



# WYANDANCH

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Inspire the passion for learning and educating all students to achieve their full potential.

## 2023-2024 BUDGET GUIDE



# Stability, Success, Vision!

Dear Community Residents,

During the lean fiscal years, you were there to support us when our schools needed funding. During the 2020 budget vote, you voted to pierce the cap to pass the budget. Now, we are pleased to report that our district is financially stable and has received a generous increase in state aid funding. To show our appreciation to you, we are proposing a 2023-24 school budget of \$107,324,846 which funds all our innovative programs and initiatives and comes with a 0% tax levy increase.

### Stability Is Key

- Our fund balance and reserve accounts have significantly improved over the past few years. Through consistent financial oversight, long-range planning and prudent spending, the district has gone from negative fund balance and reserve accounts to more than \$20 million.
- The New York State Comptroller's office reviewed the district's budget planning process for the 2023-24 school year and determined our revenue and expenditure projections are reasonable.
- The State Education Department fiscal monitor found the proposed 2023-24 budget to be balanced and consistent with the district's fiscal plan.

### Success Is the Foundation for the Future

- Districtwide our scholar attendance rate has significantly improved.
- The State Education Department raised Milton L. Olive Middle School's designation from a school identified for Targeted Support and Improvement to a School in Good Standing.
- The new baseball field at Wyandanch Memorial High School and Milton L. Olive Middle School is a source of pride.
- Renovations to the Milton L. Olive Middle School library enhance scholars' literacy skills.
- New HVAC systems were installed at the elementary schools.

### Vision Turns Goals Into Reality

- Building upon the district's recent financial success and stability, the district will be able to do the following:
- Maintain funding for all current programs.
  - Restore all teacher assistant positions previously eliminated.
  - Add music and physical education teachers.
  - Increase instructional staff districtwide including Academic Intervention Support services.
  - Offer new athletic teams including intramural teams at the elementary level.

- Add a newly constructed barber shop classroom and instructor at the high school.
- Allocate funding for the creation of new scholar clubs and authentic learning experiences, including field trips.
- Continue repairs and renovations to district facilities as needed.

In addition to the proposed budget, there will be a second proposition to establish a \$15 million capital reserve fund. This reserve fund has no additional cost to taxpayers. The tax levy is still 0% even with the establishment of this capital reserve fund. Our capital reserve will help to offset future renovations and improvements to our schools as needed. The budget will be presented to voters at the 2023 Budget Vote and Board of Education Election on Tuesday, May 16, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the district office. Information on the proposed budget can be found on our website, [www.wyandanch.k12.ny.us](http://www.wyandanch.k12.ny.us). Thank you for your continued support. We encourage you to exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 16.

Sincerely,

Your Board of Education and Superintendent of Schools

**BUDGET VOTE AND BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTION**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 16 7 A.M.-9 P.M. • CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION 1445 STRAIGHT PATH**  
**Your Vote Is Your Voice. Please Remember to Vote.**

# 2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

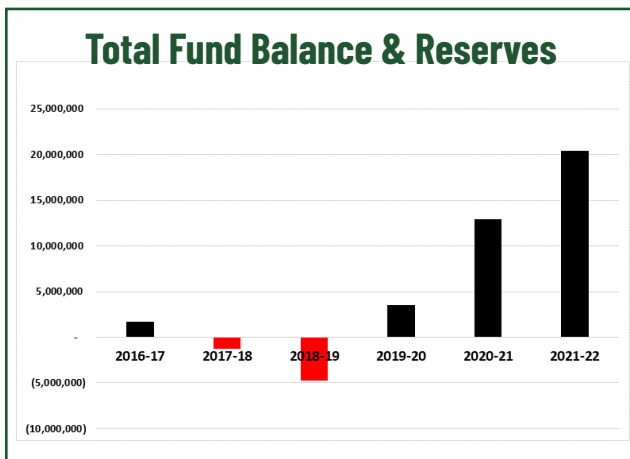
## BUDGET DETAIL SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES

PROGRAM	2022-2023	2023-2024	Percent Change
	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	
Instruction	20,212,612	25,099,910	24.18
Special Programs	18,280,602	19,907,696	8.90
Pupil Services	2,298,401	2,676,941	16.47
Pupil Transportation	6,736,600	7,137,596	5.95
Instructional Media	2,596,801	2,475,956	-4.65
Co-Curricular & Athletics	738,051	930,142	26.03
Employee Benefits	13,659,624	16,368,621	19.83
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>64,522,692</b>	<b>74,596,861</b>	<b>15.61</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
Operations of Plant	3,090,412	3,353,809	8.52
Maintenance of Plant	866,983	982,286	13.30
Security	1,504,174	2,012,971	33.83
Building Lease*	225,102	231,585	2.88
Debt Service	2,845,985	3,068,814	7.83
Employee Benefits	2,990,242	3,583,271	19.83
Transfer to Other Funds	1,602,600	7,180,000	348.02
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL</b>	<b>13,125,497</b>	<b>20,412,736</b>	<b>55.52</b>
<b>ADMINISTRATION</b>			
Board of Education	124,945	120,100	-3.88
Central Administration	1,093,507	1,097,776	0.39
Finance	1,205,502	1,261,342	4.63
Legal	505,000	590,000	16.83
Data Processing	807,094	945,179	17.11
Insurance & BOCES	896,800	953,858	6.36
School Supervision	2,560,099	3,379,412	32.00
Staff & Curriculum Development	1,100,682	1,287,657	16.99
Employee Benefits	2,236,399	2,679,925	19.83
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	<b>10,530,028</b>	<b>12,315,249</b>	<b>16.95</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>88,178,217</b>	<b>107,324,846</b>	<b>21.71</b>

## BUDGET DETAIL SUMMARY OF REVENUES

REVENUE	Sum of Revenues	Sum of Revenues	Percent Change
	2022-2023	2023-2024	
Real Property Tax	23,105,027	23,105,027	0.00
Payment in Lieu of Taxes	1,540,000	1,540,000	0.00
State Aid	62,713,193	81,891,568	30.58
Other Local Revenue	320,575	350,000	9.18
Federal Aid	499,422	438,251	-12.25
<b>Totals</b>	<b>88,178,217</b>	<b>107,324,846</b>	<b>21.71</b>

\*Leasing space from Half Hollow Hills SD in 2023-24 will be the fifth year of a five-year lease term agreement at a cost of \$231,585 with a 3.0% annual increase.



### Overview of the Proposed 2023-2024 Budget

The Board of Education and administration have worked diligently to develop a proposed budget for the 2023-2024 school year that supports quality education and support programs for all scholars, while remaining fiscally responsible to taxpayers. The proposed 2023-2024 budget of \$107,324,846 expands programs and comes with a 0.00% tax levy increase, which is lower than the District's allowable tax levy increase.

# Investing In Our Scholars

## NEW PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

The proposed 2023-2024 budget continues to ensure all scholars have every opportunity to receive the skills needed to celebrate diversity, succeed in college and their chosen careers and to become future leaders and advocates for those less fortunate.

Below is a list of 2023-2024 budget highlights.

### DISTRICTWIDE

- All teacher assistant positions restored.
- After-school program for tutoring and homework help.
- 2.0 permanent substitutes per building.
- 4.0 technology aides.
- Clerical support for buildings and grounds.
- Nighttime custodian supervision.
- 2.0 permanent custodial positions.
- Restore purchasing agent to full-time position.
- Clerical support for database management.
- Security monitor/greeters.
- Assistant director of special education and pupil services.
- Director of curriculum and instruction.

### LAFRANCIS HARDIMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL and LFH-ANNEX

- Teacher assistants.
- 2.0 AIS math teachers.
- 1.0 ENL teacher.
- Support for district-operated pre-K classes.

### MARTIN L. KING JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Assistant principal.
- 2.0 AIS math teachers.
- 1.0 AIS reading teacher.
- 1.0 instructional teaching coach.
- Teacher assistants.
- 1.0 physical education teacher (split with LFH).

### MILTON L. OLIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 3.0 AIS reading teachers.
- 3.0 AIS math teachers
- 2.0 ENL teachers.
- 1.0 bilingual speech teacher.
- 3.0 ICT teachers.

- Teacher assistants.

- 1.0 responsive classroom teacher.

### WYANDANCH MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

- 1.0 assistant principal.
- ICT teachers.
- 1.0 music teacher.
- 1.0 bilingual math teacher.
- 5.0 AIS teachers (English, ENL, math, science, social studies).
- 1.0 attendance teacher.
- 1.0 responsive classroom teacher.

### ATHLETICS

- Seven new teams: boys track and field, boys winter track, girls flag football, girls track and field, girls winter track, junior varsity football and Unified basketball.
- Four elementary intramural teams: basketball, flag football, soccer and tennis.

# Investing In Our Schools

The Board of Education and administration work diligently to ensure that taxpayers' investment is maximized to provide all scholars with a quality education in a safe and supportive environment that inspires all scholars to achieve to their fullest potential.

Below is a list of 2023-2204 capital repairs.

### DISTRICTWIDE

- Exterior door cores converted to card access.
- Filtered water stations.
- Hand dryers in bathrooms.
- Messenger van.
- Maintenance garage – converted to natural gas.
- Maintenance garage – expanded heat and insulation.
- Mobile concession stand.

### LAFRANCIS HARDIMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Classroom doors, locks and magnets.

### MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- New staircase railing.

### WYANDANCH MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

- Field irrigation.
- New fencing (back of building near auditorium).
- New grease traps.
- New sidewalks and replacement sidewalks.
- Track replacement – TBD.
- New sidewalks along Brooklyn and Garden City Avenue.
- New fencing parking lot (near auditorium).

### WMHS and MLK

- Convert kitchens to natural gas.

## NEW COURSE OFFERINGS

New course offerings for 2023-2024 are the result of collaboration among administrators, staff and scholars and focus on providing every scholar with multiple choices and pathways to achieve academic success.

### WYANDANCH MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

The courses below were created to be inclusive and celebratory of the scholars, while still maintaining a rigorous core curriculum.

- Algebra I A.
- Bilingual Digital Media.
- Bilingual HERSTORY Writer's Workshop I and II.
- Earth Science Honors.
- ENL General Science.
- HERSTORY Writer's Workshop I and II.
- Introduction to African American Studies.
- Introduction to Latin American Studies.

### MILTON L. OLIVE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, middle school scholars will be grouped into three smaller learning communities to provide customized instruction and heighten engagement, excitement and involvement in learning, achievement and

college and career readiness. Scholars will be immersed in a three-year sequence track.

#### School of Career and Technical Education:

Scholars will select a track from one of the four majors: Culinary Arts, CIS: Hardware, CIS: Software and Business. Scholars enrolled in these prestigious career and technical education training programs will have firsthand immersive experiences.

#### School of Advanced and Accelerated Studies:

Scholars will pick a track from one of the three majors in the advanced fields of Liberal Arts, Public Health, and Business Management/Economics. Scholars graduating from this track will earn eight high school credits and complete seven NYS Regents.

**School of Performing Arts:** Scholars will pick a track from one of the four majors: Art, Chorus, Instruments and Theatre. Specialized educators will lead, guide and instruct scholars to produce and create.

# New York State Education Department Raises Designation of Milton L. Olive Middle School

The Board of Education and administration are extremely proud to announce that the New York State Education Department has upgraded its previous designation of the Milton L. Olive Middle School from a school identified for Targeted Support and Improvement to a School in Good Standing. A continued commitment and determination to succeed on the part of scholars, staff and families has resulted in this significant improvement recognized by the state.

The NYSED now identifies a School in Good Standing as a school identified for Local Support and Improvement. Schools identified as LSI continue to have no regulatory requirements under the Every Student Succeeds Act, are not identified for additional support from NYSED and do not need to create an improvement plan.

The district announced the improved designation during the Board of

Education meeting on March 15, during which Milton L. Olive Middle School Principal Dr. Shannon Burton reviewed the middle school's plan to remain an LSI school.

"We must recognize the diligent efforts of the Milton L. Olive Middle School administration and staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure we received the LSI upgraded designation from the New York State Education Department," Superintendent of Schools Dr. Gina Talbert said. "It is excellent to see that the efforts have yielded a positive result, and I am excited to continue on the path of educational excellence at the middle school and within all the schools in the Wyandanch School District."

While the middle school has already implemented several programs which resulted in the upgraded NYSED designation, administrators and staff are introducing a new learning initiative to ensure continued improvement.

Beginning with the 2023-2024 school year, scholars will learn within three smaller learning communities. Each learning community will benefit from customized instruction designed to inspire learning, support achievement and prepare all scholars to succeed in college and careers.

The three learning communities will be the School of Career and Technical Education, the School of Performing Arts, and the School of Advanced and Accelerated Studies. In addition, several newly designed courses will be offered.

The New York State Education Department oversees the accountability of schools and districts throughout the state by measuring performance across subgroups. The law requires that states hold public schools accountable for how students achieve based on a list of specific indicators developed by parents, educators and experts in coordination with New York State.



## IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

For complete information on the proposed budget, Board of Education Trustee election and voter eligibility, visit the District website: [www.wyandanch.k12.ny.us](http://www.wyandanch.k12.ny.us).

### TO VOTE YOU MUST BE:

- A United States citizen.
- At least 18 years of age.

- A resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election.
- Not otherwise ineligible to vote under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law.

### TO VOTE YOU:

- DO NOT have to own property.

- DO NOT have to be a parent/guardian or have children in the school district.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

For information about obtaining an absentee ballot, visit the District website, [www.wyandanch.k12.ny.us](http://www.wyandanch.k12.ny.us); email the District Clerk, Jessica Reed, at [jreed@wufsd.net](mailto:jreed@wufsd.net) or call 631-870.0405.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 16  
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