

2023-24 BUDGET PROPOSAL

On behalf of the Board of Education, we would like to thank our community for continuing to support the robust opportunities we offer our students. As we prepare for the 2023-2024 school year, we remain committed to providing the best educational experience possible so our students can thrive as productive citizens in an ever-changing world.

As part of that commitment, we offer our students a wide range of learning opportunities, extracurricular activities, and supports. We will continue to focus on providing a safe, high-quality learning environment where our students can explore their interests and develop skills and tools for future success. Whether it is customized approaches for students to learn to read the first book on their own at Fairley or offering college-level coursework provided by our own teachers, our focus is the growth of our students.

The budget proposal that we are presenting to you continues the momentum we have going on in our district. All student programs offered in the past few school years will continue, based on interest. We will access our fund balance to keep spending similar to this school year to maintain our efforts and provide our community with economic relief, with a 2.15% tax levy to the local taxpayer.

The budget proposal also includes \$100,000 for capital improvement. NYSED allows a district to receive aid on capital expenses for projects that are funded with capital outlay (money spent either to purchase a fixed asset or to extend its useful life) that has a total cost of no more than \$100,000. A district may receive aid for this project the following year, which means they are increasing revenues for the following year. This allows districts to have small capital improvements and preventative maintenance to their facilities, while hopefully keeping the amount of large capital projects necessary over the years to a minimum. For the \$100,000 project in 2023-24, the district intends to replace ceilings and lights and finish upgrades at the Fairley Elementary School.

Additional details about the proposed budget, as well as voting information, can be found inside this newsletter or by visiting www.hannibalcsd.org.

VOTING INFORMATION Q&A

Who is eligible to vote?

You are eligible to vote on May 16, 2023 if you are a U.S. citizen, 18 years or older, and have been a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote. Questions? Call the District Clerk at 315-564-8100, ext. 8.

When and where is the budget vote?

The annual School District Board of Education Election and Budget Vote will take place from noon to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023, at the Hannibal High School. Please park in the district office parking lot and follow the signage on the entry door for voting location.

How do I vote?

Votes may be cast either in-person on May 16 or via an absentee ballot. It is advised that voters request an absentee ballot (if not voting in-person) no later than May 8. To ensure timely delivery and receipt, please mail your completed absentee ballot to the district clerk by May 12, or hand-deliver it to the district clerk by 5 p.m. May 16. Please call 315-564-8100, ext. 8 for more information.

Sincerely, *Christopher A. Staats* Superintendent of Schools





What is on the Ballot? 2023-2024 Budget Propositions

Proposition 1 ->

Shall the Board of Education authorize the proposition of voters' approval on May 16, 2023, for expending the sum of \$38,310,500 for the 2023-2024 school year for school purposes and levy the necessary tax thereof?

Shall the Board of Education purchase and, at the option of the Board, finance three (3) school vehicles estimated cost not to exceed \$350,000, including necessary furnishings, fixtures and equipment and all other necessary costs incidental thereto and to expend a total sum not to exceed \$350,000 which is estimated to be the total maximum cost thereof, and levy a tax which is hereby voted for the foregoing in the amount of \$350,000, which shall be levied and collected in annual installments in such years and in such amounts as may be determined by the Board of Education and in anticipation of the collection of such tax, bonds, notes or installment purchase contracts are hereby authorized to be issued or executed at one time, or from time to time, in the principal amount not to exceed \$350,000 and a tax is hereby voted to pay the interest on said obligations when due?

Shall the sum of One Hundred and Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000) be raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Hannibal Central School District for the purpose of funding the Hannibal Free Library?

To elect a total of three (3) members to the Board of Education for three-year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2026. Two residents have submitted a petition for two of the three open seats. Voters may vote for up to three candidates; either of the candidates listed on the ballot, and a write-in candidate, or by writing in up to three other candidates. The candidates will be listed on the ballot as follows:

- Gregory Hilton
- John (Jack) Pope

What are the Revenue Sources?					
Revenue	2022-2023	2023-2024			
State Aid	\$28,000,000	\$28,350,000			
Real Property Tax Levy	\$6,803,634	\$6,949,912			
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,611,866	\$1,610,588			
Miscellaneous	\$500,000	\$500,000			
Debt Service	\$150,000	\$150,000			
Reserves	\$1,245,000	\$750,000			
TOTAL	\$38,310,500	\$38,310,500			

What is the Impact on my Tax Bill? 22-23 Bill Projected Increase ASSESSED **Bill 23-24** \$23.46 \$22.97 \$0.49 \$50,000 \$459.40 \$469.28 \$9.88 \$75,000 \$1,033.65 \$1,055.87 \$22.22 \$100,000 \$1,607.90 \$1,642.47 \$34.57 \$150,000 \$2,756.40 \$2,815.66 \$59.26 \$175,000 \$3,330.65 \$3,402.26 \$71.61 \$200,000 \$3,904.90 \$3,988.86 \$83.96

BUDGET **HEARING:**

Wednesday, May 3, at 5:30 p.m., **Hannibal High School**

BUDGET **VOTE & BOE ELECTION:** May 16, 2023

In person, noon to 8 p.m. at Hannibal High School, or by absentee ballot

QUALIFIED VOTERS **MUST:**

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least 18 years of age
- Be a resident of the District for a period of at least 30 days prior to the day of the vote
- Not be disqualified by any reason set forth in NYS Election Law §5-106.

Note: Please contact the District Clerk at 315-564-8100, ext. 8, to request that an absentee ballot be sent to you.



It is the policy of the district not to discriminate on the basis of race, color, creed, national origin, political affiliation, sex, sexual orientation, age, marital status, military status or disability in its educational programs, activities or employment, in accordance with Title IX of the 1972 Educational Amendments and Section 504 of the Rehabilitative Act of 1973. Any parent who believes his or her child has been denied the benefits of an appropriate education as a result of discrimination based on disability should contact the building principal. Moreover, any person who believes his or her rights have been violated should contact the Superintendent of Schools.

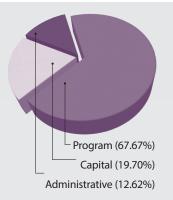
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2023-2024 Three-Part Budget

Program	2022-2023 Adopted Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	Dollar Difference	Percent of Change
Teaching-Regular School Instruction	8,192,000	8,325,200	133,200	1.6%
Programs For Students w/ Disabilities	4,963,500	5,320,050	356,550	7.2%
Career Tech Ed & Special Schools	1,436,000	1,760,000	324,000	22.6%
School Library	268,000	268,000	0	0.0%
Computer Assisted Instruction	860,500	954,000	93,500	10.9%
Attendance/Guidance	516,300	524,300	8,000	1.5%
Health Services	230,000	278,000	48,000	20.9%
Psychological Services	62,000	36,000	-26,000	-41.9%
Co-Curricular Activities	62,000	65,000	3,000	4.8%
Interscholastic Athletics	464,500	495,000	30,500	6.6%
Transportation Services	2,170,500	2,210,500	40,000	1.8%
Employee Benefits for Instruction	5,700,000	5,650,000	-50,000	-0.9%
Transfer to School Lunch	40,000	40,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	24,965,300	25,926,050	960,750	3.8%

Capital	2022-2023 Adopted Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	Dollar Difference	Percent of Change
Operation & Maintenance of Plant	2,347,000	2,443,000	96,000	4.1%
Refund on Real Property Taxes	5,000	5,000	0	0.0%
Serial Bonds-School Construction	5,548,500	4,400,000	-1,148,500	-20.7%
Employee Benefits for Operation & Maint.	615,000	600,000	-15,000	-2.4%
Transfer to Capital Fund	100,000	100,000	0	0.0%
TOTAL CAPITAL	8,615,500	7,548,000	-1,067,500	-12.4%

Administration	2022-2023 Adopted Budget	2023-2024 Proposed Budget	Dollar Difference	Percent of Change
Board of Education & District Clerk	57,000	59,500	2,500	4.4%
CSO, Curriculum & Supervision	1,425,500	1,539,750	114,250	8.0%
Business Administration	451,000	461,500	10,500	2.3%
Legal	50,000	50,000	0	0.0%
Personnel	81,000	81,000	0	0.0%
Public Relations and Printing	130,500	130,500	0	0.0%
Central Data Processing	690,000	620,000	-70,000	-10.1%
Unallocated Insurance	130,000	135,000	5,000	3.8%
BOCES Administrative Costs	624,000	692,000	68,000	10.9%
Employee Benefits for Admin. & ALL Retirees	1,090,700	1,067,200	-23,500	-2.2%
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	4,729,700	4,836,450	106,750	2.3%
TOTAL PROJECTED BUDGET	38,310,500	38,310,500	0	0.0%



Budget at a Glance

The state legislation which requires the state's school districts to have a public budget vote, includes the requirement that the budget be divided into three components: program/instruction, capital, and administration.

Program/Instruction (67.67%)

The Program Component represents the largest portion and focal point of our budget. Items contained have represented the "heart" of any educational system.

Capital (19.70%)

The Capital Component is defined by the State Education Department as primarily the operations and maintenance section of the budget. However, debt service and a couple of special items are also included. As a reminder, the capital project that was approved does not have a tax impact on local residents.

Administrative (12.62%)

The Administrative Component provides the funding of the majority of the instructional support services in the district. It is comprised of the general support section, an instructional supervision section and the employee benefits attributed to those areas including retiree benefits.

HANNIBAL Central School District

Hannibal musicians shine in districtwide concert

Hannibal Central School District student musicians recently took the stage to showcase their talents during a districtwide concert.

The concert, held in conjunction with Music in Our Schools Month, featured students in each ensemble spanning grades four through 12. Student vocalists and instrumentalists shined as they performed in front of a standing-room-only audience of friends and family.

"Our students have spent countless hours practicing and rehearsing their music," said members of the HCSD Music Department. "We recognize the work they put in behindthe-scenes, and we're incredibly proud to see it all come together in concert."

The music celebration culminated in a group performance of "Circle of Life," from "The Lion King."

For upcoming concert dates and other HCSD events, please visit www.hannibalcsd.org.









Hannibal students perform during the recent Music in Our Schools Month concert.

Warrior athletes conclude successful winter season

Student-athletes in the Hannibal Central School District recently wrapped up a strong winter season highlighted by team and individual accomplishments.

The varsity cheerleaders had a banner season, earning titles as OHSL and sectional champions. Coach Teri Dunsmoor noted that the team worked hard throughout the season and constantly fine-tuned their routine enroute to an appearance at the state championships in Binghamton.



Hannibal's Section III state qualifiers Milina Marchenko, Alex Hall and Lena Turaj join coach Dan Pawlewicz for a photo.

"They placed seventh in a division of 15 and had the highest score of all Section III teams at the state competition," Dunsmoor said. "The team's hard work, cooperation and determination led them to be so successful this year!"

In other action, the girls' varsity basketball and boys' varsity basketball teams each earned recognition as scholar-athlete teams. To qualify as a scholar-athlete team, the team

average of 75 percent of the roster must be a 90 or above. In addition to the academic successes, girls' basketball teammates Samantha Emmons and Tenly Baker excelled on the court and were named to first team all-league and were on the holiday all-tournament team. For the boys' team, Brady Kuc was named second team all-league while Gavin Griffin earned honorable mention.

The boys' and girls' varsity indoor track teams also earned recognition as scholar-athletes. Coach Dan Pawlewicz said the teams faced some challenges during the season, but the athletes "battled at every meet and put points on the scoreboard." Three student athletes — Alex Hall, Milina Marchenko and Lena Turaj — advanced to the state qualifier as well.

"We had such a great season, and I am so proud of these kids," Pawlewicz said. "They are a hardworking group and the definition of what it means to be a Warrior athlete."

Oaks earns regional honors

In only her seventh year in the Hannibal Central School District, physical education teacher Kat Oaks is already earning regional recognition for her commitment to her students and her career.

Oaks, a PE teacher at Dennis M. Kenney Middle School, was named Secondary Physical Education Teacher of the Year for the central north zone which encompasses

Hannibal schools and dozens of others throughout the region. On April 21, she joined PE teachers from the area during an awards ceremony at Vernon Downs Conference Center.



"It is such an honor to earn this recognition," Oaks said. "I love being a Hannibal Warrior, I love this community, and I love my job. This is just the icing on the cake."

In addition to her role as PE teacher, Oaks is also actively involved in the district's athletic programs as a coach. She has coached varsity track, varsity volleyball and modified volleyball.

"I truly enjoy being involved as a teacher and a coach in this school district," Oaks said. "It is so rewarding to work with such incredible students, fantastic colleagues and a supportive administration. I'm so grateful."

Fairley students pitch inventions at competition

Fairley students recently became inventors as they pitched their product ideas to a panel of judges during the annual Inventive Minds competition.



Harper Prall, from Fairley, is all smiles after earning first place in this year's Inventive Minds competition.

The competition for third and fourth-graders tasked students with identifying an everyday problem then developing an invention that would solve the problem. Hannibal students showcased their ideas first at the district level before 12 advanced to a regional competition featuring student inventors from Clyde-Savannah and Lyons as well.

"We're so proud of all our Hannibal students who participated in the competition this year," said club co-advisor and teacher Bethany Simmons. "They put in a tremendous amount of effort, and it showed!"

Inventions ranged from kitchen gadgets to cleaning tools and everything in between. Each invention was highlighted in a tri-fold presentation board where students answered written prompts describing the materials they used and how the invention would work in a real-life setting. Judges from each participating school asked the students



Fairley Inventive Minds participants gather for a group photo.

about their product and scored each presentation on a set of criteria.

Hannibal student Harper Prall earned the top spot for her invention, the Perfect Pan Protector, while fellow Warrior Evelyn Tibebu came in second for her Mess Free Paint Brush Cleaner. Rounding out the top three was Avery Liseno, of Clyde-Savannah, with her Retain-a-Spray invention.

"We'd like to extend a huge round of applause to all of our bright-minded, young participants," Simmons said.

DMK students shine in annual creative writing competition

Dennis M. Kenney Middle School students were recently honored for their creative writing skills at the Echoes Creative Writing Competition. Developed by the REV Theatre Company, this year-long project culminated in an awards ceremony recognizing DMK students for their creative scripts and showcases.

In the fall, students took part in a 40-minute creative writing workshop, where they learned the criteria used in selecting submissions for the performance. This past winter, students submitted their 50-minute



DMK students up on stage at the Echoes Award Ceremony.

showcase to the REV Theatre Company, which was then extensively evaluated by the REV Theatre Company creative team to determine the best authors from each school.

Kai Turaj earned the nod as the "Showcased

Author" for a piece titled "Rat Army Cloner." Honorable mention awards were presented to Kendra Farr, Haley Barry, Lily Gibson, Natylie Short, Ella Woolworth, Emileigh Walts, Scarlett Lindsley, Lyric Bonnie, Destany Bryan, Kendall Tassone, Austin Pawlenko, Arianna Richardson Heaney, Harmony VanTassell, Annabelle Ballou and Alexis Clark.

"Students explored different creative writing formats and identified which formats transferred best on stage," said DMK music teacher Jeff Sawyer. "They then practiced adapting creative writing pieces to various formats. The growth they've shown with creative writing during this year-long project is truly amazing; they are amazing!"



Hannibal students look on in excitement during the performance of "Huff and Puff: A Pig Tale"

REV Theater performance focuses on character education for Fairley K-2 students

A captivating lesson spurred Hannibal students in grades K-2 to differentiate between kind behaviors and unkind behaviors.

Actors from the REV Theatre Company put on a 60-minute performance of "Huff and Puff: A Pig Tale" in the school's gymnasium. The students recognized several iconic fairy tale characters in the play including "The Three Little Pigs," "Goldilocks and the Three Bears," "Three Billy Goats Gruff," and "Rapunzel."

The play conveyed to students the importance of identifying examples of character attributes, such as caring, trustworthiness and responsibility. Throughout the play, students were able to contribute to the story by playing ensemble roles.

According to the K-2 teaching team, the performance allowed students to evaluate traits of the characters in the play by applying principles of character education.



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Students celebrate National Reading Month with literacy activities

Throughout March, Hannibal Central School District students participated in several literacy activities as part of National Reading Month.



Second-graders plant tomato seeds during AG Literacy Week.

At Fairley, students read "Tomatoes for Neela" during Agricultural Literacy Week and had a chance to plant tomato seeds with Jodi Downs, of Fowler's Greenhouses and Farm Market. The students learned about greenhouses and the best environment in which to grow tomato plants. Following the activity, they were able to bring their potted seedlings home.

In addition to the AG Literacy Week celebration, Fairley students also had a chance to celebrate reading with their families during Seuss Night. The funfilled evening featured crafts, games and reading activities focused on various book characters such as the Cat in the Hat and Pete the Cat.

"These activities are a wonderful way for families to get involved and share the love of reading across generations," said Fairley Elementary Principal Amy Bird. "We have an incredible team of students, staff, families and community members who make events like this such a success."

Purple Gallery performs 'Clue: On Stage'

A classic murder mystery came to the Lockwood Auditorium on March 24 and 25, as Hannibal High School's Purple Gallery presented its spring production of "Clue: On Stage."

Adapted from the screenplay by Johnathan Lynn and written by Sandy Rustin, the tale begins at a remote mansion where six mysterious guests assemble for an unusual dinner party where murder and blackmail are on the menu. When their host turns up dead, they all become suspects. Wadsworth – the butler, Miss Scarlett, Professor Plum, Mrs. White, Mr. Green, Mrs. Peacock and Colonel Mustard race to find the killer as the body count stacks up.

The student performers kept the audience in stitches while audience members tried to figure out who committed the crime, where they did it, and with what.



Hannibal students perform a scene from "Clue: On Stage," which took place recently during a two-night run in the high school auditorium.

"I'm so proud of our students for their tremendous work putting together this classic whodunit comedy that's been around for a long time," said Hannibal High School music teacher and play director Cynsy Plant. "They put in a lot of hours behind the scenes during rehearsals, and it showed when they took the stage."