NYACK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUDGET MATTERS

SPRING 2022 • COMMUNITY UPDATE







PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-23

District Enhances Academic and Interactive Environments with Innovation: WE ARE REDHAWKS RISING!

DEAR SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

The Nyack Board of Education is pleased to present the 2022-23 Budget which acknowledges a proud history of fiscal stewardship with a strong school community. Building Bridges that connect student inspirations to their future aspirations is embedded in our budget mission. As we continue to emerge from the pervasive impact of pandemic and economic hardship, our Nyack-Strong core values provide a foundation that upholds safety, stability and sustainability of excellence in education for the Nyack Public Schools. This budget proposal prioritizes K-12 social-emotional wellness and academic environments through STREAM initiatives (Science/Technology/Engineering/Arts/Music). The approved budget also includes plans to improve our buildings, grounds and facilities with energy-efficient innovation.

In addition, our voters are being asked to consider a second proposition question that would authorize use of Capital Reserves Funding for site improvements, thereby allowing the district to expend and replenish the funding while mitigating tax levy impact to homeowners.

Please take five minutes to participate in the Community Pulse survey using the QR scan code provided on page three. Your input provides us the opportunity to listen to stakeholder priorities and nurture vital community partnerships. **We invite you to read more about this School Budget and trust you will make an informed vote on Tuesday, May 17.**

Thank you for your collective investment in the future and success of each student.

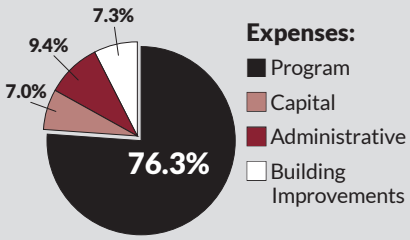
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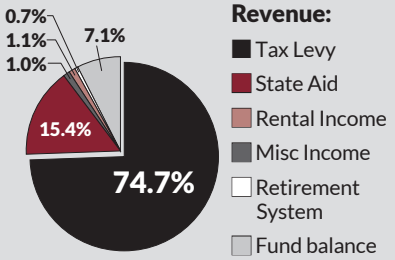
Eudes S. Budhai
Superintendent of Schools

Terence Rock
Board of Education President

BUDGET FAST FACTS

Budget	$ 100,159,000
Tax Levy Increase	2.45%
Budget to Budget Increase*	9.6%
Use of Fund Balance/Reserves *to mitigate tax levy impact*	7.1%





BUDGET MISSION:

to ensure the educational program has the resources to provide a well-rounded, equitable educational experience to all students. By keeping District finances in good order, the primary focus of the District remains on the educational program, rather than fiscal concerns.

DISTRICT FISCAL COMMITMENT:

to improve our schools and enhance educational environments with careful planning while being responsive to our community's ability to pay for such initiatives.

**THIS BUDGET-TO-BUDGET INCREASE IS DUE TO ONE-TIME EXPENDITURES FOR CAPITAL PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY FUND BALANCE & RESERVES AT NO ADDITIONAL COST TO TAXPAYERS.*

2022-23 BUDGET Development Goals

- Comply with Tax Levy Cap
- Adhere to State/Federal Mandates
- Continue Cost Savings and Efficiency Measures
- Maintain Educational Programs and Class Size Guidelines
- Support New Educational Initiatives
- Expand Instruction through Technology

BALANCING THE BUDGET

REVENUES = EXPENSES

Revenues	Expenses
Local Tax Levy	Instructional Programs
State Aid	Administration & Program Supervision
Other Miscellaneous Revenue	Facilities & Transportation
Fund Balance & Reserves	Capital Improvements



2021-22 **POINTS OF PRIDE**

5
State-of-the-Art Global Learning Commons: from School Libraries to NEW Makerspaces 1 in each building

94%
4-Year Graduation Rate

NPS
Top 100
Best School Districts in New York State
Overall "A" Rating

30
Equity-driven NPS Educators pioneering the NEW District Equity Certification Program





1:1
Computer Devices Provided by District for 100% of NPS K-12 students

17
Scholar Athlete Teams

2021
Volleyball League Champions

24
College Courses Offered to NHS Students

7
College Partners in Dual Enrollment Program

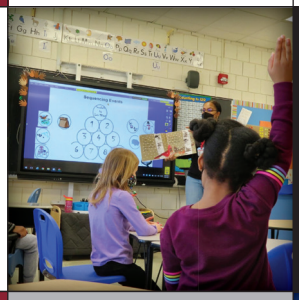
SUNY RCC • St. Thomas Aquinas • Rochester Institute of Technology • Missouri Univ of Science/Tech Syracuse Univ • Univ of New Haven • SUNY Albany Wentworth Institute of Technology

Top 5%
Most Diverse in New York State

Top 20%
Best Places to Teach

27 / 41
NMS / NHS Student Honored by RCC-Sponsored Black Achievement & Hispanic Heritage Awards

92
AP Scholars



20
Students Awarded Seal of Biliteracy for World Language Proficiency

3
Finalists (Top 1% in the U.S.) for National Merit Scholarship

11
Commended Students



25
Pupil Personnel Support Services, Guidance and School Counseling Providers focussed on Social-Emotional Wellness and K-12 Student Success

1
Timeless Tradition Celebrating Diversity in Music, Performing & Visual Arts Education



District-Wide NEW Green Initiatives incorporating Wind Power, Solar Panels & Clean Air Filtration System

BUDGET **Q&A**

Q: What are the key priorities for this 2022-23 Budget?

A:
- Sustainability of academic excellence and social-emotional/wellness programming
- Professional Learning for staff, aligned to 4 Pillars of the District Strategic Plan
- Ongoing technology and support for 1-1 Mobile Deployment of K-12 students
- NEW Data Dashboard Implementation to document systemic trends and change
- NEW Equity Training for 10th Grade Students: EduSAGE
- NEW Future-Ready Learning Environments upgrading classrooms with STREAM focus

Q: How does the NYS Tax Cap impact the district budget?

A: The Tax Cap Legislation, which limits the amount of taxes to be raised by the District, began in the 2012-13 school year. The levy limit is calculated with a complex formula (it is NOT a 2% cap). The Nyack BOE has adopted a budget that is responsive to the current economic climate and is compliant to this year's tax cap of 2.45%, which is reflective of the board's commitment to community stakeholders.

Q: How is the District's budget developed to help ensure the success of each student and prepare them for life beyond graduation?

A: Each dollar of the budget is planned with equity in mind to optimize educational experiences through 7 Core Competencies: *Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Communication, Compassion, Content Mastery, Cultural Awareness.* Equity is embedded into the entire budget, not separated in single line items within the budget. Funds are allocated with purpose and aligned to the district vision.

Q: How does this proposed budget support facilities improvements for the sustainability of our schools?

A: By providing facilities improvements and creating new innovative spaces:
- Upgrade ventilation systems and install air-conditioning in schools' large gathering spaces (3 elementary cafeterias & Global Learning Commons; middle school cafeteria) through the transfer to Capital fund and use of American Rescue funds
- Expand parking, reconstruct access driveway, install sidewalk for students, upgrade athletic fields (1 turf; 1 natural grass) at the Middle School and District Office Site with transfer to Capital funds and from Capital Reserve funds *(See Proposition 2 on the ballot)*
- NEW Hilltop Professional Learning Center - community conference space

Q: What is the purpose of the 2nd proposition on this ballot?

A: NY State mandates that voters must approve the expenditure of Capital Reserves which will allow the District to utilize funds for the Nyack Middle School/District Office Site Improvement Project. The second proposition on this year's ballot provides the necessary authorization to expend $4M of the Capital Reserve 2015 and the ability to replenish these funds over time with $5M for future capital improvements. **APPROVAL OF THIS PROPOSITION HAS NO IMPACT TO THE TAX LEVY AND WILL RESULT IN NO ADDITIONAL COST TO HOMEOWNERS.**

BUDGET NOTICE *(This Budget Notice format is required by New York State law.)*

Nyack 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 Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	$ 91,388,000	$ 100,159,000	$ 91,271,650
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		$ 8,771,000	$ (116,350)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		9.60 %	(.13) %
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.70 %	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	$ 73,020,260	$ 74,812,610	
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)	$ 73,020,260	$ 74,812,610	$ 73,020,260
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	$ 888,858	$ 913,537	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	$ 72,131,402	$ 73,899,073	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	$ 72,131,402	$ 73,899,073	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)*	$ 0	$ 0	
Administrative Component	$ 8,759,631	$ 9,377,016	$ 9,007,016
Program Component	$ 73,214,674	$ 76,446,763	$ 75,254,413
Capital Component	$ 9,413,695	$ 14,335,221	$ 7,010,221

*Under Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, the District is not permitted to raise any funds above the tax levy for the current school year. This restriction will result in equipment and capital improvement reductions that are not permissible under a contingent budget. Accordingly, the proposed 22/23 budget will be reduced by 8.9% to comply with the law.

DESCRIPTION	**Amount**
A)Proposition to expend monies from the Capital Reserve Fund 2015 in the amount of $4M for Middle School/District Office Site Improvements Project to add, expand and reconfigure driveway, parking areas, walkways, renovate a grass field to a multi-purpose turf field, renovate a second grass field, and replace a modular building with a permanent building. B) Increase ultimate amount of the Capital Reserve Fund 2015 by $5M to an ultimate amount of $20M.	No Budget or Tax Levy Impact

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings [1]:	$ 1,171

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Nyack Union Free School District, Rockland County, New York, will be held at four (4) locations in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in each location, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine. Locations: Hilltop, Depew Manor, Upper Nyack Elementary, Valley Cottage Elementary

[1] The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTION (vote for two)

ANTONIA SAMBEVSKI

- 24 year resident of the Nyack School District
- 2 NHS students
- School Bus Driver/medical office worker

MATT WATSON

- 20 year resident of the Nyack School District
- 1 elementary student
- Optometrist/ 17-year local business owner

MICHAEL MARK

- 37 year resident of the Nyack School District
- 2 NHS graduates
- Professional Musician

There are two at-large Board positions on the ballot. Voters may cast two votes for Trustees who serve three-year terms. The top two vote-getters will take office July 1. Candidates drew lots for their order on the ballot.

COMMUNITY PULSE: We want to hear from you. Scan this code to participate in the Community Pulse survey. Thank you in advance for your participation!

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ON THE BALLOT • Tuesday, May 17, 2022 • Polls Open 7am to 9pm

Budget Proposition

SHALL the Board of Education of the Nyack UFSD, Towns of Orangetown and Clarkstown, be authorized to expend an amount not to exceed $100,159,000 during the 2022-23 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Proposition Seeking Authorization for Expenditures from the 2015 Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the Board of Education of the Nyack Union Free School District be authorized (1) to expend an amount not to exceed $4,000,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund 2015 to undertake and perform capital projects to add, expand and reconfigure parking areas, expand and reconfigure pedestrian walkways, renovate a grass field to a multi-purpose turf field, renovations to a second grass field, replace a modular building with a permanent building at the Nyack Middle School and Hilltop/Administration Building Campus, together with related associated costs of each of these projects and the costs for professional services for each of these projects and (2) to increase the ultimate amount of the Capital Reserve Fund 2015 by $5,000,000.00 to an ultimate amount of $20,000,000.00 plus interest earnings?

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

A citizen, 18 or older who has lived in the District for at least 30 days, having voted in a school or general election in the past four years or having newly registered.

REGISTERING

You can register with the Board of Elections (638-5172) online through the NYS DMV website: https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application; or at the District Hilltop Office (353-7012) until Wednesday, May 12.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

This is for those eligible to vote who cannot vote in person on May 17, 2022. Applications are available from the District Clerk (353-7012) at the Hilltop Building.

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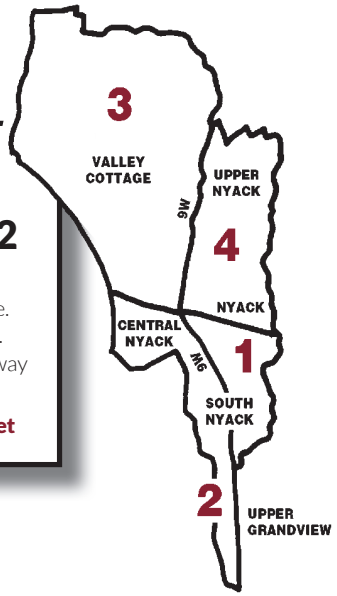
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VOTE:
Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Poll 1: Depew Manor: 60 Depew Ave.
Poll 2: Hilltop Building: 13A Dickinson Ave.
Poll 3: Valley Cottage School: 26 Lake Rd.
Poll 4: Upper Nyack School: 336 No. Broadway

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CURRENT RESIDENT

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