NYACK PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUDGET MATTERS

SPRING 2024 • COMMUNITY UPDATE











PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-25

Prioritizing Students: ***District Provides a Strong Operating Budget Sustaining a Proud History, Shaping the Future***

DEAR SCHOOL COMMUNITY,

The Board of Education for Nyack Public Schools and the Administration are pleased to present the 2024-25 School Year Budget that does not exceed the New York State tax levy cap. The goal of the operating budget is to maintain fiscal responsibility while supporting the diverse needs of the whole child. In keeping with our budget priorities, a significant proportion is expended on the salaries and benefits of our staff with continued emphasis placed on operational costs to maintain our facilities as well as to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students. The finance plan provides for sustaining current class sizes, preserving the breadth and depth of academic courses, offering additional classroom enrichment and intervention opportunities for students with transportation, delivering professional development for staff and families, and providing instructional continuity from K-12.

In addition, voters are being asked to authorize in Proposition II the spending of funds from Capital Reserve 2015 for capital projects itemized in the Q&A section on page two of this newsletter. Voters are also asked to authorize in Proposition III the creation of a new Capital Reserve 2024 for ten million dollars for the term of ten years.

We invite you to learn more about this budget and the key initiatives earmarked for next year by reviewing our Spring 2024 edition of Budget Matters. Thank you for your partnership and school community.

Please remember to exercise your right to vote on the budget and the Board of Education trustee candidates on Tuesday, May 21 from 7:00 am to 9:00 pm.

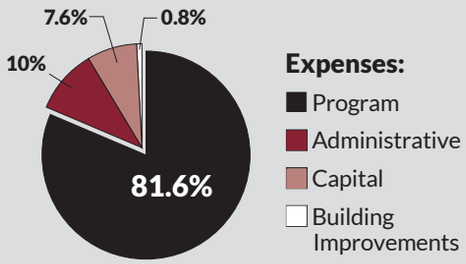
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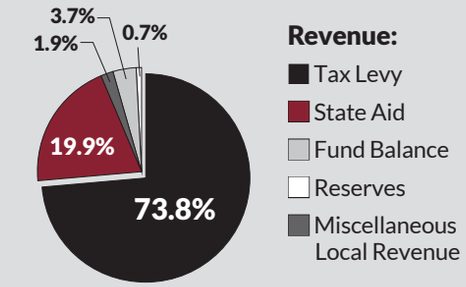
Karen Hughes
Board of Education President

Susan Yom
Superintendent of Schools

BUDGET FAST FACTS

Budget	$106,980,784
Tax Levy Increase	2.90%
Budget to Budget Increase	2.51%





BUDGET MISSION

To offer an educational program that has the resources to provide a comprehensive, equitable educational experience to all students in the Nyack Union Free School District

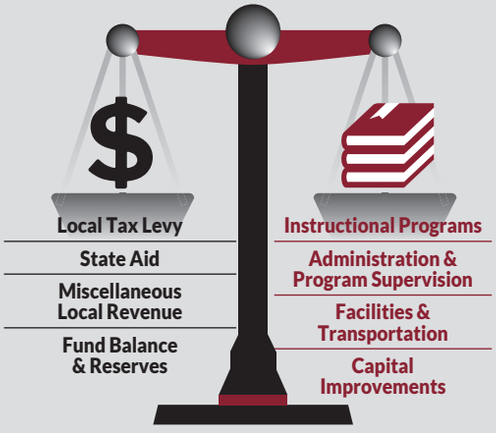
DISTRICT COMMITMENT:

SUPPORTING THE WHOLE CHILD

to offer each student seven core competencies to foster success on a global platform and a love of learning that lasts a lifetime:

- CRITICAL THINKING
- CREATIVITY
- COLLABORATION
- COMMUNICATION
- COMPASSION
- CONTENT MASTERY
- CULTURAL AWARENESS

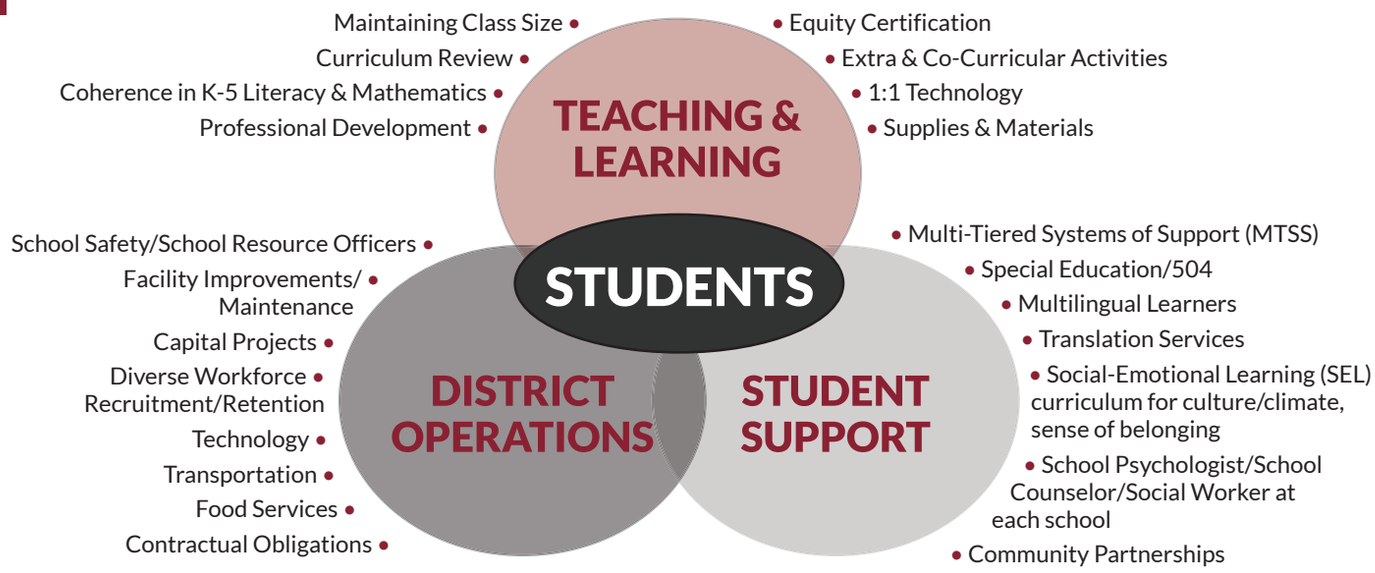
BALANCING THE BUDGET
REVENUES = EXPENSES



Building **BRIDGES** for today's students to cross into tomorrow's world with EQUITY, INNOVATION and OPTIMISM

2024-25 **BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

We seek to provide a framework for District operations, student support, teaching and learning that centers students.



BUDGET **Q&A**

Q: What are the budget development goals?

A:
- Comply with Tax Levy Cap
- Adhere to State/Federal mandates
- Continue cost savings and efficiency measures
- Maintain educational programs and class size guidelines
- Support educational initiatives
- Support equitable practices across all areas of the District
- Expand instruction that values each student's success

Q: How is the New York State Tax Cap calculated by the District for taxpayers?

A: The Tax Cap Legislation, which began in the 2012-13 school year and limits the amount of taxes to be raised by the District, is calculated with a formula developed by New York State. The grid below itemizes how Nyack's tax cap was determined for the 2024-25 proposed budget. Our BOE adopted this budget, compliant with Nyack's tax cap of 2.9%.

x	2022/23 Approved Actual Tax Levy	$ 76,758,798
	Tax Base Growth Factor (specific to Nyack)	1.0051
	Subtotal	**$ 77,150,267**
+	Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS)	$ 176,381
	Subtotal	**$ 77,326,648**
–	Prior Year Capital Exclusions	$ (964,410)
	(debt service, building aid, BOCES cap, trf to cap)	
	Prior Year Tax Levy Limit	**$ 76,362,238**
x	Allowable Levy Growth Factor (lesser of 2% or CPI)	2.00%
		$ 77,889,483
–	Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS)	$ (264,899)
	Current Year Tax Levy Limit	**$ 77,624,584**
+	Current Year Capital Exclusions	$ 1,356,398
	2024/25 Allowable Tax Levy	**$ 78,980,982**
	Dollar Change in Tax Levy	**$ 2,222,183**
	Percent Change in Tax Levy	**2.90%**

Q: What are voters being asked to approve in Proposition II?

A: To expend funds from Capital Reserve 2015 in the amount of $8,811,000 as follows:

APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS FROM CAPITAL RESERVE 2015

Funding needed for previously approved capital projects:
- Districtwide air conditioning **$456,000**
- Replacement of boilers at Liberty and Upper Nyack Elementary Schools and Hilltop Administration Building..... **$2,805,000**

Funding for new capital projects:
- Repointing of gymnasium side of the Nyack High School cafe..... **$72,000**
- Hardwiring of lights for the new parking lot at Nyack High School **$350,000**
- Valley Cottage Elementary School roof (partial funding)* **$3,822,200**
  **(remaining funding of $900,000 is included in the 2024-25 budget)*
- Old Nyack High School boiler and masonry..... **$1,305,800**

TOTAL APPROPRIATED CAPITAL RESERVE 2015 - $8,811,000

Q: What are voters being asked to approve in Proposition III?

A: To create a new Capital Reserve 2024 up to into which $10M may be deposited over a ten year period to fund all or part of the costs of future capital improvements. Voter approval will be required for the expenditure of any sums deposited into this Reserve.

Approval of both Proposition II and Proposition III are at no additional cost to the taxpayer.

Q: What are some features of this proposed budget?

A:
- **ENSURE** all existing programs and class size
- **RETAIN** current staff
- **SUPPORT** literacy with principles of the science of reading and professional development
- **ADOPT** new K-5 mathematics curriculum Eureka Math2 with professional development
- **INTRODUCE** and **SUPPORT** district-wide Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS)
- **CONTINUE** the district's 1:1 Technology program for K-12 students
- **PROVIDE** Before-and-After school transportation for elementary programs
- **PARTNER** with Nyack Center and the Rockland YMCA for student support programming
- **SUPPORT** District Equity Certification Program offerings and parent volunteer trainings (such as Getting to the Root Workshop)
- **SUSTAIN** post Elementary & Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) and Coronavirus Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 (CRRSA) positions
- **EXPAND** staff for Literacy, English Language Learners, and Special Education students

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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 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	$ 104,364,414	$ 106,980,784	$ 104,758,598
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		$ 2,616,370	$ $394,184
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.51%	.38%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	$ 76,758,798	$ 78,980,982	
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)	$ 76,758,798	$ 78,980,982	$ 76,758,798
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	$ 964,410	$ 1,356,398	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	$ 75,794,389	$ 77,624,584	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	$ 75,794,389	$ 77,624,584	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)*	$ 0	$ 0	
Administrative Component	$ 9,655,310	$ 10,676,094	$ 10,376,094
Program Component	$ 82,833,907	$ 87,261,932	$ 86,816,532
Capital Component	$ 7,669,783	$ 9,042,758	$ 7,569,779

* Under Section 2023 of the Education Law, 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 24/25 budget would be reduced by 2.1% to comply with the law.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSITIONS NOT INCLUDED IN TOTAL BUDGETED AMOUNT	Amount
Shall the Board of Education be authorized: to expend an amount up to $8,811,000.00 from the Capital Reserve Fund 2015 to: (a) provide additional funding for boiler replacements at Liberty ES, Upper Nyack ES and Hilltop Administration Building; (b) provide additional funding for the Districtwide project to install A/C and related electrical system upgrades; (c) replace a boiler in Old Nyack HS and perform related slab, structural column, piping, controls and utility work; (d) repoint masonry wall(s) on the northside of the gymnasium at Nyack HS; (e) provide additional funding to the sitework project at Nyack HS for hardwired lighting; (f) provide partial funding to repair and/or replace roofing system of Valley Cottage ES in whole or in part and perform, as needed, related work, and (g) pay any related or associated costs of each of these projects, including the professional services for each of these projects?	**No Budget or Tax Levy Increase**
May the Board of Education of the Nyack Union Free School District establish, pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, a Capital Reserve Fund in the ultimate amount of $10,000,000.00 plus interest earnings thereon having a probable term of 10 years, for the purpose of paying the cost of improving, repairing, reconstructing, renovating, building new, and constructing additions to School District buildings, facilities, property, and athletic fields, which capital reserve fund shall be funded through budgetary appropriations, appropriations of undesignated fund balance, transfers when warranted and properly authorized from other reserve funds, revenues not required by law to be paid into any other fund or account?	**No Budget or Tax Levy Increase**

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings[1]:	$ 1,131

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 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 21, 2024 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, and 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 any two)*

ELAINE PHILHOWER	VIOLET MERJANIAN	SCOTT NAPPI	BRYAN BURRELL
• 26 year resident • 1 HS graduate • Retired Public School Music Teacher	• 44 year resident • NHS Alumnus • 1 MS/2 elementary family members • Supply Chain Management	• 48 year resident • NHS Alumnus • 2 HS students • Stay at Home Parent	• 45 year resident • 8 HS graduates • 1 HS student • 1 MS/1 elementary family members • Educational Consultant

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, 2024. Names of candidates were randomly chosen to determine the order on the ballot. Candidates are listed in order of how they appear on the ballot.

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ON THE BALLOT • Tuesday, May 21, 2024 • 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 $106,980,784 during the 2024-25 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefore?

Proposition II

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Proposition III

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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 (845-638-5172) online through the NYS DMV website: https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application; or at the District Administration Office (845-353-7015) until Wednesday, May 8, 2024.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS/EARLY VOTING

This is for those eligible to vote who cannot vote in person on May 21 or who would like to participate in early voting by mail. Applications are available from the District Clerk (845-353-7015) or on the district website (www.nyackschools.org).

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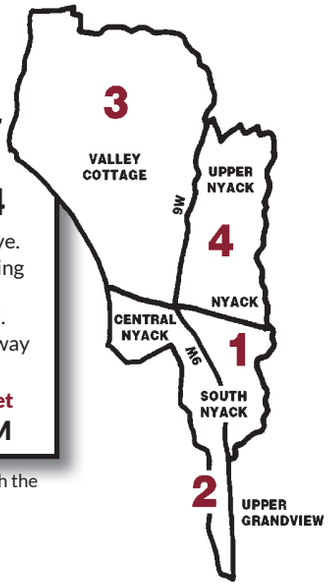
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VOTE:
Tuesday, May 21, 2024

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

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