

Herricks Public Schools

Adopted Budget

2020-2021

BOE Budget Hearing May 28, 2020

Mission Statement

“The Herricks School District, a Community of Learners, through its educational programs, promotes intellectual curiosity and creative expression, values diversity, and measures success by one's personal development and contribution to society.”

Budget Development Process



Budget Design Priorities



Align budget with district's mission and goals

Maintain long-term financial well-being

Respect that property taxes from homeowners are the major source of revenue for the budget

Conduct a thorough review of all budget items: seek cost-saving efficiencies

Address education regulations, mandates, and legal requirements, such as APPR and the Affordable Care Act

Provide efficient, cost-effective operations, and strong fiscal controls and oversight

Use data to assess instructional programs and ensure accountability

Budget Design Priorities

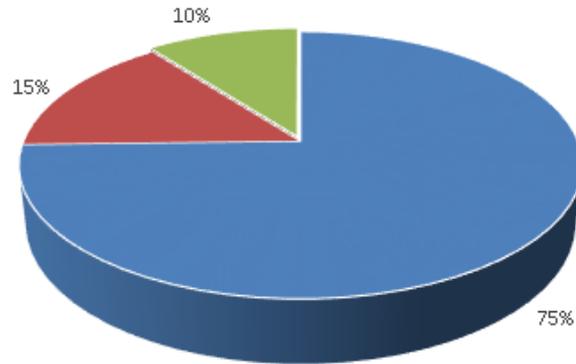


- Plan staffing levels to adhere to Board of Education class size guidelines
- Ensure a wide-range of curricular offerings, and strong social-emotional learning and mental health programs
- Provide varied opportunities for student involvement in athletics, music and art, and extracurricular programs
- Provide sound school safety and security measures
- Increase the capacity for the use of instructional technology, an important 21st century skill
- Maintain and enhance district facilities
- Anticipating the possibility of assigning additional funds to make up for the potential loss of state aid that may come mid-year by deferring some initiatives to mid-year or appropriating fund balance to cover the deficit.

Proposed 2020-2021 Budget:

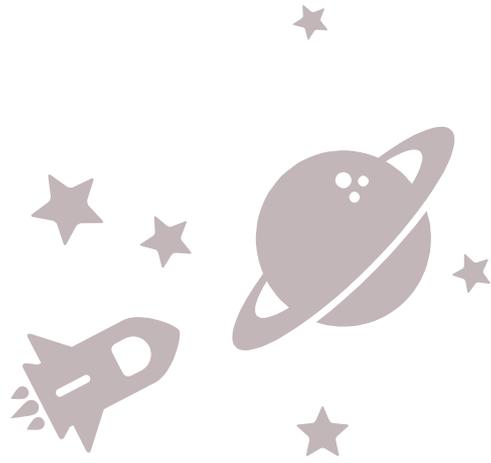
- Proposed budget to budget increase:
\$2,993,259 or 2.55% over 2019-20
- Proposed projected tax levy increase:
**2.35% increase over 2019-20: Within Tax
Levy Cap**
- **Average Tax Levy Increase** for Herricks over
the last five years: **1.78%**

Budget Breakdown: 3 Part Budget



■ Program ■ Capital ■ Administrative

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| Program | \$90,211,708 | 75% |
| Capital | \$17,721,657 | 15% |
| Administrative | \$12,601,158 | 10% |
| TOTAL | \$120,534,523 | 100% |



Major Budget Drivers

New York State Retirement System Pension Contribution

Teacher Retirement System (TRS):

All teachers and administrators - increase from 8.86% in 2019-20 to 9.53% in 2020-21

Employee Retirement System (ERS):

All other employees - Civil Service - contribution will remain at 14.6% of payroll

District pension contribution rate is set by the state, not by contract: future is uncertain, but many experts predict a **rate increase** in upcoming years



Increase in Health Care Costs



Health care Insurance premium is established by NY state civil service health insurance plan (NYSHIP)

8% increase assumed year-on-year in employee health care insurance costs, in line with historical increase in premiums

Increase over the last few years has been mitigated by an increase in contractual employee contribution rates for health insurance as well as increase in copays and allocation of dividends by NYSHIP

State Aid Outlook

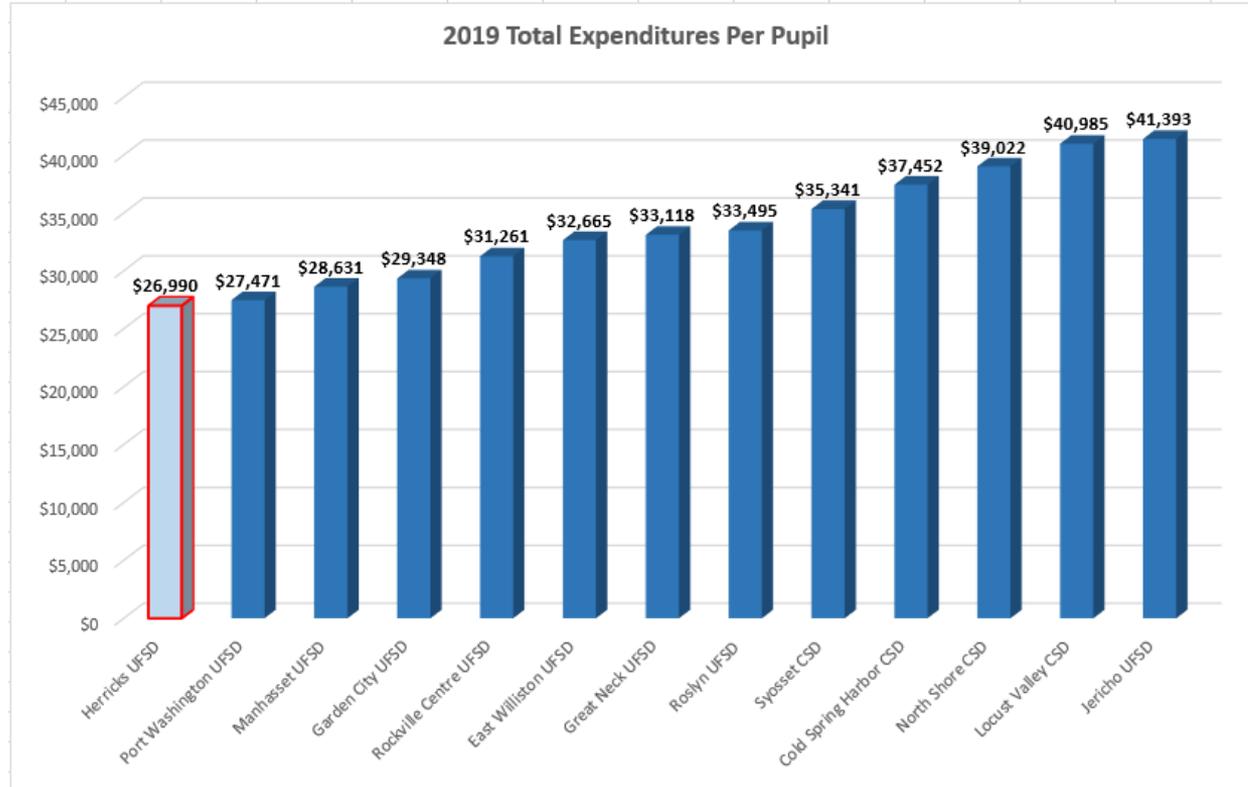
- State aid provides only 10% of total district revenues
- Many unfunded mandates: i.e. water testing, state and federal data reporting, Affordable Care Act, APPR
- 4% increase in total State Aid for 2020-21 over 2019-20 reflects increases in expense-based and building aid
- The final Legislative Budget included no increase in Foundation Aid and was reduced by \$363,475 (2.7%) from the original budget proposed. Part of this state aid reduction will be offset by Federal CARES Restoration funding in the amount of \$115,941.
- The District revisited one-time expenditures, particularly facilities improvements, and deferred those that were not immediately needed for health and safety purposes to offset this reduction.
- The Governor has the authority to enact budget adjustments, including education spending, throughout the year. Governor Cuomo has indicated that school districts may have up to a 20% reduction in state aid.
- The District has prepared the budget using the state aid projection provided in the legislative budget and anticipating the possibility of assigning additional funds to make up for the potential loss of state aid that may come mid-year by appropriating fund balance to cover the deficit.

Herricks Schools at a Glance

- 2019-20 total enrollment: 4,038
- 7 District buildings: 3 elementary schools (K-5), 1 middle school (6-8), 1 high school (9-12)
- Shelter Rock Academy alternative school program
- Community Center building
- Numerous athletic fields and playgrounds
- Full-service cafeteria in each school; district-operated bus transportation
- Numerous summer programs for students at all levels
- Among the highest student achievement levels of any district on Long Island, NYS, and the nation
- One of the lowest per-pupil expenditure levels among our high-achieving comparator districts



Per-Pupil Expenditure Comparison



Budget Proposal Highlights

The 2020-21 Proposed School District Budget:

- Is within the tax levy cap
- Preserves and supports all of our academic programs
- Maintains Board of Education class size guidelines
- Provides funding for extracurricular programs, music, arts, and athletics
- Provides resources for necessary technology upgrades
- Maintains AIS services, the continuum of special education services, required ENL programs, and opportunities for all learners.
- Despite the challenges the State is facing given the current health pandemic and impact on the economy, the District remains committed to aligning resources to preserve core academic programs and ensure our students learn in a safe environment.



Budget Proposal Highlights - Include Funding For:

- **Social-Emotional Learning Support for Students:**

- Continued funding for Social-Emotional Learning programs such as Challenge Day
- Additional 2.5 school social workers
- Renovation of HS Guidance Offices to new “Wellness Center”

- **Instructional Technology Improvements:**

- Installation of new Wide-Area Network District-Wide**
- New technology equipment: iPads and Chromebooks
- Equipment for robotics teams at each school
- New Cloud backup cyber security solution

- **Facilities Improvements:**

- Additional Playground Resurfacing (3): one at each elementary school*
- Select bathroom renovations at the high school and elementary schools
- New fencing and asphalt*
- New bleachers for Community Center Gymnasium*

**deferred to mid-year pending outlook of state aid*

***included in “Transfer to Capital”*



Budget Proposal Highlights

Includes funding for:

- **Safety Enhancements:**

- BOCES health and safety services
- Additional school security guards
- School entry security enhancements: elementary school vestibules

- **Other Areas:**

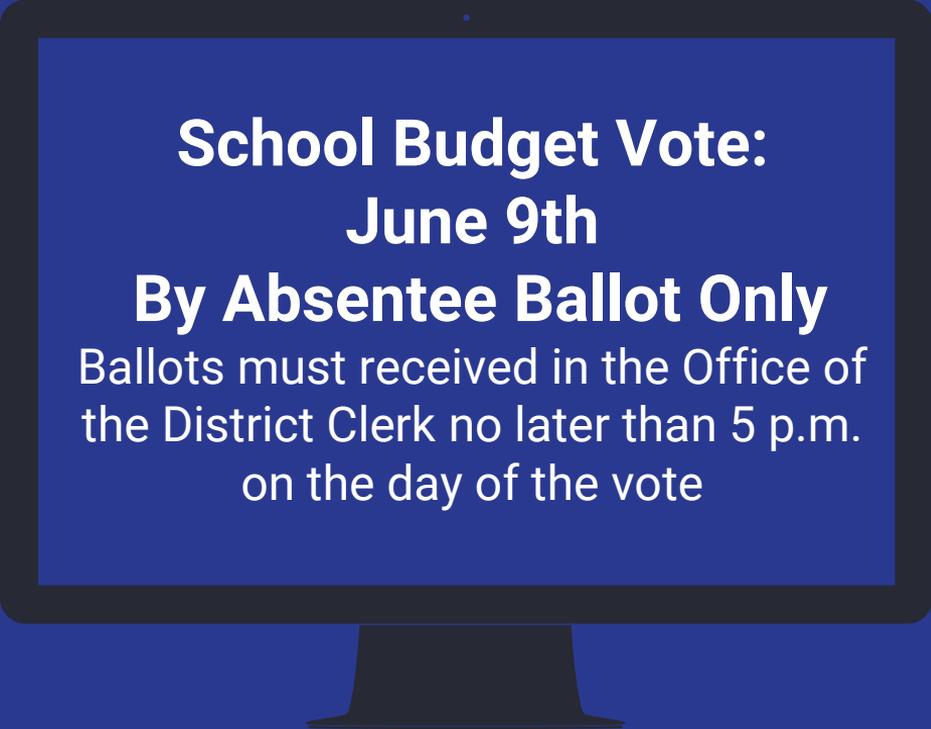
- Enhanced Middle School schedule (addition of recess, electives, and teaming)
- Center Street library furniture*
- Additional flexible seating student desks at each school*
- Replacement of musical instruments
- New edition textbooks for French and Human Geography
- Additional coach for high school fencing team
- Purchase of one new school bus

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Budget Information

- Register to vote - must be over the age of 18; citizen of the US; live in school district 30+ days
- Register with the Nassau County Board of Elections - <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/566/Board-of-Elections> (516)571VOTE or email: INFOBOE@NASSAUCOUNTYNY.GOV. There is no need to visit the Board of Elections to Register to Vote. You may download a registration application and mail it to the Board of Elections.
- Budget vote by absentee ballot only.
- All qualified voters will receive an absentee ballot mailed to their homes including three items: a pre-paid mailing envelope addressed to the District Clerk, the ballot and an oath envelope. Once completed, the ballot must be placed in the oath envelope, signed and sealed. The oath envelope will be placed in the mailing envelope addressed to the District Clerk.

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**School Budget Vote:
June 9th**

By Absentee Ballot Only

Ballots must be received in the Office of
the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m.
on the day of the vote



**Don't forget to vote
Thank You!**

Any questions?