



# LAWRENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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## 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

LAWRENCE STRONG—MENTALLY • PHYSICALLY • ACADEMICALLY



### The District Offers 0.0% Tax Increase, With No Elimination of Programs or Classes

The Board of Education and central administration of the Lawrence Union Free School District take pride in our ability to maintain the highest standard of excellence in education at the lowest possible tax impact. That's why we have worked so tirelessly to once again propose a school district budget that features a **0.0% tax levy increase** while maintaining all programs and services offered to both the public and non-public school families.

Our philosophy in crafting a budget is simple. We have two primary objectives: we care for our students, and we care for the taxpayers. Every decision we make stems from how we can best support these constituencies. We care for students by supporting and sustaining award-winning programs, initiatives, technology upgrades, teachers, facilities and more. And we care for taxpayers by doing so without increasing our tax levy. We are able to accomplish this is testament to the hard work of our Lawrence team and the unwavering support of our parents and community. Lawrence Public School is truly a collaborative effort.

#### ■ SEAMLESS CONTINUATION OF TECHNOLOGY & DIGITAL LEARNING TOOLS

*Lawrence successfully navigated the immediate shift to remote learning in the spring of 2020, and we furthermore prepared ourselves for an increasingly virtual future thanks to the emphasis we place on our tech initiatives. We are constantly updating our technology and set and meet long and short-term goals. The proposed 2022- 2023 budget continues to keep us ready for the challenges of the future.*

#### ■ CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS WITH NO TAX INCREASE

*\$5 million in capital improvements for this year, and \$5 million in capital improvements for next year, with no increase to taxes.*

#### ■ EMPHASIS ON ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING

*Social-emotional learning is a critical part of the whole child approach in the Lawrence Public School. To that end, this budget supports a partnership with Northwell Mental Health services to create family workshops, and to make sure there are external supports for students who need it. The proposed budget will ensure the integration of social-emotional learning with students' academic endeavors.*

## BUDGET VOTE & ANNUAL ELECTION

Tuesday, May 17, 2022  
7:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.

### POLLING LOCATIONS:

- Primary School at  
Number Two School  
1 Donahue Avenue, Inwood
- Lawrence Middle School  
195 Broadway, Lawrence
- Lawrence High School  
2 Reilly Road, Cedarhurst
- Atlantic Beach Village Hall  
65 The Plaza, Atlantic Beach

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Residents who wish to view the line-by-line details may view the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget on the district website, Lawrence.org, under “Important Documents”

## REVENUES

As a school district, we have limited sources of revenue. We aggressively pursue and are awarded grants, state and federal funds, and maximize our investments.

|  | CURRENT<br>BUDGET 2021-2022 | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET 2022-2023 |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| State Aid (non-tax revenues)           | \$12,821,306                | \$13,011,709                 |
| Appropriated Fund Balance Plus Surplus | \$0                         | \$0                          |
| Other Sources (non-tax revenues)       | \$3,714,447                 | \$3,524,044                  |
| Tax Levy                               | \$85,954,300                | \$85,954,300                 |
| Tax Levy (capital project exclusions)  | \$0                         | \$0                          |
| <b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>                  | <b>\$102,490,053</b>        | <b>\$102,490,053</b>         |

## EXPENDITURES

New York State requires that all public schools report their spending in the “Three-Part Budget” format.

### THREE-PART BUDGET

|                           | CURRENT<br>BUDGET 2021-2022 | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET 2022-2023 |
|---------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| ADMINISTRATION            | \$10,792,437                | \$11,545,558                 |
| PROGRAM                   | \$80,336,365                | \$79,673,401                 |
| CAPITAL                   | \$11,361,251                | \$11,271,094                 |
| <b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b> | <b>\$102,490,053</b>        | <b>\$102,490,053</b>         |

## ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

### ADMINISTRATION, 11.265% OF THE BUDGET

**\$11,545,558**

|   | CURRENT<br>BUDGET 2021-2022 | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET 2022-2023 |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Administrative Services</b> — Offices of the Superintendent, Human Resources, and Business: salaries of administrators, secretarial and support staff; supplies, equipment and contractual services, and all related expenses, including BOCES services, legal fees, including annual retainer for Board of Education attorneys  | \$2,943,197                 | \$3,147,640                  |
| <b>Central Services</b> — Includes central printing, mailing, service contracts for equipment; data processing for all student administrative services, as well as maintenance fees of financial programs for payroll, accounting, personnel and staff attendance   | \$1,560,110                 | \$1,750,090                  |
| <b>Curriculum</b> — Salaries of the Asst. Superintendent and Curriculum Office staff; supplies, related expenses; salaries of building principals, supervisors, their administrative staffs and clerical personnel, hall monitors and aides; related expenses for equipment purchase, rental and service agreements   | \$1,400,303                 | \$1,453,961                  |
| <b>Special Items</b> — Insurance, mandated charges such as the district’s BOCES administrative cost, fees to Villages of Cedarhurst and Lawrence, School Association dues; investigative services for nonresidential cases  | \$1,061,275                 | \$1,117,775                  |
| <b>Employee Benefits</b> — Includes employer’s FICA obligation, Medicare, health, dental, optical and life insurance. Employees contribute to the aforementioned benefits. Where possible, the district utilizes self-insurance programs as a cost-containing measure. Also includes workers’ compensation, unemployment, health insurance, and reimbursement of Medicare Part B expenses for retirees over age 65. | \$3,827,552                 | \$4,076,092                  |
| <b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>   | <b>\$10,792,437</b>         | <b>\$11,545,558</b>          |

**PROGRAM, 77.738% OF THE BUDGET****\$79,673,401**

|  | CURRENT<br>BUDGET 2021-2022 | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET 2022-2023 |
|--|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Classroom Instruction/Regular School</b> — Salaries for all teachers, aides and substitutes; furniture and equipment, contractual expenses, textbooks for public and nonpublic students; supplies and materials and BOCES-related expenses  | \$24,552,825                | \$23,670,723                 |
| <b>Special Education</b> — Salaries for all special education teachers, aides, support and clerical staff for all programs conducted within the district; equipment, supplies; tuition and legal services for special education students and foster children receiving BOCES services  | \$19,847,188                | \$19,115,295                 |
| <b>Pupil Services and Activities</b> — Salaries for Attendance, Guidance, Health Services, Psychological Services, Social Work Services, Co-curricular and Interscholastic Athletics staff and clerical support; supplies, fees and testing costs where applicable   | \$6,915,064                 | \$7,066,738                  |
| <b>Transportation</b> — Transportation/Central Registration: staff and special education bus monitors; medical exams, training, expenses for Central Registration. Contract Transportation: costs related to transport of public and nonpublic students, handicapped pupils, field trips and school activities.  | \$11,594,721                | \$13,005,226                 |
| <b>Employee Benefits</b> — Includes employer's FICA obligation, Medicare, health, dental, optical and life insurance. Employees contribute to the aforementioned benefits. Where possible, the district utilizes self-insurance programs as a cost-containing measure. Also includes workers' compensation, unemployment, health insurance and reimbursement of Medicare Part B expenses for retirees over age 65. | \$16,345,678                | \$15,661,967                 |
| <b>Other</b> — Special schools, academic support and grants-in-aid, instructional media and technology   | \$740,889                   | \$813,452                    |
| <b>Interfund Transfers</b> — Local Share for Summer Handicapped and Section 4201 School  | \$340,000                   | \$340,000                    |
| <b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>   | <b>\$80,336,365</b>         | <b>\$79,673,401</b>          |

**CAPITAL, 10.997% OF THE BUDGET****\$11,271,094**

|   | CURRENT<br>BUDGET 2021-2022 | PROPOSED<br>BUDGET 2022-2023 |
|---|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Operations and Plant Maintenance</b> — Salaries of maintenance, grounds, cleaning and security crews and related supervisors for four buildings; equipment; contracted services for property repairs, property insurance; BOCES/health and safety officials; utilities and WAN/Fiber optic internet lines; cleaning supplies and materials   | \$5,798,354                 | \$5,773,026                  |
| <b>Debt Service</b> — Includes payments, principal and interest on notes, and energy efficient bonds, copy machine leases   | \$75,000                    | \$75,000                     |
| <b>Employee Benefits</b> — Includes employer's FICA obligation, Medicare, health, dental, optical and life insurance. Employees contribute to the aforementioned benefits. Where possible, the district utilizes self-insurance programs as a cost-containing measure. Also includes workers' compensation, unemployment, health insurance, and reimbursement of Medicare Part B expenses for retirees over age 65. | \$1,522,950                 | \$1,458,121                  |
| <b>Interfund Transfer FEMA Capital Project</b>  | \$3,964,947                 | \$3,964,947                  |
| <b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>  | <b>\$11,361,251</b>         | <b>\$11,271,094</b>          |

## BUDGET VOTE AND ANNUAL ELECTION: TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022 • 7:00 A.M. – 10:00 P.M.

### VOTER ELIGIBILITY

All voters must be United States citizens, 18 years old or older, and a resident of School District 15 for at least thirty days prior to the vote. In addition, a resident must be registered either with the school district or with the Nassau County Board of Elections. If you have voted in either a school district election within the past year or a local general election anytime in the past four years, you are already registered. If you are not already registered with either, you may register with the County online or with the DMV online or download their form and mail it in. The form can also be picked up at your local Post Office.

### ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the Office of the District Clerk and are also available on the district website at [www.lawrence.org](http://www.lawrence.org). Completed applications must be received in the District Clerk's office by May 10, 2022 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. If the ballot is to be hand delivered to the voter, the application must be received in the District Clerk's office by Monday, May 10, 2022. All completed absentee ballots must be received in the District Clerk's office by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election, May 17, 2022.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

You may register in person throughout the school year with Ms. Mohinder Bharaj, District Clerk. By doing so, you will be qualified only to vote in school district elections. Qualified residents should bring at least one document from each category below, to the District Clerk's office, 2 Reilly Road, Cedarhurst, NY 11516 on school days between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For security reasons, please call ahead for an appointment as the campus is closed to visitors. 516-295-7032.

Evidence of Identification (Photo ID)

- Valid NYS Driver's License
- Valid NYS Photo ID Card
- Valid US Passport

Evidence of Residency and Occupancy

- Recent gas bill, oil bill, electric bill, home telephone bill, cable bill, property tax bill showing address and name
- Copy of Lease
- Record of recent mortgage payment

The Last Day to Register is May 4 at 11 a.m. with the District Clerk.

## WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

### PROPOSITION NO. 1 - SCHOOL BUDGET

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum of **One Hundred Two Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Fifty Three Dollars (\$102,490,053.00)** for the fiscal year 2022-2023, and is further authorized to levy the necessary tax for the above purpose upon the taxable property of the School District, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources.

### PROPOSITION NO. 2 - LIBRARY BUDGET

**RESOLVED**, that the sum of **Three Million One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Dollars (\$3,172,000.00)** be appropriated for the Peninsula Public Library for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and that said amount be raised by tax upon the taxable property of the Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, pursuant to §259 of the Education Law, and be levied and collected in the same manner as are other general taxes, after first deducting the monies available from State Aid and other sources.

### PROPOSITION NO. 3 - 2022 BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CREATION AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION

**RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15 is hereby authorized to establish a Building Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to §3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the "2022 Building Capital Reserve Fund") and expend funds from such Reserve for the purpose of financing reconstruction, renovation and equipping of: 1) Lawrence High School, including Classroom Renovations, Athletic Wing Renovations, Library Renovations, Air Conditioning Installation and HVAC Improvements, Site Improvements; 2) Lawrence Middle School, including Classroom Renovations, Cafeteria Renovations, Locker Replacements, Library Renovations, Gymnasium Renovations, Air Conditioning Installation and HVAC Improvements, Site Improvements; 3) Lawrence Primary Schools, including Site Improvements; and 4) District wide technology, telephone, safety and security upgrades. The ultimate amount of such Reserve is not to exceed **Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)**, plus interest and earnings thereon. The probable term of such Reserve is to be ten (10) years, but such Reserve shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted. The sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are unappropriated fund balances made available by the Board of Education from the 2021-2022 budget.

### PROPOSITION NO. 4 - 2023 BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CREATION AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION

**A) RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15 is hereby authorized to establish a Building Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to §3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the "2023 Building Capital Reserve Fund") and expend funds from such Reserve for the purpose of financing reconstruction, renovation and equipping of: 1) Lawrence High School, including Classroom Renovations, Athletic Wing Renovations, Library Renovations, Air Conditioning Installation and HVAC Improvements, Site Improvements; 2) Lawrence Middle School, including Classroom Renovations, Cafeteria Renovations, Locker Replacements, Library Renovations, Gymnasium Renovations, Air Conditioning Installation and HVAC Improvements, Site Improvements; 3) Lawrence Primary Schools, including Site Improvements; and 4) District wide technology, telephone and security upgrades. The ultimate amount of such Reserve is not to exceed **Five Million Dollars (\$5,000,000.00)**, plus interest and earnings thereon. The probable term of such Reserve is to be ten (10) years, but such Reserve shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted. The sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are unappropriated fund balances made available by the Board of Education from the 2022-2023 budget. **B) RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York (the "Board"), is hereby authorized to purchase approximately .1164 acres of real property located at 21 Henry Street, Inwood, New York 11096, also known Section 40, Block 075, Lot 2 on the Nassau County Tax Map, together with the buildings and improvements thereon and any appurtenances thereto, and to acquire clear title thereto, for the amount of **Eight Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$825,000.00)**, to be expended from the unappropriated, unassigned fund balance in the general fund as of May 17, 2022, for the purpose of enlarging the Early Childhood Center (School No. 4) grounds and parking area.

### SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES

To elect three (3) trustees of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2025.  
Incumbents: Michael Hatten, Tova Plaut and David Sussman

### LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE

To elect one (1) trustee of the Peninsula Public Library for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2022, and ending on June 30, 2027.  
Incumbent: Sarah Yastrab

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