

Budget Remains Under Tax Cap For 8th Straight Year

Proposition 1

The proposed 2019-2020 Dobbs Ferry School District budget enables our schools to provide a high-quality, well-rounded educational experience for all students in grades K-12. For the 8th year in a row, since the Tax Cap began, our proposed tax levy is under the State Property Tax Cap. The budget continues to maintain or enhance instructional programs to benefit student learning and provide extracurricular and enrichment opportunities for students at each school.

Budget Goals:

- Continue to support smaller class sizes
- Ensure program alignment with Strategic Plan
- Provide added social & emotional support for students K-12
- Maintain high level of professional development
- Enhance safety and security
- Implement necessary facility upgrades and maintenance

Budget Highlights:

- Add one science teacher at the Middle School to help maintain class sizes
- Add one school counselor at Springhurst to support social & emotional wellness
- Add one special education teacher and one teaching assistant at the High School to expand special class program
- Expand band to 4th grade
- Add a shared security consultant (BOCES shared service)
- Add two part-time lunch/recess monitors at Springhurst
- Provide funds to replace aging Chromebooks and outdated fitness equipment
- Provide funding for flexible furniture options

Detailed information on the proposed 2019-2020 budget can be found on the District website: www.dfsd.org.

The School Budget Newsletter is available in Spanish

El boletín de Presupuesto Escolar está disponible en español. Puede recoger una copia en una de las oficinas de la escuela o visitar el sitio web del Distrito en www.dfsd.org. Haga clic en Información del Distrito.

PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET

Total Proposed Budget:	\$46,482,888
Projected Budget Increase:	3.76%
Projected Tax Levy Increase:	\$1,043,744
Projected Tax Levy Increase:	2.80%

Letter from the Board of Education

Dear Dobbs Ferry School District Resident,

The Board of Education is happy to present the proposed 2019-2020 school budget and delighted to report that it once again stays below the tax cap.

The budget continues to support the District's Strategic Plan and provides opportunities for student growth in several areas. Those include social, emotional and physical well-being, with the addition of a school counselor at Springhurst as well as the expansion of our music program to include band for fourth graders. The budget also provides funds for enhanced security District-wide, and maintenance and facility upgrades where needed. Additionally, it makes room for a continued high level of staff professional development and innovative classroom initiatives designed to foster the development of 21st century skills for all of our students.

The Board of Education treasures the trust that you put in us to prepare a budget that offers our students the benefits of an excellent education and maximizes the value of every tax dollar. We invite you to review the information in this newsletter and on our website, and we encourage you to head to the polls on **Tuesday, May 21, 2019**, to vote on the budget and to elect Board of Education Trustees.

Sincerely,

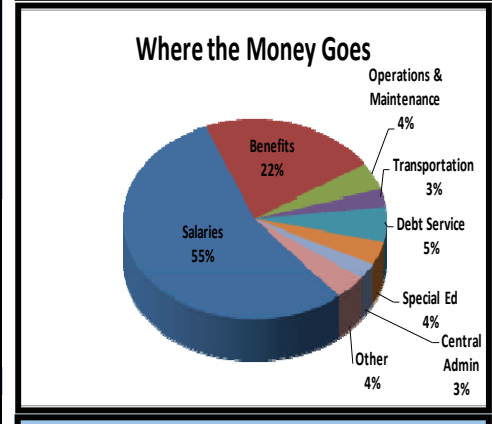
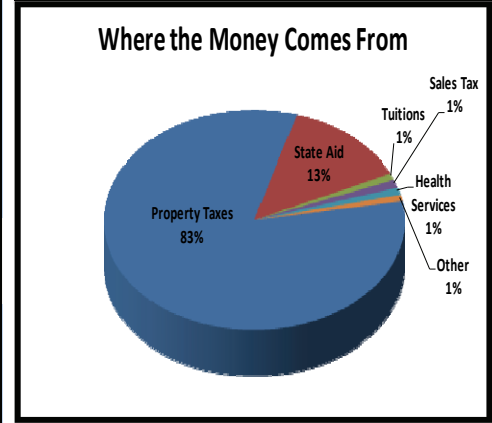
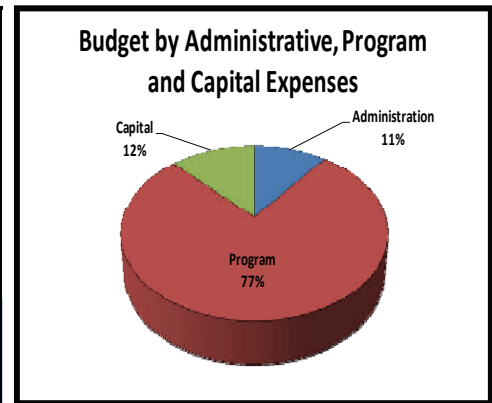
Jean Lucasey, President
Dobbs Ferry Board of Education

DOBBS FERRY UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

<u>Description</u>	<u>2018-2019</u> <u>Adopted Budget</u>	<u>2019-2020</u> <u>Proposed Budget</u>	<u>Change</u>
ADMINISTRATIVE			
Board of Education	\$ 28,675	\$ 28,675	\$ -
District Clerk	9,259	9,531	272
District Meeting	10,130	18,930	8,800
Chief School Administrator	357,315	359,091	1,776
Business Administration	430,849	424,103	-6,746
Auditing	53,000	48,700	-4,300
Treasurer	100,209	102,985	2,776
Legal	15,000	15,000	-
Personnel	68,968	91,370	22,402
Public Information & Services	60,623	70,188	9,565
Central Printing & Mailing	15,750	15,750	-
Central Data Processing	204,398	241,300	36,902
Unallocated Insurance	166,980	163,700	-3,280
Assessments on School Property	243,112	196,500	-46,612
BOCES Administrative Costs	197,229	221,830	24,601
Curriculum Development & Supervision	295,666	302,055	6,389
Supervision-Regular School	1,413,172	1,434,628	21,456
Research, Planning & Evaluation	2,300	2,300	-
Inservice Training Instruction	132,521	154,683	22,162
Employee Benefits	1,076,335	1,000,740	-75,595
Administrative Total	\$ 4,881,491	\$ 4,902,059	\$ 20,568
CAPITAL			
Legal	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ -
Operation of Plant	2,011,754	2,205,868	194,114
Maintenance of Plant	705,924	750,591	44,667
Judgments and Claims	-	-	-
Employee Benefits	357,482	342,496	-14,986
Serial Bonds-School Construction	2,134,928	2,205,362	70,434
Other Debt	212,368	212,370	2
Capital Total	\$ 5,432,456	\$ 5,726,687	\$ 294,231
PROGRAM			
Legal	\$ 38,000	\$ 38,000	\$ -
Teaching-Regular School	14,365,528	14,877,989	512,461
Programming for Students w/Disabilities	6,061,147	6,405,575	344,428
Occupational Education (Grades 9-12)	50,286	51,000	714
School Library & Audio Visual	256,098	264,889	8,791
Educational Television	63,143	70,876	7,733
Computer Assisted Instruction	1,089,688	1,117,794	28,106
Guidance	710,038	809,041	99,003
Health Services	418,592	442,560	23,968
Psychological Services	742,959	773,726	30,767
Co-Curricular Activities	227,558	237,921	10,363
Interscholastic Athletics	509,452	516,250	6,798
District Transportation Services	26,111	24,250	-1,861
Contract Transportation	1,252,068	1,319,600	67,532
Civic Activities	12,600	-	-12,600
Employee Benefits	8,524,734	8,769,671	244,937
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	135,000	135,000	-
Program Total	\$ 34,483,002	\$ 35,854,142	\$ 1,371,140
Grand Total	\$ 44,796,949	\$ 46,482,888	\$ 1,685,939

School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-2019 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-2020 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-2020 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$44,796,949	\$46,482,888	\$46,367,943
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$1,685,937	\$114,945
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.76%	0.26%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount			
	\$37,276,560	\$38,320,304	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
	0	0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**			
	0	0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy			
	0	0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)			
	\$37,276,560	\$38,320,304	\$37,276,560
F. Total Permissible Exclusions			
	\$1,151,420	\$1,252,225	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions			
	\$37,130,095	\$37,529,038	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)			
	\$36,125,140	\$37,068,079	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**			
	\$1,004,955	\$460,959	
Administrative Component			
	\$4,881,491	\$4,902,059	\$4,900,559
Program Component			
	\$34,483,002	\$35,854,142	\$35,782,397
Capital Component			
	\$5,432,456	\$5,726,687	\$5,684,987



* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

- Should the proposed budget be defeated, a contingency budget would require the elimination of equipment budgets.

** 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
No separate propositions	N/A

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-2020 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$1,951

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Dobbs Ferry Union Free School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held at Dobbs Ferry High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Dobbs Ferry High School gymnasium, 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.

**Absentee Ballot Applications are available in the Superintendent's Office
Dobbs Ferry High School
505 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522**

Completed absentee ballots must be returned to the District Superintendent's Office by 5:00 PM on May 21, 2019.

Voter Qualifications:

- Must be a citizen of the United States.
- Must be 18 years of age or older.
- Must have been a resident of the school district for a period of 30 days or more prior to May 21, 2019.

Voter Registration:

**Monday, May 13, 2019
3:30 PM—7:30 PM**

**Dobbs Ferry High School
Gymnasium Foyer
505 Broadway
Dobbs Ferry, NY 10522**

PROPOSITION 1

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$46,482,888 shall be appropriated to meet the estimated expenditures for school purposes for 2019-2020 and that a tax be levied in accordance with the law to meet the same.

BOARD MEMBERS

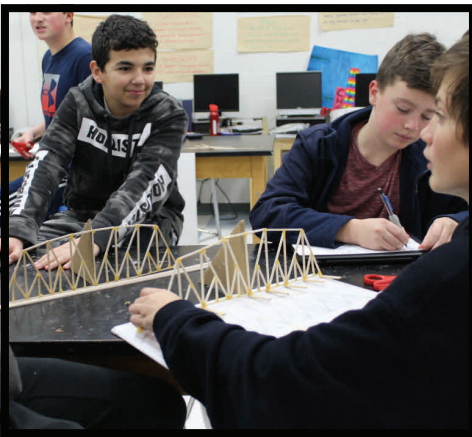
VOTE FOR FIVE or WRITE IN

To elect five (5) members of the Board of Education; three for three (3) year terms commencing July 1, 2019, and expiring on June 30, 2022; one for the unexpired term caused by the passing away of Jonathan Greengrass, commencing on or about May 21, 2019, and expiring on June 30, 2021;* and one for the unexpired term caused by the resignation of Robert Reiser, commencing on or about May 21, 2019, and expiring on June 30, 2020.**

*The Candidate with the fourth highest number of votes will fill the unexpired vacancy.

**The Candidate with the fifth highest number of votes will fill the unexpired vacancy.

Rita Kennedy - Shannon Stringer - Louis Schwartz - Jean Lucasey - Matthew Rosenberg



VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019 - 7:00AM TO 9:00PM in the DFHS Gymnasium

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