

INSIDE YOUR MARYVALE SCHOOLS

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MARYVALE
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT



MAY 2023

PROPOSITION TO BE VOTED

In addition to the election of one (1) member of the Board of Education for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2023 and terminating on June 30, 2028, voters will decide one (1) proposition (summarized below). The District is required to write Propositions that meet specific legal standards. The following is intended to give you the legal language of the Propositions as they will appear on the voting machine and a "plain language" explanation:

PROPOSITION NO. 1 2023-24 Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

RESOLVED, that the budget for the Cheektowaga-Maryvale Union Free School District (the "District") for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefor are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

In plain language, if Proposition No. 1 is approved, the budget outlined in "Inside Your Maryvale Schools" will be approved and put into place for the 2023-24 school year. The District will also be authorized to set a tax rate based upon the Tax Levy. The Tax Levy is the total amount of money to be collected from property taxes.

PROPOSITION NO. 2

MODIFICATION OF THE MAXIMUM ESTIMATED COST (AND FINANCING ARRANGEMENTS) FOR THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, 2021

Shall the following resolution be adopted, to wit:

BE IT RESOLVED (a) that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Cheektowaga-Maryvale Union Free School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to modify the "Capital Improvements Project, 2021" that was previously approved by the District's voters on December 7, 2021 (the "Project"), in order to allow for the Project to be completed as planned, in light of anticipated bids that are expected to exceed the original amount that was approved by the voters (with the estimated maximum cost of the Project to be increased from a previously-approved figure of \$29,550,00 to a new figure of \$36,250,000); (b) that the District is authorized to expend or apply toward the Project an additional \$1,650,000 from the District's Capital Reserve Fund, 2017 (thereby increasing the amount of reserve fund monies to be utilized for the Project to a total of \$6,650,000, in order to continue to avoid any increase in the District's local tax levy as a result of the Project); (c) that an additional tax is hereby voted, in an amount not to exceed \$5,050,000, to finance the balance of the \$6,700,000 upward adjustment in the estimated maximum cost of the Project, with such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by the Board (d) that in anticipation of such tax, additional obligations of the District are hereby authorized to be issued in an aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$5,050,000, and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on such additional obligations as the same shall become due and payable; and (e) that New York State Building Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such additional costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of additional taxes herein authorized to be levied.

PROPOSITION NO. 3

ESTABLISHMENT OF A CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS RESERVE FUND

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education (the "Board") of the Cheektowaga-Maryvale Union Free School District, Erie County, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to establish a capital improvements reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law of the State of New York (the "Fund"); that the Fund shall be known as the "Capital Improvements Reserve Fund, 2023" of the District; that the Fund shall be established for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the acquisition, construction, reconstruction, expansion, renovation, alteration and improvement of buildings, facilities, sites and real property by the District, or the District's share of the cost of any capital improvements project undertaken by a Board of Cooperative Educational Services ("BOCES") of which the District is (or may become) a component district, including, in all cases, the acquisition of necessary furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus; that the ultimate amount of the Fund shall be not greater than \$5,000,000 (plus interest earned thereon); that the probable term of the Fund shall be not longer than ten (10) year years; and that the permissible sources from which the Board is authorized to appropriate monies to the Fund from time to time shall be (A) budgetary appropriations of the District; (B) unappropriated fund balance of the District as directed by the Board; (C) State aid received as reimbursement for expenditures by the District in connection with District capital improvements (whether or not such improvements were financed in whole or in part from the Fund); (D) the proceeds from the sale of unneeded real or personal property owned by the District, if permitted by law and if so directed by the Board; and/or (E) such other sources as the Board or the voters of the District may direct from time to time, all as may be permitted by law.

**PUBLIC HEARING MONDAY,
MAY 8, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.
BOARD OF EDUCATION ROOM**

**THE ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD
MEMBER ELECTION WILL BE HELD
ON TUESDAY, MAY 16th FROM
NOON UNTIL 9:00 P.M.
IN THE GYMNASIUM OF THE ROBERT A. BINNER
EDUCATIONAL CENTER (HIGH SCHOOL 9-10 BUILDING)**

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #1: Jason Baier



My name is **Jason Baier** and I am seeking election to the position of School Board member for the Maryvale Union Free School District Board of Education. I grew up in Cheektowaga and I am a graduate of Cleveland Hill High School. My wife and I have been married for 20 years and have lived in the Maryvale district for all of that time. I have owned a landscaping company in the past. And for the last 12 years I have been working for the Plumbers and Steamfitters Union, Local 22. I also have a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Buffalo State College. My wife, Mary and I have one daughter, Georgia, who attends Maryvale High School. We wanted our daughter to have a well-rounded education and be offered the extracurricular activities that some private schools cannot offer.

I have served on the Board of Education in the past. During that 6 year period, I served on the Erie County Association of School Boards Legislative team. The Administration, the rest of the Board and myself slowly brought back classes that were lost due to budget cuts in the past. I would like to continue working to bring all classes and even more back to the students of Maryvale.

BOARD MEMBER CANDIDATE #2: Marie Zimmer

Marie Zimmer is a former teacher from Maryvale whose passion for education is undeniable. She began her connection with Maryvale in the late 1990s when she became co-coordinator of the Maryvale Volunteer Program. As she also held a medical degree, she was uniquely qualified to serve as the Science Lab volunteer teacher as well. Ultimately Marie was hired in 2000 and taught Kindergarten and 6th grade for the next twenty years. Marie retired in 2020, but that did not end her allegiance to the school or community. She has returned as a teacher substitute to continue to connect with the students, families and staff in our district.

Marie and her husband Darryl have been residents of the Maryvale community for the past 35 years. Their son was a 2008 graduate of Maryvale.

Marie believes that being active in the community is key to forming relationships and expanding views on current needs and best practices for our schools. Volunteering as an activities' assistant at the Felician Convent, assisting with Outreach and In Reach at her place of worship, and posting relevant information from the Cheektowaga Youth Summer programs on the Neighborhood website are all an integral part of what she does that represents her values.

"We all must have a presence which invites the community to respond and partake in our school atmosphere. The foundation of our neighborhoods is our families and our A-M-A-Z-I-N-G youth! Everyone has some gift to offer our Maryvale School District. Sharing those gifts and creating an excellent learning and teaching atmosphere begins with every one of us as we work together."

With that goal in mind, Marie is excited to seek a seat on the Maryvale Board of Education.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-24

The format for presenting proposed budgets calls for expenditures to be divided into three basic categories: Administrative, Capital and Program. Below is a breakdown of those categories:

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET The Administrative component of the budget provides for overall general support and management activities. Included in this section are the Board of Education, Superintendent, Business and Personnel offices, Curriculum and Staff Development. Also included are expenses for legal services, liability and property insurance and salary and benefits for the Administrative Staff of our four schools.

	2022-23	2023-24	Dollar Change
District Office	\$246,930	\$260,626	\$13,696
Personnel and Finance	\$2,048,409	\$2,181,256	\$132,84
Curriculum and Supervision	\$1,522,866	\$1,609,273	\$86,407
Benefits	\$1,035,708	\$1,030,087	-\$5,621
Total	\$4,853,913	\$5,081,242	\$227,329

CAPITAL BUDGET The Capital component of the Budget includes the maintenance and upkeep of the District's facilities and property. This includes all utilities, sewer and telephone services. It also includes principal and interest payment on capital projects and salaries and benefits for Maintenance and Custodial staff.

	2022-23	2023-24	Dollar Change
Operation and Maintenance	\$3,322,671	\$3,761,634	\$438,963
Benefits	\$1,195,826	\$1,268,381	\$72,555
Debt Service	\$5,393,384	\$4,163,844	-\$1,229,540
Interfund Transfer	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$9,911,881	\$9,193,859	-\$718,022

The 2023-24 capital budget includes funds for a \$250,000 capital outlay project. The New York State budget is likely to increase the dollar limit of these projects from \$100,000 to \$250,000. If the State budget does not include this increase, the 2023-24 capital outlay project will be capped at the current NYS limit of \$100,000. The plan is for this project to either upgrade additional millwork (cabinetry and sinks) in our Primary School Building and/or update the Intermediate School Office depending on the state approved maximum. The Debt Service line above includes costs attributable to capital projects previously approved by voters.

PROGRAM BUDGET The Program component accounts for instructional and educational support systems. Salaries, benefits, materials, supplies, equipment, textbooks and computer aided instruction are reported in this section. Summer school, special education services, co-curricular, interscholastic athletics and transportation services are also included in this section.

	2022-23	2023-24	Dollar Change
Regular Education	\$13,135,233	\$14,571,381	\$1,436,148
Special Programs	\$11,300,238	\$12,160,109	\$859,871
Transportation	\$4,953,043	\$5,417,352	\$464,309
Benefits	\$8,024,834	\$8,857,745	\$832,911
Interfund Transfer	\$405,397	\$436,371	\$30,974
Total	\$37,818,745	\$41,442,958	\$3,624,213

The 2023-24 program budget includes a contract extension with First Student for transportation services with a cost increase tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI).

PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

Education Law mandates that each year the Board of Education prepare a Property Tax Report Card. The Report Card must be included with the Copies of the Proposed School District Budget. The Property Tax Report Card is outlined below:

140702 - Cheektowaga-Maryvale UFSD

Contact Person: Dr. Stephen Lunden

Telephone Number: 716-631-7485

Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions

Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount

Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable

Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable

Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable

Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy

Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit

School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions

Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve

Difference (negative value requires 60% voter approval)

Public School Enrollment

Consumer Price Index

Budgeted 2022-23	Proposed Budget 2023-24	Percent Change
\$52,584,539	\$55,718,059	5.96%
\$22,553,046	\$22,901,936	
\$0	\$0	
\$0	\$0	
\$0	\$0	
\$22,553,046	\$22,901,936	1.55%
\$571,734	\$469,134	
\$21,981,312	\$22,432,802	
\$21,981,312	\$22,432,802	
\$0	\$0	
2,180	2,207	1.24%
		8.00%

Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance

Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance

Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance

Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a percentage of the Total Budget

Actual 6/30/22	Estimated 6/30/23
\$9,518,313	\$10,031,380
\$1,245,038	\$557,181
\$5,229,153	\$6,675,023
9.94%	11.98%

Schedule of Reserve Funds

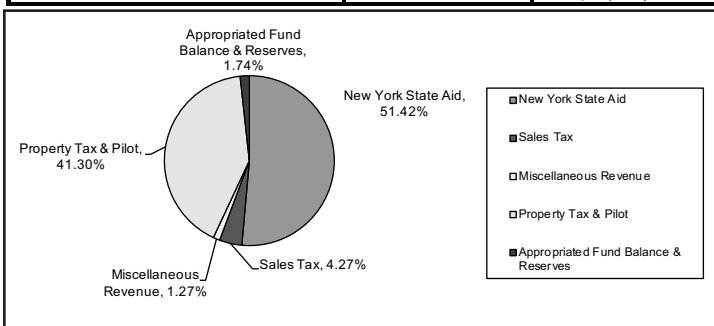
Reserve Type	Reserve Name	Reserve Description	3/31/23 Actual Balance	6/30/23 Estimated Ending Balance	Intended use of the Reserve in the 2023-24 School Year
Capital	Reserve A \$7.5M Cap	For the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	Use in connection with \$29.55M Project. Voter approved 12/7/21
Repair		For the cost of repairs in capital improvements or equipment	\$0	\$0	
Workers Compensation	Workers' Comp Reserve	For self-insured workers compensation and benefits	\$924,766	\$999,766	For self-insured workers compensation and benefits
Unemployment Insurance		For reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund	\$0	\$0	
Reserve for Tax Reduction	Tax Reduction Reserve	For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property	\$48,462	\$0	
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service	Debt Service Reserve	For proceeds from the sale of district capital assets or improvement, restricted to debt service	\$150,471	\$0	
Insurance		For liability, casualty and other types of uninsured losses	\$0	\$0	
Property Loss		To cover property loss	\$0	\$0	
Liability		to cover incurred liability claims	\$0	\$0	
Tax Certiorari	Tax Certiorari Reserve	For tax certiorari settlements	\$1,433,527	\$1,708,527	Tax Certiorari Settlements
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		For unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at fiscal year end	\$0	\$0	
Employee Benefit Liability	Accrued EBAL Reserve	For accrued "employee benefits" due to employees upon termination of service	\$2,352,641	\$2,499,641	No intended use in 2023-24
Retirement Contribution	ERS Reserve	For employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System	\$1,621,740	\$1,761,740	Employer Retirement Contributions to ERS
Reserve for Uncollected Taxes		For unpaid taxes due certain city school districts not reimbursed by their city/county until the following fiscal year	\$0	\$0	
Single Other Reserve	TRS Reserve	To fund employer retirement contributions to the New York State Teachers Retirement System (TRS)	\$486,706	\$561,706	Employer Retirement Contributions to TRS

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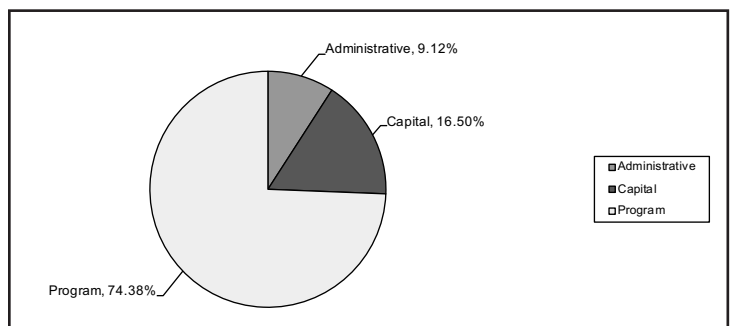
Maryvale UFSD 2023-24 Revenue Chart

Revenue	Percentage	Amount
New York State Aid	51.42%	\$28,651,294
Sales Tax	4.27%	\$2,378,800
Miscellaneous Revenue	1.27%	\$709,761
Property Tax & Pilot	41.30%	\$23,011,023
Appropriated Fund Balance & Reserves	1.74%	\$967,181
Total	100.00%	\$55,718,059



Maryvale UFSD 2023-24 Expenditure Chart

Component	Percentage	Amount
Administrative	9.12%	\$5,081,242
Capital	16.50%	\$9,193,859
Program	74.38%	\$41,442,958
Total	100.00%	\$55,718,059



Maryvale Schools PTO Community Service Award

The Maryvale PTO Community Service Award, presented annually by the PTO Coordinating Council, recognizes an individual who has made the Maryvale community a better place. This year the Coordinating Council is now seeking nominations for the 2022/2023 school year. Please review the nomination information, complete the application form, and submit it NO LATER than May 28, 2023.

NOMINATION INFORMATION: 1. The award is not a school award and should be non-political; 2. The recipient need not be a resident of the community but the award should be made on the strength of his or her contributions to the Maryvale Community; 3. People from all walks of life are to be considered; 4. Nomination need not be for an activity during the present year; 5. All information is to be kept confidential; 6. No information regarding nominees is to be given by selection committee members; 7. Final selection of the recipient will be made by the committee by consensus.

PRESENTATION OF THE AWARD WILL BE AT THE PTO INSTALLATION DINNER ON June 15, 2023 at The Italian Village.

NOMINEE NAME _____

Nominated by: _____

Contributions: ☐ School _____

☐ Community _____

☐ Others _____

Please add information on why you are nominating this person.

Please provide us with YOUR contact information.

Please provide us with the Nominees contact information.
email the information to maryvaleschoolspto@gmail.com