





### **MISSION**

Our commitment is for all students to learn in a nurturing and inclusive environment that prepares them for continuous learning, life and work in a diverse world.

#### **VISION**

Our schools foster a love of learning and a sense of community in all students as they develop their leadership, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills.

### **Diversity is our Strength**

The diversity of our community is a strength and should be celebrated and represented in our curriculum.

### **Equitable Education**

All of our students deserve an equitable and rigorous education, regardless of race, ethnicity, class, gender identity, sexuality, or disability.

#### **Culture of Care**

We will maintain a culture of care, through a safe and supportive environment, to ensure wellness for the entire school community.

# Our Beliefs Drive Our Budget

Our goal is to maintain the momentum we have built over the past seven years.

### THE BEACON PILLARS

### **PILLAR I:**

**Academic Excellence** 





PILLAR II:
Diversity in Staff
and Opportunities

### **PILLAR III:**

High-quality curriculum





### **PILLAR IV:**

Community Engagement and Involvement

- Professional Development
- Community Engagement Events
- Growth in Extracurricular Clubs
- Higher education partnerships (DCC, Marist, Mount Saint Mary, Bard)



# Our Budget Supports Pre-K

Full Pre-K offering in Dutchess County with programs in every elementary school including the only district - Pre-K Special Class Integrated Setting in the county





## Our Budget Supports Small Class Sizes K-12





Our Budget Has Supported an Exponential Increase in Extracurricular Clubs









# Our Budget Supports College and Advanced Coursework



Calculus
Economics
English
Government
Pre-Calculus
Psychology
Spanish
Statistics



Algebra
Living Environment
Advanced Art



African American
Studies
Art History
Biology
Drawing
English
Environmental Science
Language
Literature
Music Theory
U.S. History

# Our Budget Supports Growth of Our Music Program to High Levels of Participation

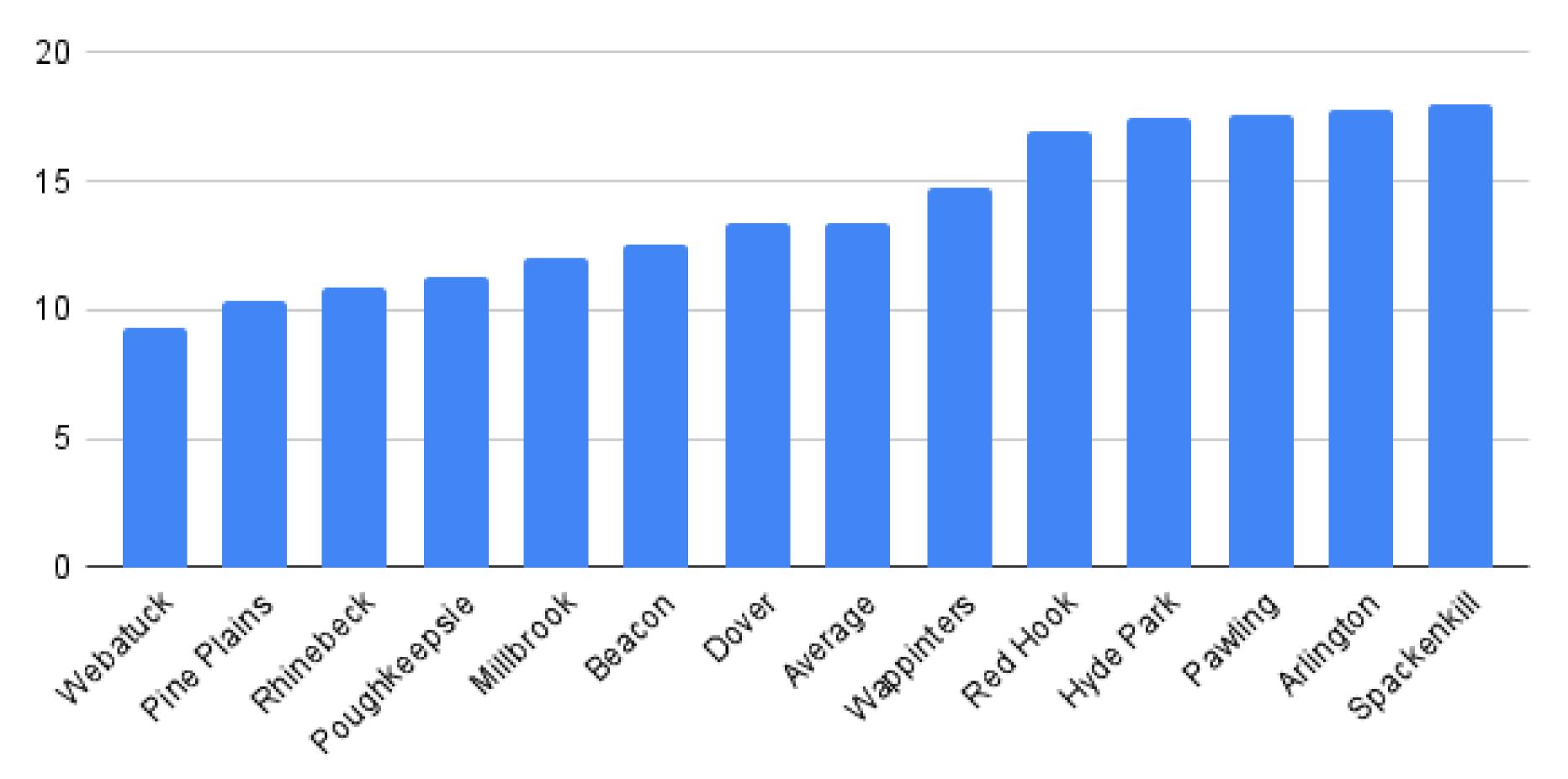


Our Budget
Supports
Increasing Salary
and Benefits to
Our Employees





## Dutchess County Tax Rates per \$1,000



# **Beacon Tax Rates 2015 - 2024** 15 2015-16 2016-17 2017-18 2018-19 2019-20 2020-21 2021-22 2022-23 2023-24



# State Budget Update



Recent Updates from Albany say that Beacon will be receiving a flat increase with Foundation Aid in the NY budget

# Adjustments to Changes with State Funding

Implement Position Control

Make potential reductions through
attrition (retirement)

Reduce Contractual Services
Seek Grant Opportunities

## Tax Levy Calculation

Tax Levy \$47,675,404

## Factors that affect tax cap calculation:

- Tax base growth factor
- CPI
- Capital Exclusion
- ERS exclusion

## Tax Levy Percentage Increase



Tax Levy increase is at the Tax Cap!



		Estimated Tax Rate per \$1,000	Estimated Tax Increase based on Median Home Value
	Beacon	\$13.06	\$88
TAX	Fishkill	\$13.01	\$100
	Wappingers	\$13.12	\$106

## Items Included in Proposed Budget



- Funds for professional development
- Funds for new pilot reading program
- Funds that support enrichment for clubs, extracurriculars and field trips

## EV Bus Proposition 2023

Voters approved proposition to purchase an EV bus with a maximum cost of \$466,000 only if we received a grant of \$250,000

Current cost of an EV bus & Level 3 charger- \$495,000

We were awarded the NY School Bus Incentive Voucher Program (NYSBIP) - \$257,250

# What will be on the ballot in May 2024?

Amend the language of Proposition 3 from May 2023 to increase the net cost of the EV bus. Include authorization to purchase a second bus with the same net cost.

## Additional Bus Proposition

Proposition to purchase: 3 - 72 passenger buses - \$485,000

BCSD receives 59.9% of transportation aid spread over five years

We will finance the cost over 5 years

# Capital Project 2024

Total Capital Project \$49,950,000

Building Aid Ratio - 67.1%
Check out the Capital Project 2024
Page on our Website for more
information

