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With **75%** of LHS students attending college after graduation, LCSD boasts one of the highest college-bound rates in the region.



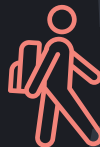
Chromebook for every Liberty student

We're mobile! Download the free **Liberty Mobile App** at your app store.



A full return to in-person learning

Liberty's doors were open for in-person learning for all students PreK-12 this year.



Excelling on the Stage

From music to drama, Liberty students are top-notch performers.



40+

Awards received by Liberty High School art students each year



11 Scholar-Athlete Teams **Recognized by New York State**



Named one of the **Best Communities for Music Education** by the NAMM Foundation

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CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
115 Buckley Street
Liberty, NY 12754



SCHOOL BUDGET

VOTE Tuesday, May 17

Voter Qualifications

- ★ You must be 18 years old, and
- ★ A U.S. citizen and a district resident for at least 30 days
- ★ The last day to register to vote is May 12, 2022.

Absentee Ballots

- Qualified voters may request an absentee ballot application by contacting District Clerk Tania DeFrank at tdefrank@LibertyK12.org or 845-292-6990.
- May 9 is the last day for absentee applications to be received if you will be mailing your completed ballot.
 - May 16 is the last day for absentee applications to be received if you will deliver your completed ballot in person.
 - Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. May 17, 2022 in order to be counted.

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VOTE
2022-23
SCHOOL BUDGET
VOTE & BOARD OF
EDUCATION ELECTION

Tuesday, May 17
Polls are open
12-9 p.m. at
Liberty High
School

LIBERTY

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



Annual school budget vote is May 17

On Tuesday, May 17, voters in the Liberty Central School District will decide on a \$57.5 million budget proposed for the 2022-23 school year that contains no increase in the tax levy for the fourth consecutive year. Voters will also elect three candidates to the Board of Education and decide on a proposed five-year contract for student transportation services.

The budget funds all current programs and services for students and includes additional positions to manage class sizes, meet student needs and expand learning opportunities. This includes additional middle and high school teaching staff, extra support for English as a New Language services, social-emotional student support, and additional extracurricular stipends to expand student opportunities and activities.

The budget calls for a nearly \$3.6 million increase in spending, or 6.6%. A significant state aid increase will enable the district to cover the growth in costs and make some new investments without any increase in the tax levy.

The district is focused on updating curriculum, expanding technology access and providing global and local real-world experiences such as the collaboration with a partner school in Zimbabwe and the school-based business incubator.

“With this budget, our goal is to provide students with stability and opportunities to grow and explore in the classroom and beyond,” said Superintendent Dr. Patrick Sullivan. “We are focused on a strong curriculum and the extracurricular activities and interscholastic athletic programs that mean so much to our students and our community.”

Budget Snapshot:

Proposed Budget:
\$57,543,257

Proposed Budget Change:
\$3,580,265 (+6.63%)

Proposed School Tax Levy:
\$18,760,162

School Tax Levy Change:
\$0 (+0.00%)

For more details on the proposed budget, visit www.libertyk12.org

On the ballot:

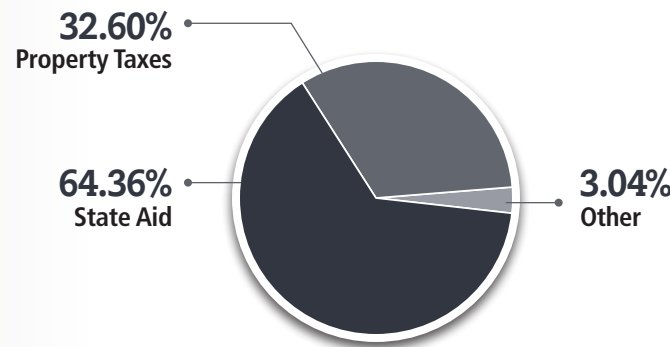
- ★ **A \$57,543,257 budget** proposed for the 2022-23 school year.
- ★ **Proposition 2:** A proposed five-year contract with Rolling V Transportation Corporation for Student Transportation Services beginning July 1, 2022, with budgetary appropriations beginning with the 2022-23 school year. The contract calls for 5% annual increases for: 10-month/regular school year transportation services; 2-month/summer school transportation services; and 10-month athletics, extracurricular and field trip services.
- ★ **Voters will elect three board of education members.** Four candidates submitted nominating petitions and are on the ballot. The three candidates with the most votes will serve 3-year terms beginning in July 2022. The candidates, in the order they appear on the ballot, are: Timothy Hamblin, John Nichols, Philip Olsen, and Matthew DeWitt.

Note: Liberty Central School District will be providing required transportation services to an additional 100 or more resident students attending non-public schools in 2022-23.

REVENUES:

Where the money comes from

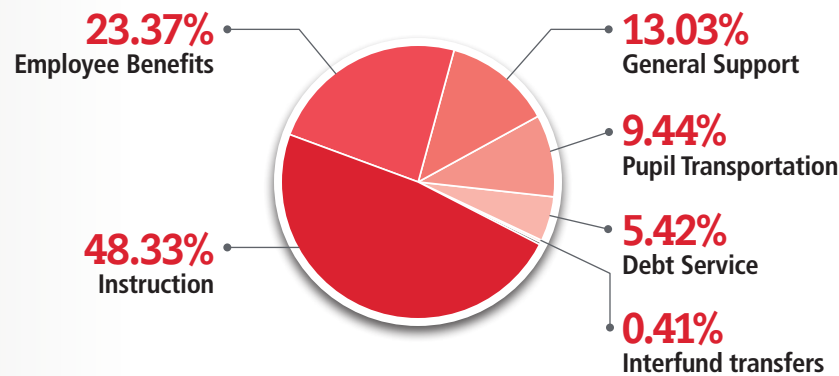
CATEGORY	2021-22 BUDGET	2022-23 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
Property Taxes	\$18,760,162	\$18,760,162	0.00%
State Aid	\$31,798,136	\$37,032,594	16.46%
Fund Balance	\$1,608,392	\$0	-100.00%
Reserves	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Other	\$1,796,302	\$1,750,501	-2.55%
TOTAL	\$53,962,992	\$57,543,257	+6.63%



EXPENDITURES:

Where the money goes

CATEGORY	2021-22 PROPOSED BUDGET	2022-23 PROPOSED BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
General Support	\$7,144,831	\$7,499,995	4.97%
Instruction	\$26,075,730	\$27,808,397	6.64%
Pupil Transportation	\$3,839,935	\$5,435,138	41.54%
Employee Benefits	\$13,063,403	\$13,446,096	2.93%
Debt Service	\$3,333,372	\$3,118,631	-6.44%
Interfund Transfers	\$505,721	\$235,000	-53.53%
TOTAL	\$53,962,992	\$57,543,257	6.63%



School District Budget Notice

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	\$53,962,992	\$57,543,257	\$56,935,189
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$3,580,265	\$2,972,197
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.63%	5.51%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$18,760,162	\$18,760,162	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$152,200	\$154,200	
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)	\$18,912,362	\$18,914,362	\$18,914,362
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$19,243,804	\$19,869,859	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$18,760,162	\$18,760,162	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$483,642	\$1,109,697	
Administrative Component	\$5,067,743	\$5,606,311	\$5,067,743
Program Component	\$42,144,051	\$44,966,249	\$45,504,817
Capital Component	\$6,751,198	\$6,970,697	\$6,362,629

* Should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law and a contingent budget be required for the 2022-23 school year, the proposed budget would be reduced by \$608,068 by eliminating equipment expenses and other program areas identified by the Board of Education.

DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT
Contracts for Student Transportation Services	\$4,574,590

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$734

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Liberty Central School District, Sullivan County, New York, will be held at Liberty High School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 12:00 pm and 9:00 pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot.

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

TAX RATE BY TOWN	2021-22 ESTIMATED TAX RATE PER \$1,000	2022-23 ESTIMATED TAX RATE PER \$1,000	2022-23 ESTIMATED TAXES BY TOWN	INCREASE
Bethel	\$44.02	\$44.02	\$2,376,380.63	0.00%
Fallsburg	\$45.52	\$45.52	\$479,005.90	0.00%
Liberty	\$34.73	\$34.73	\$15,523,681.31	0.00%
Neversink	\$735.80	\$735.80	\$156,893.55	0.00%
Rockland	\$39.18	\$39.18	\$128,644.97	0.00%
Thompson	\$33.32	\$33.32	\$95,555.64	0.00%

Final rates for 2022-23 cannot be determined until final assessments and equalization rates become available, typically in the summer, therefore these are anticipated tax rates (per \$1,000 of assessed value). The district estimates that there will be no tax increase or decrease for district taxpayers.