



The Glances

Harrisville
Central School District
BUDGET EDITION // 2022-23

A message from the superintendent

Dear Harrisville Central School District Residents:

Harrisville Central School District residents will vote Tuesday, May 17, on the district's 2022-23 proposed budget, which meets the state-mandated tax levy cap.

In addition to voting on the district's proposed budget of \$11,321,461, residents will elect one member to the board of education and vote on a \$253,608 proposition to purchase two 66-passenger school buses. Residents will also decide on a proposition to increase the annual tax collected by the district for the Harrisville Free Library by \$5,000 for a total of \$65,000. This amount helps with support and maintenance of the library (see page 3).

The proposed budget will preserve academic programming, offer more courses for college credit and add a counselor position to the district. The administration and the board of education worked together to prepare a budget that upholds the quality Harrisville is known for, while exercising fiscal prudence on behalf of our taxpayers.

The budget proposal calls for a spending decrease of \$323,273, or 2.78%, over the current school year's budget. Most of this decrease can be attributed to last year's one-time American Rescue Plan funds, which are now accounted for in the district's 2022-23 proposed budget. District leaders are proposing a tax levy increase of 1.80%, or \$72,517, which meets the district's calculated tax levy limit, or cap.

We are also proposing a \$100,000 capital outlay to make much needed improvements to the baseball field and begin installing



The 2022-23 budget continues the district's focus on students by maintaining all current academic programs.

energy-efficient LED lighting in our classrooms. Approximately 82% (or \$82,000) of the money will be returned to the district in the form of future state aid, reducing the cost to taxpayers to \$18,000.

Harrisville CSD remains committed to providing an enriching and comprehensive education for all students, ensuring their preparedness to enter the 21st century workforce. Approval of this budget means that the district will continue to be a leader in educational innovation on both the local and national levels, maintaining its reputation as one of the best school districts in the North Country.

I encourage you to join us for our Annual Public Hearing on Monday, May 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Harrisville Central School Auditorium. More information about the 2022-23 proposed budget is also available on the district website, www.hcsk12.org, or by calling the District Office at 315-543-2707.

The board and I would like to extend a sincere thank you to everyone who plans to vote Tuesday, May 17, at the Harrisville Central School Library. Our community continually demonstrates its unwavering commitment to educational excellence and dedication to our children.

Cordially,
Rob Finster, Superintendent of Schools

BUDGET VOTE

BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

Proposed Budget
\$11,321,461

Budget Change
-\$323,273 (-2.78%)

Tax Levy Change
\$72,517 (1.80%)

BUDGET VOTE DATES

ANNUAL PUBLIC HEARING

- Monday, May 9, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.
- Harrisville Central School Auditorium
14371 Pirates Lane

BUDGET VOTE

- Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 1-8 p.m.
- Harrisville Central School Library
14371 Pirates Lane

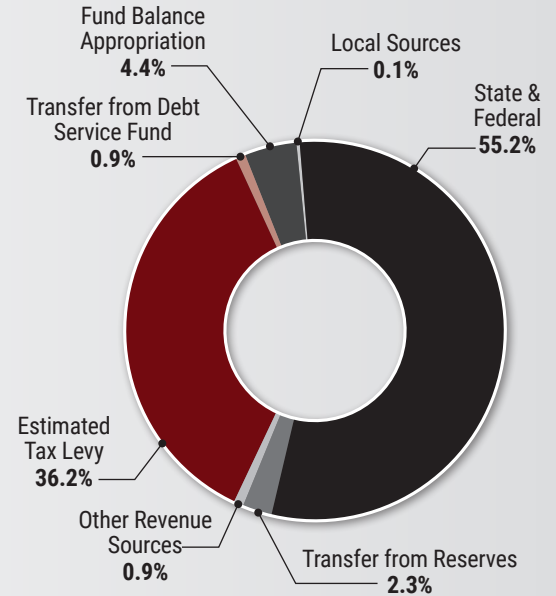


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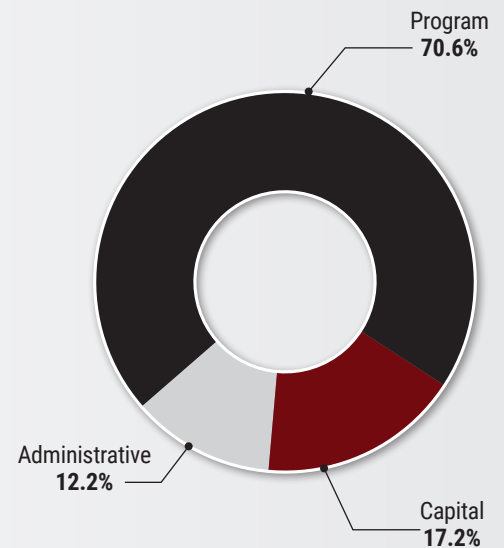
Proposed Revenues

	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Proposed Budget
Local Sources		
Charges for Services	\$1,000	\$1,000
Use of Money and Property	\$8,000	\$8,000
Total Local Sources	\$9,000	\$9,000
State and Federal Sources		
Basic Formula Aid	\$6,496,219	\$6,222,450
Categorical State Aid	\$30,718	\$30,479
Total State and Federal Sources	\$6,526,937	\$6,252,929
Estimated Tax Levy	\$4,027,212	\$4,099,729
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	\$252,422	\$100,000
Transfer from Reserves	\$262,799	\$263,439
Other Revenue Sources	\$89,000	\$99,000
Fund Balance Appropriation	\$477,364	\$497,364
Grand Total	\$11,644,734	\$11,321,461



Proposed Expenditures

	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Proposed Budget
Board of Education	\$7,300	\$7,396
Central Administration	\$304,686	\$313,334
Central Printing & Mailing	\$18,750	\$18,750
Community Service/Census	\$1,500	\$1,500
Debt Payment - Principal/Interest	\$967,910	\$1,046,553
Finance	\$225,156	\$233,590
Fringe Benefits	\$3,300,872	\$3,346,105
Instructional	\$2,376,116	\$2,172,439
Instruction - Special Schools	\$442,207	\$363,100
Instruction of Students with Disabilities	\$921,100	\$911,778
Instructional & Computer Assistant	\$296,214	\$257,845
Instructional Administration & Supervision	\$175,382	\$180,133
Legal, Personnel & Public Information	\$49,982	\$56,530
Operations & Maintenance	\$719,615	\$705,515
Pupil Services	\$581,934	\$594,703
Refund of Real Property Taxes	\$3,000	\$3,000
Special Items	\$348,697	\$361,108
Transfer to Cafeteria/Capital	\$286,422	\$130,000
Transportation	\$617,891	\$618,083
Grand Total	\$11,644,734	\$11,321,462



ABOVE FIGURES ARE ROUNDED TO THE NEAREST DOLLAR.

Three-part budget summary

Administrative Component

\$1,379,031

12.2%

Capital Component

\$1,947,344


17.2%

Program Component

\$7,995,087

70.6%

ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSITION NO. 1	PROPOSITION NO. 2	PROPOSITION NO. 3
2022-23 BUDGET To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2022-23 in the amount of \$11,321,461.	SCHOOL BUS PURCHASE To authorize the Board of Education to purchase two 66-passenger school buses for an amount not to exceed \$253,608 and to further authorize the Board of Education to issue serial bonds and notes in anticipation thereof and/or statutory installment bonds and notes in anticipation thereof, of the District pursuant to the provisions of the Local Financial Law and Education Law of the State of New York, and to levy a tax in such amount authorized to be expended for such purposes upon all the taxable property of the School District, in order to raise the money required for such purposes and such tax should be levied in annual installments which shall be of such amounts and levied in such years as may be determined by the Board of Education.	HARRISVILLE FREE LIBRARY TAX COLLECTION To authorize the Board of Education to levy and collect an annual tax year after year, separate and apart from the annual school district budget, in the amount of \$5,000 (in addition to the current annual appropriation of \$60,000 for a total of \$65,000) which shall be paid to the Harrisville Free Library for the support and maintenance of the library, with this appropriated amount to be the annual appropriation until thereafter modified by a future vote of the electors of the Harrisville Central School District.
<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>	<p>YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p>NO <input type="radio"/></p>
OFFICE		Board of Education Member (5-Year term commencing July 1, 2022)
 A		Parish Atkinson (Incumbent)

Budget Q&A

Why is there a library funding proposition on the school district ballot?

New York state education law allows libraries to place a funding proposition on school district ballots. It requires school districts, at the libraries' requests, to levy and collect taxes for libraries. Libraries are separate legal entities from the school district, with their own funding and budgets. The school district does not endorse, control or recommend any aspect of how the libraries spend money. If voters approve the proposition, the school district would annually levy and collect taxes in the new amount for the library beginning in the 2022-23 fiscal year. The amount authorized for library services is listed as a separate line on residents' tax bills.

How is the tax levy different from the tax rate?

The tax levy is the total amount of money a school district raises in taxes each year from all property owners in the district. Tax rates are calculated by dividing the total amount of the levy by the total taxable assessed

value in a community. Tax rates are affected by changes in both municipal assessments and state equalization rates, which are determined in the summer. The tax rate is used to calculate each individual property tax bill.

Does the percentage of increase in the tax levy equal the percentage of increase in the tax rate?

No. Typically, the tax rate increase is lower than the tax levy increase. New home construction and businesses added to the tax roll lowers the tax rate.

What is the state's School Tax Reduction, or STAR, Program?

New York State's School Tax Relief Program, or STAR, provides partial school property tax savings to eligible homeowners. Most



Members of the 10th Mountain Division Band visited Harrisville Central School on April 13, 2022, to put on a performance for students in grades 3-8.

New Yorkers who own and live in their homes are eligible for STAR savings on their primary residences. Because the STAR program is not a district program, taxpayers STAR savings are not factored into a school budget.

More information about STAR can be found at: <https://www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/star/eligibility.htm>.



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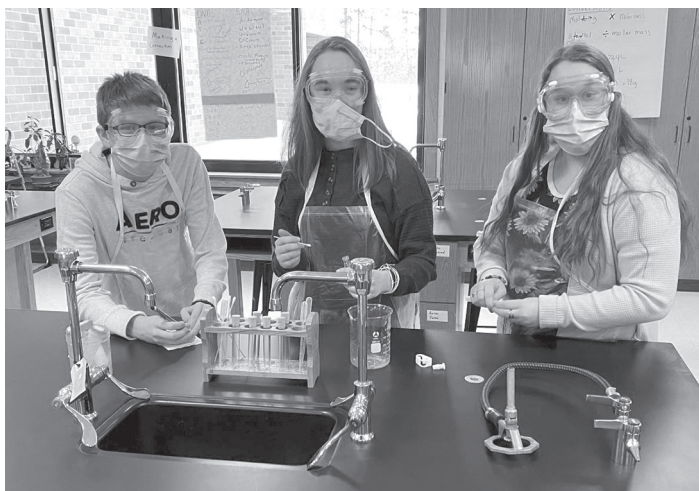
TUESDAY, MAY 17
FROM 1-8 P.M.
in the Harrisville
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VOTER ELIGIBILITY

- ☒ Must be a U.S. citizen
- ☒ and 18 years or older
- ☒ and a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

- ☒ Personal identification/proof of residency is required (e.g., driver's license or utility bill, both with name and current address).



An experiment proposed by Harrisville Central School students Ethan LaVancha (eighth grade), Elaine LaVancha (10th grade), Hailey Meagher (10th grade) and teacher Nicole Taylor, was selected for SSEP Mission 16 to the International Space Station this year. The experiment will look at the effects of nutrients on algae growth in microgravity.

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

- ☒ Residents who will not be in the area on May 17 or are otherwise unable to vote in person may request an absentee ballot at the District Office.
- ☒ If the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, the application must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote – by May 10.
- ☒ If the absentee ballot is to be picked up by the voter in person, applications will be accepted until May 16.
- ☒ Absentee ballots must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 17.