



West Hempstead UFSD

Board of Education

2023-2024

Budget Hearing

May 2, 2023



2023-2024 Proposed Budget

Total Proposed Budget: \$74,125,176

- \$2,989,702 Budget-to-Budget Increase
- 4.20% Spending Increase
- 1.99% Tax Levy Increase
 - **BELOW** the District's 2.43% Tax Cap
 - Within the cap for the 12th Year in a Row
- Approximate Increase for Average West Hempstead Single-Family Homeowner:
 - \$155 per year
 - \$0.43 per day





2023-2024 Proposed Tax Levy Increases Surrounding Districts*

<u>School District</u>	<u>Tax Levy Increase</u>
Malverne	1.85%
West Hempstead	1.99%
Rockville Centre	1.99%
Garden City	2.32%
Sewanhaka	2.47%
Lynbrook	2.60%
Franklin Square	2.80%
Oceanside	2.90%

*Information from Nassau ASBO, NCSSCS, or Comptroller's Office Tax Cap Filings



Challenges to Budgeting

- **Medical Insurance Premiums**
 - \$930,000 budgeted increase for 23/24
- **Special Education**
 - \$730,000 budgeted increase for 23/24
- **Facilities**
 - \$525,000 budgeted increase for 23/24
- **Transportation**
 - \$350,000 budgeted increase for 23/24





2021-22 Out-of-District Costs*

	2021-22 Expenditures
Charter School Tuition	\$ 291,008
Eagle Avenue/Gersh Academy	\$ 207,033
HANC West Hempstead (Excluding Transportation)	\$ 248,143
Health Services	\$ 590,101
Library Bond	\$ 591,706
Special Education (Out-of-District)	\$ 4,723,689
Textbooks (Private & Parochial)	\$ 184,637
Transportation	\$ 5,179,766
Grand Total	\$ 12,016,083
2021-22 Expenditures	\$ 66,126,675
% of Total 2021-22 Expenditures	18.2%

*The most recent year for which we have full-year data



PERSONNEL ADDITIONS & REDUCTIONS

- **2.0 FTE Addition – New 1:1 Aides**
 - To Support Special Education students in the Secondary School
- **2.6 FTE Reduction at Secondary School**
 - **Following the 1.0 FTE Reduction in 2022-23**

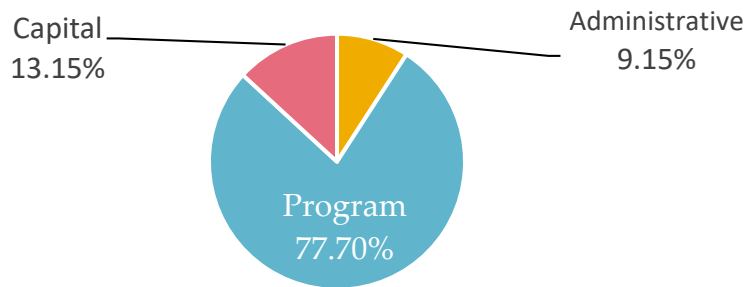


2023-24 Proposed 3-Part Budget

Summary of Expenditures

	2022-23 Proposed Budget	2023-24 Proposed Budget	% of Budget
Administrative Component	\$ 6,468,740	\$ 6,779,366	9.15 %
Program Component	\$ 56,042,175	\$ 57,600,509	77.70 %
Capital Component	\$ 8,624,559	\$ 9,745,301	13.15%
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 71,135,474	\$ 74,125,176	100.00 %

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2023-24 BUDGET
IN THREE PARTS



■ Administrative ■ Program ■ Capital

- If the West Hempstead UFSD does not have a voter approved 2023-24 budget, the Board of Education would need to reduce the proposed budget by **\$963,879**.
- If the West Hempstead Union Free School District does not have a voter-approved budget for 2023-24, the Board of Education would need to reduce all non-contingent budget items, including new equipment and hardware (that is not directly needed for the instructional program), but could increase certain other expenditures, provided the District does not exceed the 2022-23 tax levy. A formal contingency budget would be promulgated for consideration by the Board of Education if the voters compel the District to operate under contingency.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- Virtual Enterprise Award Winners – Top 50
- Moot Court Competition Winners – 1st WH team to advance
- American Mathematics Competition AMC 10 and AMC 12 Exam Top Scoring Students – 1 student advancing to States
- \$1,000 Raised for Town Of Hempstead Animal Shelter





STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

- School of Excellence from the New York State Public High School Athletic Association – 4th consecutive year
- kidOYO Hackathon Award Winners
- 12 New York State Scholar-Athlete teams
- 2 News 12 Scholar Athletes (4 in last 3 years)
- New York State Mathlete All-Star Team









Previous Presentations & More Information



Welcome to
West Hempstead UFSD
#RamPride

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 POWERSCHOOL	 22-23 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR	 22-23 DISTRICT CALENDAR	 BUDGET 2023-2024
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THE WEST HEMPSTEAD

BUDGET 2023

EDUCATOR

PUBLISHED BY THE WEST HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

POINTS OF #RAMPRIDE

- Senior Mouhammad Seck was named as a Commended Student in the 2023 National Merit Scholarship Program and was also named to the All-Star team for the Nassau County Interscholastic Mathematics League.
- Senior Victoria Guerrier was named as a 2022 Heisman High School Scholarship State Winner.
- The Student Council at George Washington School collected 766 pairs of socks to be donated to local shelters for their Socktober event.
- Gloria Guerrier and Victoria Guerrier were honored with citations by the Nassau County Legislature for being named as valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively.
- West Hempstead Secondary School and Cornwell Avenue School teamed up to create an outdoor sensory path at Cornwell.
- Students and staff members at Cornwell Avenue School collected

- gifts for a group of seniors at the Hempstead Park Nursing Home.
- George Washington School and Cornwell Avenue School prepared their own heartfelt letters, drawings and posters to recognize police officers during Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.
- West Hempstead Secondary School donated \$1,050 raised through its Field of Honor to the Tunnel to Towers Foundation in December.
- West Hempstead Secondary School recently launched Moot Court as one of their newest clubs.
- Twelve students represented the district in the 19th annual Art Supervisors Association All-County Art Exhibit.
- Eleven students are participating in the Long Island's Best: Young Artists at The Heckscher Museum exhibit.
- Senior Jurrel Hall was awarded the Nassau County Track Coaches

Association's inaugural Field Athlete of the Year award.

- The district unveiled its state-of-the-art 2Space laptops in October.
- Seniors Ashlee Boodoo, Gloria Guerrier and Victoria Guerrier were named as semifinalists in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program.



Proposed Budget Below Allowable Tax Levy Cap

Maintains Initiatives for Students and Funds Out-of-District Programs and Services

Dear Neighbor,

For the 12th year in a row, the district is proud to present a proposed budget to the community that falls within the allowable tax levy cap. In fact, the proposed spending plan for 2023-24 reflects a tax levy increase of 1.99%, which is below the allowable tax levy cap of 2.43%.

While the district is slated to receive additional funding through the restoration of New York State's Foundation Aid formula, we are not receiving as much when compared to our surrounding districts. This, coupled with increases in health insurance premiums, special education and transportation costs, and the continued funding of pension and retirement system contributions, among others, has contributed to a challenging budget season.

As previously discussed during our business meetings, the district has held to its commitment of reducing staff through attrition to save money while, at the same time, preserving programs and services for students. The district

also continues to draw upon its reserves and appropriated fund balance to lessen the cost impact on residents. This is something we must be mindful of moving forward; however, we felt it was necessary to use this source of funding for the upcoming year given the financial constraints of the community.

The proposed spending plan allows the district to maintain all programs and services for students, including providing college credit offerings, expanding research programs and continuing our participation in the Seal of Civic Readiness and Seal of Biliteracy programs. Additionally, the budget funds several new facility improvement projects not included in the bond work that will further address our buildings' aging infrastructure. We want to ensure that our buildings continue to be healthy, safe and innovative places for our children to learn.

Please visit the district's website for detailed information related to the budget, including a comprehensive explanation of our various reserve funds. We look forward to seeing you at the polls on Tuesday, May 16.

West Hempstead Board of Education
 Karen Brohm, President
 Joseph Magaraci, Vice President
 Burt Blass, Trustee
 Byars Cole, Trustee
 Kurt Rockensies, Trustee
 Andrea Shinsato, Trustee
 Vincent Trocchia, Trustee



Financial Facts

- The proposed budget represents a tax levy increase of 1.99%, which is below the allowable tax cap.
- Approximately 18% of the district's total expenses fund out-of-district programs and services.
- The district provides transportation to approximately 1,200 students at over 100 schools out-of-district on approximately 120 routes.
- The district's use of budgeted reserves and Appropriated Fund Balance has increased over the past five years.
- Compared to seven other surrounding districts, West Hempstead's tax levy increase is below the median.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR THE VOTE

A resident of the West Hempstead School District may vote for the election of school board members or upon all matters which may be brought before the annual meeting by the Board of Education.

To qualify for the vote, a person must be:

- A resident of the West Hempstead School District for at least 30 days prior to the voting meeting.
- Registered.
- A citizen of the United States who is at least 18 years old.

The West Hempstead School District has permanent registration records for school district elections and votes.

If you registered and/or voted in any school election or referendum or in the general elections since 2018, you need not register again to vote on May 16, 2023. To maintain permanent registration, you must have voted and/or registered at least once in the last four years.

Voting Information

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

The election of one Board member for a three-year term from July 1, 2023, for the seat currently held by Joseph Magaraci, whose term expires June 30, 2023. The election of one Board member for a three-year term from July 1, 2023, for the seat currently held by Vincent Trocchia, whose term expires June 30, 2023.

ELECTION OF LIBRARY TRUSTEE

The election of one Library trustee for a five-year term from July 1, 2023, for the seat currently held by Ray Duran, whose term expires June 30, 2023.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The West Hempstead Board of Education has authorized the use of absentee ballots for the vote on the school district budget and on all other propositions.

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk or designee at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. If the ballot is to be filled out in the District Clerk's office, voters have until the day before the election to pick up the ballot.

To obtain an application for an absentee ballot, contact Theresa Bryant, District Clerk, at 516-390-3107, visit the administration offices at 252 Chestnut Street, West Hempstead, or download it from www.whufsd.com.

FURTHER INFORMATION

If you have questions about your current registration status or need further information about voting, call the District Clerk, Theresa Bryant, at 516-390-3107 during business hours.

Remember to Vote!
Tuesday, May 16
7 A.M.-9 P.M.

West Hempstead Secondary School

North Gymnasium, 450 Nassau Blvd.
 (For your convenience, use North Parking Lot.)

This newsletter is also provided in Spanish in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

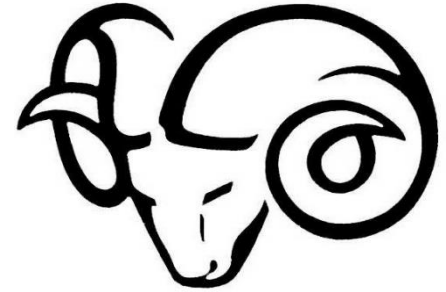


Please Remember to Vote...



VOTER REGISTRATION

DEADLINE IS MAY 11, 2023



- If you are a **new** West Hempstead resident or have not voted in a West Hempstead school budget vote before, *check your voter registration status!*
- If you registered and/or voted in any school election or referendum or in the general elections since 2018 **with a West Hempstead address**, you do not need to register again to vote on May 16, 2023.
- If you have questions about your voter registration status, please contact:

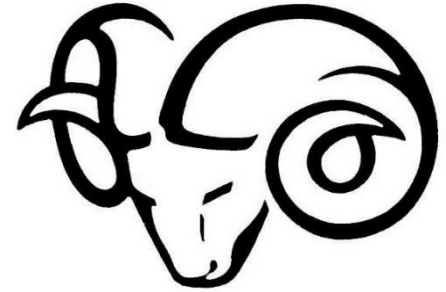
Theresa Bryant
District Clerk
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252 Chestnut Street



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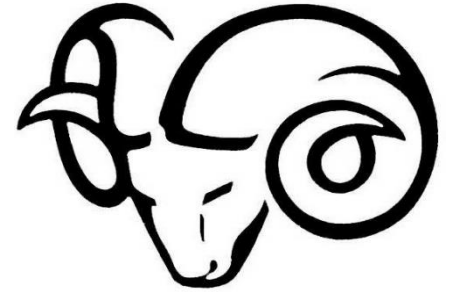
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Tuesday, May 16th, 2023

in the Secondary School North Gym

7am – 9pm



Questions?