



# Fonda-Fultonville

## CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

### At a glance:

2022-23  
PROPOSED BUDGET  
**\$31,962,793**

BUDGET INCREASE  
FROM 2021-22  
**\$1,117,875 / 3.62%**

2022-23  
TAX LEVY INCREASE  
**\$206,687 / 1.9%**

## Voters to decide on budget, capital project on May 17

On May 17, 2022, Fonda-Fultonville residents will head to the polls to vote on a proposed \$31,962,793 spending plan for the 2022-23 school year. Under the proposal, spending would increase by 3.62% from the current year. The proposed budget carries a 1.9% tax levy increase which is below the district's assigned tax levy "cap" of 2.61%. Budget approval requires a simple majority of votes (50% plus one).

The proposed budget maintains all programs, staff and services.

"The proposed 2022-23 budget offers a fiscally responsible spending plan that aligns with our five-year plan to support academic excellence while providing essential social-emotional assistance for students," said Superintendent of Schools Mr. Thomas Ciaccio. "In addition, we are proposing a capital improvement project that, if approved by voters, will improve existing infrastructure, while creating enhanced academic opportunities for students and upgrading facilities for our school community."

The proposed budget will align instructional technology needs and curriculum, while allowing the district to follow a financial plan that enables sustainable growth. In addition, the proposed budget will give students additional options for career pathways.

"It's our priority to continue to provide opportunities for Fonda-Fultonville students to achieve their instructional and personal potential – whether it is access to career and technical schools or continuing their education in a two- or four-year college environment," said Ciaccio.

The \$7.5 million capital improvement project centers on infrastructure replacement, upgrades, and expansion that strengthens the district's capacity to create state-of-the-art

# Vote

Tuesday, May 17  
Noon - 9 p.m.

AUDITORIUM LOBBY

**Also on the ballot:**

- See pg. 4 for a list of propositions.

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THOMAS CIACCIO,  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS



### Odyssey of the Mind (OM™) is back!

The Fonda-Fultonville Central School District proudly showcased the return of its elementary and middle school students to Odyssey of the Mind (OM™) regional competitions this year. The team faced off against six teams, including areas competitors from the Greater Johnstown School District, Broadalbin-Perth Central School District and Canajoharie Central School District, among others during OM events in early spring.

The student-based competition is hosted by the New York State Odyssey of the Mind Association, Inc. (NYSOMA), which offers the Odyssey of the Mind (OM™) program to New York students. According to its website, OM encourages divergent thinking as teams use creativity and teamwork to solve unique problems. OM brings the classroom to life as students apply what they learn and combine it with their interests and passions.

"Odyssey of the Mind creates a unique and special opportunity for our students to infuse some creativity and transform what they've learned in the classroom into a team-based competition," said FFCS Odyssey of the Mind Advisor Ms. Forbes. "It's incredibly fulfilling to see our students grow into this competition, while continuing to apply their knowledge in a fun-filled environment."

Additional details on the program and information about the New York State Odyssey of the Mind Association, Inc. (NYSOMA) can be found on the district website at [www.fondafultonvilleschools.org](http://www.fondafultonvilleschools.org).



## Providing FFCS students with digital tools for tomorrow's employment opportunities

The Fonda-Fultonville Central School District continues to prepare and engage students with opportunities to strengthen their skill sets for employment pathways. Whether it's through Career and Technical Education programs, college preparation support groups/courses, or the introduction of innovative curriculum programs — opportunities continue to expand for students to access their future interests. During the 2021-22 school year, the district introduced a Computer Applications class for students in grades 9-12.

"Today's employment landscape continues to shift as our economy changes," said FFHS Principal Mr. Grady. "By introducing new curriculum initiatives to better fit their needs, our district continues to provide instruction — whether hands-on Career and Technical Education or computer-based curriculum — to allow our students to adjust their skill sets for



tomorrow's workplace."

The Computer Applications class brings creativity, in-depth software knowledge, and development opportunities to students' fingertips.

Continue to stay connected to what's happening in our classrooms by visiting the district website or follow the conversation on Facebook and Twitter.

# Required School District Budget Notice

**2022-2023**

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	\$30,844,918	\$31,962,793	\$31,529,828
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$1,117,875	\$684,910
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		3.62%	2.22%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$10,824,263	\$11,017,008	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$54,058	\$68,000	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	-	-	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	-	-	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	<b>\$10,878,321</b>	<b>\$11,085,008</b>	<b>\$10,878,321</b>
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$327,980	\$290,524	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$10,550,340	\$10,794,484	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$10,496,283	\$10,726,484	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval -See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$54,058	\$68,000	
Administrative Component	\$2,159,144	\$2,237,395	\$2,207,088
Program Component	\$24,059,036	\$24,930,979	\$24,593,266
Capital Component	\$4,626,738	\$4,794,419	\$4,729,474

\* In a contingent budget, new programs and services would be reduced or eliminated, as would equipment purchases.

\*\* 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)

Description	Amount
Capital Project	\$7,500,000
Establish a Capital Reserve Fund	\$2,000,000

### Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$486
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The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Fonda-Fultonville Central School District, Montgomery County, New York, will be held in the auditorium lobby in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of noon and 9 p.m., prevailing time in the high school, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

# Budget Summary

2022-2023

## REVENUES:

WHERE THE MONEY COMES FROM

CATEGORY	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROJECTED	2022-23 CONTINGENCY
Property Taxes	\$10,878,321	<b>\$11,085,008</b>	\$10,878,321
State Aid	\$18,206,186	<b>\$18,869,501</b>	\$18,869,501
Fund Balance	\$1,092,259	<b>\$1,270,884</b>	\$1,190,374
Reserves	\$150,000	<b>\$138,470</b>	\$138,470
Other Revenue	\$518,152	<b>\$598,930</b>	\$453,161
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,844,918</b>	<b>\$31,962,793</b> 3.62% INCREASE	<b>\$31,529,827</b>

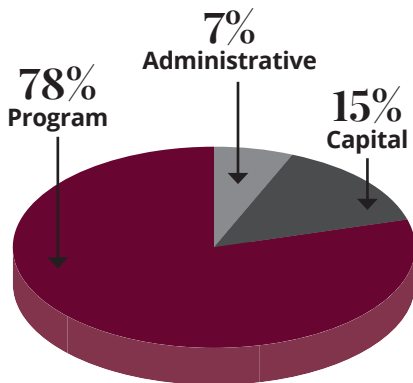
## EXPENDITURES:

WHERE THE MONEY GOES

CATEGORY	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROJECTED	2022-23 CONTINGENCY
General Operations	\$3,697,882	<b>\$3,602,917</b>	\$3,486,525
Instruction	\$14,106,124	<b>\$15,005,228</b>	\$14,739,523
Transportation	\$2,585,485	<b>\$2,683,694</b>	\$2,683,694
Employee Benefits	\$8,150,427	<b>\$8,365,954</b>	\$8,365,954
Debt Service	\$2,300,000	<b>\$2,300,000</b>	\$2,249,131
Interfund Transfers	\$5,000	<b>\$5,000</b>	\$5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,844,918</b>	<b>\$31,962,793</b> 3.62% INCREASE	<b>\$31,529,827</b>

## THREE-PART BUDGET:

New York law requires school districts to present their budgets divided into three expenditure categories—program, administrative and capital—and compare them to the previous year's costs. Fonda-Fultonville's three-part budget is as follows:



Figures may not be exact due to numbers being rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

CATEGORY	2021-22 BUDGETED	2022-23 PROJECTED	2022-23 CONTINGENCY
<b>Program</b> Includes salaries and benefits of all teachers and staff who deliver pupil services (guidance, health, library/media, etc.), textbooks, equipment, extra-curricular activities, athletics, and transportation costs (excludes bus purchases).	\$24,059,036 78% OF BUDGET	<b>\$24,930,979</b> 78% OF BUDGET	\$24,593,266 78% OF BUDGET
<b>Administrative</b> Includes salaries and benefits of administrators, supervisors, and administrative clerical staff, public information, printing, curriculum and staff development, school board costs, general insurance and professional fees.	\$2,159,144 7% OF BUDGET	<b>\$2,237,395</b> 7% OF BUDGET	\$2,207,087 7% OF BUDGET
<b>Capital</b> Includes salaries and benefits of maintenance and custodial staff, debt service on buildings and school bus purchases, utilities, tax certiorari and court-ordered costs.	\$4,626,738 15% OF BUDGET	<b>\$4,794,419</b> 15% OF BUDGET	\$4,729,474 15% OF BUDGET
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$30,844,918</b>	<b>\$31,962,793</b>	<b>\$31,529,827</b>

## FFCS PRESENTS BUDGET FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR

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learning spaces. The district expects that state building aid will cover approximately 84% of the total project's approved costs and accrued interests on any bonds. In addition, the district will use \$1 million from its Capital Reserve Fund, which are funds set aside specifically for capital improvement projects. The remaining balance (local share) will be tax-neutral due to the retirement of district debt.

Voters will also be asked to authorize the reestablishment of a Capital Reserve Fund to be funded for 10 years and up to \$2 million. The Capital Reserve Fund would be used to support expenses such as the purchase of equipment, maintenance of vehicles and capital improvements. By establishing this reserve fund, the district can eliminate a local tax impact from these types of future expenses or a future capital project.





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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# FF | CSD Budget Newsletter

2022-2023

**Vote:** TUESDAY, MAY 17 - NOON-9PM  
AUDITORIUM LOBBY



## On the ballot:

### PROPOSITION 1

Vote on a \$31,962,793 proposed budget for the 2022-23 school year.

### PROPOSITION 2

Vote on a \$7.5 million capital improvement project to improve infrastructure without impact on district taxpayers. Project will require the district to utilize \$1 million from the Capital Reserve Fund, with approximately 84% of project costs paid with state building aid and replacing debt that will be retired.

### PROPOSITION 3

Voters to authorize the establishment of a new Capital Reserve Fund in an amount not to exceed \$2 million.

### PROPOSITION 4

Vote on \$50,000 for the Frothingham Free Public Library in Fonda. Under state education law, funding for libraries is collected by the school district and then forwarded to the respective libraries.

### PROPOSITION 5

Vote on \$18,000 for the Fort Hunter Free Library in Amsterdam. Under state education law, funding for libraries is collected by the school district and then forwarded to the respective libraries.

### VOTER ELIGIBILITY

All voters must be U.S. citizens, age 18 or older and residents of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote. Advanced registration is NOT required. You may be asked to show proof of residency (such as a valid ID that lists your address) when voting.

### BOARD ELECTION

Elect two (2) members of the Board of Education to a three (3) year term commencing on July 1, 2022, and expiring June 30, 2025, to succeed Matt Sullivan and Bonnie Couture whose terms expire on June 30, 2022.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available for residents who are unable to come to the polls if they are out of town or because of health concerns, including but not limited to illness, disability or hospitalization. Absentee voters must first complete an application. If you want the ballot mailed, the application must be received no later than May 10. To receive an application, contact the district clerk Lori Maves at 518-853-4415 ext. 4230. Completed ballots must be received by the district by mail or drop-off no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17.

## 2022-23 Capital Improvement Project Details

Voting will take place from noon to 9 p.m., in the auditorium lobby in the Fonda-Fultonville High School building.

112 Old Johnstown Rd., P.O. Box 1501  
Fonda, New York 12068-1501

This project will be funded by the district's Capital Reserve Fund and New York State Building Aid, as well as by replacing retiring debt. This will have a tax-neutral impact.

## At a Glance

**PROJECT COST:** \$7.5 million

### TAX IMPACT FOR RESIDENTS:

There will be no additional tax impact as a result of this project.

**How it will be financed with no tax impact:** \$1 million from the district's Capital Reserve Fund, 84% paid with state building aid and replacing debt that will be retired.