



Hello Hornet Community,

I hope this newsletter finds you safe and healthy and ready for warmer weather. One of the things I have enjoyed about working in Harpursville is seeing how much the staff cares about providing a great school experience for our students. It is with our students in mind that we provide our plan for the district's proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year, one that continues to ensure ALL our students are afforded the resources needed to learn and excel.

Our board is committed to support your children and have approved a budget that addresses that goal in many ways. The board knows that there may be changes in state funding changes down the road and we want to ensure that we are prepared for the needs of today and tomorrow. Meeting these goals is only possible through the leadership of our board, our dedicated staff, and the support of the entire Harpursville community. Thank you!

After months of planning, we're excited to announce our budget for the next school year. At the April 17 board of education meeting, the board approved a budget of \$23,018,438 for the next school year. 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 \$111,165.

When you look at our budget information, you might notice that most of the items are pretty standard year-to-year adjustments. But if you have any questions, please don't

hesitate to contact us. You can also find more budget information on our website. 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.



Mr. Allen Buyck,
Interim Superintendent

Please mark your calendar for the annual vote on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, from 1:30 – 8 p.m. in the elementary gymnasium. Along with the budget vote, there will also be a vote for transportation vehicles, and board of education seats. For those who wish to vote by absentee ballot, qualified voters can request an absentee ballot from District Clerk Tabitha 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!

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Budget Snapshot

	Total	Increase
Budget	\$23,018,438	5.21%
Tax Levy	\$4,700,324	2.42%
Tax Levy Limit	\$4,700,324	2.42%
Average Tax Rate*	\$17.31	\$0.35
Annual cost increase for home assessed at \$50K: \$17.31**		
*per \$1,000 assessed. **estimated using last year's equalization, tax rates, etc.		



School board seats up for election in May

Two seats on the Harpursville Central School District Board of Education will be up for election on May 16, 2023:

- A five-year term beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2028, for the seat currently occupied by Melissa Anderson; and an unexpired, three-year term

beginning on May 17, 2023, and ending on June 30, 2026, for the seat previously occupied by Jessica Hartman and currently occupied by John Dattoria.

Tom Fargo

My name is Tom Fargo and I am pleased to be a candidate for the Harpursville CSD School Board. I moved to Harpursville with my family in 2007 from Norfolk, Virginia after serving for 21 years in the United States Navy. I'm currently the Director of Facilities and Transportation at DCMO BOCES and the Legion Commander for the Harpursville American Legion Post 1596. I believe that my experience as Director of Facilities in a school district allows me a unique opportunity to provide guidance with regards to facilities, student safety and security.



I am a father of 6, and have enjoyed watching my children grow and learn as a part of the Harpursville community. I am running for the school board because I want to give back to the community that has given so much to my family. Over the years, Harpursville CSD has done a great job providing opportunities for our students to achieve greatness in so many ways; from academics to sports to robotics clubs & arts. As a member of the school board I would like to see Harpursville CSD continue to provide such opportunities for the future students and promise to make the best decisions for the students, staff and residents of Harpursville. Thank you for your consideration.

Vicki Ann Hollister

I'm Vicki Ann Hollister. I am an alumna of the class of '77 and am running for School Board after attending meetings for the past year and a half. I am hoping that I can make a difference for the betterment of all. I see the need to build a United Community and will work together with you in making the children strong - both academically and physically - THEY ARE OUR FUTURE TOO. I believe that we must work as a team to see that the children have a better life than what is being presented to them in this now degrading society.



Being only one person on a seven-board committee, what I can do is limited, but I promise that I will work to put the focus of children's future first, while upholding my integrity. Everyone should have a voice and should be heard with compassion, not just receiving a canned statement that 'it's the directive of the state, department of education, etc.

Please get involved. Attend meetings. Demand accountability from the School and Board Members, hopefully including me. Change will only happen when one becomes involved. I am taking that step and I look forward to serving the School and the Community.

Budget vote and election of board members

May 4, 2023

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

May 16, 2023

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



W.A. Olmsted Elementary School 2023-2024

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





Judy Kochmanski

Education is the key to success. Education has lifted many people throughout our country's history up through the ranks and into leadership positions.

As a Board of Education Trustee, I will have opportunity to assist in helping guide our local education.



I was recently reading a book on America's history. I was reminded that a young slave, Frederick Douglass, then known as Fred Bailey, learned the only way out of slavery, and to be successful, is to learn to read, write and know mathematics. As an adult he became a sought-after speaker, a social reformer, and a freedom fighter.

I am a lifelong educator. I started teaching at 16, when my swim coach selected me to help those struggling with fear of water to swim, I became a Water Safety Instructor, then went on to become a Respiratory Therapist (RT). As an RT my job is saving people's lives and teaching people with lung and heart conditions how to live their best life, despite health conditions. Along this journey, we decided we wanted to homeschool our children so we could teach them our values. Homeschooling is not for everyone. It was my choice, and it was a blessing. As a Board of Education Trustee, and with your input, we can work together to guide our school's education programs, and help our children to learn our values. They are our future citizens and leaders!

Knowledge is power. Knowledge is how we will make our community stronger and better.

Mark your calendars. Voting day, for the 2 open Board of Education Seats, is May 16th 1:30 to 8 pm. Come and vote at the WA Elementary Gym.

Bernie Scott

My name is Bernard D. Scott, Jr. (aka "Bernie"), and I am running for a seat on the Harpursville School Board this year. I have lived in the Town of Colesville all my life, and I am committed to the safety and success of all those in our community, especially our children. I have raised four children that have graduated from Harpursville CSD, and currently, I am employed there as a full-time bus driver and DOT approved trainer. For forty years, I was involved in the Harpursville Youth Baseball program as a coach, mentor, and president. This is the 33rd year of my involvement with the Division 6 Auxiliary Police. Through all these years, the safety and well-being of our kids has always been my first priority. I am fortunate to have seen many students grow up and now have families of their own. Although I will be officially retiring on June 30, 2023, I would like to stay involved and support the district and our students by joining the school board. Your vote on May 16th would be greatly appreciated. Go Hornets!

Thank you,
Bernie Scott



Cast and crew thank community for support

Congratulations to the cast and crew of Annie on their successful show! Under the direction of Nicole Cole and Paul Peterson, 20 actors and 10 crew members filled the new Harpursville Auditorium to capacity on March 10 and 11, 2023 for two fantastic performances.

While some of the cast had been in theater previously, 14 of them were brand new to acting and excited to learn the tricks of the stage and bring this story to life. We hope their love and excitement for the theater continues for years to come. Some of our first-time actors are also current staff members! The theater department would like to thank Leslie Whaley, Caitlin Giblin, Chris Campanella, Kim Rusnak and Jason Lyon for joining us as the White House Cabinet. Other important participants include Ashley Gay, Anastasia Korenka-Robinson and the Mosher Family. With out the help of these volunteers, we would not have had the beautiful set pieces, props, costumes, hair or make-up.

In conclusion, the Harpursville Theater program would like to thank the community for their support. Many businesses and churches purchased ads for the program, donated food to our cast meals, and concession items, and supported us at the box

office, despite bad weather. We hope everyone enjoyed the production of Annie and have already begun planning for next Spring's show! Stay tuned.

Annie





2023-2024 budget proposal

2023-2024 three-part budget proposal

Administrative	\$2,195,608	9.54%
Program	\$16,409,955	71.29%
Capital	\$4,412,875	19.17%
Total	\$23,018,438	

Administrative Component

	Description	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	Change
Board of Education	School board association memberships and conferences, election supplies and services and other board of education related expenses	\$38,000	\$38,000	\$-
Chief School Officer	Superintendent's and clerical salaries, supplies and contracted service costs	\$222,189	\$230,569	\$8,380
Finance	Business office salaries and services, BOCES services	\$299,837	\$308,341	\$8,503
Staff	Legal costs, personnel office, supplies and services, public information supplies and services	\$135,991	\$136,059	\$68
Special Items	Insurance costs, BOCES administrative costs, labor alliance	\$210,433	\$214,324	\$3,891
Administration-Instruction	Salaries of principals, assistant superintendent for instruction, CSE/CPSE chairperson and associated clerical salaries and supplies.	\$637,544	\$661,533	\$23,989
Employee Benefits	Related benefits for administrative employees (FICA, health insurance, retirement costs, workers compensation)	\$612,644	\$606,782	\$(5,862)
TOTALS		\$2,156,638	\$2,195,608	\$38,970

Program Component

	Description	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	Change
Teaching	Teacher salaries, textbooks, supplies, equipment, contracted services (BOCES), support staff costs and substitute costs for general education and special education	\$8,452,864	\$8,978,132	\$525,268
Library & Audiovisual	Library and A-V salaries, library books, supplies and services	\$103,756	\$104,908	\$1,152
Computer Assisted Instruction	Computer equipment and software, BOCES instructional programs, technology services	\$741,909	\$745,088	\$3,179
Guidance	Salaries, supplies, and contracted services for the guidance department	\$147,867	\$151,816	\$3,949
Educational Related Support Services	Nurses office, psychologist, speech pathologist salaries, supplies and contractual expenses	\$445,268	\$427,883	\$(17,385)
Co-Curricular Activities	Salaries, supplies and services to support student clubs and activities	\$67,734	\$67,734	\$-
Interscholastic Athletics	Salaries, supplies and services to support girls and boys athletic teams	\$262,558	\$292,572	\$30,014
Transportation	Bus driver and support staff salaries, supplies and services for transporting students.	\$999,181	\$1,207,192	\$208,011
Employee Benefits	Related benefits for program employees (FICA, health insurance, retirement costs, workers compensation)	\$4,300,391	\$4,389,630	\$89,239
Interfund Transfers		\$45,000	\$45,000	\$-
TOTALS		\$15,566,528	\$16,409,955	\$843,427

Capital Component

	Description	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	Change
Operation and Plant Maintenance	Custodial and maintenance salaries and supplies, contract services, plant utilities (heat, electric etc.)	\$1,122,171	\$1,257,647	\$135,476
Buses	Cost associated with purchasing buses	\$-	\$-	\$-
Employee Benefits	Related benefits for capital component employees (FICA, health insurance, retirement costs, workers compensation)	\$336,711	\$342,420	\$5,709
Debt Service	Costs for short and long term debt of the district	\$2,596,632	\$2,712,808	\$116,176
Other Transfers		\$100,000	\$100,000	\$-
TOTALS		\$4,155,514	\$4,412,875	\$257,361
GRAND TOTALS		\$21,878,680	\$23,018,438	\$1,139,757



Revenue

	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 proposed budget	percent change	Dollar change
Tax Levy	\$4,589,159	\$4,700,324	2.42%	\$111,165
Other Revenue	\$611,990	\$703,654	14.98%	\$91,664
State aid	\$16,177,530	\$17,114,460	5.79%	\$936,930
Appropriated Reserves	\$-	\$-	0.00%	\$-
Appropriated fund balance	\$500,000	\$500,000	0.00%	\$-
TOTALS	\$21,878,679	\$23,018,438	5.21%	\$1,139,759

Six-year tax levy review

Year	Tax levy	Increase
2023-24	\$4,700,324	2.42%
2022-23	\$4,589,159	2.87%
2021-22	\$4,480,868	2.87%
2020-21	\$4,355,877	2.32%
2019-20	\$4,257,293	4.84%
2018-19	\$4,060,911	3.08%

Expenditures

	2022-23 Current Budget	2023-24 proposed budget	percent change	Dollar change
Instructional Salaries	\$5,032,613	\$5,203,257	3.39%	\$170,644
Non-Instructional Salaries	\$2,082,394	\$2,274,015	9.20%	\$191,621
Equipment**	\$95,000	\$95,000	0.00%	\$-
Contractual Expenses	\$1,756,010	\$1,877,000	6.89%	\$120,990
Materials and Supplies	\$491,434	\$515,000	4.80%	\$23,566
BOCES	\$4,429,850	\$4,857,526	9.65%	\$427,676
Debt Service	\$2,596,632	\$2,712,808	4.47%	\$116,176
Benefits	\$5,249,746	\$5,338,832	1.70%	\$89,086
Transfers	\$145,000	\$145,000	0.00%	\$-
TOTALS	\$21,878,679	\$23,018,438	5.21%	\$1,139,759

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 update external doors in the W.A. Olmsted Elementary School.



Harpursville students secure spot at VEX Robotics World Championship

The Harpursville Junior-Senior High School Robotics Team secured first place at the VEX Robotics Competition in Syracuse. These students competed against 67 teams from Northern New York State and will be advancing to the VEX Robotics World Championship in Dallas, Texas on April 27. This win is a significant achievement for the team who have been working hard for months to build and design their robot to efficiently solve challenges in a game. The team is comprised of Liem Donahue, Alex Afify, and Jacob Ruefflee, all 13 years old.

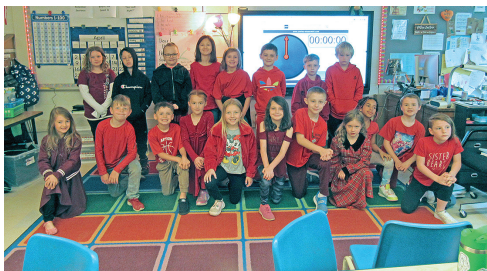
Each week the students applied what they learned about STEM in the classroom to build these semi-autonomous machines. Team Advisor, Bruce Salisbury said the team competed in five tournaments leading up to the Syracuse competition. "I am proud of these students for their accomplishments as a middle school team that competed against high school teams," Salisbury said.

Team captain Liem Donahue said he was proud of his peer's perseverance and accomplishments. "Our main goal was to work as a team in both offense and defense," he said.

The VEX Robotics Competition is managed by the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation, with thousands of schools participating worldwide each year.



Congratulations!



SPRIT WEEK!



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May is Better Hearing and Speech Month!

A speech-language pathologist (SLP) helps children with communication and swallowing difficulties. SLPs can work on the following skills:



Speech Sounds

SLPs work with kids with articulation or phonological disorders who have difficulty saying speech sounds.

Language

Language skills are important for oral and written communication. SLPs can help children improve their expressive language (the ability to express themselves) and receptive language (the ability to understand spoken language and directions).



Stuttering

SLPs teach strategies to stutterers to help them manage their stuttering and feel less anxious when speaking.

Social Communication

Social communication skills are important for making and maintaining friendships. SLPs help improve a child's social skills by targeting turn taking, joint attention, and perspective taking. Speech-language pathologists can also help children play appropriately with others.



Voice

SLPs help improve a child's voice quality, pitch, or loudness. These children might sound too high-pitched, hoarse or loud.

Feeding

Feeding or swallowing difficulties are also called dysphagia. SLPs help children with dysphagia improve their ability to swallow or chew food. Speech pathologists also work with babies and infants who have difficulty sucking milk from a bottle or from their mother.

