

PUBLIC SCHOOLING IN UNCERTAIN TIMES

The post-pandemic era has seen a notable return to 'normalcy', but certain atypical factors continue to influence our district's operations. While student social and emotional needs remain acute, district personnel have made tremendous gains in helping our learners overcome the trauma and isolation of recent years. Similarly, missed learning is gradually being addressed, and with some increased investment in academic remediation, we are confident that COVID's educational impact will continue to fade.

As with most sectors of the economy, inflation is a central factor in our district's fiscal operations. While New York State has calculated the rate of inflation for school districts for the past year at 8%, we are pleased to offer a budget proposal which features a spending plan



well-below that rate of increase. As in past years, this budget proposal reflects a projected tax levy which, at 2.05%, is compliant with tax cap/tax levy limit regulations and therefore requires only a simple majority voter approval.

Next year's instructional and co-curricular program is envisioned as stable, with a few notable additions. The expansion of the Mathematics Department at Plattsburgh High School will enable the offering of extra academic intervention services to further assist students in recovering from pandemic missed learning. In recent years, our City has featured an increasing population of English Language Learners, and the addition of one Teaching Assistant to scaffold instruction will better enable the district to meet this growing need. Finally, as the demographics of our faculty change (with over 50 new Teachers and Providers hired between 2021 and 2023 in response to high retirement rates), the

need for mentorship and the development of newer educators is increasing. The district plans to expand opportunities to develop and cultivate strong professional practice in its new hires, and this budget reflects increased funding for such. Otherwise, this budget features the perpetuation of the excellent programming for which our district is renowned.

As was announced last year, the May 2023 Budget Newsletter has been disseminated electronically. We are grateful that you've taken the time to access this information and to learn about the details of the proposed 2023-24 Plattsburgh City School District budget, which will be offered for voter approval on May 16, 2023.

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school district.

Sincerely,

Jay Lebrun



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**Budget Vote
& School Board
Election**
Tuesday, May 16
7am - 8pm



FEDERAL STIMULUS FUNDS

As you know, all school districts currently receive federal stimulus funds through the Corona Virus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CRRSA) and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (ARPA). This funding extends through Summer 2024 and is enabling the district to best address student learning and emotional needs while positioning itself

financially for an anticipated recession and State Aid constraint following the expiration of these funding streams. Students and parents will have noted a broad slate of extension learning opportunities (Summer programming, after-school clubs, and certifications, etc.). District personnel strongly encourage families to avail themselves of these opportunities while they are offered.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available to any interested, registered voter who is not able to vote in-person. Interested individuals can go to www.plattscsd.org to complete an absentee ballot application or contact the **District Clerk, Dawn Stetz at 518-957-6002**.

VALUE-ADDED THROUGH COLLEGE EQUIVALENCY OFFERINGS

Did you know that Plattsburgh High School students have access to 34 college-equivalency courses (102 total credits) as part of their regular, daily course selections? Students may receive credit through either Advanced Placement (AP) from the College Board or College Advanced Placement (CAP) through Clinton Community College, both at highly-discounted tuition rates. While not all college equivalency

offerings may appeal to all students, and not all courses are accepted at all colleges, Hornet students regularly graduate from PHS with one full year or more of college credit, which represents significant savings in overall college expense. For information about these offerings, please contact a PHS School Counselor, or Carrie Armstrong, the district's College Equivalency Coordinator (carmstrong@plattscsd.org).



2023-24 BUDGET OVERVIEW

	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Change
Budget	\$48,303,122	\$50,786,251	5.14%
Revenues	\$46,505,230	\$48,642,120	4.59%
Applied Reserves	\$1,797,892	\$2,144,131	19.26%
Proposed Tax Levy	\$24,525,714	\$25,029,131*	2.05%

*The proposed tax levy is compliant with the tax cap, and the proposed budget therefore requires only a 'simple majority' for approval.



Projected Annual Tax Impact of the 2023-24 Budget

The tax impact estimates to the right do not assume any change in the total taxable assessed value for the City. This total valuation will not be known until June. Any increase in total taxable assessments will decrease the tax rate.

***Note: These estimates do not reflect any exemptions (ie. STAR).** Each taxpayer should further consider those exemptions for which they qualify.

Property Assessment*	Current Tax Bill \$22.14682 per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Projected Tax Bill \$22.60083 per \$1,000 Assessed Value	Annual Increase
\$50,000	\$1,107.34	\$1,130.04	\$22.70
\$100,000	\$2,214.68	\$2,260.08	\$45.40
\$194,300	\$4,303.13	\$4,391.34	\$88.21
\$200,000	\$4,429.36	\$4,520.17	\$90.81
\$250,000	\$5,536.71	\$5,650.21	\$113.50
\$300,000	\$6,644.05	\$6,780.25	\$136.20
\$350,000	\$7,751.39	\$7,910.29	\$158.90

****Note:** The bold line represents the projected average home value in the City of Plattsburgh.

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WHEN & WHERE TO VOTE

Tuesday
May 16, 2023
7 am - 8 pm

Glasgow Elementary
(Bailey Ave. Elementary)
50 Bailey Ave.
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Duken Building
49 Broad St.
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

Momot Elementary
60 Monty St.
Plattsburgh, NY 12901

To find your polling location, visit: www.plattscsd.org/election-map/

BOARD ELECTIONS & STUDENT EX OFFICIO BOARD MEMBER

Brief descriptions of candidates for Board of Education seats are listed here www.plattscsd.org/district/board-of-education/boe-election/ or by scanning the QR code at right. This year, there is an additional measure for voter consideration – one which involves the creation of a student ex officio Board position. New York State Education Law allows Boards of Education to include, with voter approval, the inclusion of a non-voting student member. Beyond not voting on action items, the Student ex officio Board member also does not participate in executive session.



Generally then, the role of the student ex officio Board member is to advise the larger Board of Education about student perspectives. There are established criteria which the Superintendent and Board must use in selecting the specific student representative, notably that the individual must be a Senior at Plattsburgh High School, having attended that school for two years, and serving on the representative Student Government (in this case, the PHS Student Association).



PHS Principal Daniel Valenzuela makes a site visit to the CV-TEC Animal Science: Large Animal Production class