



# Beacon

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAY 2022

## Spring 2022 Budget Newsletter

Dear Beacon City School District Community:

I am honored to be the Superintendent of the Beacon City School District and I am thrilled to be finishing my fifth year in the position. I am incredibly proud of the many ways the Beacon City School District community stepped up to help our students during these challenging past two years.

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
- Expanded pre-k programs in the district
- A wide range of course offerings at Beacon High School including 7 AP courses and 7 Dutchess Community College courses
- A strong athletics program with many offerings from modified to the varsity level
- Clubs and extracurriculars at all levels of school
- 1:1 Chromebook initiative for all of our students

Our proposed 2022-2023 budget maintains all of our past budget accomplishments while adding 5 teaching positions to further support student mental health, additional coursework at the high school and middle school, and the expansion of a full-time pre-k class at each elementary school. Our budget priorities are developed throughout the year with the BCSD Board of Education with a strong focus on student and community needs.

If the budget vote does not pass, the district would have to implement a contingency budget. The contingency budget would force us to make approximately \$1,700,000 of 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.

Sincerely,

*Matthew Landahl*  
Matt Landahl  
Superintendent

2022-2023 Proposed  
Budget Increase

**2.20%**

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Tax Levy Increase\*

**3.70%**

\*Within the 2022-23 Tax Levy Limit

- BUDGET VOTE
- BUS PURCHASE
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- ELECT FOUR (4) BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

**VOTE**

**May 17, 2022**

**6am - 9pm**

**Voting Locations:  
Beacon HS/Glenham ES**

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 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 17, 2022** between the hours of **6:00am and 9:00pm**, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<b>Budget Summary</b>	<b>2021-2022 BUDGET</b>	<b>2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET</b>	<b>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$8,270,622</b>	<b>\$8,663,425</b>	<b>\$392,803</b>
Board of Education	\$44,700	\$46,700	\$2,000
Central Administration	\$344,570	\$352,500	\$7,930
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$628,000	\$626,000	(2,000)
Supervision - General & Special Education	\$2,776,012	\$2,905,082	\$129,070
General Support	\$2,457,666	\$2,658,465	\$200,799
Employee Benefits	\$2,019,674	\$2,074,678	\$55,004
<b>PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$57,353,150</b>	<b>\$58,820,631</b>	<b>\$1,467,481</b>
Teaching General Education	\$18,810,259	\$19,489,772	\$679,513
Teaching Special Education	\$11,999,473	\$12,042,643	\$43,170
Occupational Education & Alternative Education	\$815,000	\$750,000	(65,000)
School Library & Computer Assisted Learning	\$2,969,742	\$3,192,283	\$222,541
Pupil Services	\$3,050,939	\$3,039,138	(11,801)
Interscholastic Athletic & Co-curricular Activities	\$685,160	\$735,000	\$49,840
Pupil Transportation	\$3,540,278	\$3,671,217	\$130,939
General Support	\$349,320	\$349,320	0
Community Services	\$151,000	\$151,000	0
Interfund Transfers	\$240,000	\$240,000	0
Employee Benefits	\$14,741,979	15,160,258	\$418,279
<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	<b>11,206,228</b>	<b>11,119,944</b>	<b>(86,284)</b>
Operations and Maintenance	\$4,749,820	\$4,874,240	\$124,420
Judgments, Claims, & Tax Assessment reductions	\$70,000	\$70,000	0
Debt Service	\$5,564,541	\$5,339,467	(225,074)
Employee Benefits	\$821,867	\$836,237	\$14,370
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$76,830,000</b>	<b>\$78,604,000</b>	<b>\$1,774,000</b>

**Voters will be asked to decide the following:**

**PROPOSITION #1: 2022 -2023 BUDGET**

**SHALL** the budget for the Beacon City School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022, in the amount of \$78,604,000 be adopted, and the necessary taxes to meet such expenditures be levied and collected?

**PROPOSITION #2: BUS PURCHASE**

Shall the bond resolution authorizing the purchase of school buses at a maximum cost of \$546,000; authorizing the issuance of \$546,000 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?

**PROPOSITION #3: 2022 Facilities Capital Reserve Fund**

Shall the Board of Education of the Beacon City School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund, to be known as the "2022 Facilities Capital Reserve Fund," for the purpose of appropriating sufficient funds necessary for the purpose of financing, in whole or in part, the cost of capital expenditures, including but not limited to: the construction and reconstruction of additions, renovations, refurbishments, replacements and/or repairs to its facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith; as well as and to plan for future District-wide capital improvement projects and expenditures, in the ultimate amount not to exceed \$15,000,000 over a probable term of ten (10) years; and that such amount shall be raised from the unexpended and unencumbered general fund balance and such other available funds, of the Beacon City School District?

**ELECTION OF FOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS**

To elect four (4) members to the Board of Education as follows:

- |                          |                        |
|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>1. Alena Kush</b>     | <b>3. Antony Tseng</b> |
| <b>2. Meredith Heuer</b> | <b>4. Yunice Heath</b> |

**The terms are as follows:**

- Three (3) members to the Board of Education for three year terms (commencing July 1, 2022 and expiring June 30, 2025)
- One (1) member for a two year and six week term (commencing May 17, 2022 and expiring on June 30, 2024)

<b>REVENUE</b>	<b>\$76,830,000</b>	<b>\$78,604,000</b>	<b>\$1,774,000</b>
Local Property Taxes	\$42,545,478	\$44,196,162	\$1,650,684
State Aid	\$30,696,952	\$30,231,184	(465,768)
Interest and Earnings	\$50,000	\$50,000	0
Interest, penalties, PILOTS	\$250,000	\$250,000	0
Use of Reserves	\$2,500,000	\$3,000,000	\$500,000
Miscellaneous	\$787,570	\$876,654	\$89,084

# Budget Notice

	Budget Adopted for the 2021-2022 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-2023 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-2023 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 76,830,000	\$ 78,604,000	\$ 76,953,316
Increase/Decrease for 2022-2023 School Year		\$ 1,774,000	\$ 48,316
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.31 %	.06%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	\$ 42,620,478	\$ 44,271,162	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	\$ 42,620,478	\$ 44,271,162	\$ 42,620,478
<b>F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit</b>	\$ 871,497	\$ 895,742	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$ 41,748,981	\$ 43,375,420	
<b>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)</b>	\$ 41,748,981	\$ 43,375,420	
<b>I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>	\$ 0	\$ 0	
<b>BUDGET COMPONENTS:</b>			
Administrative	\$ 8,270,622	\$ 8,663,425	\$ 8,481,043
Program	\$ 57,353,150	\$ 58,820,631	\$ 57,477,829
Capital	\$ 11,206,228	\$ 11,119,944	\$10,994,444

\*Statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2021-2022 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 \$1,700,000. 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	\$395,000
	Capital Reserve	\$15,000,000
<b>Estimated Basic STAR Tax Savings</b>	The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-2023 School Year <b>\$781</b>

## PROPOSITION 2 – BUS PURCHASE

Three 72-passenger buses  
 Three 20-passenger vans  
**Total - \$546,000**  
 Will be financed over 5 years to match State Aid - 58.5%



## 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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