



HIGHLIGHTS

PROPOSED 2007-2008 BUDGET

Budget: \$65,672,220
 Budget increase: 5.90%
 Tax levy increase: 5.93%
 (*Total amount of revenue to be raised by taxes)

Board Budget Workshops:
 Hilltop Building
 Tuesdays, April 10,
 April 24 (Adoption),
 May 1 (Hearing)
 7:30 PM
 Vote May 15

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THE BUDGET'S BOTTOM LINE: OUR STUDENTS

Sustained or Enhanced are all programs, class sizes, staffing, curricula, professional development and instructional and administrative technology upgrades

■ WHAT'S NEW:

Staffing

- K-5 Science Consultant (Gr. K Robotics)
- 1.0 Bilingual Psychologist
- 0.5 Social Worker
- 0.2 Virtual High School Teacher
- Extend Elementary Secretaries' hours (25-35 per week)
- School Bus Monitors (5)
- Marching Band Movement Instructors (4)*
- Competitive Cheerleading Instructor (1)*
- Ass't Varsity Lacrosse Coaches (2)*

***Stipended positions (Marching Band \$2800; Cheerleader \$2600, Coach \$4800 per each one.)**

Programs

- K-12 Bullying Prevention Program
- Growth of Marching Band (installment purchase of more equipment and uniforms)
- Technology:
 - Interactive White Boards (5)
 - Tools for early elementary enrichment
 - K12 Alerts: Direct Communication system between school/home, attendance reporting
 - Student Information on PDAs
 - Desktop Management Software for classrooms
 - Project Connect: for suspended students, a partnership with Nyack Center. Students go to the Center to do their schoolwork.
 - Academic Center for Athletes: academic support for athletes who have been identified as ineligible or probationary players

■ UNFUNDED MANDATES IMPACT THE BUDGET

- **Additional Auditors Required:** An Independent, Internal and Claims Auditors must be hired.
- **No Child Left Behind Legislation:** Costs are about 1.7% of the budget to fulfill requirements for new tests, test scoring (substitutes) and data collection.
- **Data Warehouse:** extensive data analysis and data maintenance is needed to meet federal and state reporting requirements.
- **Non-Reimbursed Costs:** In areas of Special Education, health/safety, and more stringent Medicaid-eligible student services.

■ NYACK'S STATE AID: DO WE GET OUR FAIR SHARE?

Over the past 10 years: 17.4% to 11.8% (*avg. aid statewide is 40%*)

- If State aid to Nyack had increased at the level of the annual Consumer Price Index (CPI), aid for 2007-08 **would be \$1.6M more, reducing the tax levy by 3.2%**.
- Aid here is low because property values and income levels are high compared with the rest of the State, affecting the aid formula. **Nyack on paper is about 64% wealthier than NYS avg.**

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■ ONGOING COST SAVINGS:

- Technology Initiatives: In-house SASI database - **In excess of \$90,000 annually**
- WINCAP: Fully integrated finance & human resources management system- **\$25,000 annually**
- Rental of vacant facilities: The old High School & part of Hilltop - **\$803,000 annually.**
- NY Schools Insurance Reciprocal: Nyack one of past founding members of non-profit insurance company – saves millions statewide.
- Rockland County Schools Cooperative: Workers Compensation Self-Insurance Plan – has saved millions countywide.

Others are: grants, maximized interest earnings, cooperative bidding, joint insurance pools, contracted services, outside funding sources, salary schedules reflecting the CPI are others.

V O T I N G F A C T S

POLLS OPEN MAY 15: **7:00 AM to 9:00 PM**

Polls are at DePew Manor, and Hilltop, Upper Nyack and Valley Cottage Schools.

REGISTRATION:

Persons registered with the County Board of Elections or having voted in the school or general election in the last four years may vote without registering. **TO REGISTER** a person must be a citizen, at least 18 years of age and have resided in the District for a minimum of 30 days.

Registration may be done in person until Thursday, May 10, 2007 at the Administration Building, District Clerk Office, 13 A Dickinson Avenue, in Nyack from **8:30 AM to 4:00 PM**, Monday through Friday. General registration (for all school, local and national votes) is also done through the **Board of Elections in New City (638-5172)**.

BOARD CANDIDATES:

The Petition **deadline to appear on the ballot is Monday, April 16. 41 valid signatures are needed for a petition to be accepted.** Two at-large trustee positions will appear on the May ballot currently held by Amy Applebaum and Michael Mark. They are for three year terms, beginning July 1, 2007. Candidates in Nyack are elected at-large, meaning a person does not run for a particular seat, rather, candidates receiving the most votes fill the positions open.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS:

A registered voter who cannot get to the polls, or will not be present in the county on voting day, may file for an absentee ballot. Applications and ballots may be obtained from the District Clerk. **Ballots must be returned to the District Clerk no later than 5:00 PM on the day of the vote.**

**For further budget or voting details or to arrange a group meeting to discuss the budget contact The Public Information Office 353-7013
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