SUPERINTENDENT’S MESSAGE

Dear Residents of the Nanuet Union Free School District:

On behalf of the Nanuet Board of Education, I want to thank our entire school community for your unwavering support. I am both privileged and honored to lead a district that continues to find success in all of its forms. During the 2021-22 academic year, we:

- returned to full, in-person learning for all students in grades Pre-K through 12;
- resumed live events including “Meet the Teacher” nights, homecoming, theatre productions, concerts and field trips; and,
- approved our first capital improvements bond referendum in nearly 20 years.

These and other notable achievements would not be possible without the dedication and professionalism of our staff, and the strategic goal setting and fiscal responsibility of our Board. These exemplary qualities, coupled with a shared vision for the future and collegiality among peers, will continue to serve our community well as we look ahead to next year.

Our Proposed 2022-23 Budget of $82,471,953 promotes the positive development of a Golden Knight by focusing on physical and mental health, rigorous and relevant learning experiences, essential safety measures, advanced recruitment approaches and expansion of extracurricular opportunities. With an increase in Foundation Aid from New York State, we are proposing a budget increase of 4.36% and a 0% tax levy increase. As always, our spending plan maintains — and hopes to build upon — Nanuet’s outstanding reputation for delivering a high-quality, public education experience.

As we continue to meet the challenges of the last few years with strength and optimism, I encourage you to come out and participate in the Annual Budget Vote and Election on May 17, from 7AM-9PM, in the Nanuet Senior High School Gym. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Kevin R. McCahill, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2022-2023

TAX LEVY INCREASE: 0%  BUDGET INCREASE: 4.36%

The tax levy is only one of several determining factors of the tax rate. Others include the equalization rate and assessments in each town. For these reasons, the tax rate may vary for different residents.

CAPITAL BUDGET: Each year, NUFSD budgets $1.5 million for capital improvements. For 2022-23, the District plans to undergo asbestos abatement at George W. Miller Elementary School. New tiles will be installed following the abatement. An estimated $500,000 in remaining funds will be used for the Capital Reserve Fund.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND: This year, a separate proposition (which does not obligate additional spending) asks that taxpayers establish a Capital Reserve Fund for future projects — including a second artificial turf at Nanuet Senior High School. The District hopes to fund this reserve in the next 5-6 years.

BUS PURCHASE: The Proposed 2022-23 Budget includes the five-year lease of four, 72-passenger buses. The total cost for all four buses each year will not exceed $85,000. The total cost of the five-year lease will not exceed $425,000.
Knights for Others
Did you know that NUFSBD is the largest school contributor in the Hudson Valley to participate in the Macy’s Believe Campaign? During the holiday season, staff from the Highview Elementary School, 5-6 Academy for Excellence and A. MacArthur Barr Middle School delivered a total of 3,750 letters to the West Nyack location on behalf of grades 3-8. The value of each letter doubled from $1 to $2, resulting in a $7,500 donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Our students’ unwavering support will help grant the wishes of children battling critical illnesses.

RULER Mentor School
Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence founder and director Dr. Marc Brackett recently named Highview Elementary School as a 2022 RULER Mentor School – one of only six in the country! RULER is an evidence-based approach for recognizing, understanding, labeling, expressing and regulating emotions. Thank you to our dedicated team of Principal Nancy Bonner, Assistant Principal Matthew Lutz, Instructional Coordinator Ginny DeFeo, Counselor Melissa Lipson and teachers Jennifer Merz and Ann Mitlof, whose efforts will allow Highview to receive customized support from Yale EI and serve as a role model for 3,500 schools worldwide.

Project-Based Learning
Inspired by the annual Macy’s Thanksgiving Day Parade, STEM classes at George W. Miller Elementary School this year created their own virtual celebration. Second-graders paired up, designed festive balloons and programmed Bee-Bots to carry them down “34th Street.” The project-based learning (PBL) activity was a follow-up to reading Melissa Sweet’s book, “Balloons Over Broadway: The True Story of the Puppeteer of Macy’s Parade.”

Achievement Awards
Year after year, Nanuet students consistently receive prestigious, high honor awards. Congratulations to all of our recipients including those who earned National Merit Scholarship Program (pictured left: Toni Phillips, Grade 12), New York State School Music Association and Rockland Community College Achievement awards (pictured right: Verony Gyimah, Grade 8) and U.S. Presidential Scholarship Program Recognition.

Women in Science
Nanuet Senior High School was awarded The College Board’s AP Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women’s access to Advanced Placement Computer Science Principles (AP CSP) during the 2020–2021 academic year! To be considered, female students must either account for at least 50% of examinees or the percentage of examinees meets or exceeds the total female population. Course topics include coding, how digital technologies impact society, data collection and exchange and the internet.

Where Are They Now?
In March, two alumni from the Class of 2013 returned to speak with various classes at Nanuet Senior High School about their secondary, post-secondary and professional experiences. Seamus Lombardo is a current PhD candidate at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. His research involves the testing of new spacesuits and remote sensing data for environmental issues in West Africa, Indonesia and Native American tribal lands in California. Nicole DiGiacomo graduated from the Elisabeth Haub School of Law at Pace University. She recently opened up her own practice – the Law Office of Nicole DiGiacomo PLLC – in New City.
### Proposed Expenditures

#### 2021-22 | 2022-23
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**Program** | $57,570,204 | $60,226,829
- Salaries and benefits of staff providing direct support to students
- Special Education costs
- Instructional materials, textbooks and library books
- Computers and instructional equipment
- Transportation costs for public and non-public students
- Field trips, extracurricular activities and sports
**Capital** | $13,339,485 | $13,639,539
- Debt service and lease expenses
- Legal judgments
- Facilities costs, construction, renovations, repairs and maintenance
- Custodial salaries and benefits
- Supplies and utilities
**Administrative** | $8,118,961 | $8,605,585
- Salaries and benefits of non-instructional staff
- Board, Central Office and school management costs
- Planning and consulting costs not directly related to students
**Total** | $79,028,650 | $82,471,953

### Revenues

#### 2021-22 | 2022-23
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**State Aid** | $12,933,570 | $16,052,257
**Federal Aid** | $0 | $0
**Tuition** | $300,000 | $300,000
- Includes tuition from other districts for students attending our schools
**Other Sources** | $7,884,450 | $8,209,066
- Includes income from PILOT payments, Continuing Education, Summer Enrichment, health services, interest on investments, Appropriated Fund Balance, refund of prior year expenses, etc.
**Tax Levy** | $57,910,630 | $57,910,630
- Amount to be collected from property and business owners after all other revenue sources are calculated
**Total** | $79,028,650 | $82,471,953

### Overall Budget Proposal

#### Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year | Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year | Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
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Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions | $79,028,650 | $82,471,953 | $80,804,553
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year | | $3,443,303 | $1,775,903
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget | | 4.36% | 2.25%
Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 4.7%
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | $57,910,630 | $57,910,630
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) | $57,910,630 | $57,910,630 | $56,410,630
F. Total Permissible Exclusions | $3,595,556 | $3,610,226
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions | $55,231,026 | $55,630,996
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F-D) | $54,315,074 | $54,300,404
I. Difference: G-H (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) ** | $915,952 | $1,330,592
Administrative Component | $8,118,961 | $8,605,585 | $8,483,585
Program Component | $57,570,204 | $60,226,829 | $60,190,829
Capital Component | $13,339,485 | $13,639,539 | $12,128,139

** *Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

The contingent budget proposal assumes removal of non-health and safety required equipment along with all non-contingent items pursuant to Sec. 2023 of NYS Education Law along with reductions to comply with the cap on administrative portion of the budget.

** **List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements.)

** Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings

$1,078

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Nanuet Union Free School District, Rockland County, New York, will be held at Nanuet Senior High School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 7AM and 9PM, prevailing time in the Nanuet Senior High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

* The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by Section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.
2022-2023 VOTING INFORMATION

BUDGET VOTE: TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022, 7AM-9PM - IN PERSON
NANUET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL GYM
103 Church Street, Nanuet, NY 10954

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS:
• 18 years of age or older
• Citizen of the U.S.
• Resident of the Nanuet Union Free School District at least 30 days prior to the vote
• Registered to vote in the District or under General Election Laws

*If you have any concerns surrounding COVID-19, you may request an absentee ballot for 2022. For more information, please call the District Clerk voter hotline at (845) 627-9202 or visit nanuetsd.org

VOTER REGISTRATION:
NANUET ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES
Nanuet Senior High School
103 Church Street, Nanuet, NY 10954
Monday-Friday, 9AM-4PM
*Please make an appointment by calling (845) 627-9202. Remote registration is also available through the New York State DMV website at dmv.ny.gov.

School Board Candidates: (2 open seats)
Adrienne D. Carey
Sue Frisch

Public Library Board Candidates: (1 open seat)
Write-ins only

STAY IN THE KNOW
The District utilizes many channels of communication to keep residents informed. Call (845) 627-9883 to sign up for our alert system (K12 Alerts), email distribution list or parent home access center.

CURRENT RESIDENT

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