

# Northeast (Webutuck) Central School District



## Budget News

### School Board Adopts Budget

April 26, 2022

Dear District Residents,

Enclosed, please find your 2022-2023 budget information. Administration and the Board of Education have worked diligently to develop a budget that continues to offer excellent academic and extra-curricular programs for our children while at the same time trying to maintain the affordability of these programs for our tax payers. In finding this balance, the Board of Education has adopted a budget in the amount of \$25,039,114. This is a budget to budget increase of **1.0%** and although the allowable tax cap would afford us to levy an increase of 4.90%, the Board of Education has elected to levy a tax levy of 4.70% which is **below** the allowable tax cap levy. This levy **allows for qualified homeowners to be eligible for the New York State Tax Property Tax Relief Reimbursement.**

Please refer to the charts and presentations on our District website [www.webutuckschools.org](http://www.webutuckschools.org) in order to view more information and a calculation of the estimated impact of this budget on your taxes. This budget vote will need a simple majority (50%+1) in order to pass.

Highlights of this budget include:

- Continued support of academic and extracurricular programs.
- Continued support of College Level Courses, allowing students to graduate from Webutuck with the possibility of 1 year of college credit.
- Additional courses such as: Computer Science, Entrepreneurship, and Advanced Biology. (STEAM)
- Funding of small projects to address facility needs and maintenance.
- An additional health teacher position to assist with the growing need for health literacy for all students.
- Additional funds that will be used to address the instructional “gap” caused by COVID-19.

Please feel free to contact me via email at [raymond.castellani@webutuck.org](mailto:raymond.castellani@webutuck.org) with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully,  
Raymond A. Castellani  
Superintendent of Schools

“Webutuck students will possess the knowledge, desire, and ability to achieve their potential and make a significant contribution to society.”

*Webutuck Board of Education*

### What happens if the Budget is **not** approved by the public?

If the proposed budget is not approved by the **50% +1** required margin:

- The district may resubmit the original budget or submit a revised budget to the voters on June 21, 2022.

If the resubmitted/revised budget proposal is **not** approved by the required margin:

- The Board of Education **must** adopt a contingency budget that levies a tax no greater than that of the prior year (0% increase tax levy) and the budget would be subject to contingent budget requirements. (See explanation below)

*Explanation: Last year's tax levy of \$16,216,729 could not be increased (a 0% tax levy increase would be required by law). This would require a net reduction of \$756,970.*

- Contingent budget figures are shown on page #4.

### Contingent budget laws are still in effect.

Copies of the budget are available on the Web at [www.webutuckschools.org](http://www.webutuckschools.org) and at the Webutuck Elementary School, Webutuck High School, Eugene Brooks Intermediate School, the Webutuck School District Administrative Office, and at the Amenia Free Library and Northeast-Millerton Library.

**Budget Vote**  
**Tuesday May 17, 2022**

**Noon to 9pm**  
**Webutuck High School Gym**

NORTHEAST (WEBUTUCK) CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

SAMPLE BALLOT

May 17, 2022

**PROPOSITION I: 2022-2023 Northeast (Webutuck) CSD Budget**

SHALL the 2022-2023 Budget as adopted by the Board of Education in the amount of \$25,039,114, with anticipated revenue exclusive of taxes in the amount of \$ 8,065,415 and the amount to be raised through taxes of \$16,973,699, be approved?

YES  NO

**PROPOSITION II: 2022-2023 Transportation Vehicle Purchase**

SHALL the Board of Education of the Webutuck Central School District be authorized to: (1) acquire two (2) transportation vehicles, one (1) wheelchair accessible mini-bus and one (1) utility vehicle at a maximum aggregate cost not to exceed \$170,000; (2) expend such sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for such purpose; (3) levy the necessary tax therefore, to be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education taking into account state aid received; and (4) in anticipation of the collection of such tax, issue bonds and notes of the District at one time or from time to time in the principal amount not to exceed \$170,000, and levy a tax to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

YES  NO

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS – TWO VACANCIES  
(VOTE FOR TWO)**

Nichole Reyes  Anthony Robustelli

Write In \_\_\_\_\_

**COMPARISON OF RECENT BUDGETS**

YEAR	BUDGET	BUDGET \$	BUDGET %
2016-2017.....	\$21,705,934.....	+ \$323,856.....	+ 1.51%
2017-2018.....	\$22,262,552.....	+ \$556,618.....	+ 2.56%
2018-2019 .....	\$22,703,351.....	+ \$440,799.....	+ 3.33%
2019-2020 .....	\$23,443,029.....	+ \$739,678.....	+ 3.26%
2020-2021 .....	\$23,909,545.....	+ \$466,516.....	+ 1.99%
2021-2022.....	\$24,798,803.....	+ \$889,258.....	+ 3.72%
2022-2023.....	\$25,039,114.....	+ \$240,311.....	+ 1.00%

**Copies of the budget are available on the web at [www.webutuckschools.org](http://www.webutuckschools.org).**

## Budget Components

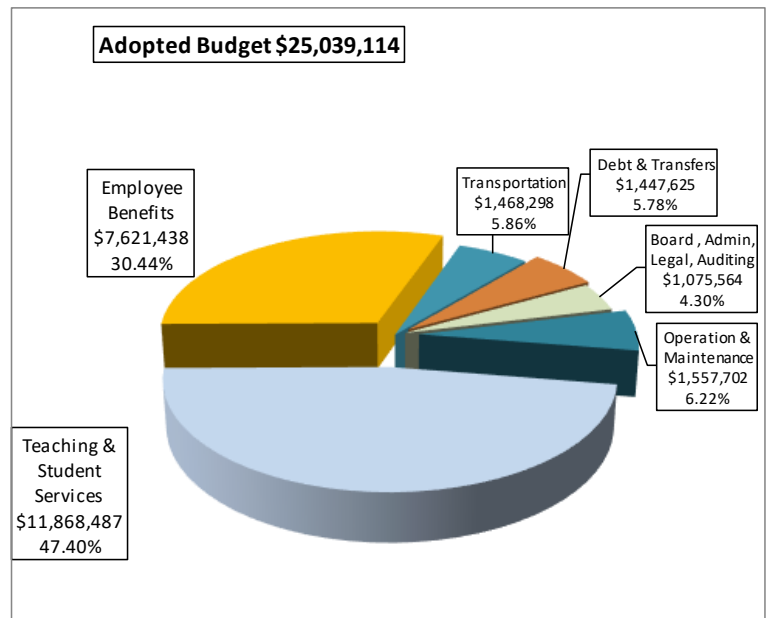
	Administrative		Program		Capital	
	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2022	2022-2023	2021-2022	2022-2023
<b>Budget Amount</b>	\$2,471,906	\$2,570,252	\$18,109,996	\$19,127,212	\$4,270,901	\$3,341,650
<b>% of Budget</b>	9.8%	10.3%	73.0%	76.4%	17.2%	13.3%
<b>What Each Component Pays For...</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salaries &amp; benefits of administrators, supervisors and administrative clerical staff</li> <li>Public information and central printing</li> <li>Research, planning &amp; evaluation</li> <li>Audits, tax collection, &amp; most legal services</li> <li>School board costs</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Salaries &amp; benefits of teachers, guidance counselors, aides, monitors, nurses, social workers, psychologists, speech teachers</li> <li>In-service training</li> <li>Library/media/computer services</li> <li>Student transportation</li> <li>Co-curricular activities</li> <li>Interscholastic athletics</li> </ul>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Debt service on buildings and buses</li> <li>Tax certiorari and court ordered costs</li> <li>Operations and maintenance costs including utilities and salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial personnel</li> </ul>	

### The Budget by Functional Group

Board of Education	\$ 25,731
Central Administration	\$ 263,022
Financial & Accounting	\$ 451,641
Legal & Personnel	\$ 71,170
Operations, Maintenance & Printing	\$ 1,557,702
Insurance & BOCES Administration	\$ 264,000
Instructional Administration	\$ 751,425
Teaching & Student Services	\$ 11,117,062
Pupil Transportation	\$ 1,468,298
Employee Benefits	\$ 7,621,438
Debt Service & Fund Transfers	<u>\$ 1,447,625</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,039,114</b>

### Revenues by Major Source

Local Property Tax	\$ 16,973,699
State Aid	\$ 5,963,415
Fund Balance, Grants, Interest, Other	<u>\$ 2,102,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 25,039,114</b>



# School District Budget Notice

	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	\$ 24,798,803	\$ 25,039,114	\$ 24,282,144
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-2023 School Year		\$ 240,311	\$ (516,659)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.00%	-2.08%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.23 %	
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>			
	\$16,288,276	\$17,005,930	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>			
	0	0	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **</b>			
	0	0	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>			
	0	0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>			
	\$16,288,276	\$17,005,930	\$16,216,729
<b>F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit</b>			
	\$945,169	\$568,803	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>			
	\$15,343,107	\$16,437,127	
<b>H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)</b>			
	\$15,271,560	\$16,404,896	
<b>I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>			
	\$71,547	\$32,231	
<b>Administrative Component</b>			
	\$2,471,901	\$2,570,252	\$2,379,650
<b>Program Component</b>			
	\$17,582,977	\$19,127,212	\$18,722,844
<b>Capital Component</b>			
	\$3,854,667	\$3,341,650	\$3,179,650
* 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.			
	Description		Amount
** 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)			

NOTE: Please submit an electronic version (Word or PDF) of this completed form to: [emscmgts@nysed.gov](mailto:emscmgts@nysed.gov)

Under the Budget Proposed for  
the 2022-23 School Year

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

\$412

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