

PROPOSED BUDGET SUPPORTS ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE WITHIN TAX LEVY CAP

HERRICKS PUBLIC SCHOOLS at a Glance

- Total 2017-18 enrollment of 4,002 students.
- 5 schools: 3 elementary, 1 middle, 1 high school.
- Community Center building, Shelter Rock Academy.
- Numerous athletic fields and playgrounds.
- Full-service cafeteria in each school; district-operated bus transportation.
- Student achievement levels among the highest on Long Island, in the state and in the nation.
- Extensive curricular offerings including 27 Advanced Placement courses.
- Among the lowest per-pupil expenditures of the high-achieving comparable districts.
- 100 percent graduation rate and 97 percent Regents Diploma rate.
- 99 percent of students go on to higher education.

The Herricks Public Schools is pleased to present a proposed 2018-19 school budget that is within the maximum allowable property tax levy cap limit of 2.55 percent, and supports all of the extensive features of our education programs that have engaged our students and led them to success.

The district's average tax levy increase over the past three years, including the proposed 2018-19 budget, is 1.44 percent. The budget was designed with many factors in mind and aligns with the district's goals and mission while addressing mandated requirements, remaining mindful of our taxpayers and maintaining long-term financial well-being.

The proposed budget of \$114,391,671 represents an increase of 2.86 percent. It preserves all aspects of programs in Herricks, maintains Board of Education class size guidelines, and sustains Academic Intervention Services, required English as a New Language programs and Social-Emotional

Learning programs. It also features a number of enhancements that will enrich the experiences of our students, including the expansion of Project Lead the Way to grades 7 and 8, continuation of robotics team opportunities, replacement of musical instruments, addition of the Naviance Career Exploration Program for middle school students, introduction of the iXL Math Support Program for the elementary schools and e-Doc transcript services at the high school. Funding also supports instructional technology upgrades.

Capital projects in the budget include replacement of broken sidewalks, curbs and exterior doors; installation of a new bank of lockers at the high school; and two new school buses.

The proposed budget contains safety enhancements to ensure the most secure environments for learning and extracurricular activities. These include new fire alarm smoke-heads in the high school, increased BOCES health and safety services, and an additional school security guard.

All presentations and communications regarding the budget are available on the district's website, www.herricks.org, as is the complete line-by-line budget document.

The Herricks community prides itself on an excellent school system marked with countless student achievements and success stories over the years. We thank you for your support and involvement in our district, and for joining us in strongly valuing education. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 15!



Priorities in Developing the 2018-19 Budget

The proposed budget is based on an extensive set of priorities to continue our district's tradition of excellence. These drivers guided our decision-making through the budget development process. Priorities included:

- Align budget with the district's mission and goals.
- Thoroughly review all budget items.
- Address educational regulations and mandates.
- Continue our outstanding and diverse academic programs.
- Provide cost-effective operations and strong fiscal controls.
- Use data to assess instructional programs.
- Plan staffing to ensure compliance with class size guidelines.
- Ensure a wide range of curricular offerings and social-emotional programs.
- Maintain and enhance district facilities.
- Provide varied opportunities for students in athletics, music and art, and extracurricular programs.
- Provide resources for technology and security upgrades.
- Provide increased health and safety services.

ACADEMICS

- Herricks High School was named a National Blue Ribbon School by the United States Department of Education.
- For the second consecutive year, Herricks High School has been designated a Reward School by the State Education Department.
- Two students were distinguished in the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.
- The high school has seven National Merit Finalists and 24 Commended Students.
- A group of high school students placed first at the Long Island Math Tournament and qualified for the All Stars State Championship.
- Six high school students were named semifinalists in the 2017 Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology, and two were recognized as finalists.
- Six high school students earned Scholastic Art and Writing Awards and one received a national-level Silver Medal.
- The high school's literary journal has received national press awards.
- Two students won Best Poster Presentation at the Materials Research Society Fall Meeting.
- A student earned the Outstanding Delegate award at the Brown University Simulation of the United Nations.
- A student won third place in the Biology category at the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium competition.

- Two students took first and second place in Level 3 of a French poetry competition coordinated by the American Association of Teachers of French's Nassau County Chapter.
- One of the high school's Virtual Enterprise teams was awarded Gold Status in the 2018 Long Island Regional Competition.
- Robotics students qualified for the national- and state-level VEX Robotics championships and won an Excellence Award at a regional tournament.

MUSIC AND THE ARTS

- Herricks won a contest presented by the NAMM Foundation and received a residency program with the John Lennon Educational Tour Bus.
- A student received a Scholar Artist Award of Merit in music.
- 20 students performed in the Long Island String Festival Association's Secondary Festival and 39 participated in the Elementary Festival.
- Two ensembles from the high school and two from the middle school performed in the Long Island String Festival Association's Chamber Music Festival.
- 20 high school students performed in New York State School Music Association All-State ensembles.
- Two students performed in the 2017 New York State School Music Association Piano Showcase.
- Nine middle school musicians were accepted to the New York State Band Directors Association's Middle School Honor Band, and one was chosen as an alternate.



- Two high school students won third-place awards in the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra Concerto Competition.
- 200 students participated in the All-County Music Festival.
- Two high school students were selected to the Honor Orchestra of America.
- A high school student won the 2018 Nassau County Art Supervisors Association Senior Art Scholarship.
- Seven students performed in the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's Young Musicians Concert.

ATHLETICS

- Two swimmers competed in the New York State Championships and eight went to the Nassau County Championships.
- The girls bowling team qualified for the county tournament and a boys bowling team member advanced to the state tournament.
- Seven wrestlers and four track students competed in Nassau County Championships this winter.

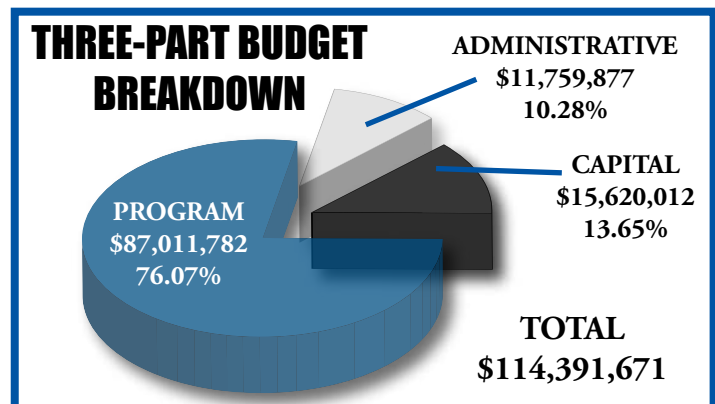
COMMUNITY SERVICE

- The schools sponsor food, toy and service projects each year.
- Athletic teams have fundraised to support many charities.



EXPENDITURE SUMMARY WITH ESTIMATED REVENUE

EXPENDITURES	Budget 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019	\$ CHANGE	% CHANGE
Board of Education	\$76,095	\$76,949	\$854	1.12%
Central Administration	\$372,949	\$376,613	\$3,664	0.98%
Finance	\$1,120,789	\$1,150,044	\$29,255	2.61%
Staff	\$631,109	\$595,639	(\$35,470)	-5.62%
Central Services	\$9,327,596	\$9,621,436	\$293,840	3.15%
Special Items	\$1,113,852	\$1,107,690	(\$6,162)	-0.55%
Total General Support	\$12,642,390	\$12,928,371	\$285,981	2.26%
INSTRUCTION				
Instruction/Supervision	\$57,912,130	\$58,558,619	\$646,489	1.12%
Instructional Support	\$2,554,663	\$2,657,907	\$103,244	4.04%
Pupil Personnel Services	\$5,246,197	\$5,210,237	(\$35,960)	-0.69%
Total Instruction	\$65,712,990	\$66,426,763	\$713,773	1.09%
TRANSPORTATION				
Total Transportation	\$3,433,507	\$3,705,921	\$272,414	7.93%
COMMUNITY SERVICE				
Total Community Service	\$271,088	\$208,662	(\$62,426)	-23.03%
UNDISTRIBUTED				
Employee Benefits	\$25,264,295	\$27,173,666	\$1,909,371	7.56%
Debt Services	\$3,238,820	\$3,279,521	\$40,701	1.26%
Interfund Transfers				
Special Aid	\$422,646	\$473,767	\$51,121	12.10%
School Lunch	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	0%
Capital	\$200,000	\$165,000	(\$35,000)	-17.5%
Total Undistributed	\$29,155,761	\$31,121,954	\$1,966,193	6.74%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$111,215,736	\$114,391,671	\$3,175,935	2.86%
ESTIMATED REVENUE				
State Aid	\$11,550,939	\$12,178,858	\$627,919	5.44%
Charge for Service (Tuition)	\$934,000	\$1,009,000	\$75,000	8.03%
Use of Property	\$631,000	\$617,959	(\$13,041)	-2.07%
Miscellaneous Programs	\$230,000	\$216,100	(\$13,900)	-6.04%
Interest on Investments	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0%
Nassau County Substance Abuse	\$95,988	\$96,000	\$12	0.01%
Other Revenue	\$254,792	\$292,250	\$37,458	14.70%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs)	\$2,074,842	\$2,139,240	\$64,398	3.10%
Appropriated Fund Balance & Reserves	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$0	0%
Tax Levy	\$94,094,175	\$96,492,264	\$2,398,089	2.55%
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE	\$111,215,736	\$114,391,671	\$3,175,935	2.86%



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VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Qualifications:

If you are registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections, you are automatically registered for school elections. To vote on May 15, you must be:

- 18 years of age
- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of the Herricks School District for 30 days prior to May 15, 2018.

New voters must register by May 10, 2018.

How do I register?

Registration will be held on May 1, from 4-8 p.m. at the Herricks Community Center, 999 Herricks Road, New Hyde Park. You may also register on any school day between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. through May 10, 2018.

What will I be voting on?

- Proposition 1: The Annual Budget for the 2018-19 school year.
- Voters will also be asked to elect two members of the Board of Education commencing July 1, 2018 for three-year terms.

Absentee Ballots:

Absentee ballots can be obtained at the district clerk's office, located at 999 Herricks Road, New Hyde Park, Room 205. If you have any questions, please call 516-305-8903. Applications for absentee ballots are available on the Herricks Public Schools website, www.herricks.org.

Budget Q&A

Q: The proposed budget calls for a tax levy increase of 2.55 percent. Does that mean my taxes will only go up by that amount?

A: No. The tax cap limits how much money the district can levy from the overall community. The tax rate, on the other hand, is determined by a variety of factors, including the value of real estate. In Nassau County, how a particular piece of property is taxed is based on three factors: the tax levy, which is set by the school district; the adjusted base proportion for that class or type of property, set by Nassau County; and the assessment of the property, also set by Nassau County. Please contact Assistant Superintendent for Business Lisa Rutkoske at 305-8903 with specific questions.

Q. What are the key additions in the proposed budget?

A. The proposed budget preserves all of the district's programs and includes the expansion of Project Lead the

Way to grades 7 and 8, continuation of robotics team opportunities, support of our Social-Emotional Learning initiatives, replacement of musical instruments, addition of the Naviance Career Exploration Program for middle school students, introduction of the iXL Math Support Program for the elementary schools and e-Doc transcript services at the high school.

Funding also supports technology upgrades, safety enhancements including new fire alarm smoke-heads in the high school, and increased BOCES health and safety services, as well as numerous capital projects noted on page 1.

Q. Where can I get more information about the budget?

A. For more information, please visit the district's website, www.herricks.org, or contact Assistant Superintendent for Business Lisa Rutkoske at 305-8903 or lrutkoske@herricks.org.

BUDGET HEARING

Thursday, May 3, 2018
7:30 p.m.
Herricks Middle School

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 15, 2018
7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Community Center Gym

