Dear Community Member,

The Byram Hills Central School District budget and school board trustee vote will take place at H.C. Crittenden on Tuesday, May 16th. 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. Over the past ten years, Byram Hills tax levy increases have consistently been below the permissible tax levy limit. The proposed budget results in a 2.87% increase of expenses and a 1.93% increase in the tax levy, which is at the tax levy limit.

After reviewing these materials, we encourage you to reach out to the District with any questions. We are committed to maintaining transparency and dialogue with the community regarding the budget process.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. Lara Stangel, President Mrs. Lori Kanner, Vice President

Mr. Jason Berland Ms. Mia DiPietro Mrs. Melissa Jacobs Mr. Scott Levy Mr. Petrie Verma



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Be an Informed Voter on May 16

Visit our website for additional budget information (Visite nuestro sitio web para obtener información adicional sobre el presupuesto y la traducción al español):

www.byramhills.org



BYRAM HILLS

Creating the leaders of the next generation

2023-24 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Vote: Tuesday, May 16 • 6:30 am- 9 pm • H.C. Crittenden Middle School



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, 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 (Board of Education Tab). The school district must receive the application of the absentee voter no later than Tuesday, May 9, 2023, if the ballot is to be mailed, or it may be picked up in person through May 15, 2023. Only ballots received by 5 p.m. on May 16, 2023, will be counted.

Questions & Answers About Taxes

Why do tax rates differ by town?

- Each town has different practices for assessing property values. 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 2023-24 TAX RATES PER \$1,000 of Assessed Value

TOWN	EST. RATE*	% Change
North Castle	\$738.02	2.61%
New Castle	\$85.48	2.82%
Bedford	\$153.79	8.34%
Mt. Pleasant	\$1,183.27	-3.78%

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

School District Budget Notice

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$96,936,312	\$99,275,037	\$98,063,064
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$2,785,724	\$676,722
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.87%	1.16%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$86,044,712	\$87,706,685	
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)	\$86,044,712	\$87,706,685	\$86,044,712
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$4,297,474	\$3,598,443	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$82,307,603	\$84,108,242	
 H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D) 	\$81,747,238	\$84,108,242	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$560,365	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$11,301,722	\$11,794,764	\$11,598,198
Program Component	\$70,117,973	\$72,914,085	\$71,698,931
Capital Component	\$15,519,617	\$15,016,188	\$14,765,935

^{*}The Contingency Budget for 2023-24 is limited to a 0% increase in the lax 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)

		1		Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	
Description	Amount		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 2023-24 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 16, 2023 between the hours of 6:30am and 9:00pm, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting machine