



Beacon

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 2024

Spring 2024 Budget Newsletter

Dear Beacon City School District Community:

I am honored to be the Superintendent of the Beacon City School District and thrilled to be finishing my seventh year in the position. I am incredibly proud of the many ways the Beacon City School District community supports our students.

Our school budgets over the past several years have supported the following:

- Small class sizes at the elementary level
- Instrumental music beginning in the fourth grade
- Implementation of a full-day pre-kindergarten program
- 1:1 Chromebook initiative for all of our students
- A wide range of course offerings at Beacon High School, including 10 AP courses and 8 Dutchess Community College courses
- A strong athletics program with many offerings from modified to the varsity level
- An expanded offering of clubs and extracurriculars at all levels of school

Our proposed 2024-2025 budget maintains all of our past budget accomplishments while dealing the negative impacts of the recently adopted state budget. Beacon will be receiving less aid from the state this year than in previous years. Despite this, we have worked hard to maintain our budget gains from the past. Our budget priorities are always developed throughout the year with the BCSD Board of Education with a strong focus on student and community needs and you can always check out our website for more information.

Additionally this year, we are asking voters to consider a capital project for \$49.5 million. This project will address the critical infrastructure needs of our aging buildings. The project will also allow us to add cooling centers to our elementary schools and Rombout Middle School, and make improvements to the baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and theater at Beacon High School.

If the budget vote does not pass, the district would have to implement a contingency budget. The contingency budget would force us to make \$1,794,000 in cuts across all areas of the district and it would have a negative impact on the student experience in our district. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns and we hope to have your support with our budget.

Sincerely,

Matt Landahl
Superintendent

2024-2025 Proposed
Budget Increase

3.09%

2024-2025 Proposed
Tax Levy Increase *

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*Within the 2024-25 Tax Levy Limit

- BUDGET VOTE
- ELECTRIC-POWERED BUS PURCHASE
- BUS PURCHASE
- ELECT THREE (3) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

VOTE
May 21, 2024
6am - 9pm

Voting Locations:
Beacon HS/Glenham ES

Budget Summary	2023-2024 BUDGET	2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	VOTE MAY 21, 2024 VOTE					
				Voters will be asked to decide the following:					
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET	\$9,176,347	\$9,401,600	\$225,253	PROPOSITION #1: 2024 -2025 BUDGET					
Board of Education	\$46,700	\$46,700	\$0	<p>SHALL the budget for the Beacon City School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2024, in the amount of \$83,855,000 be adopted, and the necessary taxes to meet such expenditures be levied and collected?</p> <p>PROPOSITION #2: ELECTRIC-POWERED BUS PURCHASE</p> <p>SHALL Shall the bond resolution authorizing the purchase of two zero-emission school buses at a maximum cost of \$990,000 (\$495,000 per bus), but only if the District receives subsidies of at least \$400,000 (\$200,000 per bus); authorizing the issuance of up to \$990,000 bonds (up to 5 year maximum maturity) and, with respect to such bonds, providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?</p> <p>PROPOSITION #3: BUS PURCHASE</p> <p>SHALL Shall the bond resolution authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum cost of \$485,000; authorizing the issuance of up to \$485,000 bonds (5 year maximum maturity) and, with respect to such bonds, providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?</p> <p>PROPOSITION #4: CAPITAL PROJECT</p> <p>SHALL Shall the bond resolution authorizing a School District Improvement Program at a maximum cost of \$49,950,000; authorizing the use of \$500,000 capital reserve funds, the issuance of up to \$49,450,000 bonds (30 year maximum maturity) and, with respect to such bonds, providing for a tax levy therefor in annual installments; pledging the District's faith and credit for debt service; delegating powers with respect to bonds and notes; and providing for an estoppel procedure, be approved?</p> <p>ELECTION OF FOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS</p> <p>To elect three (3) members to the Board of Education as follows:</p> <table><tr><td>1. LaVonne McNair</td><td>3. Megan Phillips</td></tr><tr><td>2. Flora Stadler</td><td>4. Christopher Lewine</td></tr></table> <p>The terms are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Two (2) members to the Board of Education for three year terms (commencing July 1, 2024 and expiring June 30, 2027)One (1) member to the Board of Education for a remainder term commencing May 22, 2024 and ending June 30, 2024 <i>plus</i> a three-year term commencing July 1, 2024 and ending June 30, 2027		1. LaVonne McNair	3. Megan Phillips	2. Flora Stadler	4. Christopher Lewine
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Central Administration	\$355,800	\$363,600	\$7,800						
Finance	\$854,200	\$884,700	\$30,500						
Legal	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0						
Personnel	\$131,500	\$107,500	(\$24,000)						
Records Management	\$4,750	\$4,750	\$0						
Public Information	\$76,000	\$90,000	\$14,000						
Central Services	\$89,404	\$52,404	(\$37,000)						
Security	\$742,315	\$823,637	\$81,322						
Special Items	\$884,000	\$844,000	(\$40,000)						
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$687,272	\$675,251	(\$12,012)						
Supervision -- Regular School	\$2,297,700	\$2,396,300	\$98,600						
Supervision -- Handicapped	\$691,203	\$664,000	(\$27,203)						
Supervision -- Benefits	\$2,295,503	\$2,428,758	\$133,253						
INSTRUCTIONAL BUDGET	\$60,382,511	\$62,591,409	\$2,208,898						
Legal	\$175,000	\$175,000	\$0						
Central Services	\$67,456	\$67,456	\$0						
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$0	\$0	\$0						
In-Service Training	\$235,544	\$100,000	(\$135,544)						
Teaching -- Regular School	\$20,226,877	\$20,407,424	180,547						
Teaching -- Handicapped	\$11,082,344	\$12,054,511	\$972,167						
Special Needs/Occ. Ed.	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$0						
Special Schools	\$0	\$0	\$0						
Special Schools - Alt Ed	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0						
School Library & Audio Visual	\$734,589	\$775,931	\$41,342						
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$2,561,500	\$2,564,221	\$2,721						
Attendance/Guidance	\$964,087	\$1,048,761	\$84,674						
Health Services	\$707,150	\$670,150	(\$37,000)						
Psychological/Social Work	\$1,435,255	\$1,466,219	\$30,964						
Co-Curricular Activities	\$115,500	\$236,000	\$120,500						
Interscholastic Activities	\$657,000	\$682,000	\$25,000						
Pupil Transportation	\$3,707,950	\$3,717,450	\$9,500						
Community Services	\$151,000	\$151,000	\$0						
Instruction -- Benefits	\$16,801,259	\$17,815,286	\$1,014,027						
Transfer to Special Aid	\$240,000	\$140,000	(\$100,000)						
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$11,781,842	\$11,861,991	\$80,149						
Central Services	\$5,021,240	\$5,109,240	\$88,000						
Special Items	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0						
Central Services -- Benefits	\$938,458	\$1,000,871	\$62,413						
Debt Service	\$5,752,144	\$5,681,880	(\$70,264)						
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0						
TOTAL BUDGET	\$81,340,700	\$83,855,000	\$2,514,300						
REVENUE	2024-2025								
Local Property Taxes	\$47,675,404								
State Aid	\$30,154,727								
Interest and Earnings	\$500,000								
Interest, Penalties, PILOTS	\$300,00								
Use of Reserves/Fund Balance	\$3,000,000.00								
Transfer from Debt Service	\$465,000								
Miscellaneous	\$1,759,869								
TOTAL REVENUE	\$83,855,000								

VOTE MAY 21, 2024 • 6:00 AM - 9:00 PM VOTE

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Beacon City School District, Dutchess County, New York, will be held at **Beacon High School** and **Glenham Elementary School** in said district on **Tuesday, May 21, 2024** between the hours of **6:00am and 9:00pm**, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

Budget Notice

	Budget Adopted for the 2023-2024 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-2025 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-2025 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$81,340,700	\$83,855,000	\$82,060,221
Increase/Decrease for 2024-2025 School Year		\$2,514,300	\$719,521
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.09%	.88%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$45,880,629	\$47,675,404	
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)	\$45,880,629	\$47,675,404	\$45,880,629
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$897,045	\$977,963	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$44,983,581	\$46,697,441	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$44,983,581	\$46,697,441	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
BUDGET COMPONENTS:			
Administrative	\$9,176,347	\$9,401,600	\$9,233,920
Program	\$60,382,511	\$62,591,409	\$61,049,810
Capital	\$11,781,842	\$11,861,991	\$11,776,491

*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2024-2025 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated: If the budget does not pass and goes to contingency, "cost of living" increases are not allowed. Therefore the proposed budget would have to be cut by approximately \$1,794,000. Since other costs have increased, this would mean significant cuts in programs and activities, which may include: Increases in class sizes, Elimination of non-core classes such as art, music and electives, Cuts to Athletics, Clubs, and Student Activities at all levels, Cuts to non-mandatory equipment purchases, Charging full cost of facility use to all non-school organizations, Reductions/Eliminations of school related building usage.

**List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect property tax levy limit and voter approval requirements.)

Description	Amount
Bus Proposition	\$485,000
EV Bus Proposition	\$990,000
Capital Project	\$49,950,000

Under the Budget Proposed for the
2024-2025 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Tax Savings

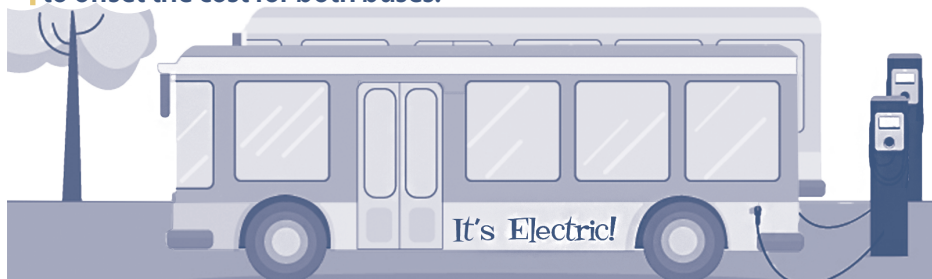
The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

\$520

PROPOSITION #2: ELECTRIC-POWERED BUS PURCHASE

Purchase of 2 EV buses for a total of \$990,000.

Great news! We have conditionally been awarded a \$514,000 grant to offset the cost for both buses.



2 Polling Locations for the Beacon City School District:

Voters who reside within the boundaries of the City of Beacon:

Beacon High School

101 Matteawan Road, Beacon, New York, 12508

Voters who reside within the boundaries of the Town of Fishkill or the Town of Wappinger:

Glenham Elementary

20 Chase Drive, Fishkill, New York 12524



Beacon City School District
10 Education Drive, Beacon, NY 12508

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Thank you for...



...another year of excellence!

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