

# Herricks Public Schools

## Proposed Budget

**2021-2022**

Budget Presentation #4\* - Revised to Reflect  
Updated State Aid Run

Budget Summary and Adoption

April 20, 2021

# Budget Development Process

Tonight's Presentation: Budget Summary and Adoption

Budget Hearing: May 6

The budget adopted by the Board of Education and presented for voter approval on Tuesday, May 18 will include input from the community

# Budget Development Process



# Draft Proposed 2021-2022 Budget:

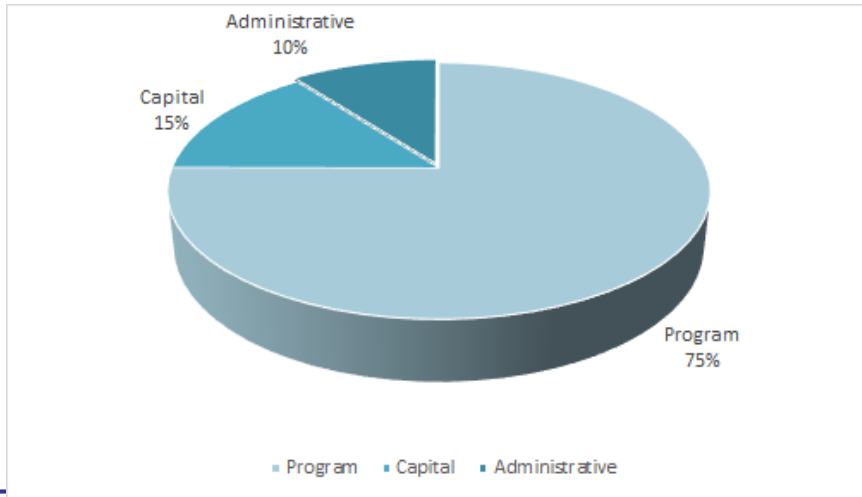


- Proposed budget to budget increase: \$2,333,120 or **1.94% over 2020-21**
- Proposed projected tax levy increase: **1.42% increase over 2020-21: Below Our Tax Levy Cap of 2.51%**
- **Proposed Tax Levy increase lowered from 1.86% to 1.42% as a result of additional state aid**
- **Average Tax Levy Increase** for Herricks since inception of tax levy in 2012-13: **1.66%**

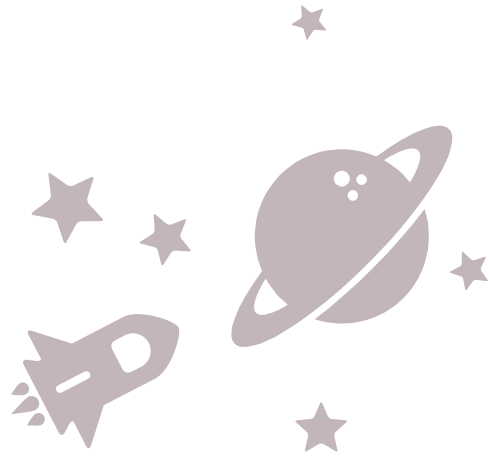
# State Aid Outlook: Increase of 9.1% in State Aid total over 2020-21

- 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
- Governor's original budget proposal released 1/19/21 anticipated a 5% decrease in total State Aid for 2021-22
- The Enacted State Aid Budget received 4/7/21 includes a significant increase in "Foundation Aid" of 21.08% (\$1.5m), and anticipated three year phase-in of full Foundation Aid funding
- Increase in State Aid is being used to lower the tax levy and complete additional facilities improvements
- New Federal Aid: COVID-19 Stimulus Funds of \$347,846 and American Rescue Plan (ARP) Funds of \$787,918 for a total of \$1,135,764 in Federal Aid to be used over the next three years (2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24)

# Budget Breakdown: 3 Part Budget



Program	\$91,617,426	75%
Capital	\$18,417,232	15%
Administrative	\$12,832,985	10%
TOTAL	\$122,867,643	100%



# Major Budget Drivers

# New York State Retirement System Pension Contribution

## Teacher Retirement System (TRS):

All teachers and administrators – will increase from 9.53% in 2020-21 to 9.8% in 2021-22

## Employee Retirement System (ERS):

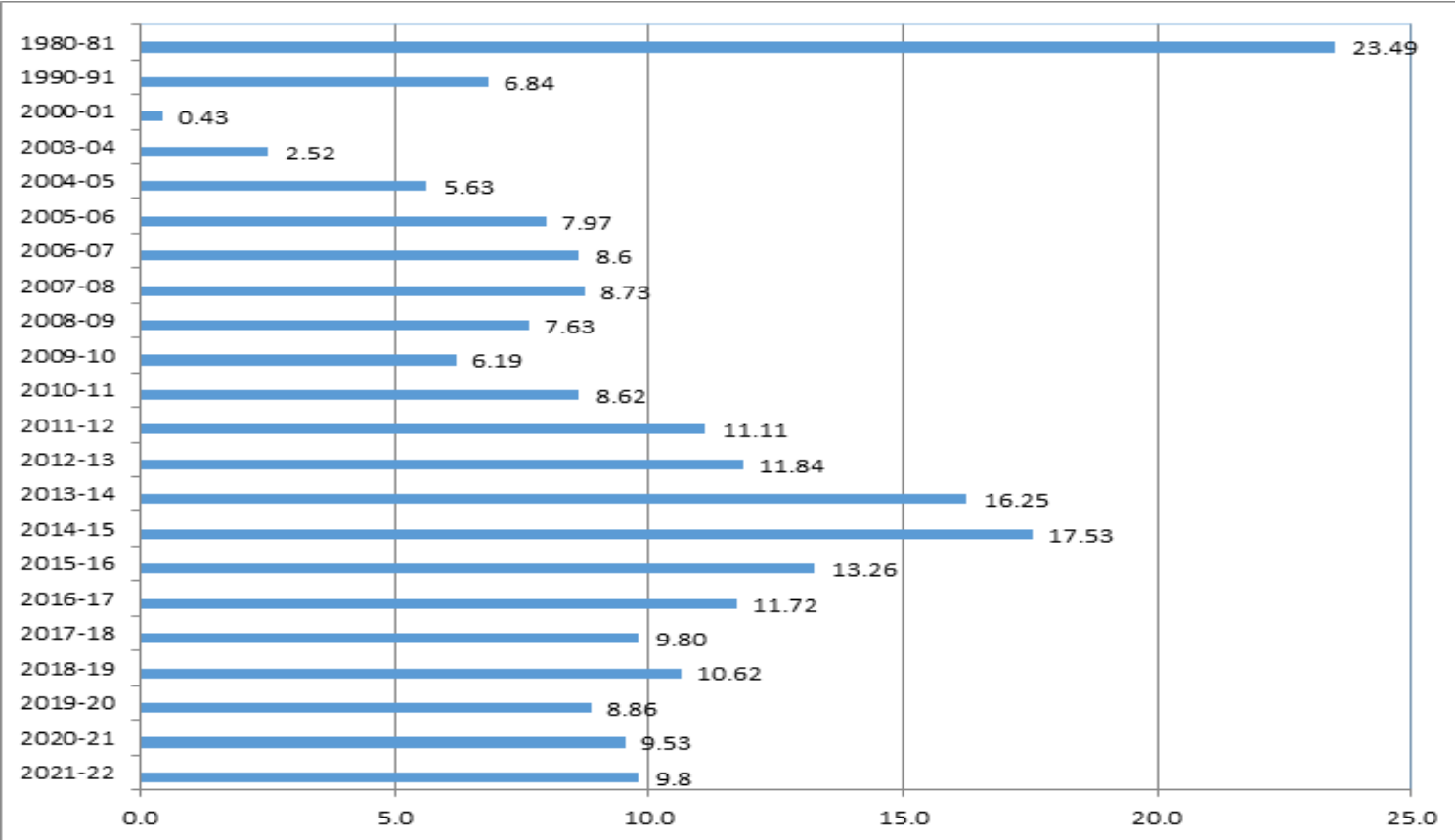
All other employees - Civil Service - contribution will increase from 14.6% in 2020-21 to 16.2% in 2021-22

**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





# TRS Pension Contribution (Percent Paid by Districts)



# Increase in Health Care Costs



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

7.5% 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

# 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 Design Priorities



Align budget with district's mission and goals

Ensure the health and safety of students and staff: Covid safety protocols

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

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

Increase opportunities for use of cutting edge instructional technology

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

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

Maintain long-term financial well-being

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
- Ensure the health and safety of students and staff
- Develop Herricks Portrait of a Graduate 21st Century skills and competencies
- Maintain and enhance district facilities

# Herricks Points of Pride



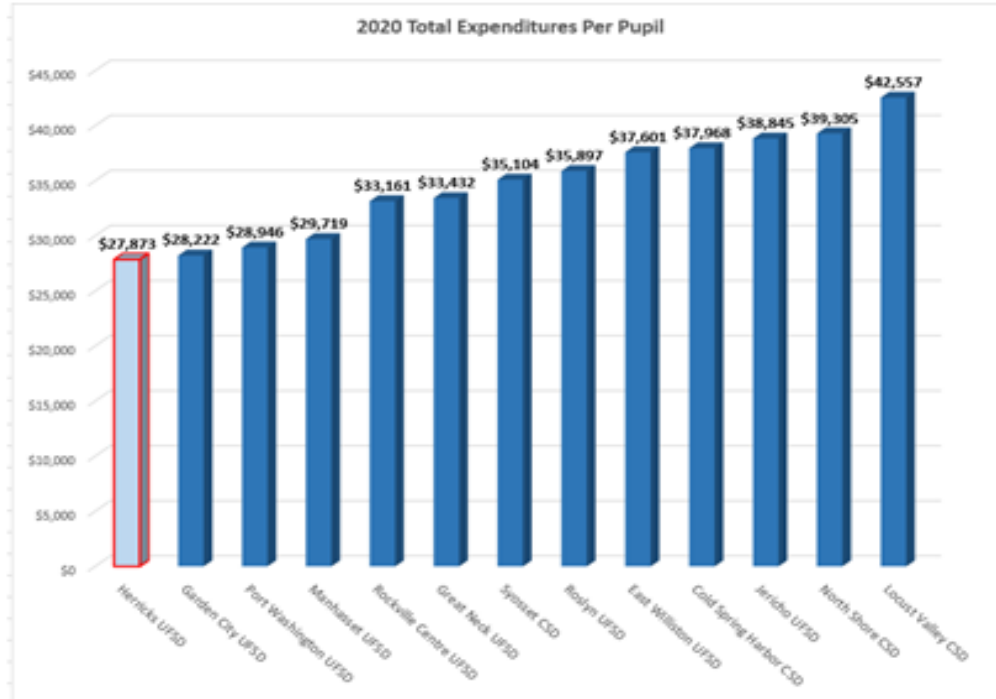
- 99% graduation rate
- 97% of students enrolled in postsecondary education
- 86% of students earned Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
- 9 students named as finalists in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Competition
- 349 AP Scholars/ 33 National AP Scholars
- Ranked by *U.S. News and World Report's* National Ranking in the top 2% of High Schools in the U.S.
- Ranked #6 on Niche.com's Best School Districts in New York State

# Herricks Schools at a Glance

- 2020-21 total enrollment: 4,058
- 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



The Cost Per Pupil is the total district expenditures, including classroom instruction, transportation, debt service, and district administration, divided by the number of students



# Budget Proposal Highlights

The 2021-22 Proposed School District Budget:

- Is below 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 technology upgrades, including initial roll-out of 1:1 Chromebook devices
- Maintains AIS services, the continuum of special education services, required ENL programs, and opportunities for all learners.



# Budget Proposal Highlights - Includes Funding For:

- **Social-Emotional Learning Support for Students:**
  - Continued funding for Social-Emotional Learning programs such as Challenge Day
  - Partnership with Northwell Health for crisis intervention and mental health center
  - Responsive Classroom Program
- **Instructional Technology Improvements:**
  - New equipment - Initial roll-out of 1:1 Chromebook Initiative
  - Addition of New Elementary Math/Technology Staff Developer
  - Expansion of Google Workspace for Education Plus
  - Network Security Protection Upgrades
- **Facilities Improvements:**
  - Additional Playground Resurfacing at Searingtown School
  - Select bathroom renovations at the High School and Denton Avenue
  - Art Room renovations at Center Street and Denton Avenue
  - Refurbishment of Uni-Vent ventilation systems in all classrooms
  - Replacement of SRA Windows
  - Renovation of High School locker rooms (transfer to capital)
  - Refinishing Middle School gym floor



# Budget Proposal Highlights

Includes funding for:

- **Health and Safety Enhancements:**

- BOCES health and safety services
- PPE Supplies and Equipment
- Covid Safety Protocols

- **Other Areas:**

- New carbon upright volleyball system for Middle School
- Equipment for new Fitness Center at High School
- Replacement of musical instruments
- New edition textbooks for math, grades K-5
- Online student registration process
- Participation in cutting edge curriculum and instruction initiatives: Tri-State Consortium and Battelle for Kids 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning
- Purchase of **Two** new school buses\*



# Additional Facilities Improvements in Budget

- **Music room renovations at Middle School and High School**
- **Select classroom door replacements (District-wide)**
- **Classroom renovations in “D Wing” of Middle School (classrooms in original section of building) – 25 classrooms**
- **Renovation of primary classroom bathrooms at Center Street and Denton Avenue (Searingtown will be completed the following year) – 16 bathrooms in each building**

# Budget Information

- Register to vote - must be over the age of 18; citizen of the US; live in school district 30+ days
- Register for School District Election only everyday through May 13 8AM-3PM & on May 4 from 4PM-8PM at the Community Center
- Register with the Nassau County Board of Elections  
<https://www.nassauvotes.com> or (516)571-VOTE. Must be received by May 7
- Budget hearing – May 6
- Budget vote – May 18 7AM – 9PM at the Community Center
- Application for absentee ballots available online at [www.herricks.org](http://www.herricks.org)
- Submit absentee ballot by 5PM on May 18th

# School Budget Vote:

Tuesday, May 18

7:00 am. to 9:00 pm.

Community Center Gymnasium

## Ballot will include:

- ▶ *Proposition 1: General Fund Budget*
- ▶ *Proposition 2: to expend an amount not to exceed \$1,208,145 from the Capital Reserve Fund - 2019 for High School Auditorium Renovation (no impact to tax levy)*

**Don't forget to vote!**





**Thank you!**

**Any  
Questions?**