

SCHOOL BUDGET NEWSLETTER 2022-23



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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 bolster social emotional health and well-being
- Positions to enhance support for special education students and English language learners
- Improvements to physical infrastructure reflecting continued commitment to sustainability

2022-23 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget
\$115,778,990

Proposed
Budget-to-Budget
Increase
2.24%

Proposed 2022-23
Tax Levy Change
1.25%

CELEBRATING THE RETURN TO SCHOOL—STRENGTHENING OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

Dear KLSD Community,

We are thrilled that KLSD students could return to their schools and classrooms this year and that we have been able to foster the vibrant learning environment that is a hallmark of our school district. Our students' daily presence and participation continues to strengthen our school community, and we wish to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of KLSD students and staff.

On May 17, 2022, we hope you will join us to vote on the 2022-2023 Katonah-Lewisboro School District Budget and the election of three Board of Education trustees.

Next year's proposed school budget supports our community's continued commitment both to educational excellence and sensible spending. It responds to the educational needs of all students, supports our culture of innovative teaching practice, and maintains rich extra-curricular programming, even as it considers enrollment shifts and fluctuation in state aid — resulting in a proposed budget well below the New York State tax levy cap.

We thank you for your continued partnership and for taking time to vote on May 17, 2022.

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*



2022-23 PROPOSED EXPENSES

ITEM	BUDGET 2021-22	PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-23	DOLLAR DIFFERENCE	% DIFFERENCE	% OF TOTAL BUDGET
Board of Education	\$73,225	\$73,925	\$700	0.96%	0.06%
District Clerk and Voting	\$135,623	\$155,815	\$20,192	14.89%	0.14%
Central Administration	\$445,306	\$450,714	\$5,408	1.21%	0.39%
Finance	\$994,158	\$1,046,088	\$51,930	5.22%	0.90%
Personnel Services	\$460,684	\$483,625	\$22,941	4.98%	0.42%
Legal Services/Attorney Fees for General Counsel, Labor Counsel and CSE Litigation	\$524,500	\$521,000	-\$3,500	-0.67%	0.45%
Public Information	\$101,500	\$105,060	\$3,560	3.51%	0.09%
Operations and Maintenance/Buildings and Grounds	\$6,791,805	\$7,226,265	\$434,460	6.40%	6.24%
Printing, Mailing, Data Processing, Records Management, Warehouse	\$685,266	\$644,394	-\$40,872	-5.96%	0.56%
Insurance	\$185,000	\$185,500	\$500	0.27%	0.16%
Tax Certioraris/Judgements and Claims	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0.00%	0.04%
Special Items/BOCES Administration/Capital Unclassified	\$745,280	\$767,339	\$22,059	2.96%	0.66%
TOTAL	\$11,192,347	\$11,709,725	\$517,378	4.62%	10.11%
Curriculum Development	\$1,015,674	\$1,184,594	\$168,920	16.63%	1.02%
Buildings and Department Supervision	\$4,510,392	\$5,081,844	\$571,452	12.67%	4.39%
Innovation Grants and Staff Development	\$665,092	\$745,863	\$80,771	12.14%	0.64%
Teaching Regular School	\$32,040,759	\$31,419,425	-\$621,334	-1.94%	27.14%
Special Education Program	\$12,777,376	\$13,061,249	\$283,873	2.22%	11.28%
Adult Education/Driver's Education	\$6,500	\$0	-\$6,500	-100.00%	0.00%
School Library/Audio-Visual/Education Technology	\$888,025	\$897,855	\$9,830	1.11%	0.78%
Instructional Computer Software/Hardware	\$2,588,498	\$2,675,432	\$86,934	3.36%	2.31%
Co-Curricular Activities	\$488,790	\$502,350	\$13,560	2.77%	0.43%
Interscholastic Sports	\$1,142,250	\$1,237,750	\$95,500	8.36%	1.08%
Other Pupil Services	\$4,513,167	\$4,553,619	\$40,452	0.90%	3.93%
TOTAL	\$60,636,523	\$61,359,981	\$723,458	1.19%	53.00%
Pupil Transportation/Recreation	\$4,563,882	\$4,781,907	\$218,025	4.78%	4.13%
TOTAL	\$4,563,882	\$4,781,907	\$218,025	4.78%	4.13%
Employee Benefits	\$32,475,857	\$33,161,839	\$685,982	2.11%	28.64%
Debt Service	\$2,704,271	\$2,695,538	-\$8,733	-0.32%	2.33%
Interfund Transfer	\$1,670,000	\$2,070,000	\$400,000	23.95%	1.79%
TOTAL	\$36,850,128	\$37,927,377	\$1,077,249	2.92%	32.76%
GRAND TOTAL ALL BUDGET CATEGORIES	\$113,242,880	\$115,778,990	\$2,536,110	2.24%	100.00%



PROPOSITION # 1: KLSD BUDGET

The first proposition on the ballot is the Katonah-Lewisboro School District's operating budget for the 2022-23 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 & ELECTRIC VEHICLES

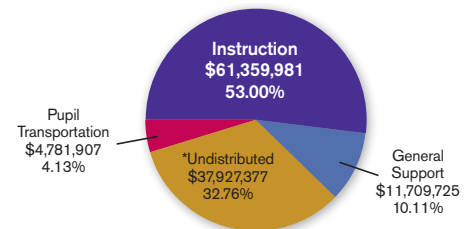
In addition to the general fund budget proposal, you will have an opportunity to weigh in on a proposition to transfer funds from the 2021-22 general fund to the capital fund to replace district vehicles. If approved, there would be no impact to taxes and no additional debt would be incurred. The replacement of buses and vans on a rotational basis is important

to maintaining safe, dependable transportation for our students. This year, the proposition includes the purchase of our first electric vehicles – a 66-passenger bus and a four-wheel-drive SUV for the transportation department – an important step in our sustainability efforts. In total, all the vehicles in this proposition would be purchased at a cost not to exceed \$921,975.

TAX RATE PROJECTION SUMMARY

	Budget 2021-2022	Proposed Budget 2022-2023	Dollar Difference	% Change from Previous Year
Total Expenditures	\$113,242,880	\$115,778,990	\$2,536,110	2.24%
Total Revenue Other Than Property Taxes	\$13,542,486	\$14,829,800	\$1,287,314	9.51%
Amount to Be Raised by Taxes	\$99,700,394	\$100,949,190	\$1,248,796	1.25%

Proposed Expenditure Budget

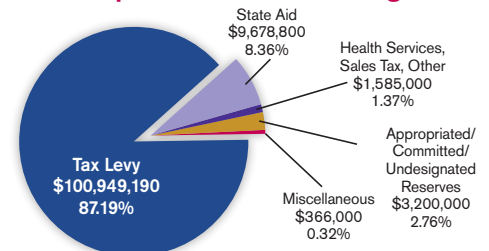


* Undistributed includes Debt Service, Inter-fund Transfers and Employee Benefits.

Tax Rates	2021-22 Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	2022-23 Rate/\$1,000 of Assessed Value	% Change from Previous Year
Bedford	\$192.8533	\$186.6517	-3.22%
Lewisboro	\$211.4012	\$217.9535	3.10%
North Salem	\$21.5074	\$21.1850	-1.50%
Pound Ridge	\$109.6395	\$107.9764	-1.52%

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 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$113,242,880	\$115,778,990	\$113,486,823
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$2,536,110	\$243,943
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.24%	0.22%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.70%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$99,700,394	\$100,949,190	
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)	\$99,700,394	\$100,949,190	\$99,700,394
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,966,535	\$1,755,506	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$98,360,207	\$100,359,720	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$97,733,859	\$99,193,684	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$626,348	\$1,166,036	
Administrative Component	\$13,548,471	\$15,105,233	\$14,199,894
Program Component	\$85,566,410	\$86,284,992	\$86,001,842
Capital Component	\$548,471	\$14,388,765	\$13,285,088

* Assuming revenues other than tax levy remain as presented in the original budget, a contingent budget would require \$2,292,167 of reductions to the general fund budget. This would necessitate elimination of the following: \$26,000 - community use of facilities, \$363,270 - instructional, operations and maintenance, and transportation equipment purchases, and \$1,902,897 of other reductions (program expenses, capital expenses and administrative expenses). If necessary, the actual cuts to the proposed budget in the amount of \$2,292,167 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) - one 66-passenger electric bus, four 18-passenger vans, one eight-passenger wheelchair van, one 78-passenger bus and one electric four-wheel-drive vehicle.	\$921,975

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$1,634

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 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 17, 2022 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 7, 2022 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Registration is open through Thursday, May 12, 2022.

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 at least 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, 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 10, 2022. If the application is delivered personally, it must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2022. 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 17, 2022. 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

The complete proposed budget is available at klschools.org/budget.



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VOTE

Tuesday, May 17, 2022, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

Increase Miller Elementary School • Katonah Elementary School
Meadow Pond Elementary School

✓ School district budget

✓ Bus proposition

✓ Election of three school board members to fill vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of Rory Burke, Elizabeth Gereghty and Julia Hadlock