



**2022-23 SCHOOL
BUDGET VOTE &
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELECTION**

**Tuesday,
May 17, 2022
Noon - 9 p.m.**

AT HORNELL HIGH SCHOOL
134 SENECA ROAD
HORNELL, NY 14843

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

2022-23 Budget
(Proposed)
\$40,039,187

2021-2022 Budget
\$39,843,578

Spending Increase
\$195,609
+0.49%

Tax Levy Increase
(Proposed)
1.34%
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE
TAX LEVY INCREASE = 1.36%

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Hornell BUDGET
EDITION
2022
HIGHLIGHTS

**Voters to decide on proposed
\$40 million school budget**

On Tuesday, May 17, Hornell City School District voters will decide on a \$40,039,187 proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year. The plan increases spending by \$195,609 or 0.49% from the current year, and includes a 1.34% tax levy increase.

This is below Hornell's maximum allowable tax levy increase as determined by the state's tax levy "cap" formula and as such, the proposal only needs to be approved by a simple majority (50 percent plus one) of voters. This is the ninth consecutive year the district has budgeted below its maximum allowable tax levy growth cap.

Superintendent Jeremy Palotti said, "Our district-wide goal is to support, enhance and maintain our programs while being fiscally responsible to our community. I believe that this budget will enable the district to do just that."

Also on the ballot

Residents will also decide on four additional propositions on May 17 and elect one candidate to the Board of Education for a five-year term.

Proposition 2:

Expenditure from School Bus Reserve Fund

In 2012, the community voted to establish a School Bus Reserve Fund to be used for student transportation vehicles. The district is seeking voter approval to use part of those funds (\$75,000) for new vehicles to be obtained prior to June 30, 2024.

Proposition 3:

Lease of district vehicles

The district is seeking voter approval to lease three, 66 passenger school buses for five years. The amount of these vehicles is not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$360,000.



North Hornell Pre-K4 students ended National Read Across America week by reading "Bartholomew and the Oobleck" by Dr. Seuss and playing with the non-Newtonian substance called oobleck.

Proposition 4:

Renewal of School Bus Reserve Fund

The district will be seeking voter approval to renew the School Bus Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing the future purchase and/or lease of student transportation vehicles and equipment. The term of the fund will not exceed 10 years and would not be greater than \$1,000,000 plus interest.

Proposition 5:

Capital Improvements Reserve Fund

The district hopes to establish a Capital Improvements Reserve Fund to be used for the purpose of funding the construction, reconstruction, addition to, renovation, alteration and improvement of the district's buildings, facilities, grounds and other furnishings. The amount of the fund would not be greater than \$10,000,000 plus interest for a term not to exceed 10 years.

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2022-23 Budget Summary

REVENUES:

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

CATEGORY	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROJECTED
Property taxes	\$7,279,976	\$7,377,393
State aid	\$31,296,241	\$31,104,222
Payment in lieu of taxes	\$389,861	\$501,572
Fund balance	\$0	\$0
Reserves	\$0	\$0
Other revenue	\$877,500	\$1,056,000
TOTAL	\$39,843,578	\$40,039,187 0.49% INCREASE

18.43%*
Property taxes

77.68%*
State aid

2.64%*
Other revenue

1.25%*
Payment in lieu of taxes

*PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET

EXPENDITURES:

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

CATEGORY	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROJECTED
General support	\$5,868,782	\$6,011,757
Instruction	\$16,928,058	\$17,154,510
Pupil transportation	\$1,113,337	\$1,102,032
Employee benefits	\$8,738,633	\$8,270,601
Debt service	\$5,908,768	\$5,870,287
Interfund transfers	\$1,286,000	\$1,630,000
TOTAL	\$39,843,578	\$40,039,187 0.49% INCREASE

20.65%*
Employee benefits

42.84%*
Instruction

14.66%*
Debt service

15.03%*
General support

4.07%*
Interfund transfers

2.75%*
Pupil transportation

*PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET

TAX IMPACT

Projected tax impact of
1.34% tax levy increase*

A home with a fair market value of \$100,000 would have a projected tax increase of \$27.93 for 2022-23.

* TAX INCREASE IS A PROJECTION BASED ON CURRENT EQUALIZATION RATES AND ASSESSMENTS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.



Starting in Grade 4, students in the Hornell City School District are able to take music lessons, choosing from a variety of instruments.

THREE PART SUMMARY

New York law requires school districts to present their budgets divided into three expenditure categories—program, administrative and capital—and compare them to the previous year's costs. Hornell's three-part budget is as follows:

CATEGORY	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROJECTED
Program Includes salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff who deliver pupil services (guidance, health, library/media, etc.), textbooks, equipment, co-curricular activities, athletics, and transportation costs (excludes bus purchases).	\$25,274,415 63.4% OF BUDGET	\$25,185,600 62.9% OF BUDGET
Administrative Includes salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors, and administrative clerical staff, public information, printing, curriculum and staff development, school board costs, general insurance and professional fees.	\$4,671,678 11.7% OF BUDGET	\$4,752,588 11.9% OF BUDGET
Capital Includes salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial staff, debt service on buildings and school bus purchases, utilities, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs.	\$9,897,485 24.9% OF BUDGET	\$10,100,999 25.2% OF BUDGET
TOTAL	\$39,843,578	\$40,039,187



In March, students from the Intermediate School visited the High School Library to listen to children's books written by seniors.

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VOTERS TO DECIDE CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Capital Outlay Project

Other long-term budgeting plans include the continued appropriation of general funds for capital outlay projects addressing general maintenance needs. For the 2022-23 school year, the district proposes allocating funds for general maintenance and sitework to the Junior-Senior High School. This includes exterior facade, Main Office security/ functionality and elevator replacement.

State aid and federal funding

The restoration of Foundation Aid provides our district with funding that has been previously withheld over the past several years. When Foundation Aid was first implemented in 2007-08, it was supposed to be phased-in over four years, with full funding being provided at the time. Over time, that effort stalled, in part due to the Great Recession and resulting state aid cutbacks. Even in years when Foundation Aid increased, it was often not enough to keep pace with the level needed for full funding. The restoration of these funds will be a benefit to our budget in the coming years. For the 2022-23 school year, the district will receive a 3% increase in foundation funding.

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

On Tuesday, May 3, at 6 p.m. the district will hold a public hearing in the High School Library so residents may learn more about the proposed budget and propositions.

REQUIRED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Budget Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$39,843,578	\$40,039,187	\$39,836,787
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$195,609	-\$236,176
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		0.49 %	-0.017%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,279,976	\$7,377,393	
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)	\$7,279,976	\$7,377,393	\$7,201,993
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,284,083	\$7,379,272	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,279,976	\$7,377,393	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval -See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$4,107	\$1,879	
Administrative Component	\$4,671,678	\$4,752,588	\$4,645,588
Program Component	\$25,274,415	\$25,185,600	\$25,146,200
Capital Component	\$9,897,485	\$10,100,999	\$10,044,999

* The contingency budget removes all spending for equipment, except as provided by voter approval for the leasing of school buses, and maintains the administrative portion of the budget at or below the percentage of the budget of the previous year.

** 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
N/A	\$
	\$
	\$

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$473
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Hornell City School District, Steuben County, New York, will be held at the Hornell High School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00pm (noon) and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Hornell High School, 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.

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Left: Congratulations to the Class of 2022 Honor Graduates. To achieve this designation, students graduate with a minimum average of 90%.

VOTER INFORMATION

Who may vote?

You may vote if you are 18 years old or older, a U.S. citizen, a district resident for at least 30 days, and a registered voter for either a general election or a school board election.

How do I register?

If you are registered to vote for the general election through the county, you are also registered for school votes. If you are not a registered voter for the general election through the county, you may register specifically with the Hornell City School District, for school votes only, by coming into the district office on the registration day April 29 from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. If you have questions contact the district clerk by phone at (607) 324-1302, ext. 1450.

Absentee ballots

To receive an absentee ballot by mail, voters must submit the required application to the district clerk by May 10, 2022. Applications can be requested by contacting the district clerk or obtained in person at the district office. Voters who choose to pick up the application at the district office have until one day before the election to submit it in person to the district clerk. Pursuant to election law, persons designated by the Steuben County Board of Elections as "permanently disabled" will automatically receive an absentee ballot. All absentee ballots must be returned to the district clerk by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote, May 17, 2022. The district office is located at 120 Raider Road, Hornell, NY.

On the ballot

Proposition #1 (2022-23 Budget)

The general fund budget of the Hornell City School District of \$40,039,187 for 2022-23 school year.

Proposition #2

Expenditure from of School Bus Reserve Fund

Proposition #3

Lease of district vehicles

Proposition #4

Renewal of School Bus Reserve Fund

Proposition #5

Capital Improvements Reserve Fund

Board of Education Election

Voters will also elect one candidate to serve a five-year term on the Board of Education. Candidate information will be available on the district website. The term will begin on July 1, 2022 and will expire June 30, 2027.

The complete 2022-23 budget proposal and full ballot language is available for review at the Hornell City School District Office and on the district's website: www.hornellcityschools.com.