

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Hornell

BUDGET EDITION

2023

HIGHLIGHTS



**2023-24 SCHOOL
BUDGET VOTE &
BOARD OF EDUCATION
ELECTION**

**Tuesday,
May 16, 2023
Noon - 9 p.m.**

AT HORNELL HIGH SCHOOL
134 SENECA ROAD
HORNELL, NY 14843

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

2023-24 Budget
(Proposed)
\$41,093,309

2022-2023 Budget
\$40,039,187

Spending Increase
\$1,054,122
2.63%

Tax Levy Increase
(Proposed)
1.24%
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE
TAX LEVY INCREASE = 1.37%

Voters to decide on proposed \$41 million school budget

The voters in the Hornell City School District will decide on a \$41,093,309 proposed budget for the 2023-24 school year on Tuesday, May 16. The plan increases spending by \$1,054,122 or 2.63% from the current year and includes a 1.24% tax levy increase, they will also have the opportunity to vote on a proposition to levy and collect a tax in the amount of \$361,476 for the Hornell Public Library.

While on the same ballot, the Public Library operates independently of the School District.

For the school district, the amount requested to increase is below the maximum allowable tax levy increase for Hornell as determined by the state's tax levy "cap" formula and as such, the proposal needs a simple majority vote (50% plus one) to be passed. This is the 10th consecutive year the district has budgeted below its maximum allowable tax levy growth cap.

"As a district, we set a goal to enhance and maintain programs where we can, while also being responsible with our finances. This year's budget accomplishes this while keeping us on the trajectory to offering exceptional programs for students, maintaining and improving our facilities, and maintaining our fiscal health." Superintendent Jeremy Palotti said.

Capital Outlay Project

Included in this year's budget is an annual capital outlay project. These projects have been conducted every year and the school receives state building aid on them in the very next year. The aid received remains at about 98% of every dollar spent. For the 2023-24 school year, the district plans to upgrade the lights on the baseball stadium, improve fencing around the stadium, improve lighting in the High School, and other safety upgrades to the High School.



Forest School is a program provided in partnership with Cummings Nature Center for Hornell's Pre-K 3 & 4. Students explore outside and learn about the world around us.



Each month, Intermediate School students add to their at-home libraries with monthly book giveaways!

Also on the ballot

Residents will also decide on two additional propositions on May 16 and elect two candidates to the Board of Education for one five-year term and one two-year term.

Proposition 2:

Transportation Reserve Expenditure

In 2022, the community voted to renew 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, 2025.

Proposition 3:

Leasing School Buses

The district is seeking voter approval to lease two 66-passenger school buses and one 28-passenger school bus for five years. The amount of these vehicles is not to exceed the estimated maximum cost of \$460,000.

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2023-24 Budget Summary

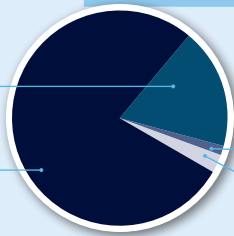
REVENUES:

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

CATEGORY	2022-23 BUDGETED	2023-24 PROJECTED
Property taxes	\$7,377,393	\$7,468,746
State aid	\$31,104,222	\$31,963,846
Payment in lieu of taxes	\$501,572	\$527,717
Fund balance	\$0	\$0
Reserves	\$0	\$0
Other revenue	\$1,056,000	\$1,133,000
TOTAL	\$40,039,187	\$41,093,309 2.63% INCREASE

18.17%*
Property taxes

77.79%*
State aid



1.28%*
Payment in lieu of taxes

2.76%*
Other revenue

*PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET

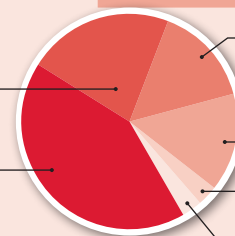
EXPENDITURES:

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

CATEGORY	2022-23 BUDGETED	2023-24 PROJECTED
General support	\$6,011,757	\$6,382,208
Instruction	\$17,154,510	\$17,906,133
Pupil transportation	\$1,102,032	\$1,110,636
Employee benefits	\$8,270,601	\$8,919,159
Debt service	\$5,870,287	\$5,145,173
Interfund transfers	\$1,630,000	\$1,630,000
TOTAL	\$40,039,187	\$41,093,309 2.63% INCREASE

21.71%*
Employee benefits

43.57%*
Instruction



12.52%*
Debt service

15.53%*
General support

3.97%*
Interfund transfers

2.70%*
Pupil transportation

*PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET

TAX IMPACT

Projected tax rate impact of 1.24% tax levy increase*

A home with a fair market value of \$100,000 would have a projected total dollar increase of \$19.70 for 2023-24.

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



Business Law students participated in a mock trial with local lawyer John Dagon serving as the judge.

Read more about this and other news on the district website!

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	2022-23 BUDGETED	2023-24 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).	\$25,185,600 62.9% OF BUDGET	\$26,547,578 64.6% 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.	\$4,752,588 11.9% OF BUDGET	\$4,998,456 12.2% 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.	\$10,100,999 25.2% OF BUDGET	\$9,547,275 23.2% OF BUDGET
TOTAL	\$40,039,187	\$41,093,309

Public Library Budget Proposition

New York state education law allows libraries to place a funding proposition on school district ballots and requires school districts, at the libraries' requests, to levy and collect taxes for libraries. Libraries are separate legal entities from the school district, with their own funding and budgets. The school district does not endorse, control or recommend any aspect of how the libraries spend money.

If voters approve the proposition, the school district would annually levy and collect taxes in the new amount for the library beginning in the 2023-24 fiscal year. The amount authorized for library services is listed as a separate line on residents' tax bills.

WE ARE RED RAIDER STRONG

Students participate in **2,200+ hours of community service** each year.

178 students attend the GST BOCES Wildwood Campus for career and technical education.

88 students in grades 9-12 take college-level courses.

The Hornell CSD has a **graduation rate of 90%**.

The Intermediate School book giveaways have added **18 books to each student's at-home libraries**.

In the fall and winter seasons all of our varsity athletic teams were named Scholar-Athlete Teams: **8 Fall Teams & 9 Winter Teams**.

Students who maintain an average of 90% or higher are named Scholar-Athletes. This year HHS athletes have received **131 individual awards**.

Pre-K 3 & 4 students have spent **55+ hours in Forest School**.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

On Tuesday, May 2, 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.

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REQUIRED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year*
OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL			
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$40,039,187	\$41,093,309	\$40,997,909
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$1,054,122	\$958,722
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.63 %	2.39%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.00%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$7,377,393	\$7,468,746	
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)	\$7,377,393	\$7,468,746	\$7,373,346
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$7,379,272	\$7,478,523	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$7,377,393	\$7,468,746	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval -See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$1,879	\$9,777	
Administrative Component	\$4,752,588	\$4,998,456	\$4,998,456
Program Component	\$25,185,600	\$26,547,578	\$26,508,178
Capital Component	\$10,100,999	\$9,547,275	\$9,491,275

* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2023-24 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated 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
N/A	\$
	\$
	\$

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$473
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 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 16, 2023, between the hours of 12:00 p.m. (noon) and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Hornell High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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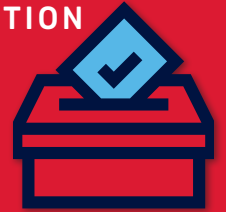
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POSTAL CUSTOMER

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BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION**

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Left: Congratulations to the Class of 2023 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 of April 28 from 9 a.m. to 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 9, 2023. 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 16, 2023. The district office is located at 120 Raider Road, Hornell, NY.

On the ballot

Proposition #1 (2023-24 Budget)

The general fund budget of the Hornell City School District of \$41,093,309 for 2023-24 school year.

Proposition #2

Expenditure from School Bus Reserve Fund for student transportation vehicles.

Proposition #3

Lease two 66-passenger school buses and one 28-passenger school bus for five years.

Public Library Budget Proposition

Public Library Budget is proposing a budget in the amount of \$361,476 to the voters for approval.

Board of Education Election

Voters will also elect two candidates.

One to serve a five-year term on the Board of Education. The term will begin on July 1, 2023, and will expire June 30, 2028.

The second candidate will be a two-year term to complete the term of a trustee who resigned. The term will begin immediately following the vote and will expire June 30, 2025.

The complete 2023-24 budget proposal and full ballot language is available for review at the Hornell City School Central Office and on the district's website: www.hornellcityschools.com.