



Dear residents,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy. The last couple of years have really thrown us some curve balls, from a pandemic to a significant, multi-day power outage. Through it all, we continue to persevere. Moreover, we continue to provide the opportunities and experiences our students deserve so that they can grow and thrive. It is with our students in mind that we provide our plan for the district's proposed budget for the 2022-2023 school year, one that continues to ensure our students are afforded the resources needed to learn and excel.

In the last newsletter, I pridefully highlighted so many successes of our students while also reminding residents of the variety of activities and opportunities our students have access to through our diverse educational and co-curricular programming. This is only made possible through our Board of Education's leadership, the dedicated work of our faculty and staff, and the continuous support provided by our entire school community. Thank you!

Over the past few months, we have been planning for the next school year and working to develop a budget that supports the district's goals. To that end, at its meeting on April 18, the Board of Education approved a budget of \$21,878,679 for the next school year. This is an increase of 0.4% from the current budget, an increase of less than one-half of one percent. As you know, the Board of Education and the administration have worked diligently the past many years to control the growth of our expenses within the district and this year was no different. It is also worth noting that the district is staying within the allowable tax levy limit of 2.42%, equating to \$108,291. Additionally, consistent with the past several years, we are not planning to use any of our restricted reserves as a means of balancing the budget for next year. This is excellent financial news for the district both now and for the future.

As you review the budget information, you will notice that most of the other items are rather standard year-to-year adjustments that occur. However, if there is something that you are wondering about, don't hesitate to reach out to us for the information. There is additional budget information on our website, so please feel free to peruse those documents. All budget presentations and related

documents from the budget development process are provided - under the "District" drop-down, you will see a link to "Budget & Tax Information." Furthermore, please feel free to call me or school Business Administrator Joseph McLaughlin at 607-693-8120 with any questions.

Please mark your calendar for the annual vote on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 1:30 – 8 p.m. in the elementary gymnasium. In addition to the budget vote, we have also included a vote for transportation vehicles, and, of course, Board of Education seats. Be reminded, for those who wish to vote by absentee ballot, qualified voters can request an absentee ballot from District Clerk Tabatha Rhodes.

This is an exciting time, as we work through the final stages of the school year with an eye toward the future. Thank you for all that you do to support our school and for your consideration of the proposed 2022-2023 budget.

Best wishes to you and your family for an outstanding finish to the school year!

Yours in education,

Michael J. Rullo
Superintendent

Go Hornets!



Michael Rullo,
Superintendent

Budget Snapshot

	Total	Increase
Budget	\$21,878,679	0.40%
Tax Levy	\$4,589,159	2.42%
Tax Levy Limit	\$4,589,159	2.42%
Average Tax Rate*	\$15.82	\$0.37

Annual cost increase for home assessed at \$50K: \$18.67**

*per \$1,000 assessed. **estimated using last year's equalization, tax rates, etc.



Students impressed with Corning Museum of Glass tour *By Brenda Keeler, art teacher*

The National Art Honor Society and the National Junior Art Honor Society recently took a field trip to the world-renowned Corning Museum of Glass.

The students enjoyed an impressive, chronological tour of the development and artistry of glass. There was plenty of discussion points from the properties and functions of ancient glass across cultures up to the relevant sociological content of contemporary designs. The tour guides, Rich and Gideon, both enthusiastically agreed that Harpurville High School was their favorite group so far. They remarked

how engaged the students were and how thoughtful their questioning was.

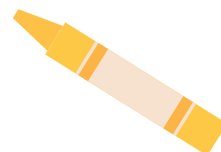
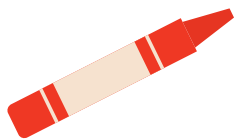
The students were also treated to a live glass show and will be following up in the art room at school with a glass fusing workshop, where they will discover the wonder of working with glass through hands-on learning.

I am sure this trip will be tops among the highlights of the school year for these aspiring artists.



W.A. Olmsted Elementary School **2022-2023** **KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION** **has begun...**

Don't wait enroll your child today!



Register at the W.A. Olmsted Elementary Office

Monday-Friday between 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Please call with questions: 607-693-8115





HCS mathletes shine at statewide competition

The Harpursville Mathletes season was capped off by participating in the New York State Mathematics League (NYSML) statewide competition on April 2. Students from all over New York state meet regionally and compete virtually in the annual spring competition. Harpursville is a member of the Southern Tier Mathletes who fielded a team from its participating schools. Seniors Sarah Young and Ben Williams joined 18 other students from around our region at Vestal High School for the Saturday morning competition.

The competition began with the team round. Sarah and Ben were placed on teams with students from Vestal, Seton, Johnson City, Union-Endicott and Maine-Endwell. The teams, who had never met, came together quickly and worked together to answer 10 questions in 20 minutes. Next, was the "Mega Question" round, during which the students have to teach themselves a new concept and then immediately apply the new skill to answer 10 questions. This year's topic was "Taxi Cab Geometry."

$$d_1(\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) = \|\mathbf{p} - \mathbf{q}\|_1 = \sum_{i=1}^n |p_i - q_i|,$$

where (\mathbf{p}, \mathbf{q}) are vectors

$$\mathbf{p} = (p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n) \text{ and } \mathbf{q} = (q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n)$$

For example, in the plane, the taxicab distance between

$$(p_1, p_2) \text{ and } (q_1, q_2) \text{ is } |p_1 - q_1| + |p_2 - q_2|.$$

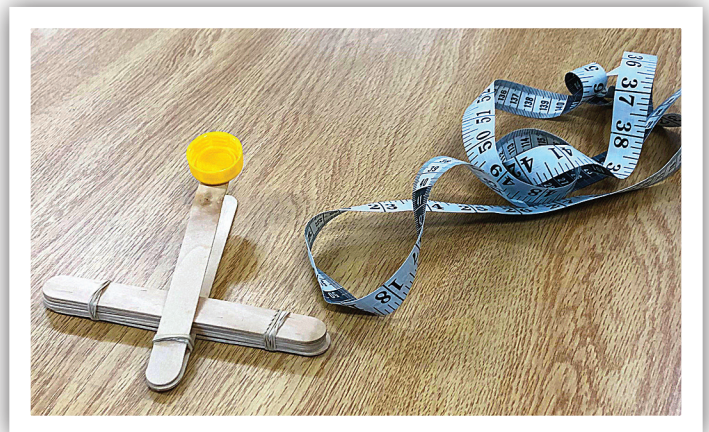
Next, 10 individual questions were followed by two rounds of the "Relay" round, in which students are not allowed to talk but instead pass the answer to their question on a slip of paper. Student 1 completes the problem and passes the answer to student 2. Student 2 must then use that number in the set-up of their problem. The student then sets up and completes the problem, passing their answer to student 3. Student 3 then uses that number and completes their problem, completing the relay. The relay is timed at six minutes with bonus points given if the problems are answered correctly before the 3-minute mark. (See example above) Sarah's team on Relay #1 not only answered correctly but did so under the 3-minute mark to earn the bonus points for the team.



The results were then sent in by the coaches to NYSML and on Sunday they announced the rankings. Our Southern Tier Mathletes ranked 16 out of the 27 teams.

One can learn a lot from launching jellybeans across the room...really!

Students taking Regents Algebra 1 were "treated" to an optional project during homeroom time. Teacher Jayme Manville set up catapults to launch jellybeans. The students worked in teams of three to launch, time and measure the path of the jellybean. They then used their newly acquired quadratic skills of solving and graphing to calculate the path that the jellybean took from the catapult to the floor. In doing so, they needed to calculate the vertex of the parabolic flight, write the function in vertex form and calculate the coefficient of quadratic term. Once completed, we changed the location of the catapult from the floor to a desk. Moving the catapult up to a desk changed the launch point of the jellybean so the students had to rewrite their functions compensating for the new y-intercept. They then solved their quadratic function to predict where the jellybean will land when launched from a desk. Students attempted to hit their target three times. Melissa Cantone-Gnyp was able to



hit her target two out of three times. The only thing left to do was to enjoy some jellybeans ... those that were not on the floor.



2022-2023 three-part budget proposal

Administrative	\$2,156,637	9.86%
Program	\$15,566,528	71.15%
Capital	\$4,155,514	18.99%
Total	\$21,878,679	-

Administrative Component

	Description	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	Change
Board of Education	School board association memberships and conferences, election supplies and services and other board of education related expenses	\$37,750	\$38,000	\$250
Chief School Officer	Superintendent's and clerical salaries, supplies and contracted service costs	\$209,290	\$222,189	\$12,899
Finance	Business office salaries and services, BOCES services	\$297,577	\$299,837	\$2,260
Staff	Legal costs, personnel office, supplies and services, public information supplies and services	\$125,907	\$135,991	\$10,084
Special Items	Insurance costs, BOCES administrative costs, labor alliance	\$206,821	\$210,433	\$3,612
Administration-Instruction	Salaries of principals, assistant superintendent for instruction, CSE/CPSE chairperson and associated clerical salaries and supplies.	\$608,676	\$637,543	\$28,867
Employee Benefits	Related benefits for administrative employees (FICA, health insurance, retirement costs, workers compensation)	\$615,773	\$612,644	\$(3,129)
TOTALS		\$2,101,794	\$2,156,637	\$54,843

Program Component

	Description	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	Change
Teaching	Teacher salaries, textbooks, supplies, equipment, contracted services (BOCES), support staff costs and substitute costs for general education and special education	\$8,570,281	\$8,452,864	\$(117,417)
Library & Audiovisual	Library and A-V salaries, library books, supplies and services	\$99,578	\$103,756	\$4,178
Computer Assisted Instruction	Computer equipment and software, BOCES instructional programs, technology services	\$694,355	\$741,909	\$47,554
Guidance	Salaries, supplies, and contracted services for the guidance department	\$142,638	\$147,867	\$5,229
Educational Related Support Services	Nurses office, psychologist, speech pathologist salaries, supplies and contractual expenses	\$340,735	\$445,268	\$104,533
Co-Curricular Activities	Salaries, supplies and services to support student clubs and activities	\$60,234	\$67,734	\$7,500
Interscholastic Athletics	Salaries, supplies and services to support girls and boys athletic teams	\$225,247	\$262,558	\$37,311
Transportation	Bus driver and support staff salaries, supplies and services for transporting students.	\$1,014,960	\$999,181	\$(15,779)
Employee Benefits	Related benefits for program employees (FICA, health insurance, retirement costs, workers compensation)	\$4,356,181	\$4,300,391	\$(55,790)
Interfund Transfers		\$50,000	\$45,000	\$(5,000)
TOTALS		\$15,554,209	\$15,556,528	\$12,319

Capital Component

	Description	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Budget	Change
Operation and Plant Maintenance	Custodial and maintenance salaries and supplies, contract services, plant utilities (heat, electric etc.)	\$1,125,027	\$1,122,171	\$(2,856)
Buses	Cost associated with purchasing buses	\$-	\$-	\$-
Employee Benefits	Related benefits for capital component employees (FICA, health insurance, retirement costs, workers compensation)	\$323,515	\$336,711	\$13,196
Debt Service	Costs for short and long term debt of the district	\$2,587,876	\$2,596,632	\$8,756
Other Transfers		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$-
TOTALS		\$4,136,418	\$4,155,514	\$19,096
GRAND TOTALS		\$21,792,421	\$21,878,679	\$86,258



Revenue

	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 proposed budget	percent change	Dollar change
Tax Levy	\$4,480,868	\$4,589,159	2.42%	\$108,291
Other Revenue	\$671,857	\$611,990	-8.91%	\$(59,867)
State aid	\$15,800,847	\$16,177,530	2.38%	\$376,683
Appropriated Reserves	\$-	\$-	0.00%	\$-
Appropriated fund balance	\$500,000	\$500,000		
Federal CARES Act Funds	\$338,849	\$-	-100.00%	\$(338,849)
TOTALS	\$21,792,421	\$21,878,679	0.40%	\$86,258

Expenditures

	2021-22 Current Budget	2022-23 proposed budget	percent change	Dollar change
Instructional Salaries	\$4,911,068	\$5,032,613	2.47%	\$121,545
Non-Instructional Salaries	\$1,952,008	\$2,082,394	6.68%	\$130,386
Equipment**	\$100,750	\$95,000	-5.71%	\$(5,750)
Contractual Expenses	\$1,736,100	\$1,756,010	1.15%	\$19,910
Materials and Supplies	\$564,150	\$491,434	-12.89%	\$(72,716)
BOCES	\$4,495,000	\$4,429,850	-1.45%	\$(65,150)
Debt Service	\$2,587,876	\$2,596,632	0.34%	\$8,756
Benefits	\$5,295,469	\$5,249,746	-0.86%	\$(45,723)
Transfers	\$150,000	\$145,000	-3.33%	\$(5,000)
TOTALS	\$21,792,421	\$21,878,679	0.40%	\$86,258

Capital outlay projects enable districts to improve with state aid support

The district continues to strive to ensure safe and sound facilities that enhance learning for our students. By completing yearly capital outlay projects, the district can get capital construction work completed and receive the state aid back on the project the following year. As a reminder, the district receives approximately 93% of the costs via New York State Building Aid. This year, the district plans to update the flooring on the first floor of the Jr/Sr High School. This will run from outside the Family and Consumer Science room all the way to the terrazzo floor outside of the music wing (excluding the new flooring from the latest capital project).



2022 board member election

Two seats on the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education will be up for election on May 17, 2022: A five-year term beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2027, for the seat currently occupied by Kacie Huston; and an unexpired, two-year term for the seat formerly held by Michael Bennett and currently filled by Nicole Robertson, beginning on July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2024.

Kacie Huston

Dear Harpursville Community,

As my one-year term comes to an end, I am delighted to officially announce that I have decided to run for the open 5-year seat on the Harpursville School Board of Education.

My experience thus far as a current board member has enlightened me to continue being part of a school board team who embody honesty, trust, fairness, and integrity with genuine care for the students, teachers, administrators, and staff.

I am a class of 2004 Harpursville graduate, and a college graduate of Marywood University with a degree in Art Education. My husband and I have two daughters, Viviana (9) and Mirabel (3). As proud Hornet Alumni, we both want to see our girls grow up in a district that supports them and cares about providing excellent education and opportunities for all to succeed.

As a dedicated supporter of our community and school, I am running for this board seat because I want to ensure our students grow up with a

sense of hope and optimism about their future. This opportunity gives me a chance to give back to the district as well as share my passion for education.

I would be humbled to have your support. I appreciate your time and consideration and I hope you come out and vote on May 17.



Nicole Robertson (Baker)

Hello, Harpursville Community. My name is Nicole Robertson (Baker) and I am running for the two-year term opening on the Harpursville School Board. As both an alumnae and parent in the district, I know firsthand what a wonderful community HCS can offer. I am running for this position to help ensure that every student has the opportunity for a quality education in a safe and supportive environment.

After receiving my bachelor's degree in history from Binghamton University, I began my career in the public school system, first at Union-Endicott and now at Maine-Endwell CSD. I currently serve as the Secondary and Off Campus Secretary for the ME Special Education office, where I coordinate with teachers and staff to help students receive the accommodations they need. This work

has allowed me direct experience with the New York State public school system especially within the areas of Special Education guidelines and policies. As a board member, this experience would allow me to better advise the district.

And while I can offer my professional experience, I am also running for the school board because of my role as a mother. My husband, Josh, and I moved back several years ago to raise our son Caleb in Harpursville. Returning to the district as a parent, I recognized the community's responsibility in supporting our district's teachers and staff. To facilitate this, I helped to reestablish the Harpursville chapter of the Parent-Teacher Association and served as the chapter treasurer from 2018-2020.

During this time, I helped to organize several successful events and fundraisers. As a member of the school board, I'll focus on building strong bridges between the community and the district, ensuring support for Harpursville's faculty, staff, and students in the years to come.

Some of my fondest memories are of my time as a student at Harpursville; I'm running for school board to help the next generation of alumni feel the same way. Thank you for your support and your vote,

Nicole Robertson (Baker), Class of 2005



Budget vote and election of board members

May 4, 2022 - Budget hearing and board meeting is scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Jr./Sr. High School, room 101.

May 17, 2022 - Budget vote and board member election, 1:30-8 p.m. at W. A. Olmsted Elementary, new gym.

Rock on café HS lunch menu May 2022

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <i>Mini Pancakes</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Chicken Patty on a Bun Sweet Potato Crinkle Fries Mixed Vegetable Fresh NY Apple NY Milk	3 <i>Cinnamon Bun</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Tacos on a Shell w/Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Pears/ NY Milk	4 <i>Breakfast Pizza</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Boneless Chicken Wings Corn Muffin Oven Roasted Potatoes Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Hummus & Dip Fresh Banana NY Milk	5 <i>Fr. Toast Sticks w/syrup</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice/Milk</i> NY Thursday! NY Chicken Burrito Bowl NY Sour Cream NY Cheddar Cheese Taco Seasoned Rice NY Rainbow Cabbage Salad Fresh NY Apple NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	6 <i>Hornet Muffin</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Stuffed Crust Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk
9 <i>Mini Cinnis</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes Glazed Carrots Fresh NY Apple NY Milk	10 <i>Breakfast Breads</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice/Milk</i> Rex & Roxy's Birthday! Fruit/Yogurt Parfait Mozz. String Cheese Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Dip Chilled Peaches NY Milk Poppin' Party Ice Cream	11 <i>Bagel Pizza</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Puffs Fresh Orange NY Milk	12 <i>Ultimate Round</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice/Milk</i> Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Applesauce NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	13 <i>Hornet Muffin</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk
16 <i>Mini Pancakes</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Cheeseburger on a Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato Savory Sweet Potato Fries Veggie Cruncher Cup w/Hummus & Dip Fresh NY Apple NY Milk	17 <i>Cinnamon Bun</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Taco Salad w/Assorted Toppings Seasoned Rice Corn Chilled Mixed Fruit NY Milk	18 <i>Breakfast Pizza</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Chicken/Gravy Wheat Dinner Roll Mashed Potatoes Green Peas Fresh NY Apple NY Milk	19 <i>French Toast Sticks</i> <i>w/Syrup</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice/Milk</i> Cheese Lasagna Garlic Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Peaches NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	20 <i>Hornet Muffin</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Wild Mike's Mozzarella Bites Side of Pasta w/Sauce Garden Salad w/Chickpeas Assorted Fresh Fruit NY Milk
23 <i>Apple or Cherry Frudel</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Chicken Nuggets w/Dipping Sauce Wheat Dinner Roll Sweet Potato Crinkle Fries Baby Carrots w/Dip Fresh NY Apple NY Milk	24 <i>Breakfast Breads</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> French Toast Sticks Sausage Patty Potato Puffs Fresh Orange NY Milk	25 <i>Bagel Breakfast Pizza</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Pasta w/Meat Sauce Garlic Bread Stick Steamed Broccoli Chilled Applesauce NY Milk	26 <i>Snack'n Waffles</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice/Milk</i> NY Thursday! NY Pizza (Cheese or Pepperoni) NY Romaine Lettuce w/Chickpeas NY Sliced Apples NY Grape/Apple Juice NY Milk	27 Memorial Day Recess No School
30 Memorial Day Recess No School	31 <i>Mini Cinnis</i> <i>Assorted Fresh Fruit</i> <i>100% Fruit Juice</i> <i>NY Milk</i> Popcorn Chicken Savory Sweet Potato Fries Baby Carrots w/Hummus & Dip Fresh NY Apple NY Milk			



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ECRWSS

Spring Concerts!

Save the date!



Chorus Concert:
May 19th, 7PM.

**Featuring vocal music from the
Elementary Choruses, Junior
Chorus, and Senior Chorus**



Band Concert:
May 26th, 7PM.

**Featuring instrumental music
from the 5/6 Bands, Junior
Band, and Senior Band**

*All Concerts will take place in our new JR/SR Auditorium!
Students report to school at 6:30 p.m.*