

# SCHOOL BUDGET NEWSLETTER 2021-22



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## PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Provides an outstanding educational program while being fiscally responsible
- Includes additional academic, social-emotional and extracurricular resources to re-engage students successfully in school
- Supports staffing necessary to maintain favorable class sizes

## 2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget  
**\$113,242,880**

Proposed  
Budget-to-Budget  
Increase  
**1.59%**

Proposed 2021-22  
Tax Levy Change  
**1.79%**

## KLSD MOVES FORWARD, TOGETHER

Dear KLSD Community,

Thank you for your continued support of KLSD students and the work of our schools. We have come through a remarkably challenging year together and are grateful to our community for entrusting us with the education, safety and well-being of your children.

On May 18, 2021, we hope you will join us to vote on the 2021-2022 Katonah-Lewisboro School District Budget and the election of two Board of Education trustees.

Next year's school budget was developed to reflect fiscal responsibility, our community's continued commitment to educational excellence and planning contingencies necessary to emerge effectively from the pandemic.

This year we are again presenting a budget that is below the New York State tax levy cap. Our proposed budget will help our current students to excel and our schools and community to prepare responsibly for the future.

We thank you for entrusting us to work on your behalf and for taking time to vote on May 18, 2021. We hope that you continue to remain safe and healthy.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Schiff, *President*  
Julia Hadlock, *Vice President*  
Rory Burke, *Trustee*  
Terrence Cheng, *Trustee*

Liz Geregthy, *Trustee*  
Catharine Oestreicher,  
*Trustee*  
Bill Rifkin, *Trustee*

Andrew Selesnick  
*Superintendent of  
Schools*



Katonah-Lewisboro Proposed 2021-22 School Budget / **VOTE ON MAY 18, 2021**

## 2021-22 PROPOSED EXPENSES

ITEM	BUDGET 2020-21	PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-22	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE	% OF TOTAL BUDGET
Board of Education	\$71,025	\$73,225	\$2,200	3.10%	0.06%
District Clerk and Voting	\$128,595	\$135,623	\$7,028	5.47%	0.12%
Central Administration	\$450,768	\$445,306	\$(5,462)	-1.21%	0.39%
Finance	\$1,041,340	\$994,158	\$(47,182)	-4.53%	0.88%
Personnel Services	\$478,757	\$460,684	\$(18,073)	-3.77%	0.41%
Legal Services/Attorney Fees for General Counsel, Labor Counsel and CSE Litigation	\$539,000	\$524,500	\$(14,500)	-2.69%	0.46%
Public Information	\$89,700	\$101,500	\$11,800	13.15%	0.09%
Operations and Maintenance/Buildings and Grounds	\$6,706,772	\$6,791,805	\$85,033	1.27%	6.00%
Printing, Mailing, Data Processing, Records Management, Warehouse	\$648,222	\$685,266	\$37,044	5.71%	0.61%
Insurance	\$183,500	\$185,000	\$1,500	0.82%	0.16%
Tax Certioraris/Judgements and Claims	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$-	0.00%	0.04%
Special Items/BOCES Administration/Capital Unclassified	\$749,273	\$745,280	\$(3,993)	-0.53%	0.66%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,136,952</b>	<b>\$11,192,347</b>	<b>\$55,395</b>	<b>0.50%</b>	<b>9.88%</b>
Curriculum Development	\$1,022,482	\$1,015,674	\$(6,808)	-0.67%	0.90%
Buildings and Department Supervision	\$4,574,520	\$4,510,392	\$(64,128)	-1.40%	3.98%
Innovation Grants and Staff Development	\$652,288	\$665,092	\$12,804	1.96%	0.59%
Teaching Regular School	\$30,856,009	\$32,040,759	\$1,184,750	3.84%	28.29%
Special Education Program	\$12,733,952	\$12,777,376	\$43,424	0.34%	11.28%
Adult Education/Driver's Education	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$-	0.00%	0.01%
School Library/Audio-Visual/Educational Technology	\$884,331	\$888,025	\$3,694	0.42%	0.78%
Instructional Computer Software/Hardware	\$2,570,558	\$2,588,498	\$17,940	0.70%	2.29%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$468,000	\$488,790	\$20,790	4.44%	0.43%
Interscholastic Sports	\$1,139,735	\$1,142,250	\$2,515	0.22%	1.01%
Other Pupil Services	\$4,595,462	\$4,513,167	\$(82,295)	-1.79%	3.99%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$59,503,837</b>	<b>\$60,636,523</b>	<b>\$1,132,686</b>	<b>1.90%</b>	<b>53.55%</b>
Pupil Transportation/Recreation	\$4,516,755	\$4,563,882	\$47,127	1.04%	4.03%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,516,755</b>	<b>\$4,563,882</b>	<b>\$47,127</b>	<b>1.04%</b>	<b>4.03%</b>
Employee Benefits	\$31,640,629	\$32,475,857	\$835,228	2.64%	28.68%
Debt Service	\$2,684,507	\$2,704,271	\$19,764	0.74%	2.39%
Interfund Transfer	\$1,990,000	\$1,670,000	\$(320,000)	-16.08%	1.47%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$36,315,136</b>	<b>\$36,850,128</b>	<b>\$534,992</b>	<b>1.47%</b>	<b>32.54%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>\$111,472,680</b>	<b>\$113,242,880</b>	<b>\$1,770,200</b>	<b>1.59%</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



### PROPOSITION # 1: KLSD BUDGET

The first proposition on the ballot is the Katonah-Lewisboro School District's operating budget for the 2021-22 school year. The proposed budget supports and strengthens the outstanding academic program offered within the Katonah-Lewisboro School District while being fiscally responsible. The budget is below the New York State tax levy cap.



### PROPOSITION # 2: BUS REPLACEMENT

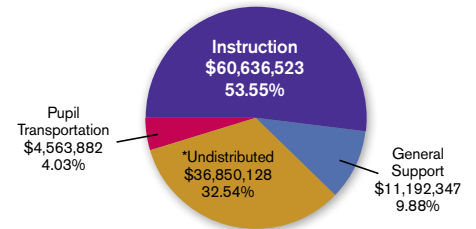
In addition to the general fund budget proposal, you will have an opportunity to weigh in on a proposition to transfer funds from the 2020-21 general fund to the capital fund to replace three 66-passenger buses, two 30-passenger buses, two 34-passenger buses and one operations and maintenance vehicle for a total cost not to exceed \$670,950. If approved,

there would be no impact on taxes and no additional debt would be incurred. The replacement of buses and vans on a rotational basis is very important to maintaining safe, dependable transportation. Each of the district's vehicles is inspected by the NYS Department of Transportation twice a year. Our decision to replace the vehicles is based on the inspectors' insights.

# TAX RATE PROJECTION SUMMARY

	Budget 2020-2021	Proposed Budget 2021-2022	Dollar Difference	% Change from Previous Year
Total Expenditures	\$111,472,680	\$113,242,880	\$1,770,200	1.59%
Total Revenue Other Than Property Taxes	\$13,524,183	\$13,542,486	\$18,303	0.14%
Amount To Be Raised by Taxes	\$97,948,497	\$99,700,394	\$1,751,897	1.79%

## Proposed Expenditure Budget

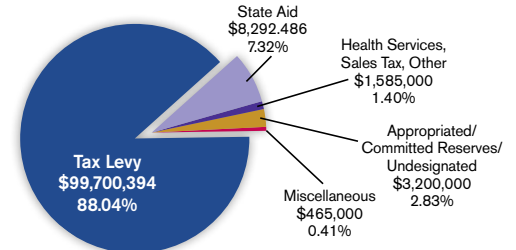


\* Undistributed includes Debt Service, Inter-fund Transfers and Employee Benefits.

Tax Rates	2020-21 Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	2021-22 Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	% Change from Previous Year
Bedford	\$183.1718	\$192.5685	5.13%
Lewisboro	\$211.2227	\$211.0858	-0.06%
North Salem	\$20.2744	\$21.5002	6.05%
Pound Ridge	\$109.8444	\$109.4760	-0.34%

The rates shown above are estimates based upon preliminary assessment values available at the time the budget was adopted by the Board of Education. Once assessments are finalized, tax rates will be adjusted.

## Proposed Revenue Budget



# KATONAH-LEWISBORO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$111,472,680	\$113,242,880	\$111,490,983
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$1,770,200	\$18,303
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.59 %	.02%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$97,948,497	\$99,700,394	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$-	\$-	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$-	\$-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$-	\$-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$97,948,497	\$99,700,394	\$97,948,497
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,967,747	\$1,966,535	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$98,076,535	\$98,360,207	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$95,980,750	\$97,733,859	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$2,095,785	\$626,348	
Administrative Component	\$14,106,187	\$14,127,999	\$13,801,918
Program Component	\$83,745,275	\$85,566,410	\$85,245,107
Capital Component	\$13,621,218	\$13,548,471	\$12,443,958

\* Assuming revenues other than tax levy remain as presented in the original budget, a contingent budget would require \$1,751,897 of reductions to the general fund budget. This would necessitate elimination of the following: \$21,000 - community use of facilities, \$302,534 - instructional, operations and maintenance, and transportation equipment purchases, and \$1,428,363 of other reductions (program expenses, capital expenses and administrative expenses). If necessary, the actual cuts to the proposed budget in the amount of \$1,751,897 would be made by the Administration and the Board of Education pursuant to Section 2023 of Education Law.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount. (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements.)

Description	Amount
Bus & Vehicle replacement/purchase - Proposition #2 (to be funded through use surplus) - replacement of three 66-passenger buses, two 30-passenger buses, two 34-passenger buses and one operations and maintenance vehicle.	\$670,950

## Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$ 1,690

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2021-22 by the qualified voters of the Katonah-Lewisboro School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held at Increase Miller Elementary School, Katonah Elementary School and Meadow Pond Elementary School in said District on Tuesday, May 18, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 am and 9:00 pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.



# VOTER INFORMATION

All voters registered with Westchester County are automatically registered to vote in their school district's budget and school board election. If you are not registered to vote, you may register at any of the schools in the district or at the District Office between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. on regular school/business days, as well as at the District Office on Saturday, May 8, 2021 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration is open through Thursday, May 13, 2021.

## Voter Qualifications

### An individual must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older.
- Have been a resident of the school district for 30 days preceding the day of the vote.

## Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are permitted in all school board elections and/or referenda. Absentee ballots may be cast by a qualified voter who is:

- A patient in a hospital or who is unable to vote because of illness or physical disability.
- Out of the county of residence on election day because of business, vacation or other duty.

If you prefer to vote without coming to school due to COVID, you must request an application for an absentee ballot. When completing the application, you must check the box "temporary illness or physical disability" to receive an absentee ballot.

## Requesting Absentee Ballots

Any person seeking an absentee ballot must complete an application obtained from District Clerk Kimberly Monzon or downloaded from the district's website, [www.klschools.org](http://www.klschools.org), and return it to the District Clerk by mail or in person.

If the application is returned by mail, it must be received by the District Clerk by Tuesday, May 11, 2021. If the application is delivered personally, it must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 2021. The District Office is located at 60 North Salem Road, Cross River, NY 10518.

Once the District Clerk receives the application, an absentee ballot will be mailed to the address specified on the application. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. It is possible to deliver the completed application, complete the actual ballot and turn it in on the same day.

## Additional Information

For additional information, please contact Kimberly Monzon, District Clerk, 763-7020 / [kmonzon@klschools.org](mailto:kmonzon@klschools.org)

The complete proposed budget is available at [klschools.org/budget](http://klschools.org/budget).



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER



# VOTE

**Tuesday, May 18, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

Increase Miller Elementary School  
Katonah Elementary School  
Meadow Pond Elementary School

- ✓ School district budget
- ✓ Bus proposition

✓ Election of two school board members to fill vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of Marjorie Schiff and Terrence Cheng