

Sag Harbor

Union Free School District

Budget Newsletter

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Budget Issue 2024

Supporting Students With Enriching Experiences **PROPOSED BUDGET IS BELOW THE TAX LEVY CAP**

On May 21, residents within the Sag Harbor School District will vote on the proposed 2024-2025 school budget, as well as two additional propositions and Board of Education trustee seats. For the 13th consecutive year, the proposed budget carries a tax levy under the district's maximum allowable tax levy.

With a proposed tax levy increase of 2.9% and a budget totaling \$50,225,863, the budget:

- Maintains all academic programs, co-curricular opportunities, and student support services throughout the district.
- Supports the needs of Sag Harbor Elementary School students through small class size, full-day PreK and wellness.
- Continues to provide high quality learning experiences for Pierson Middle/High School students through rigorous curricula, including the International Baccalaureate Program and other course offerings.
- Invests in the district's faculty and staff through rich and varied professional development opportunities.
- Increases district and student data protections with cybersecurity improvements.
- Enhances the district's commitment to secure facilities through investment in safety personnel and technology.

Proposition 2 – Purchase New School Buses

Proposition No. 2 asks residents to authorize the district to purchase two new

2025 GMC Minotour Body Model School Buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$195,956, and two Freightliner Thomas/C2 Body Model School Buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$312,296, for total estimated maximum cost of \$508,252, and to appropriate and spend such amount from the Transportation Fleet Capital Reserve Fund, which was previously established following a proposition of the voters on May 16, 2017. Two of the buses that would be replaced are at least 12 years old with more than 200,000 miles. If approved, there will be no impact to the tax levy.

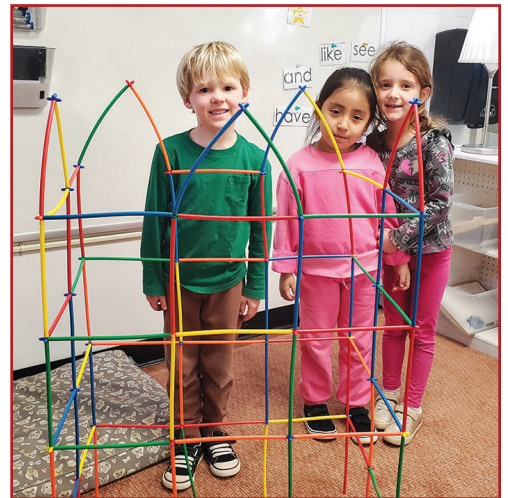
Proposition 3 – HVAC Unit Ventilator Upgrades

Proposition No. 3 asks residents to approve an expenditure from an existing capital reserve fund for HVAC unit ventilator upgrades at the Sag Harbor Elementary School and the Pierson Middle/High School complex at a maximum cost of \$2.4 million. The expended amount would come from the Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, which was previously established following approval of the proposition of the voters on May 18, 2021. If approved, there will be no impact to the tax levy.

Trustee Election

Voters will be asked to elect two members to the Board of Education to fill the positions currently held by Jordana Sobey and Ryan Winter. The positions are for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2024, and expiring on June 30, 2027.

To learn more about the proposed budget and specifics on Propositions No. 2 and 3, please review the contents of this newsletter or visit the budget page on the district's website, www.sagharborschools.org/page/2024-2025-budget-information. Polls will be open on Tuesday, May 21, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Pierson High School gymnasium.



Projected Tax Levy Increase
2.9%

VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 21
Pierson High School Gymnasium
7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES 2024-2025

	2023-2024 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Admin & Program Support				
Board of Education/District Clerk/Annual Meeting/ School Association Dues	\$95,290	\$96,408	\$1,118	1.17%
Chief School Administrator	\$384,038	\$392,863	\$8,825	2.30%
Business/Finance/Legal/Auditing/Insurance	\$1,275,784	\$1,286,773	\$10,989	0.86%
Personnel/Curriculum Development/Supervision	\$1,399,120	\$1,372,644	\$(26,476)	-1.89%
Security	\$274,070	\$662,070	\$388,000	141.57%
Public Information/Central Printing and Mailing/ Central Data Processing	\$787,079	\$732,850	\$(54,229)	-6.89%
BOCES Services – Administrative Charges/Research and Planning	\$172,668	\$159,220	\$(13,448)	-7.79%
SUBTOTAL	\$4,388,049	\$4,702,828	\$314,779	7.17%
Programs for Students				
Teaching/Co-Curricular/Educational Support	\$16,540,440	\$16,955,616	\$415,176	2.51%
Special Education and Related Services	\$5,200,686	\$5,762,232	\$561,546	10.80%
Occupational Education	\$181,560	\$201,500	\$19,940	10.98%
Technology/Instructional Media	\$1,014,780	\$1,044,140	\$29,360	2.89%
Athletics	\$1,016,896	\$1,056,648	\$39,752	3.91%
Pupil Transportation*	\$1,758,407	\$1,792,686	\$34,279	1.95%
Transfer to Special Aid/Lunch Fund	\$240,000	\$210,000	\$(30,000)	-12.50%
SUBTOTAL	\$25,952,769	\$27,022,822	\$1,070,053	4.12%
Employee Benefits				
Retirement/Social Security/Compensated Absences	\$4,838,110	\$5,231,590	\$393,480	8.13%
Workers' Compensation/Unemployment/Disability	\$102,000	\$109,200	\$7,200	7.06%
Health and Dental Insurance/125 Plan Admin.	\$7,645,231	\$8,526,623	\$881,392	11.53%
SUBTOTAL	\$12,585,341	\$13,867,413	\$1,282,072	10.19%
Capital Budget				
Debt Services	\$1,643,782	\$1,669,981	\$26,199	1.59%
Operations and Maintenance	\$3,493,086	\$2,962,819	\$(530,267)	-15.18%
SUBTOTAL	\$5,136,868	\$4,632,800	\$(504,068)	-9.81%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$48,063,027	\$50,225,863	\$2,162,836	4.50%

* Proposed Pupil Transportation budget provides funding for transportation services that cannot be covered by the Sag Harbor UFSD transportation bus fleet. The 2024/2025 school year will be the third year of a five year contract extension with the District's current transportation contractor.

PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUES 2024-2025

	2023-2024 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Summary of State Aid				
Foundation Aid	\$1,394,621	\$1,394,621	\$0	0.00%
BOCES Aid	\$227,561	\$267,660	\$40,099	17.62%
Transportation Aid	\$77,164	\$69,357	\$(7,807)	-10.12%
Software, Library, and Textbook Aid	\$75,167	\$72,925	\$(2,242)	-2.98%
Public High Cost Aid	\$6,081	\$14,345	\$8,264	135.90%
Private Excess Cost Aid	\$24,699	\$14,632	\$(10,067)	-40.76%
Building Aid	\$10,192	\$15,212	\$5,020	49.25%
High Tax Aid	\$165,430	\$165,430	\$0	0.00%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTs)				
Student Fees (Driver's Education)	\$162,000	\$162,000	\$0	0.00%
Non-Resident Tuition	\$10,000	\$20,000	\$10,000	100.00%
Charges for Shared Services/Facilities Usage	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000	\$0	0.00%
Grants, Interest, Miscellaneous Revenue	\$450,000	\$500,000	\$50,000	11.11%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$175,000	\$575,000	\$400,000	228.57%
Appropriated Reserve	\$674,162	\$872,513	\$198,351	29.42%
General Fund Tax Levy	\$500,000	\$750,000	\$250,000	100.00%
	\$42,110,950	\$43,332,168	\$1,221,218	2.90%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$48,063,027	\$50,225,863	\$2,162,836	4.50%

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Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$48,063,027	\$50,225,863	\$49,636,763
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$2,162,836	\$1,573,736
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.50%	3.27%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$42,110,950	\$43,332,168	
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)	\$42,110,950	\$43,332,168	\$42,110,950
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$1,373,843	\$1,376,041	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$41,680,001	\$42,311,065	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/ or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$40,737,107	\$41,956,127	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60 percent Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$942,894	\$354,938	
Administrative Component	\$5,521,994.96	\$6,102,805.79	\$5,819,999.79
Program Component	\$36,354,134.77	\$38,600,729.65	\$38,320,109.65
Capital Component	\$6,186,897.27	\$5,522,327.56	\$5,496,653.56

*Under the Property Tax Levy Cap law, when a district adopts a contingent budget, the tax levy limit cannot be increased for any reason; it is set at zero percent. The administrative cap which limits the allowable increase in the administrative component of the budget is still in effect. The Sag Harbor UFSD will have to reduce the proposed budget by \$589,100 in expenditures for equipment and administrative costs if a contingent budget is adopted. Program and service reductions to students may be necessary.

The proposed budget provides funding for transportation services that cannot be covered by the Sag Harbor UFSD transportation bus fleet. The 2024-25 school year will be the third year of a five-year transportation services contract.

The following additional propositions will appear on the ballot:

Proposition No. 2: Purchase of Four New School Buses – \$508,252

Proposition No. 3: Use of Capital Reserve Fund for District-wide HVAC Unit Ventilator Upgrades – \$2,400,000

The approval of Propositions No. 2 and 3 will not have an impact on the 2024-25 School Tax Levy.

Please visit <http://www.sagharborschools.org> for additional information on the 2024-25 Proposed Budget.

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ - Town of Southampton	\$216
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ - Town of East Hampton	\$230

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Sag Harbor UFSD, Suffolk County, New York, will be held at the Pierson High School Gymnasium in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 9 p.m., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

***The voter information is provided in the Spanish language as required by Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, 52 U.S.C § 10503.

POSTAL PATRON
Sag Harbor, NY 11963

ON THE BALLOT

PROPOSITION NO. 1 – Budget 2024-2025

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Sag Harbor Union Free School District, Sag Harbor, New York, be and is hereby authorized to expend the sums set forth in the proposed budget for the 2024-2025 school year in the total amount of \$50,225,863 and to levy the necessary tax therefor.

PROPOSITION No. 2 – Purchase of Four New Buses

“Shall the Board of Education of the Sag Harbor Union Free School District be authorized to purchase two (2) new 2025 GMC Minotour Body Model School Buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$195,956, and two (2) Freightliner Thomas/C2 Body Model School Buses at an estimated maximum cost of \$312,296, for a total estimated maximum cost of \$508,252, and to appropriate and spend such amount from the Transportation Fleet Capital Reserve Fund, which was previously established following a proposition of the voters of the District on May 16, 2017?”

Note: The approval of this proposition will not have an impact on the Tax Levy for 2024-2025.

PROPOSITION No. 3 – Use of Capital Reserve Fund for District-wide HVAC Unit Ventilator Upgrades

“Shall the Board of Education of the Sag Harbor Union Free School District be authorized to undertake certain capital improvements consisting of HVAC Unit Ventilator upgrades at the Sag Harbor Elementary School and the Pierson Middle/High School at a maximum aggregate cost of \$2.4 million dollars (\$2,400,000) and to appropriate and expend such amount from the Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund, which was previously established following approval of the proposition of the voters of the School District on May 18, 2021?”

Note: The approval of this proposition will not have an impact on the Tax Levy for 2024-2025.

Elect Members to the Board of Education

To elect two members of the Board of Education for a three-year term commencing on July 1, 2024, and expiring on June 30, 2027, to fill the positions held by Jordana Sobey and Ryan Winter whose terms expire on June 30, 2024.

☐ Ryan Winter ☐ Jordana Sobey

