

WAPPINGERS

Central School District

The \$221 million spending plan for 2016-17...

Building Sustainable Programs for Students as the Priority

“Ensuring a balanced budget within the tax cap is our primary responsibility to district taxpayers. Our goal is to continue to promote instruction, provide opportunities and viable programs, during and after school, for ALL students while adhering to the Mission and Core Values of our District.” -- Superintendent José L. Carrión

Wappingers Central School District residents will vote on Tuesday, May 17 on a proposed \$221 million budget for 2016-17 that includes a 1.94% levy to levy increase and a 3.35% budget to budget increase from 2015-2016, thus staying within the allowable tax levy.

The proposed 2016-17 budget preserves current staffing, programs, and services and allows for expansion and additions to programs for students in grades K-12.

Sustainability of Programs

- Honors & Advanced Placement
- Academic Intervention Supports
- Supports for Enrichment
- Playground Equipment Replacements & Grounds Upkeep
- Teaching & Student Supplies
- K-12 Fine and Performing Arts
- Technology Plan
- Professional Development – Staff and Community

Expansion of Existing Programs

- Instructional and Non-instructional Staffing
- New Course Offerings at the High Schools
- Interscholastic Sports, Freshmen Boys Basketball & baseball and Modified Cross Country
- Intramurals at Junior HS and HS Volleyball
- Additional Assistant Principal at Each High School
- 11-month Assistant Coordinator for Athletics

Additions to Programs

- Upgrades to Roy C. Ketcham & John Jay Cafeterias
- Cameras for All School Vehicles
- FuelMaster Diagnostic System for School Vehicles
- Elementary Tutorial Program
- Infrastructure Work with School Buildings
- Marching Band
- Academic Field Trips
- Maker Spaces
- Textbooks
- Math Manipulatives

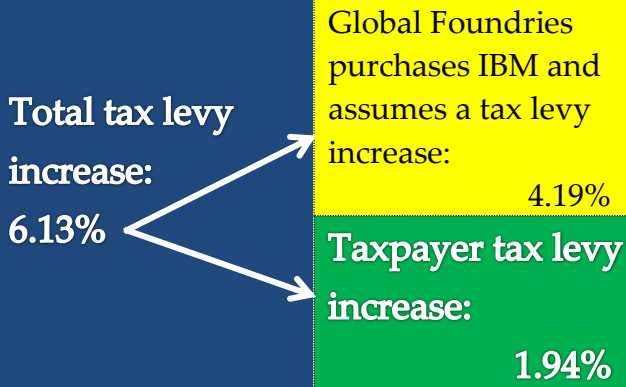
2016-17 Budget Vote

May 17, 2016 • 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Total budget: \$221,199,261

Spending increase: 3.35%

Tax levy cap: 1.94%



WITHIN THE TAX CAP

What's on the ballot?

Proposition 1 - A \$221 million budget for 2016-17 that includes a spending increase of 3.35% (\$7,167,133). The tax levy increase of 1.94% for taxpayers and is within the tax cap.

Proposition 2 - A \$26.7 million capital project to address priorities identified in the five-year Building Condition Survey including American Disabilities Act (ADA) accessibility updates (mandated and long overdue), improvements to the Fine and Performing Arts program, and Sports improvements. It is funded through long term bonding. New York State Aid is 47.2%. The annual payment of principal and interest shall be paid for through the tax levy.

Proposition 3 - In 2013, voters approved a capital project which included the construction or reconstruction of property for the District Offices and Orchard View Alternative HS. The District currently rents the property located at 25 Corporate Park Drive at an annual cost of \$395,100. Taxpayers will save \$250,000 per year because the rental expense is higher than the annual principal and interest payments for the purchase of the building. The Change in Scope proposition will not require additional funds from the taxpayers, but through the change in language, it will authorize the purchase of the property and be a savings to the taxpayers.

Proposition 4 - \$1.9 million to buy 24 school buses to replace aging buses. State Aid will reimburse approximately 53.4% and the impact on the tax rate would be 0.17% over five years beginning in year 2017-18.

Proposition 5 – Fund a repair reserve for a maximum of \$329,075 supplied through fund balance, budgetary appropriations and State Aid. There is no additional cost to taxpayers to fund the repair reserve.

Budget Hearing and Board Meeting

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

Public Session at 7:30 p.m.

District Office, 25 Corporate Park Drive,
Hopewell Junction, NY

When/where do I vote?

Tuesday, May 17, 2016

7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Find your poll site on our website

Who can vote?

If you have not voted in any political or school district vote within the past four years, you will need to re-register. You must be registered by May 12, 2016, in order to be eligible to vote.

You are Eligible to Vote If You Are:

- A United States Citizen
- 18 years of age or older, as of May 17, 2016
- A resident of the Wappingers Central School District for 30 days prior to the elections
- Registered with the school district OR Dutchess County Board of Elections.

Can't get to the polls?

Absentee ballots are available to registered voters who will not be in the district on the day of the budget vote for specific reasons.

How do I get an absentee ballot?

1. Fill out an application to confirm why you won't be able to vote in person.
2. Fill out the actual absentee ballot and cast your vote.

Ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2016. For information, call the District Clerk at 298-5000 ext. 40145.

Visit www.wappingersschools.org for more information.