

Copiague Connections

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Resident
Copiague School District

COMPUTATION OF PROPOSED TAX LEVY

2023-2024 Proposed Budget.....	\$170,023,070
Less Estimated Revenue.....	(\$99,108,603)
Subtotal.....	\$70,914,467
Less Appropriated Reserves.....	(\$3,344,947)
Proposed Tax Levy 2023-2024.....	\$67,569,520

VOTER REQUIREMENTS

- You are a U.S. citizen.
- You are 18 years of age or older.
- You have been a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.
- You are registered to vote in the general elections or are registered to vote in the school elections.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The District Clerk must receive applications at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. All completed ballots must be in the hands of the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on the day of the election. For further information, call 631-842-4015.

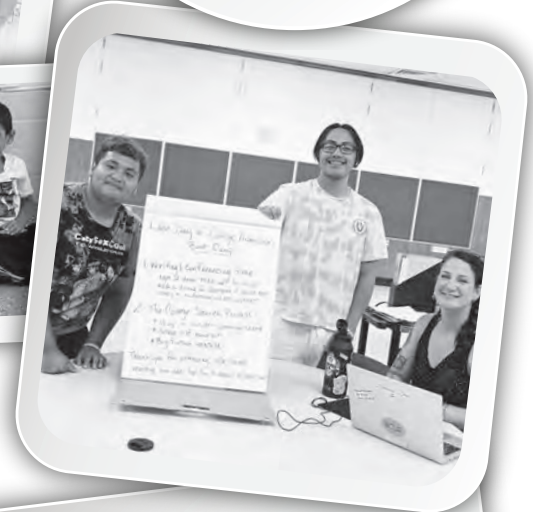


Proposed Levy increase is
BELOW
New York State Levy Cap



Proposed
Levy
Increase:
2.43%

Proposed Budget:
\$170,023,070



**Budget
Vote**
TUESDAY, MAY 16
DEAUVILLE GARDENS
EAST ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL
10 a.m.-9 p.m.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

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A Message from the Board of Education

With a focus on student success and fiscal responsibility, the Copiague Board of Education is pleased, once again, to present a proposed budget for the 2023-24 school year within the tax levy cap. Following decades of underfunding at the state and federal levels, our district has received an increase in aid for the second consecutive year that will allow us to enhance our already robust educational and co-curricular programs. With the additional state aid, the proposed budget of \$170,023,070 carries a 2.43% tax levy increase and includes the following:

- Continuation of current academic, extracurricular and co-curricular programs based on student interests and needs.
- Enhancement of art and business programs at the high school.
- Expansion of secondary electives.
- Reduces class size where possible.
- Additional supports for the special education program.

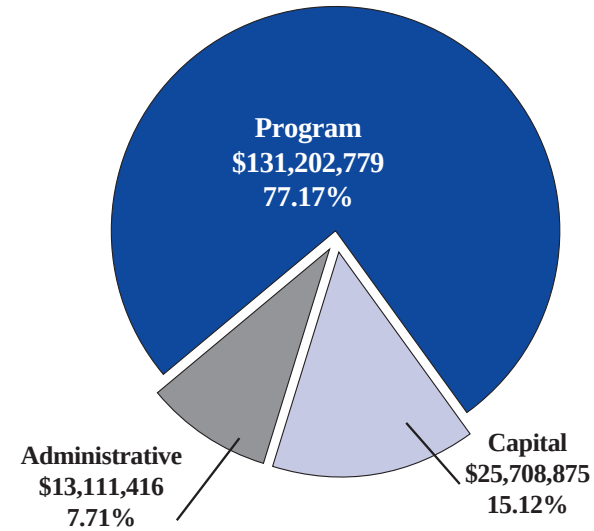
The proposed budget also includes the district's continued focus on long-term planning and investment in our district facilities. Through a transfer to capital at no additional cost to the taxpayer, the district will be able to allocate \$10 million towards the completion of the following potential future projects:

- Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School cafeteria renovations.
- Copiague Middle and High School athletic fields, tennis courts and site lighting.
- Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School field house.
- Deauville Gardens East addition and alterations.
- Deauville Gardens West addition and alterations.
- Great Neck Road School library alterations.
- Susan E. Wiley parking improvements.
- Districtwide sidewalk, fencing and site improvements.
- Districtwide drainage and asphalt pavement improvement.
- Districtwide classroom renovations.
- Districtwide utility upgrades.
- Districtwide smartboards.
- Districtwide window replacement.
- Districtwide masonry restoration.
- Districtwide heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades.
- Districtwide door and hardware replacement.
- Districtwide lighting and ceiling replacement.
- Districtwide flooring replacement.
- Districtwide electrical, fire alarm and public address system upgrades.
- Installation of solar panels at all district schools.
- Districtwide security system upgrades.

Residents are encouraged to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, May 16. Polls will be open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. in the gymnasium of Deauville Gardens East Elementary School. For more information on the budget, please visit the budget page of our website, www.copiague.k12.ny.us.

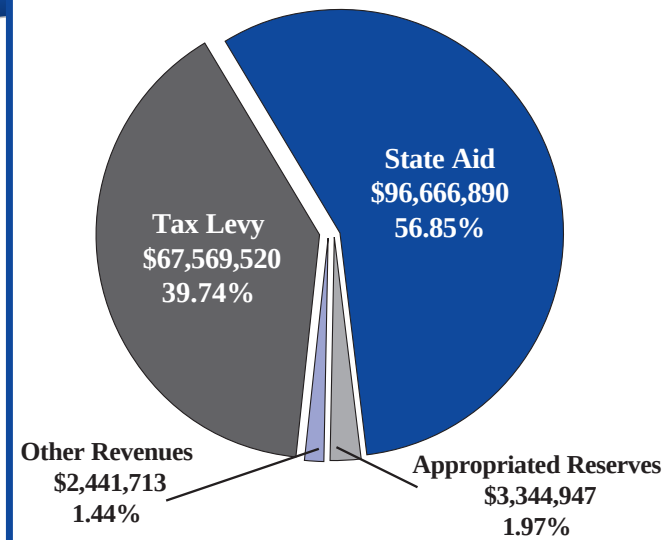
EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN

TOTAL: \$170,023,070



REVENUE BREAKDOWN

TOTAL: \$170,023,070

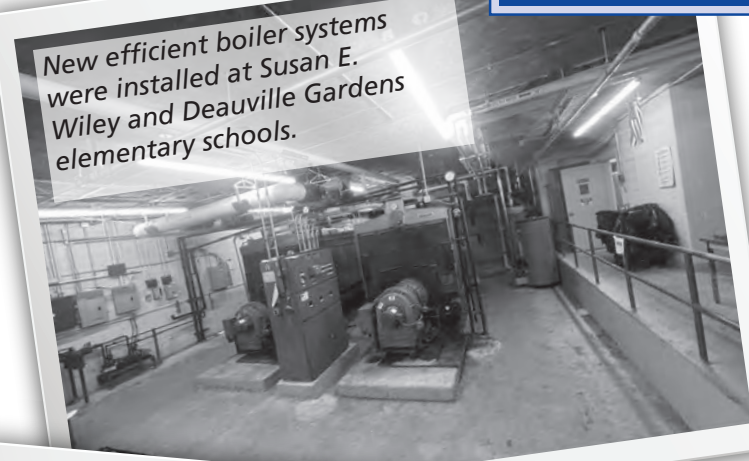


2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET

	2022-2023 Adopted Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)
Salaries	\$64,573,238	\$66,755,785	\$2,182,547
Fringe Benefits	29,167,763	32,835,027	3,667,264
BOCES	27,435,479	28,605,575	1,170,096
Transportation	14,307,397	15,742,285	1,434,888
Transfer to Capital Fund	10,645,000	10,000,000	(645,000)
Transfer to Federal Fund	350,000	450,000	100,000
Debt Principal & Interest	4,641,400	3,981,750	(659,650)
Contract Services	4,361,110	4,748,134	387,024
Tuition	2,511,162	2,445,040	(66,122)
Utilities	1,427,500	1,600,500	173,000
Supplies	1,261,359	1,133,229	(128,130)
Repairs	937,800	946,700	8,900
Equipment	416,200	380,000	(36,200)
Textbooks, Library Books, Instructional Software	396,062	399,045	2,983
TOTAL	\$162,431,470	\$170,023,070	\$7,591,600

Focusing ON FACILITIES

As part of the district's long-term planning with a focus on facilities, the proposed budget would include a transfer to capital to upgrade areas throughout the district. A full list of projects is listed to the left. The following are projects which were recently completed as part of the Copiague community's investment in the district.



New efficient boiler systems were installed at Susan E. Wiley and Deauville Gardens elementary schools.



A new mock trial room was created in an existing classroom space off the library at Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School.



The library at Copiague Middle School was completely renovated and new shelving, lighting, electrical and furniture was installed.



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