system and software for our planetarium, enriching instruction for every student throughout the district through immersive, interdisciplinary learning and interactive, STEAM-based experiences.

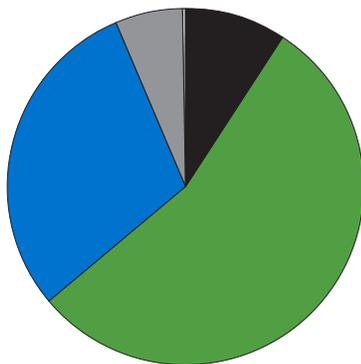
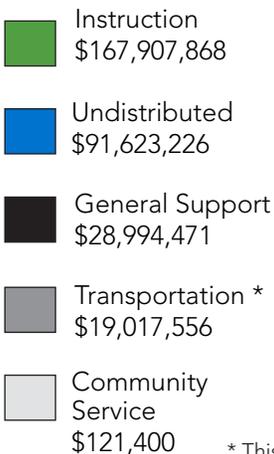
Continuing the District's tradition of investing in and improving its facilities without the need for large-scale borrowing, \$4.5 million in capital projects is proposed and would include the following:

- Signal Hill and Paumanok Elementary: replacement of asphalt playground areas, playground equipment and ground coverings
- High School West: installation of synthetic turf field lights and replacement of an underground oil storage tank
- High School East: locker/team room and east side administrative office renovations
- Vanderbilt Elementary: multi-use bathroom renovations
- Fran Greenspan Administration Center: replacement of an underground oil storage tank

TOTAL EXPENDITURES

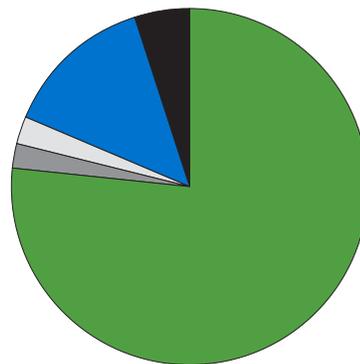
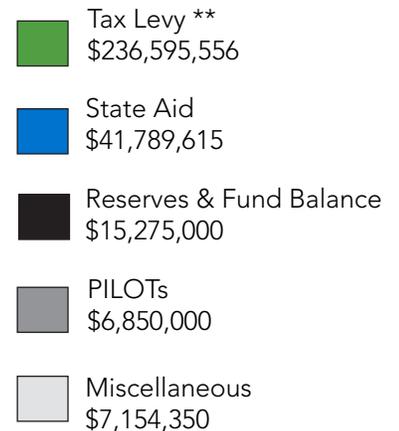
	2024-2025	2025-2026
Total Budget	\$298,912,008	\$307,664,521
Dollar Increase from Prior Year		\$8,752,513
Percent Increase from Prior Year		2.93%

PROJECTED 2025-2026 EXPENDITURES



* This budget line reflects the projected cost of the fifth year of a five-year transportation contract, the total five-year estimated cost of which is \$72,596,031.

PROJECTED 2025-2026 REVENUES



** The District is proposing a tax levy increase of 2.76%, which is consistent with what the property tax levy formula allows.