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## BUDGET VOTE/SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION TUESDAY MAY 16, 2017

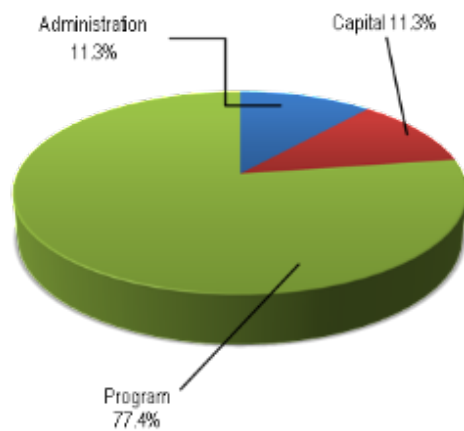
7:00 AM-9:00 PM Dobbs Ferry High School Gymnasium

### PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET

<b>Total Proposed Budget:</b>	<b>\$43,081,450</b>
<b>Projected Budget Increase:</b>	<b>1.7%</b>
<b>Projected Tax Levy Increase:</b>	<b>\$890,223</b>
<b>Projected Tax Levy Increase:</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

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#### Budget by Administrative, Capital and Program Expenses



### Proposition 1- Budget Prudent Financial Planning Provides Resources To Support Student Learning

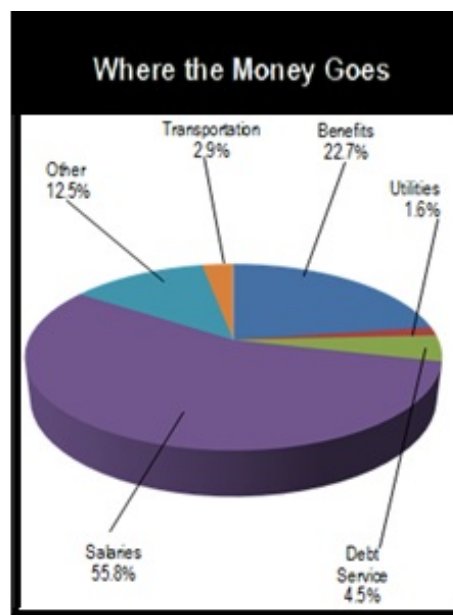
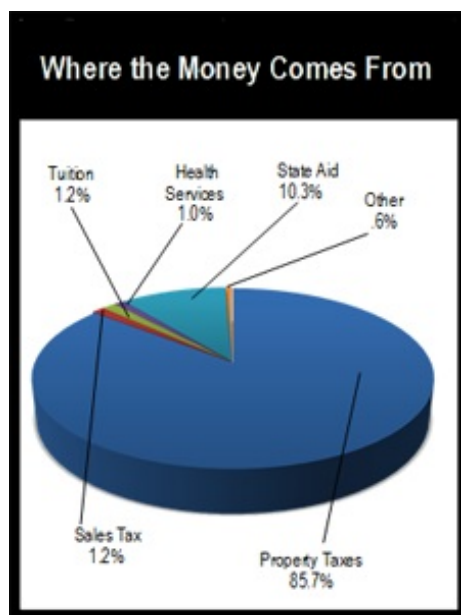
The proposed 2017-2018 Dobbs Ferry School District budget is a blueprint for continued fiscal responsibility that will provide quality educational opportunities for all students. The budget comes in under the State Property Tax Cap, which it has done since the Tax Cap's inception six years ago. Equally important, the proposed budget allows our District to continue to make progress in meeting the needs of every learner, and adapting to an ever-changing educational landscape.

## The 2017-2018 Proposed School Budget Allows the District to:

- Maintain and enhance all instructional programs K-12;
- Grow the IB Diploma Program and the Middle Years Program;
- Support the use of digital learning technologies;
- Sustain a high level of professional development for teachers;
- Increase Math and ENL (English as a New Language) support at Springhurst;
- Enrich curriculum through engaging elective courses.



Detailed information about the proposed 2017-2018 budget can be found on the District website at [www.dfsd.org](http://www.dfsd.org)



## Letter from the Board of Education

Dear Dobbs Ferry School District Resident,

The Board of Education is pleased to present the proposed 2017-2018 school budget, which we believe reflects our community's commitment to excellence in our public schools balanced with affordability for our taxpayers.

The budget-making process has been challenging for all schools in New York in recent years. This year we faced a decrease in financial aid from New York State while still needing to find the funds to pay for rising health insurance premiums and programs to serve an ever-changing student population.

Despite these challenges, our focus on targeted cost-cutting and increased efficiencies allowed us to once again present a budget under the Tax Levy Cap. The proposed budget will allow us to continue implementation of the exciting new IB Middle Years Program in grades 6-10, increase our course offerings in the High School, and provide extra support at Springhurst for Math and ENL (English as a New Language) learners.

The Board of Education appreciates the trust that you place in us to craft a budget that supports a first-rate education for our children while getting the maximum value out of every tax dollar. We hope you will review the information in this newsletter and on our website, and we encourage you to come out to vote on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

Sincerely,

## Proposition 2 - Capital Reserve Fund

- The Dobbs Ferry School District would like to establish a "Capital Improvements Reserve Fund" up to a maximum of \$2.5 million to pay for future capital projects over a period of 10 years. The law requires a public vote to establish the fund.
- A Capital Improvements Reserve Fund allows us to set aside money for the School District's facilities and physical plant. This money can be used only for capital projects and not for routine maintenance.
- Funds in a Capital Improvements Reserve Fund would reduce the amount of borrowing required for future capital projects.
- If generated, unassigned monies in the District's General Fund could be put into the Capital Improvements Reserve Fund to use for future capital improvement projects.
- Voter approval will be required in the future any time the School District wants to use monies from the Capital Improvements Reserve Fund.

## Mark Your Calendar



**Budget Vote/School Board Election**  
*May 16, 2017 7am-9pm, DFHS Gymnasium*

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Springhurst Orchestra



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