

# Wynantskill

UNION  
FREE  
SCHOOL  
DISTRICT

## Gardner-Dickinson Gazette

### THE 2022-2023 PROPOSED DISTRICT BUDGET

## BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY  
MAY 17, 2022  
Noon – 9 p.m.

Gardner-Dickinson School  
25 East Avenue, Troy, NY 12180

2.10% TAX LEVY  
INCREASE

PROPOSED  
2022-23 BUDGET  
**\$10,380,611**

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- Expansion of Pre-K
- New ELA curriculum materials w/ professional development
- Increase social worker
- Additional supports for the special education department

### ALSO ON THE BALLOT:

- Board of Education Election (Two Seats)
- Two Propositions

## District Plans for Enhancements and Expansions to Services

A community vote on Wynantskill UFSD's 2022-23 budget will take place Tuesday, May 17 from noon - 9 p.m. in the Gardner-Dickinson School. The polls will be open to vote by voting machine. The 2022-23 school budget totals \$10,380,611 and requires a 2.10% tax levy increase.

The district successfully navigated through the ongoing pandemic by overcoming obstacles together as a community and providing our students with in-person instruction 5 days per week for the last 2 years. This is a huge accomplishment to be recognized and commended.

The Proposed Budget for the 2022-2023 school year reflects the district's plan, in hopes of pivoting away from COVID, to spend our resources with a greater focus on enhancing and expanding our academic and social emotional resources.

We are excited to announce that the district has made provisions to expand our preschool program, adding a second section in order to capture all eligible students this fall. This expansion utilizes NYS grants to expand preschool opportunities and provides early interventions to our most impressionable students.

By maximizing State and Federal Aid/Grants and securing last year's allocations from the Coronavirus Relief and American Rescue Plan Acts, the district will purchase new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum and materials and fund professional development to implement the new program with fidelity. "The Fountas and Pinnell Classroom will be a wonderful enhancement to our balanced literacy program giving teachers the opportunity to provide individualized explicit instruction to ALL of our students no matter where they are performing," Principal Suzann Cornell.

The district recognizes the importance of giving our students the social and emotional supports needed to overcome the many challenges we have faced during the last two years. This budget provides additional supports for our students by increasing the social worker from 2 to 3 days per week. A full time psychologist, guidance counselor and an SEL consultant from Questar III will provide continued supports. "We want to ensure that ALL students have access to a provider who can meet their social and emotional needs but also want to work proactively and help to create a culture of acceptance and strong relationships in every classroom, for every student." Dr. Mary Yodis

Other provisions in the 2022-23 budget include increased offerings for after-school tutoring in the Middle School, increased supports for our Special Education programs and supervision, maintaining current technology, and increases in the transportation department including funding for longevity incentives, fuel expenses, and maintenance and repair costs.

## BUDGET COMPARISON

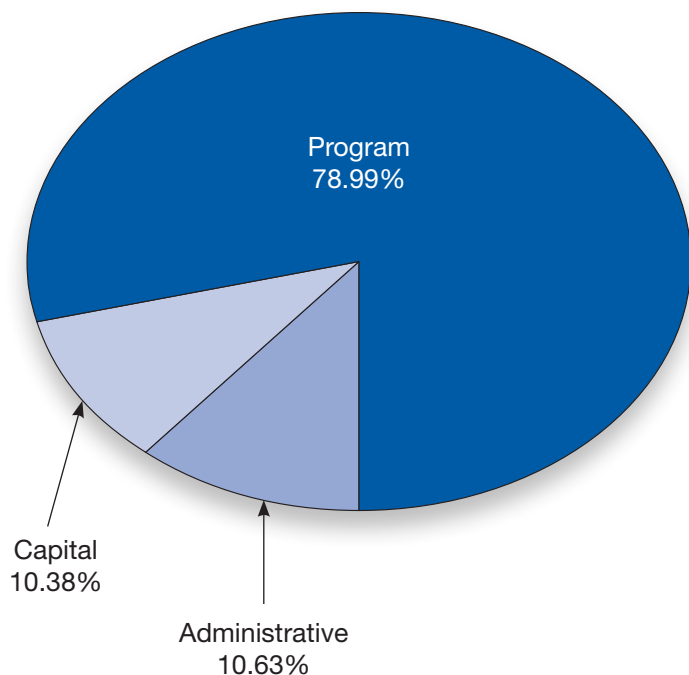
	2021-2022	2022-2023	Change	% of Budget
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$8,025,704	\$8,199,418	\$173,714	78.99%
Teaching & Instruction, Instructional Media, Computer Services, Guidance/Health Services, Co-Curricular/Athletics, Special Education, Student Transportation, Bus Repairs/Maintenance				
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	\$1,023,806	\$1,103,305	\$79,499	10.63%
Board of Education: Clerk, Legal, Census, Treasurer, Tax Collection Superintendent: Business Administration, Purchasing, Payroll, Insurance, BOCES Administration Principal: Supervision, Staff Development & Training, Curriculum Auditing Services: External, Internal & Claims				
<b>CAPITAL</b>	\$1,099,388	\$1,077,888	\$(21,500)	10.38%
Operation of Plant, Maintenance of Plant, Construction Principal/Interest, Purchase of Buses				
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,148,898</b>	<b>\$10,380,611</b>	<b>\$231,713</b>	<b>100%</b>

## REVENUE ESTIMATES

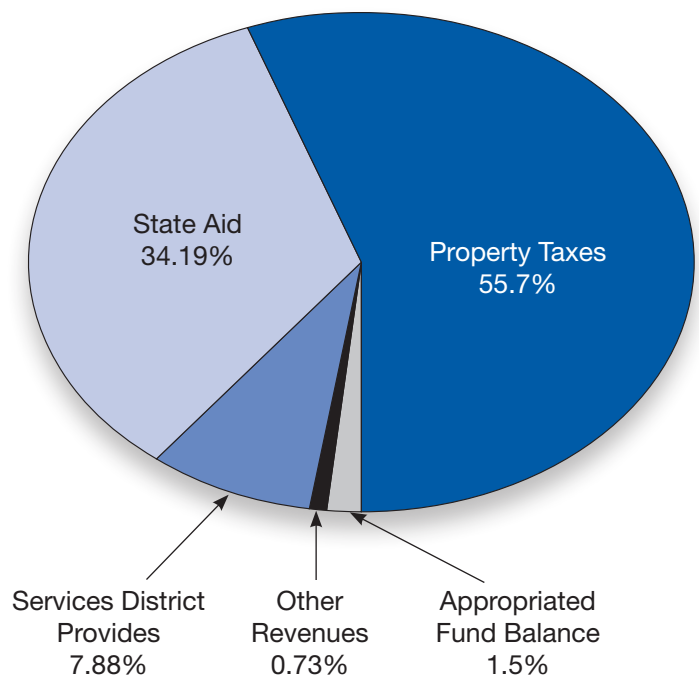
	2021-2022	2022-2023	Change	% of Revenues
Property Taxes	\$5,663,056	\$5,782,093	\$119,037	55.7%
State Aid*	3,430,288	3,548,769	118,481	34.19%
Services District Provides	817,554	818,249	695	7.88%
Other Revenues	82,000	75,500	(6,500)	0.73%
Appropriated Fund Balance	156,000	156,000	—	1.5%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$10,148,898</b>	<b>\$10,380,611</b>	<b>\$231,713</b>	<b>100%</b>

\* Does not include Federal Stimulus Funds

### Expenses



### Revenues



# Wynantskill Union Free 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	\$ 10,148,848	\$10,380,611	\$10,324,444
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$ 231,763	\$175,596
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.28 %	1.73%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,663,056	\$5,782,093	
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)	\$5,633,056	\$5,782,093	\$5,663,056
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,663,056	\$5,782,093	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$5,663,056	\$5,782,093	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,023,806	\$1,103,305	\$1,052,138
Program Component	\$8,025,704	\$8,199,418	\$8,199,418
Capital Component	\$1,099,308	\$1,077,888	\$1,072,888
<p>To reach contingency budget amount, the District would reduce or eliminate certain expenses including equipment purchases, supply increases, and other contractual services, as necessary.</p>			
<p>** 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)</p>	Description		Amount
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

\*NOTE TO SCHOOL DISTRICT BUSINESS OFFICIALS: 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>

\$577

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Wynantskill Union Free school district, Rensselaer County, New York, will be held at Gardner-Dickinson school in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of Noon and 9:00 p.m., at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

## PROPOSITION #1, the 2022-2023 Budget:

Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to expend the total amount of \$10,380,611.00 during the school year 2022-2023 and to levy the necessary tax, therefore.

## PROPOSITION #2, the 2022-23 Bus Proposal:

Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to (1) up to two SCHOOL BUSES, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$179,165.00 (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation.

## ECRWSS \*\*\* POSTAL CUSTOMER

**Superintendent**  
Dr. Mary Yodis

**Board of Education**  
Andrew Lanese, *President*  
Darcy Mack, *Vice President*  
Cathleen Castle  
Keith Hirokawa  
Eric Strang

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

*Voters will elect candidates to fill two (2) open seats on the Board of Education. Each elected seat is a three-year term expiring in June 2025. The following incumbent candidate(s) will be listed on the ballot:*

### CATHLEEN A. CASTLE

Having lived in Wynantskill since 1977, my children both graduated from Gardner Dickinson School. As someone who was always involved in the school community during their time, I welcomed the opportunity to once again be an active participant in the school district, which my grandsons attend, as a member of the Board of Education. With your support, I am seeking reelection for another term.

COVID certainly provided challenges over the past two years, but our school community stayed strong and worked together to move forward in a safe learning environment. However, since many students were challenged during that time, it is important to continue to provide services and supports to meet the needs of all children regardless of their abilities. I will work with and support the administration to provide appropriate programming while also being fiscally responsible and responsive to our students and families.

### ANDREW LANESEY

Hello friends and neighbors of Wynantskill. My name is Andrew (Andy) Lanese and I am running for re-election to the Board of Education for the Wynantskill UFSD. I have been a nearly lifelong resident myself, growing up in the halls of Gardner-Dickinson. I am an 21-plus-years employee of New York State's Office of State Comptroller. My wife Joyce and I are proud that we are able to raise our children in such a great community.

As a father of four beautiful children, I feel that it is especially important for our young minds to develop excellence in essential learning habits, critical thinking, leadership skills, and the means to be successful in life, starting from an early age. I feel that the small school setting that our great district provides is key to that success.

It is with appreciation that I ask for your support in my bid for re-election to a seat on the Board of Education for the Wynantskill UFSD.

## VOTER INFORMATION

**When and where is the vote?**

**TUESDAY, MAY 17 • NOON – 9 P.M.**

Gardner-Dickinson School Gymnasium

**Who is eligible to vote?**

Anyone who is a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older and is a resident of the Wynantskill Union Free School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote.

**How can I vote by absentee ballot?**

A district resident who is unable to go to the polls on May 17 can cast their vote by absentee ballot. To request an application for an absentee ballot, please call the District Clerk at 518-283-4600 or email [hhallock@wynantskillufsd.org](mailto:hhallock@wynantskillufsd.org). Hand-delivered absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 17.

**What if I have questions?**

The district website, [www.wynantskillufsd.org/district/budget-taxes](http://www.wynantskillufsd.org/district/budget-taxes), has additional budget resources including a budget presentation from a Board meeting. You can also call the District Office at 518-283-4600.