

2021-22 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

VOTE: Tuesday, May 18 • 6:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. • H.C. Crittenden Middle School



PROPOSED
BUDGET-TO-BUDGET
INCREASE

0.75%

PROPOSED
2021-22 TAX
LEVY CHANGE

1.0%

Dear Community Member,

On Tuesday, May 18, we hope you will join us at H.C. Crittenden for the 2021-22 Byram Hills School Budget Vote and the vote for two trustees to the Board of Education. All COVID-19 safety precautions will be in place. The vote will take place from 6:30 am to 9:00 pm.

Voters who do not want to vote in-person will be permitted to request absentee ballots based upon COVID-19 concerns. Absentee ballot applications are available on the District website under the Board of Education tab.

The goal of this document is to provide information on the proposed budget to ensure that voters are informed. The District developed a budget that demonstrates fiscal prudence, ensures the safety and support of our students, and maintains our outstanding academic programs. The proposed budget results in a budget increase of 0.75% and will result in a tax levy increase of 1.0%, which is over \$1.3 million or 1.57% below the permissible tax levy limit. After reviewing these materials and the District budget website, we encourage you to contact Kelly Seibert, the Assistant Superintendent for Business, with any questions. He can be reached at kseibert@byramhills.org or 914-273-4198 x5930.

Respectfully submitted,

Mr. Ira Schulman, President
Mrs. Mia DiPietro, Vice President
Mr. Jason Berland
Mrs. Lori Kanner
Mr. Scott Levy
Mr. Michael Sanders
Mrs. Lara Stangel



2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget	\$95,243,544
Proposed Budget-to-Budget Increase.....	0.75%
Proposed 2021-22 Tax Levy Change.....	1.0%

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2021-22 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$94,534,535	\$95,243,544	\$94,407,008
Increase/Decrease for the 2021-22 School Year		\$709,009	-\$836,536
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.75%	-0.88%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$83,653,558	\$84,490,094	
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)	\$83,653,558	\$84,490,094	\$83,653,558
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$4,144,902	\$4,350,530	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$79,954,350	\$81,450,770	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$79,508,656	\$80,139,564	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$445,694	\$1,311,205	
Administrative Component	\$10,807,182	\$11,140,711	\$11,040,327
Program Component	\$68,319,266	\$68,787,564	\$68,185,258
Capital Component	\$15,408,087	\$15,315,269	\$15,181,423

*The Contingency Budget for 2021-22 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 the Education Law.

**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

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2021-22 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings *** \$1,273

***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 2021-22 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 18, 2021 between the hours of 6:30 am and 9:00 pm, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by machine.

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 2021-22 TAX RATES PER \$1,000 OF ASSESSED VALUE

TOWN	EST. RATE*	% CHANGE
North Castle	\$704.18	0.14%
New Castle	\$87.93	3.56%
Bedford	\$154.75	5.92%
Mt. Pleasant	\$1,223.32	5.89%

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

VOTING INFORMATION

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
- Detained in jail awaiting trial or grand jury action, or is in prison due to a non-felony conviction, or
- Fear of contracting COVID-19.

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 (Board of Education Tab). The school district must receive the application from the absentee voter no later than Tuesday, May 11, 2021, if the ballot is to be mailed. Ballots may be picked up in person through May 17, 2021. Only ballots received by 5 p.m. on May 18, 2021, will be counted.

Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener información adicional sobre el presupuesto y la tracción al español.