



# Wynantskill

## Gardner-Dickinson School

## THE 2023-24 PROPOSED DISTRICT BUDGET

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS:

- Full-Time School Resource Officer
- Technology Offerings (zSpace VR)
- Expanding After School Clubs
- Bus Driver Salary Increases

**2.13%** TAX LEVY INCREASE

PROPOSED  
2023-24 BUDGET  
**\$10,546,565**

### District Plans for Safety Enhancements and Expansions to Services

A community vote on Wynantskill UFSD's 2023-24 budget will take place Tuesday, May 16 from noon - 9 p.m. in the Gardner-Dickinson School. The polls will be open to vote by voting machine. The 2023-24 school budget totals \$10,546,565 and requires a 2.13% tax levy increase.

During this year, our district pivoted its focus from the ongoing challenges brought on by the pandemic to building back and strengthening our academic, social and emotional programming and support services. We have been extremely successful as we have added new or enhanced existing curriculum materials in all content areas PreK-8, provided students with multi-tiered academic and emotional supports, and worked with the PTA to provide clubs, field trips and afterschool activities which promote personal well-being as well as a strong school community. We look forward to continuing this great work next year through the proposed budget for the 2023-24 school year.

During the last 2 years, the district used a large portion of its Coronavirus Relief and American Rescue Plan Acts allocations to purchase new English Language Arts (ELA) curriculum along with providing the professional development to implement the new program with fidelity. The funding also allowed us the opportunity to hire a part-time social worker to provide emotional supports to our students and their families in need. The district will continue to support both crucial initiatives through next year's budget.

A new and very important addition to the 2023-24 budget is welcoming a full-time School Resource Officer in our school daily. The district is working with the Rensselaer County Sheriff's Department to obtain an active officer at Gardner-Dickinson to start in September.

"Our district will always make the safety of our students and staff our top priority. Sadly, we recognize the difficult times we are now facing with such an increase in school violence. We will ensure that safety remains at the forefront of everything we do so that we can continue to thrive as a school community," says Dr. Yodis

Other provisions in the 2023-24 budget include maintaining current technology with 1:1 devices and innovations such as zSpace virtual reality; offerings for after-school academic, social, and sports clubs; and increases in salaries and longevity incentives for our bus drivers who without them we can't operate school.

### IN-PERSON VOTING

- Tuesday, May 16th
- Polls Open 12 - 9 p.m.
- Gardner-Dickinson Library

**VOTE**

## BUDGET COMPARISON

	2022-23	2023-24	Change	% of Budget
<b>PROGRAM</b>	\$8,199,418	\$8,228,000	\$28,582	78.02%
Teaching & Instruction, Instructional Media, Computer Services, Guidance/Health Services, Co-Curricular/Athletics, Special Education, Student Transportation, Bus Repairs/Maintenance				
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>	\$1,103,305	\$1,116,965	\$13,660	10.59%
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>	\$1,077,888	\$1,201,600	\$123,712	11.39%
Operation of Plant, Maintenance of Plant, Construction Principal/Interest, Purchase of Buses				
<b>BUDGET TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,380,611</b>	<b>\$10,546,565</b>	<b>\$165,954</b>	<b>100%</b>

## REVENUE ESTIMATES

	2022-23	2023-24	Change	% of Revenues
Property Taxes	\$5,782,093	\$5,905,402	\$123,309	55.99%
State Aid	\$3,548,769	\$3,589,065	\$40,296	34.03%
Services District Provides	\$818,249	\$800,796	-\$17,453	7.59%
Other Revenues	\$75,500	\$96,302	\$20,802	.91%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$156,000	\$155,000	-\$1,000	1.48%
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$10,380,611</b>	<b>\$10,546,565</b>	<b>\$165,954</b>	<b>100%</b>



## Wynantskill Union Free School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 10,380,611	\$10,546,565	\$10,521,565
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$165,954	\$140,954
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		1.6 %	1.36%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,782,093	\$5,905,402	
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)	\$5,782,093	\$5,905,402	\$5,782,093
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,782,093	\$5,905,402	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$5,782,093	\$5,905,402	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$1,103,305	\$1,116,965	\$1,116,965
Program Component	\$8,199,418	\$8,228,000	\$8,208,000
Capital Component	\$1,077,888	\$1,201,600	\$1,196,600
To reach contingency budget amount, the District would reduce or eliminate certain expenses including equipment purchases, supply increases, and other contractual services, as necessary.			
** 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)	Description		Amount
			\$
			\$
			\$
			\$

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

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year

\$577

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York, will be held at the Gardner-Dickinson School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of Noon and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

## PROPOSITION #1: THE 2023-24 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 \$10,546,565 during the school year 2023-2024 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

## PROPOSITION #2: THE 2023-24 BUS PROPOSAL

Shall the Board of Education of the Wynantskill Union Free School District, Rensselaer County, New York be authorized to (1) acquire one SCHOOL BUS, at a maximum aggregate cost of \$146,000.00 (2) expend such sum, or so much thereof as shall be necessary; and (3) shall be paid from the current appropriation.

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**Nichole Hurbanek**

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## BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

*Voters will elect candidates to fill two (2) open seats on the Board of Education. One is a three (3) year term and the other is a partial, one-year-term to fill the remaining term of a board member who resigned this past year. The individual who receives the most votes will fill the three-year term, the individual who receives the second most votes will fill the one-year term. The following incumbent candidate will be listed on the ballot:*

**Eric Strang, Nichole Hurbanek.**

### ERIC STRANG

Eric Strang has been a full-time resident of the Wynantskill community since 1998. A major goal of his is to provide children an opportunity to build and grow life skills through experiences at school and enrichment programs. A well-balanced diet of science, arts, and social education is a strong foundation to be a positive contributor in society. For the school year 2023-24, Eric will have one child in 6th grade attending Gardner Dickinson. Eric is also a volunteer at St. Jude's Basketball (Coach).

### NICHOLE HURBANER

Nichole Hurbanek has a Bachelors of Science degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a Masters in Public Administration from Marist College. She is employed by the New York State Police as the Assistant Director Biological Sciences at the Forensic Investigation Center in Albany. Nichole is a life long Rensselaer County resident, and has lived in Wynantskill for 16 years with her husband Tom. Their sons are in the elementary and middle school at Gardner-Dickinson. Nichole was the Co-President of the Wynantskill PTA from 2017 - 2019 and the President from 2019 - 2021.

She remains an active participant in the PTA and volunteers assistance for many local youth sports organizations. Nichole is excited to continue to serve on the Board of Education and to build upon her established relationships with District Administrators and Staff, Parents and fellow Board of Education members. Nichole and her family value accountability, communication, hard work and respect. They are dedicated to our community and school district and she looks forward to collaborating for continued positive improvements to our school!

## VOTER INFORMATION

### When and where is the vote?

**TUESDAY, MAY 16TH • NOON - 9 P.M.**  
Gardner-Dickinson School Library

### 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 16 can cast their vote by absentee ballot. To request an application for an absentee ballot, please email the District Clerk at [kbarber@wynantskillufsd.org](mailto:kbarber@wynantskillufsd.org). Hand-delivered absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 15.

### 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 email the District Clerk at [kbarber@wynantskillufsd.org](mailto:kbarber@wynantskillufsd.org).