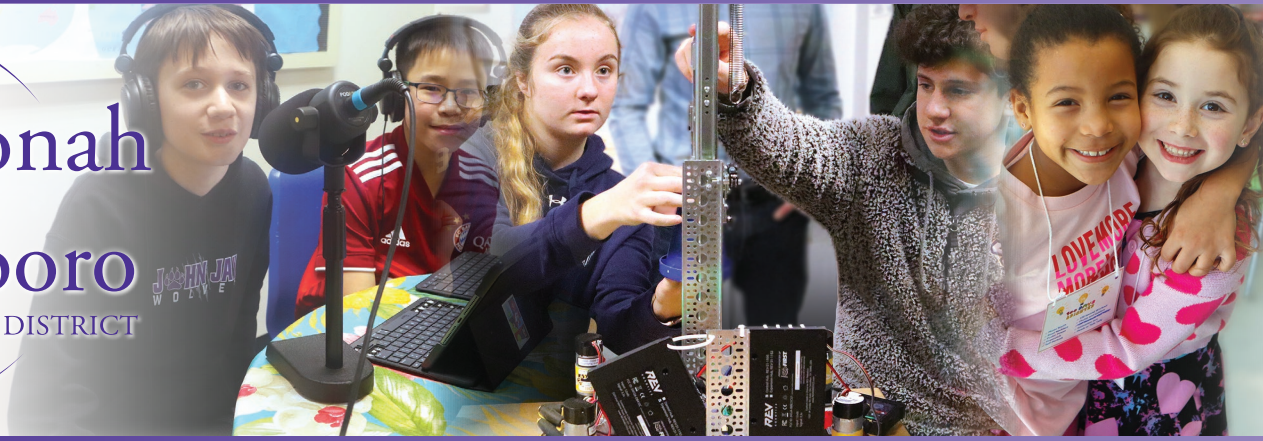


# SCHOOL BUDGET NEWSLETTER 2023-24



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## PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Staffing to support classroom environments in which teachers can know and address the learning needs of each student
- Resources to implement next generation science standards
- Continued support for research-based and comprehensive instructional strategies in math and literacy
- Positions to enhance support for special education students and English language learners

## 2023-24 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget  
**\$119,988,980**

Proposed  
Budget-to-Budget  
Increase  
**3.64%**

Proposed 2023-24  
Tax Levy Change  
**1.56%**

## STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY; PLEASE VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 16

Dear KLSD Community,

We thank you for your continued support of KLSD students, whose achievements and enthusiastic engagement have been a source of pride and joy throughout the school year. Thanks to your partnership, our students are benefiting from a vibrant learning environment in our schools and classrooms. Seeing you in our schools again for special programs, or in the audience or on the sidelines, celebrating and cheering, reminds us every day how grateful we are to represent such a wonderful school community.

Next year's school budget was developed to reflect our commitment to outstanding education and to responsible spending. It supports implementation of next generation science standards, classrooms conducive to innovative teaching and learning, and necessary resources to meet the educational needs of all students. Once again, we are proposing a budget that is well below the New York State tax levy cap.

We thank you for entrusting us to propose a school budget for the 2023-24 school year and look forward to seeing you at the polls. On May 16, 2023, please vote on the Katonah-Lewisboro School District budget, bus replacement and the election of two Board of Education trustees.

Sincerely,

Marjorie Schiff, *President*  
Julia Hadlock, *Vice President*  
Rory Burke, *Trustee*  
Elizabeth Gereghy, *Trustee*

Catharine Oestreicher, *Trustee*  
Bill Rifkin, *Trustee*  
Elana Shneyer, *Trustee*

Andrew Selesnick  
*Superintendent of Schools*



Katonah-Lewisboro Proposed 2023-24 School Budget / **VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2023**

## 2023-24 PROPOSED EXPENSES

ITEM	BUDGET 2022-23	PROPOSED BUDGET 2023-24	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE	% OF TOTAL BUDGET
Board of Education	\$73,925	\$80,025	\$6,100	8.25%	0.07%
District Clerk and Voting	\$155,815	\$146,071	-\$9,744	-6.25%	0.12%
Central Administration	\$450,714	\$457,762	\$7,048	1.56%	0.38%
Finance	\$1,046,088	\$1,076,162	\$30,074	2.87%	0.90%
Personnel Services	\$483,625	\$517,376	\$33,751	6.98%	0.43%
Legal Services/Attorney Fees for General Counsel, Labor Counsel and CSE Litigation	\$521,000	\$520,000	-\$1,000	-0.19%	0.43%
Public Information	\$105,060	\$107,160	\$2,100	2%	0.09%
Operations and Maintenance/Buildings and Grounds	\$7,226,265	\$7,778,196	\$551,931	7.64%	6.48%
Printing, Mailing, Data Processing, Records Management, Warehouse	\$644,394	\$807,329	\$162,935	25.28%	0.67%
Insurance	\$185,500	\$183,700	-\$1,800	-0.97%	0.15%
Tax Certioraris/Judgements and Claims	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0%	0.04%
Special Items/BOCES Administration/Capital Unclassified	\$767,339	\$785,348	\$18,009	2.35%	0.65%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,709,725</b>	<b>\$12,509,129</b>	<b>\$799,404</b>	<b>6.83%</b>	<b>10.42%</b>
Curriculum Development	\$1,184,594	\$1,156,658	-\$27,936	-2.36%	0.96%
Buildings and Department Supervision	\$5,081,844	\$5,125,753	\$43,909	0.86%	4.27%
Innovation Grants and Staff Development	\$745,863	\$804,497	\$58,634	7.86%	0.67%
Teaching Regular School	\$31,419,425	\$32,590,821	\$1,171,396	3.73%	27.16%
Special Education Program	\$13,061,249	\$13,204,082	\$142,833	1.09%	11%
Adult Education/Driver's Education	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%	0%
School Library/Audio-Visual/Education Technology	\$897,855	\$947,682	\$49,827	5.55%	0.79%
Instructional Computer Software/Hardware	\$2,675,432	\$2,574,761	-\$100,671	-3.76%	2.15%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$502,350	\$517,912	\$15,562	3.10%	0.43%
Interscholastic Sports	\$1,237,750	\$1,369,000	\$131,250	10.60%	1.14%
Other Pupil Services	\$4,553,619	\$4,966,496	\$412,877	9.07%	4.14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$61,359,981</b>	<b>\$63,257,662</b>	<b>\$1,897,681</b>	<b>3.09%</b>	<b>52.72%</b>
Pupil Transportation/Recreation	\$4,781,907	\$4,831,759	\$49,852	1.04%	4.03%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,781,907</b>	<b>\$4,831,759</b>	<b>\$49,852</b>	<b>1.04%</b>	<b>4.03%</b>
Employee Benefits	\$33,161,839	\$34,721,198	\$1,559,359	4.70%	28.94%
Debt Service	\$2,695,538	\$2,689,232	-\$6,306	-0.23%	2.24%
Interfund Transfer	\$2,070,000	\$1,980,000	-\$90,000	-4.35%	1.65%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$37,927,377</b>	<b>\$39,390,430</b>	<b>\$1,463,053</b>	<b>3.86%</b>	<b>32.83%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL ALL BUDGET CATEGORIES</b>	<b>\$115,778,990</b>	<b>\$119,988,980</b>	<b>\$4,209,990</b>	<b>3.64%</b>	<b>100%</b>



### PROPOSITION # 1: KLSD BUDGET

The first proposition on the ballot is the Katonah-Lewisboro School District's operating budget for the 2023-24 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 WITH ELECTRIC, HYBRID OR FUEL VEHICLES

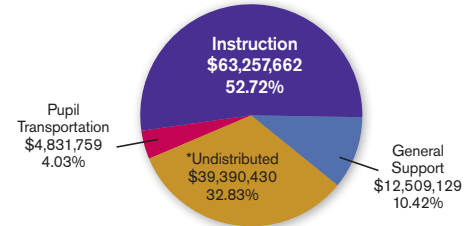
In addition to the general fund budget proposal, you will have an opportunity to vote on a proposition to transfer funds from the 2022-23 general fund to the capital fund to replace up to six district school buses, vans and service trucks with electric, hybrid or fuel vehicles. If approved, there would

be no impact to taxes and no additional debt would be incurred. The replacement of buses and vans on a rotational basis is important to maintaining safe, dependable transportation for our students. In total, all the vehicles in this proposition would be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$950,000.

# TAX RATE PROJECTION SUMMARY

	Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Budget 2023-2024	Dollar Difference	% Change from Previous Year
Total Expenditures	\$115,778,990	\$119,988,980	\$4,209,990	3.64%
Total Revenue Other Than Property Taxes	\$14,829,800	\$17,466,782	\$2,636,982	17.78%
Amount to Be Raised by Taxes	\$100,949,190	\$102,522,198	\$1,573,008	1.56%

## Proposed Expenditure Budget

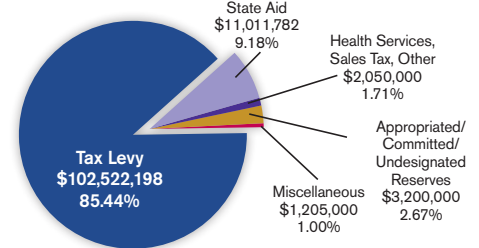


\* Undistributed includes Debt Service, Interfund Transfers and Benefits.

Tax Rates	2022-23 Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	2023-24 Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	% Change from Previous Year
Bedford	\$186.7983	\$191.8979	2.73%
Lewisboro	\$218.1548	\$218.4082	0.12%
North Salem	\$21.2050	\$17.8660	-15.75%
Pound Ridge	\$108.0653	\$111.2435	2.94%

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 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$115,778,990	\$119,988,980	\$118,400,571
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$4,209,990	\$2,621,581
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.64 %	2.26%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.00 %	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$100,949,190	\$102,522,198	
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)	\$100,949,190	\$102,522,198	\$100,949,190
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,755,506	\$1,679,961	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$100,359,720	\$101,815,960	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$99,193,684	\$100,842,237	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$1,166,036	\$973,723	
Administrative Component	\$15,105,233	\$15,612,084	\$15,558,536
Program Component	\$86,284,992	\$89,479,151	\$89,182,900
Capital Component	\$14,388,765	\$14,897,745	\$13,659,135

\* Assuming revenues other than tax levy remain as presented in the original budget, a contingent budget would require \$1,588,409 of reductions to the general fund budget. This would necessitate elimination of the following: \$26,000 - community use of facilities, \$377,183 - instructional, operations and maintenance, and transportation equipment purchases, and \$1,185,226 of other reductions (program expenses, capital expenses, and administrative expenses). If necessary, the actual cuts to the proposed budget in the amount of \$1,588,409 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 up to six vehicles including the following types of vehicles: 66-passenger electric or fuel bus (and/or a similar sized substitute), 18-passenger vans (and/or a similar sized substitute), 78-passenger buses (and/or a similar sized substitute) and/or an electric/hybrid vehicle (and/or a similar substitute) for a total cost not to exceed \$950,000.	\$950,000

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$1,634

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Katonah-Lewisboro School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held at Katonah Elementary School, Increase Miller Elementary School and Meadow Pond Elementary School in said District on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 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

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

All District residents registered to vote 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 6, 2023 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration is open through Thursday, May 11, 2023.

## 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.

## 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, [klschools.org](https://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 9, 2023. If the application is delivered personally, it must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2023. 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 16, 2023. 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, (914) 763-7020/[kmonzon@klschools.org](mailto:kmonzon@klschools.org)



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## RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER



# VOTE

**Tuesday, May 16, 2023, 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 Catharine Oestreicher and William Rifkin