



HADLEY-LUZERNE

Central School District

BUDGET NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

Budget Hearing

Thursday, May 4, 2023
6:30 p.m., Stuart M. Townsend
Elementary School

Voting Day

Tuesday, May 16, 2023
Noon - 8 p.m.
Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School
27 Hyland Drive, Lake Luzerne

- Proposed School Budget
- 1 Proposition for 3 School Buses
- 1 School Board Position

Eligibility to Vote

- Citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older on the day of the vote
- Resident within the district for a period of 30 days prior to the vote
- Registered to vote

Register to Vote

If you are registered to vote in the general election, then you are registered to vote in the school election. If you are unsure if you are registered to vote, please call the Board of Elections Office for the county in which you reside.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots are available to registered voters of the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District who will not be able to vote on Election Day. The ballot application, with instructions, is available at www.hlcsd.org or by contacting the District Clerk at 518-696-2378 ext. 1108.

Annual School Budget Vote and Board Elections

The Hadley-Luzerne Central School District Board of Education is proposing a budget of \$23,293,895 for the 2023-24 school year resulting in an estimated 0.9% increase in the tax levy, which is well below the tax levy cap of 3.75%. This represents an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$763,873 or 3.39%, which will be offset by a 4% increase in NYS Aid and use of the district's fund balance.

Each year, our school district strives to provide an academic program that supports a safe, positive, and rewarding learning experience. As we developed the 2023-24 budget, our goals were to maintain programs, maximize taxpayer dollars, and keep budget increases to a minimum. We are pleased to say we have been able to achieve these goals.

For the 2023-24 school year, the district will continue to provide physical and mental health services to students on campus through Hudson Headwaters and Northern Rivers Family of Services. Having these two providers on site allows students to attend school consistently and receive the services they need while learning and playing alongside their peers.

The district plans to hire a second school psychologist next year to help the Committee on Special Education identify students with disabilities and support their individual education plans. This individual will also help implement social emotional learning K-12.

NYS Education Law allows school districts to conduct one \$100,000 "capital outlay" project per year, which does not require special approval from voters. Capital outlay projects are reimbursed in the form of revenue (based on the district's NYS Building Aid ratio) the following fiscal year. HLCS D took advantage of this opportunity for the past two years to complete health and safety related projects including floor replacement in the senior wing of the Junior/Senior High School and roof repair over the main entrance of the Junior/Senior High School.

After careful consideration of the budget for next year, the district will not undertake a capital outlay project in 2023-24. Instead, the Board of Education Facilities Committee will review and prioritize the recommendations contained in the Building Condition Survey, which NYS requires school districts to complete every five years, to plan what areas should be considered for a future capital project.

We are proud of the educational opportunities we are able to provide our students while being fiscally responsible to the taxpayers. We appreciate the support and partnership of the PTSA, Booster Club, and residents who entrust us with their children and their investment in our facilities.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School.



ON THE BALLOT

2023-24 Proposed School Budget

RESOLVED, to adopt the annual budget for the 2023-2024 school year in the amount of \$23,293,895 and to authorize the requisite portion therefore to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

Proposition 1

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education is hereby authorized to acquire three (3) 65-passenger school buses at a maximum estimated cost not to exceed \$580,668, which is estimated to be the maximum cost thereof, and to expend such sum for such purpose and to levy the necessary tax therefore taking into account state aid received, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the district at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$580,668 and to levy a tax to pay the interest on such obligations when due.

Election of One School Board Member

Vote to elect one (1) member to the Board of Education, at large, to a three (3) year term, commencing on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026. The incumbent is Eddie Joe Moulton, whose term expires on June 30, 2023.

Candidate:

Eddie Joe Moulton

2023-24 EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

Line Item	Budget 2022-23	Proposed 2023-24	\$ Change
Instruction	\$11,049,628	\$11,067,336	\$17,708
Employee Benefits	\$5,897,263	\$6,289,483	\$392,220
General Support	\$2,909,692	\$3,195,788	\$286,096
Transportation	\$1,237,886	\$1,342,126	\$104,240
Debt Service	\$1,295,553	\$1,359,162	\$63,609
Transfers	\$140,000	\$40,000	(\$100,000)
TOTAL BUDGET	\$22,530,022	\$23,293,895	\$763,873

2023-24 REVENUE SUMMARY

Line Item	Budget 2022-23	Proposed 2023-24	\$ Change
Property Tax	\$11,336,534	\$11,438,218	\$101,684
State Aid	\$9,043,042	\$9,332,947	\$289,905
Federal Aid	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,095,446	\$1,742,730	\$647,284
Restricted TRS Reserve (5997)	\$250,000	\$0	(\$250,000)
Restricted ERS Reserve (5997)	\$250,000	\$0	(\$250,000)
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Charges for Services	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$0
Use of Money & Property	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$0
Sale of Property & Comp for Loss	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$0
Miscellaneous	\$450,000	\$675,000	\$225,000
TOTAL BUDGET	\$22,530,022	\$23,293,895	\$763,873

ESTIMATED TAX RATES

Per \$1,000 of Assessed Valuation

Town	Actual 2022-23	Proposed 2023-24	\$ Change Per \$1,000	% Change
Day	\$18.83	\$19.00	\$0.17	0.90%
Edinburg	\$21.34	\$21.53	\$0.19	0.90%
Hadley	\$11.31	\$11.41	\$0.10	0.90%
Lake Luzerne	\$10.46	\$10.55	\$0.09	0.90%
Stony Creek	\$1,045.75	\$1,055.16	\$9.41	0.90%
Warrensburg	\$9.37	\$9.45	\$0.08	0.90%



Budget Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

Noon to 8 p.m.

Stuart M. Townsend Elementary School

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for 2022-23	Budget Proposed for 2023-24	Contingency Budget for 2023-24
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$22,530,022	\$23,293,895	\$23,163,393
Increase for the 2023-24 School Year		\$763,873	\$633,371
Percentage Increase in Proposed Budget		3.39%	2.81%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$11,336,534	\$11,438,218	
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)	\$11,336,534	\$11,438,218	\$11,336,534
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$501,328	\$573,364	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,835,206	\$10,864,854	
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)	\$10,835,206	\$10,864,854	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	\$0	
Administrative component	\$1,722,285	\$1,999,904	\$1,970,402
Program component	\$17,183,755	\$17,294,033	\$17,268,033
Capital component	\$3,630,982	\$3,999,958	\$3,924,958

**Separate propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: PROPOSITION ONE (1) Purchase of THREE (3) 65 passenger school buses at a total cost not to exceed \$580,668.

BASIC STAR EXEMPTION IMPACT

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings Based on a Hypothetical Home Within the School District with a Full Value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000) and a Basic Star exemption of \$28,080. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year

Basic STAR tax savings	\$349
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ALSO ON BALLOT

Election of Library Trustees

Vote to elect TWO (2) members to the Board of Trustees of the Rockwell Falls Public Library, at large. One to a three (3) year term, commencing on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026 and one to a one (1) year term commencing on July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2024. (Vote for any TWO)

Candidates:

Josh Jacquard
Robin Cammarata
Jade Eddy
Kathleen Jones

Why Are We Voting for Library Trustees?

In June 2019, voters approved the Hadley Luzerne Public Library's request to change its charter from a "municipal library" – funded only by the towns of Hadley and Lake Luzerne – to a "school district library" that would expand the tax base to the same geographical area as the Hadley-Luzerne Central School District. The vote was 241 votes for and 199 against.

"School District Public Libraries" are totally independent of the school district. They are corporate entities chartered by the Board of Regents and registered by the Commissioner of Education. NYS Education Law provides a means for public and association libraries to access voters in the community in order to levy taxes and to use tax collection mechanisms. Tax money collected for the library is kept separate from the school district budget, and any increases to the library budget would face approval by popular vote of school district constituents. The library board of trustees are elected to three-year terms rather than appointed.

Hadley-Luzerne Central School District

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Lake Luzerne, NY 12846
PERMIT #7

Board of Education

Eddie Joe Moulton, President
Lia Braco
Gregory Novotarski
Justin Hunt
BJ Weiss

Administration

Burgess Ovitt, Superintendent
Dan Hamm, Junior-Senior High School Principal (7-12)
Jon Baker, Elementary School Principal (PK-6)
Michelle Taylor, School Business Official
Robert Mark, Director of Special Education

POSTAL CUSTOMER

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PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Budget	Percent Change
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C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$11,336,534	\$11,438,218	0.9%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$501,328	\$573,364	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,853,206	\$10,864,854	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$10,853,206	\$10,864,854	
I. Difference (G - H); (negative value requires 60% voter approval)	\$0	\$0	
Public School Enrollment	648	659	1.70%
Consumer Price Index			8.0%
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$3,603,935	\$3,651,280	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,150,532	\$2,150,532	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$987,332	\$987,332	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.38%	4.24%	

Community Spirit

Students, families, and community members have enjoyed a plethora of activities and special events so far this year, with more planned for the months ahead. These events epitomize our community spirit of collaboration and support.



The Class of 2023 presented Cole's All-Star Circus as a fundraiser, and the gym was packed with spectators of all ages.



High School students volunteered to facilitate games and read to elementary students at Superhero Family Math and Reading Night.

Please check the district website and/or Facebook page for more upcoming events!