

# 2019-20 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Vote: Tuesday, May 21 6:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.

H.C. Crittenden Middle School



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# 2019-20 Proposed Budget Highlights

## Proposition 1 - The Budget

The proposed budget remains under the tax cap while maintaining:

- Class size guidelines
- All academic programs that have supported student success
- All athletic and extracurricular programs
- All transportation services

*See details on pages 4-11.*

## Election of Three School Board Members

Three candidates are running:

- Mia DiPietro
- Lara Stangel
- Jason Berland

# LETTER FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Community Member,

On Tuesday, May 21, we hope you will join us at H.C. Crittenden Middle School for the vote on the 2019-20 Byram Hills School Budget and three trustees to the Board of Education. This Budget Brochure will help you to understand the budget, its impact on you and our community, and what it will provide for our students. In preparing this budget, we sought to balance fiscal prudence with the maintenance of our outstanding academic program, which also supports the value of our homes. In addition, we have kept an eye on future needs so that we do not fall behind in our custodial responsibility to maintain our physical plant. The result is a budget that we believe achieves our goals. It supports our students, promotes excellence, and maintains our school buildings. It will keep the spending increase to 2.37 percent and will result in a tax levy increase of 1.94 percent, which is approximately \$300,000 below the permissible tax levy limit.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Scott Levy, *President*

Mrs. Lori Kanner, *Vice President*

Mrs. Mia DiPietro

Mrs. Robin Glat

Mr. Michael Sanders

Mr. Ira Schulman

Mrs. Lara Stangel



# 2019-20 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY & DETAILS

## Additional Budget Information

Copies of the entire budget can be reviewed in each school office, in the District office and the North Castle Public Library. All budget information is posted online at [www.byramhills.org](http://www.byramhills.org) under the Board of Education tab.

## Increased Mandated Costs with Limited State Aid

Public school districts are required to fund numerous state and federal mandates, such as state testing requirements for students, extensive reporting to the State of New York, costs related to implementing the Next Generation Learning Standards and teacher evaluation system (APPR), the state retirement systems and other state programs. A recent regional study concluded that mandated costs account for 16 to 28 percent of a school district's total expenditures, yet Byram Hills receives about 5 percent of its revenue in state aid.

The Byram Hills Board of Education and district administration are actively engaged in seeking meaningful mandate relief to control expenditure growth.

### 2019-20 Proposed Budget Summary

Proposed Budget.....\$94,534,535

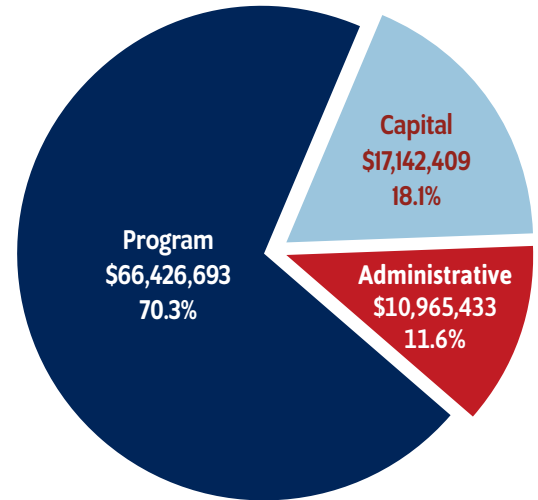
Proposed Budget-to-Budget Increase....2.37%

Proposed 2019-20 Tax Levy Change..... 1.94%



# PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS BY COMPONENT

ACCOUNT	2018-19 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2019-20 BUDGET	VARIANCE FROM 2018-19 BUDGET	
			\$	%
Program	\$64,467,786	\$66,426,693	\$1,958,907	3.0%
Capital	\$17,115,072	\$17,142,409	\$27,337	0.2%
Administrative	\$10,764,822	\$10,965,433	\$200,611	1.9%
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$92,347,680</b>	<b>\$94,534,535</b>	<b>\$2,186,855</b>	<b>2.37%</b>





# PROGRAM COMPONENT SUMMARY

**The program component includes items related to the instructional programs, including:**

- Salaries and benefits of staff who provide direct service and support to students.
- Computers, technical support, and instructional equipment.
- Instructional supplies, textbooks, software, and library books.
- Transportation expenses for public and non-public school students.
- Field trips, extracurricular activities, and interscholastic sports.

ACCOUNT	2018-19 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2019-20 BUDGET	VARIANCE FROM 2018-19 BUDGET	
			\$	%
Teaching – General Instruction	\$24,989,777	\$25,644,687	\$654,910	2.6%
Programs for Students with Special Needs and Occupational Education	\$9,887,668	\$10,529,958	\$642,290	6.5%
School Library and Audio Visual	\$933,990	\$984,600	\$50,610	5.4%
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$3,624,324	\$3,697,188	\$72,864	2.0%
Guidance Services	\$1,322,072	\$1,215,216	-\$106,856	-8.1%
Health Services	\$642,537	\$630,701	-\$11,836	-1.8%
Psychological Services	\$727,827	\$695,886	-\$31,941	-4.4%
Social Work Services	\$0	\$100,000	\$100,000	–
Co-Curricular Activities	\$364,300	\$397,800	\$33,500	9.2%
Interscholastic Athletics	\$1,066,850	\$1,120,186	\$53,336	5.0%
Pupil Transportation	\$3,794,106	\$3,811,801	\$17,695	0.5%
Employee Benefits	\$17,039,335	\$17,523,670	\$484,335	2.8%
Interfund Transfer	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$64,467,786</b>	<b>\$66,426,693</b>	<b>\$1,958,907</b>	<b>3.0%</b>

# CAPITAL COMPONENT SUMMARY

## The capital component includes items related to:

- Repair, maintenance and operation of buildings and grounds.
- Custodial services, cleaning and paper supplies.
- Utilities and insurance.
- Service contracts (e.g., boiler maintenance, roof inspections, fire extinguishers, exit and safety lighting inspections).
- Payment of debt obligations and capital project funding.

ACCOUNT	2018-19 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2019-20 BUDGET	VARIANCE FROM 2018-19 BUDGET	
			\$	%
Operation of Plant	\$5,007,130	\$5,357,394	\$350,264	7.0%
Maintenance of Plant	\$2,449,493	2,521,440	\$71,947	2.9%
Insurance and Special Items	\$596,000	562,000	-\$34,000	-5.7%
Pupil Transportation	\$450,000	476,500	\$26,500	5.9%
Employee Benefits	\$1,615,192	1,681,968	\$66,776	4.1%
Debt Service	\$5,997,257	5,443,107	-\$554,150	-9.2%
Transfer to Capital Fund – Capital Asset Preservation Plan (CAPP)	\$1,000,000	1,100,000	\$100,000	10.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,115,072</b>	<b>\$17,142,409</b>	<b>\$27,337</b>	<b>0.2%</b>

# ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT SUMMARY

**The administrative component includes items related to the management of school programs, including:**

- Board of Education, central administration, legal, and personnel.
- All financial management, including auditing, purchasing, payroll, and accounts payable functions.
- Salaries and benefits of staff who spend the majority of their time performing administrative and supervisory duties.
- Supervision of all four schools and special education.
- Planning, developing, and evaluating the K-12 curriculum.

ACCOUNT	2018-19 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2019-20 BUDGET	VARIANCE FROM 2018-19 BUDGET	
			\$	%
Board of Education	\$80,885	\$79,777	-\$1,108	-1.4%
Central Administration	\$390,200	\$405,183	\$14,983	3.8%
Finance	\$953,152	\$994,528	\$41,376	4.3%
Legal, Personnel, Information, BOCES	\$1,143,567	\$1,251,962	\$108,395	9.5%
Curriculum Development	\$1,100,211	\$1,049,248	-\$50,963	-4.6%
Supervision – Regular School	\$2,650,340	\$2,679,808	\$29,468	1.1%
Teaching – Regular School	\$1,018,346	\$1,038,166	\$19,820	1.9%
Programs for Students with Disabilities	\$381,170	\$388,708	\$7,538	2.0%
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$170,551	\$182,070	\$11,519	6.8%
Guidance	\$175,020	\$178,427	\$3,407	1.9%
Interscholastic Athletics	\$191,661	\$195,446	\$3,785	2.0%
Pupil Transportation	\$34,600	\$27,540	-\$7,060	-20.4%
Employee Benefits	\$2,475,119	\$2,494,570	\$19,451	0.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,764,822</b>	<b>\$10,965,433</b>	<b>\$200,611</b>	<b>1.9%</b>



# SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$92,347,680	\$94,534,535	\$92,958,303
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$2,186,855	\$610,623
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.37 %	0.66%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$81,249,073	\$82,825,305	
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)	\$81,249,073	\$82,825,305	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$6,062,915	\$6,090,801	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$76,106,385	\$77,033,634	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt, and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$75,186,158	\$76,734,504	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$920,227	\$299,130	
Administrative component	\$10,764,822	\$10,965,433	\$10,771,300
Program component	\$64,467,786	\$66,426,693	\$65,697,094
Capital component	\$17,115,072	\$17,142,409	\$16,489,909

\*The Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 is limited to a 0% increase in the tax levy over the prior year. A Contingency Budget is determined by the Board of Education pursuant to Section 2023 of Education Law.

\*\*There are no separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusions and may affect voter approval requirements.)

## Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year

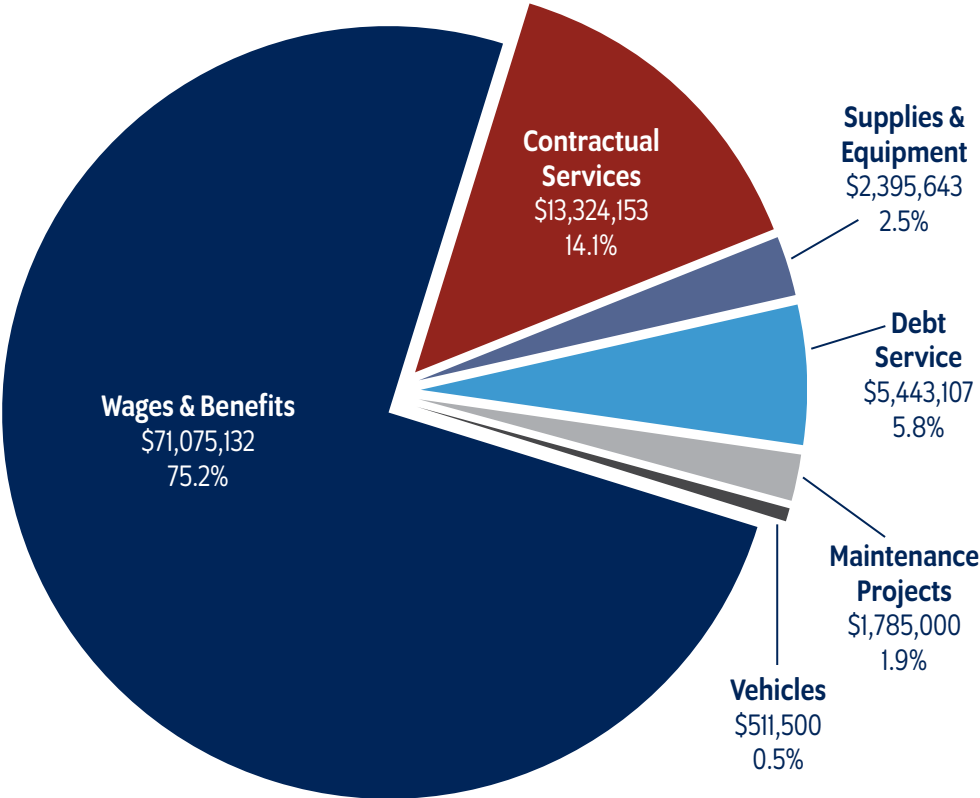
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings \*\*\* \$1,308

\*\*\*The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

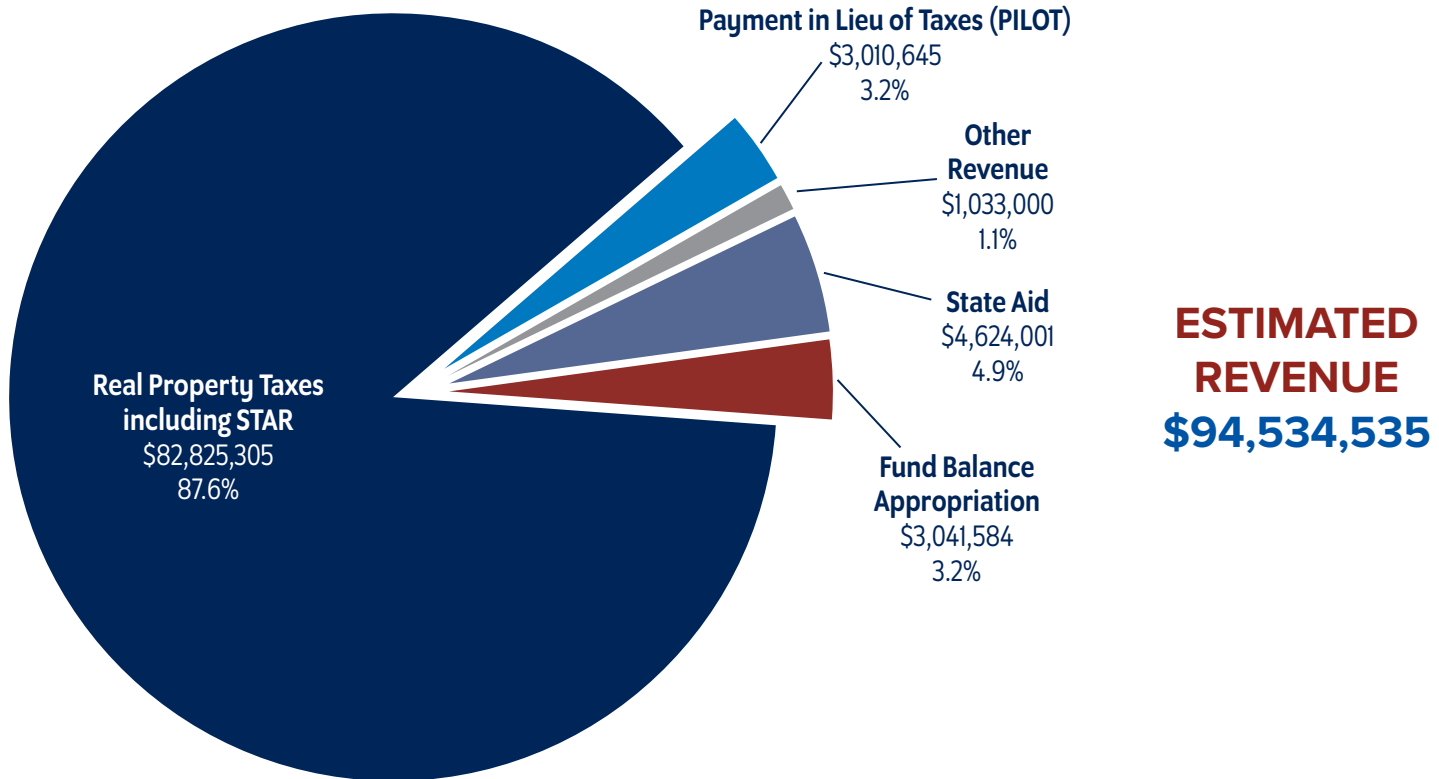
The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Byram Hills Central School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held at H.C Crittenden Middle School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 6:30am and 9:00pm, prevailing time at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

# TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2019-20

**TOTAL  
APPROPRIATIONS  
\$94,534,535**



# ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 2019-20



# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT TAXES

## Why do tax rates differ by town?

- Each town has different practices for assessing property values and some have higher assessed values than others.
- The variations in assessed values are equalized annually by the county and New York State through the assignment of equalization rates based on sales data in each town.
- The equalization rate is the relationship between assessed value and full (market) value for all property.
- Annual changes in the equalization rates account for the tax shifts among the four towns in our school community and for the different percentages of change.

PROJECTED 2019-20 TAX RATES PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE		
TOWN	EST. RATE*	% CHANGE
North Castle	\$700.99	1.53%
New Castle	\$82.94	4.50%
Bedford	\$145.34	-1.57%
Mt. Pleasant	\$1,115.66	5.44%

*\*Please note: Tax rates are estimated and are subject to change.*

## How do our school taxes compare regionally?

- A true value tax rate is a way of comparing taxes in different school districts. It is reached by dividing the total tax levy by the total full value of all property in the district.
- A true value tax rate is used to compare what a property in one school district would pay for taxes to a property of equal value in another school district.
- The true value tax rate in Byram Hills in 2018-19 is \$15.12 per \$1,000 of the full value of a home.
- Compared to other districts in the region, Byram Hills' true value tax rate is very low, ranking 43rd out of 54 districts.
- Property owners in 42 other school districts in the region have higher true value tax rates than Byram Hills.



# QUESTIONS & ANSWERS ABOUT A CONTINGENCY BUDGET

## What happens if the budget is defeated on May 21?

If the budget is defeated, the Board of Education may:

- Present the same or a different budget to the community for approval in June.
- A second defeat would require a Contingency Budget, as per New York State law.



## How would a Contingency Budget impact students and the community?

Under a Contingency Budget:

- The Board must revert to no increase in the tax levy, which would require reductions of services and programs for students.
- Certain types of expenditures are not permitted (e.g. student supplies).
- Districts must adhere to expenditure guidelines mandated by the state.
- The District would be required to charge for the full cost of using school facilities and athletic fields by all community organizations, including the PTSA, the North Castle Recreation Department and sports associations.
- Capital expenditures that address health and safety issues would not be affected.

# VOTING INFORMATION

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Prior registration is not required to vote in the school board election or on the budget.

## 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 30 days preceding the day of the vote, provided, however, no person excluded by the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Education Law shall have the right to 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, or
- Detained in jail awaiting trial or grand jury action, or is in prison due to a non-felony conviction.



## REQUESTING ABSENTEE BALLOTS

- Any person seeking an absentee ballot must complete an application obtained from the District Clerk, Kelly Seibert, or on the District's website.
- The school district must receive the application of the absentee voter no later than Tuesday, May 14, 2019, if the ballot is to be mailed, or it may be picked up in person through May 20, 2019.
- Only ballots received by 5 p.m. on May 21, 2019, will be counted.





# VOTING INFORMATION



## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- For additional information, please contact the District Clerk, Kelly Seibert, at (914) 273-4198, extension 5930, or by email at: [kseibert@byramhills.org](mailto:kseibert@byramhills.org).
- Copies of the budget can be reviewed between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the District Office, 10 Tripp Lane, Armonk, NY, and at all four schools, or at the North Castle Public Library.



# VOTE

Tuesday,  
**MAY 21**

**6:30 a.m. – 9 p.m.**

*H.C. Crittenden Middle School,  
10 MacDonald Avenue, Armonk  
(handicapped accessible)*

- School district budget
- Election of three school board members

**BYRAM HILLS SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
10 TRIPP LANE, ARMONK, NY 10504

**OUR MISSION**

*The Byram Hills School District is committed to  
creating the leaders of the next generation.*

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