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BUDGET At a Glance

PROPOSED BUDGET

\$11,885,006

SPENDING INCREASE

1.6%

PROPERTY TAX LEVY INCREASE

1.23%

Also on the Ballot

Establish a Capital Reserve Fund

In addition to the 2022-2023 proposed budget, Worcester Central School District voters will decide on whether the District can open a new Capital Reserve Fund.

A Capital Reserve Fund is like a savings account that allows the District to set aside money for future construction projects and major purchases. The Capital Reserve Fund is established with voter approval, and voter authorization is also required to make purchases with money from the fund. There is no tax increase from the establishment of the Capital Reserve Fund.

Because the fund can only be established with voter approval, it must be placed on a ballot. The District is asking voters to decide on this proposition during the May 17, 2022 vote to save time and resources for a separate referendum at a later date.



Budget **VOTE**

Tuesday May 17, 2022 12-8 p.m.

Worcester Central School Library,
198 Main Street

Voters to decide on \$11.9 million proposed budget, board election

Budget preserves opportunities for students, stays below tax levy limit

On Tuesday, May 17, 2022, Worcester Central School District voters will decide on a \$11,885,006 spending proposal for the 2022-2023 school year that maintains all academic and extracurricular programming for students as they currently exist.

The proposed budget is a 1.6% increase in spending year-over-year, and includes using \$685,000 of the District's fund balance to keep the tax levy increase to 1.23% which is below the District's state-calculated tax cap.

"Our goal is to propose an operating budget that is fiscally responsible, supports the many great programs offered at WCS and provides our students a quality education," said Superintendent Tim Gonzales. "We work hard to be fiscally responsible, keeping our taxpayers in mind, and believe this budget proposal is a reflection of this."

Voters will also elect one member to the board of education and decide on the establishment of a Capital Reserve Fund.

Enrichment program expands opportunities for students

Last summer, the District slated CARES ACT grant funding to develop and offer a Districtwide Enrichment Program for students in grades K-12. The success of the program has continued, and is offered in six-week sessions throughout the school year. Workshops typically have open enrollment and include activities such as yoga, minecraft, model ship building, free play for young learners and even some science club competitions.



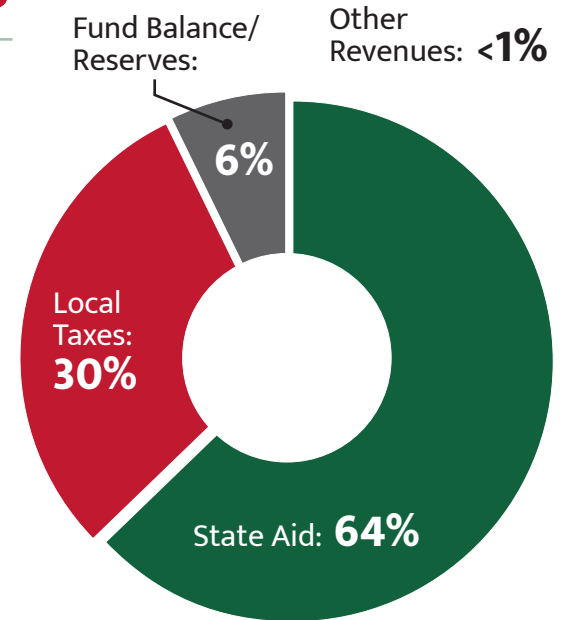
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Where does the money come from?

A line-by-line look at Revenues

REVENUES	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Proposed	% Change
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$750,000	\$685,000	-8.7%
Other Revenues	\$47,000	\$47,000	0%
State Aid	\$7,353,178	\$7,558,829	2.79%
Local Taxes	\$3,550,400	\$3,594,177	1.23%
Total Revenues	\$11,700,578	\$11,885,006	1.6%



One candidate for one open seat on the Board of Education



Tanya Shalor

My name is Tanya Shalor, and I am looking for your support to represent you and renew for another

term on the Worcester School District Board of Education.

For those that don't know me, I have been a Worcester resident since 1998 with my husband, Kevin, and our daughter, Hailey, who is a flourishing 10th grader under the guidance and leadership of the exceptional teachers and administrators since she began Worcester Central School in pre-kindergarten. I received my bachelor's degree, with honors, in accounting from Elmira College and worked at The Daily Star for over a decade as their Comptroller and as the Publisher for several years before changing careers to the Head Start Director then the CFO at Opportunities for Otsego. Head Start is a federally funded,

comprehensive preschool program that prepares children, ages 3-5, from low income and eligible families for school readiness using research-based curriculum to equip them with the skills to be successful; so, education is in my blood. After three years, I was promoted to, and am currently, the Chief Financial Officer with Opportunities for Otsego whose mission is to develop innovative solutions that promote healthy lives, thriving families, and caring communities which I see as very similar to the role that a strong school District plays for the residents of Worcester. A school tends to be the focal point of a community; a gathering place, an employer, a partner, and most importantly, the entity that produces extraordinary students ready to open the next chapter in their lives; and I would like to continue to be a part of that.

My family has been invested in the community and I hope our paths have crossed at one time or another. I have volunteered and coached my daughter's soccer and softball teams

since they began playing at five years old, and I have been very supportive of the Worcester Booster Club's efforts to build sportsmanship and character in our young athletes. I also served as a community representative during the building project forums to understand the scope, state aid, impact on taxpayers, and entirety of the project. I helped educate the community as the meetings progressed and brought resident concerns and comments back to the group for discussion. It was both a rewarding and eye-opening experience. I have served on several boards over the years which include the Otsego County Chamber of Commerce, Catskill Area Hospice and Palliative Care, Girls on the Run, Catskill Symphony Orchestra, New York State Head Start Association, and several others; so, I am familiar with the structure, dynamics, and time commitment that comes with being a productive and contributing board member. During my first term with the BOE, we hired our current

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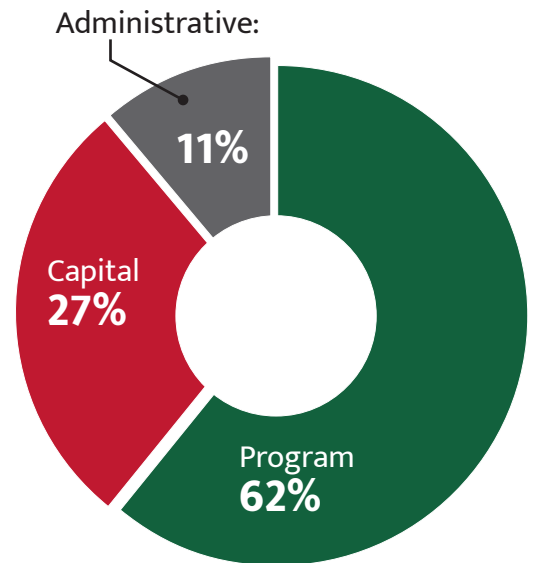


3-PART BUDGET SUMMARY

Where does the money go?

A line-by-line look at Expenditures

EXPENSES	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Proposed	% Change
Administrative	\$1,283,311	\$1,303,221	1.6%
Program	\$7,135,886	\$7,346,354	3.0%
Capital	\$3,281,381	\$3,235,251	-1.4%
Total Expenses	\$11,700,578	\$11,885,006	1.6%



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When in session, the workshops operate from dismissal until 5 p.m. most days.

“We have about 80 students currently enrolled in the winter session,” said Winsome Zinkievich, Enrichment Program Coordinator. “These activities are designed to support students’ learning and growth, and our goal is to increase their access and help them explore what they’re interested in.”

This summer, the District is offering weeklong workshops aimed at reinforcing and expanding learning concepts from the school year, specifically in reading, writing, math and science. A schedule of workshop dates and themes is forthcoming. The Enrichment Program is free for all Worcester Central School District students. Questions about the Enrichment Program can be directed to the main office at 607-397-8785.



ADMINISTRATIVE **\$1,303,221**

PROGRAM **\$7,346,534**

CAPITAL **\$3,235,251**

TOTAL \$11,885,006

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- ☑ Must be a citizen of the United States;
- ☑ Must be eighteen (18) years of age or older;
- ☑ Must be a resident of the Worcester Central School District for a minimum of thirty (30) days prior to May 17, 2022; and not otherwise disqualified under the Election Law.

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ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Individuals interested in obtaining an absentee ballot for the upcoming school budget and election of one school board member on May 17, 2022 may apply at the District Office during business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Qualified District voters must request in advance, an application for an absentee ballot. The voter must complete the application and state the reason why they will not be able to appear the day of the vote and election. Requirements in order to obtain an absentee ballot are those involving business responsibilities or vacation that require travel outside the country on the day of the vote, or students away at college.

Completed applications must reach the District Clerk no later than Tuesday, May 10, 2022, if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote and election if the resident (who is applying) is picking up the ballot in the District Office. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 (the day of the vote).

Principal Updates

Elementary School from Mrs. Sill

WCS Elementary students recently raised money to support families dealing with serious childhood illness and injuries in our Read for Ronald McDonald House Charities fundraiser. We are so proud of our students for being such fantastic readers!

Our 3rd graders have spent several weeks enthusiastically and creatively researching a country of their choice—learning about cultures through food, history and architecture—in preparation for their Open House presentations. Great work!

As a reward for reaching our quarterly Paws goal, students have earned an elementary dance party and ice cream at lunch!

Secondary School from Mrs. Leonard

Students have been very busy this spring! The well-attended Musical Cabaret was a huge success. The school yearbook is complete and has been sent off for production. Students in 10th grade were able to tour ONC BOCES and see potential programs they could attend next year. Our 11th graders participated in two college visits and attended a college fair. Several seniors are going to the Clark Foundation to complete interviews for Clark Scholarships and attend a celebratory lunch at the Otesaga. After a two-year delay, several high school students will be off to Williamsburg, Virginia to perform in the The Virginia International Tattoo Performance. Middle School students completed their ELA and Math State Exams and grades 9-12 are preparing for June Regents. All students are encouraged to attend after school sessions for added support.

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Superintendent, Mr. Gonzales, went through the annexation merger study, dealt with new COVID protocols, and strived to provide leadership, accessibility, and transparent communication through them all.

My finance, education, and business administration background, I believe, gives me a strong foundation and skill set to complement the already talented and diverse Worcester Board of Education. I urge you to vote and hope to have your support on Election Day!