

**MAY 2022**  
**SPECIAL BUDGET**  
**EDITION**

**Don't forget**  
**to *Vote!*** ✓  
**Annual Budget Vote**  
**& Board Elections**

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**  
Polls open from 2-9 p.m.

**MORE INFO AT**  
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**Budget Exit Poll**

*See page 2*

**Budget at a Glance...**

**BUDGET TOTAL:**

• **\$28,146,611**

**SPENDING INCREASE:**

• **\$1,192,160 / 4.42%**

**TAX LEVY INCREASE:**

• **\$481,666 / 2.5%**

**ALSO ON THE BALLOT:**

- Proposition to purchase three school buses and one work truck
- Elect two members to the Board of Education

# Voorheesville

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Voters to consider \$28 million budget proposal

On Tuesday, May 17, Voorheesville Central School District residents will vote on a proposed \$28,146,611 budget for the 2022-23 school year. The proposed plan would increase spending next year by \$1,192,160 (4.42%) and result in an estimated tax rate increase of less than 1%.

Continued growth in the taxable values due to new residential and commercial construction will keep the individual tax rate increase lower than the projected tax levy increase of 2.50%. The tax levy is well below the district's 4.16% tax levy increase allowed under the state's property tax cap law, meaning the district will need a simple majority vote (50% plus one vote) for budget approval.

The proposed budget maintains all current programs and services for students, while also adding a new section of kindergarten and a teaching assistant due to enrollment growth. It includes a plan for additional staffing at the middle school to support new business classes, and the purchase of interactive technology to better position the district to offer 1:1 learning. When combined with a new reading program and other digital tools, it will open up multiple ways to differentiate instruction to meet the needs of all learners. Other main areas behind the proposed budget increase include the first debt payment for the capital project approved in 2018, and technology upgrades for our PAC and Large Gymnasium in the elementary school.

In addition, voters have an opportunity to decide whether to approve a measure to bring student voice to the Board of Education – a high school student would serve as an ex officio, non-voting member of the BOE.

### Devoting Time and Talents to Give Back

Our students have shown great compassion with humanitarian efforts that have reached our local community and across the world. Our MS and ES helped spearhead collection drives for Ukraine. They've raised money and awareness for causes that will help save lives. The MS Student Council raised hundreds of dollars for cancer research. The HS



Student Government held Red Cross blood drives. The ES gathered supplies that will benefit local pantries and performed Annie KIDS for residents of Summit on Mill Hill. The HS and MS created more than 400 beautifully designed Valentine cards for senior citizens in area nursing homes. VCSD thanks our community for the generosity and support that impacts our students and beyond.

### Events and Projects Taking Center Stage

Throughout the year, the district made it a priority to enrich academic and arts programs for students to have a productive and social atmosphere. Artists of all grade levels participated in contests and many pieces are displayed at art shows. We showcased third grade, fifth grade, middle school and high school musical talent as they had an opportunity to return back to the stage.

Seventh graders worked together to harness the energy of a mousetrap to power a car in a fun and challenging STEAM activity. Our Science Olympiad team won medals in 17 of the 23 events including double medals in Forensics and Codebusters and took home the Top Small School Award at the regional competition. More than 140 student scientists from kindergarten to fifth grade showed off their curious minds at our Science Fair.

There were many successes in VCSD sports: cross country made it to states, boys volleyball were section finalists, all of our fall and winter sports teams made it to sectional games and eighth grader Katharine Stapf took bronze in figure skating at the Empire State Winter Games. (see page 3 for new athletics website)

## Voorheesville Expenses and Revenue Budget Breakdown:

### What happens if the budget is defeated?

If the budget is defeated, the Board has three options: present the same budget for another vote; submit a revised budget for a vote; or adopt a contingent budget. If the budget is defeated a second time, the board must adopt a contingent budget, by law.

Under the tax levy cap law, if a district adopts a contingent budget, it cannot increase its tax levy from that of the prior year by any amount – a zero percent increase.

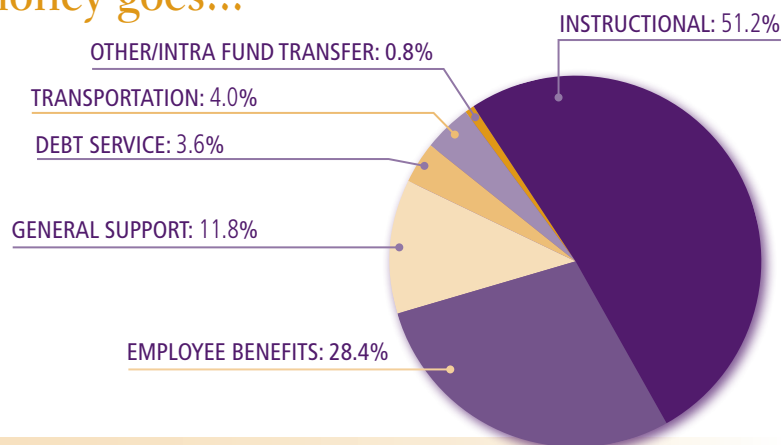
For Voorheesville, a contingent budget will cut approximately \$481,666 from the proposed budget. The district would be subject to various limits and controls on how the money within the contingent budget is spent, and would have to charge fees for public use of school buildings and grounds.

### Budget Exit Poll

After you vote, please take a brief survey from our student volunteers before you leave the polling place. The district will assess voter feedback to further inform our policies and spending plan.



### Where the money goes...

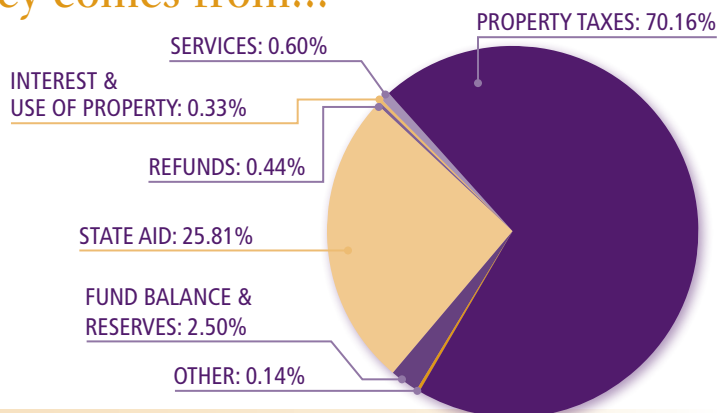


### Proposed Expenses

\*Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

	2021-22 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2022-23	% OF TOTAL
General Support	\$2,966,291	\$3,330,445	11.8%
Instructional	\$13,785,026	\$14,424,853	51.2%
Transportation	\$1,182,200	\$1,131,250	4.0%
Employee Benefits	\$7,996,411	\$8,003,214	28.4%
Debt Service	\$655,523	\$1,019,649	3.6%
Other/Intra Fund Transfer	\$369,000	\$237,200	0.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,954,451</b>	<b>\$28,146,611</b>	<b>100%</b>

### Where the money comes from...



### Estimated Revenues

\*Percentages may not add up to 100% due to rounding.

	2021-22 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2022-23	% OF TOTAL
Property Taxes	\$19,266,635	\$19,748,301	70.16%
Services	\$170,000	\$170,000	0.60%
Interest & Use of Property	\$94,500	\$94,500	0.33%
Refunds	\$125,000	\$125,000	0.44%
State Aid	\$6,125,259	\$7,265,145	25.81%
Fund Balance & Reserves	\$0	\$703,665	2.50%
Federal	\$1,173,057	\$40,000	0.14%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,954,451</b>	<b>\$28,146,611</b>	<b>100%</b>



# Voorheesville Central School District Budget Notice

## Interactive Communication

While our district website, Facebook page and School Messenger continue to be reliable ways to stay on top of the latest VCS D information, we also added new platforms to interact with.

Follow and engage with us on our new Instagram page @voorheesvillecsd.

Our new athletics website streamlines all sports information. It features a score ticker, standings, calendars, plus customizable notifications for schedule updates. You can access the platform through the ATHLETICS tab on our school website or download the app for your mobile device.

Please send us your photos to be included on our online platforms and publications to: [vcsdevents@voorheesville.org](mailto:vcsdevents@voorheesville.org).

## 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*
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$26,954,451	\$28,146,611	\$28,007,836
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$1,192,160	\$1,053,385
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		4.42%	3.91%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$9,266,635	\$19,748,301	
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)	\$19,266,635	\$19,748,301	\$19,266,635
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$85,534	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$19,266,635	\$20,067,655	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$19,266,635	\$19,662,767	
I. Difference: (G - H); Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions	\$0	\$404,888	
Administrative Component	\$2,333,947	\$2,440,432	\$2,410,432
Program Component	\$20,842,020	\$21,572,144	\$21,533,369
Capital Component	\$3,778,484	\$4,134,035	\$4,064,035

\* Should the district be faced with a contingency budget, the district would be subject to restrictions and limitations in accordance with Education Law § 2023 and 2023-a. Non-essential equipment will be reduced to zero. Teacher supplies would be reduced along with increased class sizes and staffing reductions. Administrative budget would have a zero increase.

\*\* List separate propositions that are not included in the total budgeted amount: (Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions not eligible for exclusion may affect voter approval requirements).

Description	Amount
School Bus and Vehicle Proposition	\$395,000

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$564

1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law. This figure is specific to the Town of New Scotland.



## Three-Part Budget Breakdown:

ADMINISTRATIVE: 8.7%

CAPITAL: 14.7%

PROGRAM: 76.6%

ADMINISTRATIVE	2021-22	2022-23
Amount	\$2,333,947	\$2,440,432
% of total	8.7%	8.67%
PROGRAM	2021-22	2022-23
Amount	\$20,842,020	\$21,572,144
% of total	77.3%	76.64%
CAPITAL	2021-22	2022-23
Amount	\$3,778,484	\$4,134,035
% of total	14%	14.69%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$26,954,451</b>	<b>\$28,146,611</b>

**Administrative:** includes expenses for Board of Education, central administration, finance and legal services, personnel, public information, some plant operations, central services, special items, supervision of regular school, some employee benefits.

**Program:** includes expenses for curriculum

development, instructional programs supplies, district transportation, athletic programs, community service, most employee benefits, transfers of funds.

**Capital:** includes most expenses for plant operations, all maintenance, debt service principal and interest on all building projects.





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Voorheesville Middle  
School Foyer



## Who can Vote on May 17:

### Community members who are U.S. citizens may vote in the school elections if they:

- have been a resident of the district for at least 30 days and;
- are at least 18 years old.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Qualified voters who will be out of town or unable to vote in person due to illness, disability, or the risk of transmission of COVID-19 can vote by absentee ballot. **You must complete an application to receive a ballot.**

Voters requesting mailing of the ballot must be received by the District Clerk at least **seven days before the election, May 10 by 3PM**. If the voter is going to pick up the absentee ballot in person, the application must be received by **the day before the election**. All absentee ballots are due to the district by 5PM on the day of the vote (May 17).

Contact Board Clerk Jessica Tabakian at [jtabakian@voorheesville.org](mailto:jtabakian@voorheesville.org) to request an absentee ballot application.

## VCSD is looking for great candidates!

Bus drivers, custodial and maintenance workers are essential to our school community. We offer free training and a congenial environment.

For more information, please contact:  
Director of Facilities, William Sadowski  
518-765-3314, ext. 208  
Transportation Coordinator, Ann Potts  
518-765-2381, ext. 508

