

## **District Highlights**

- Elementary reading instruction, interventions and an instructional reading coach to promote the "Science of Reading."
- New school district website with greater functionality better showcases the district.
- Five certified therapy dogs support the social emotional wellness of students and staff.
- Security upgrades this summer to include bullet-resistant glass in key locations in both buildings.
- A NYSDOH-approved school-based health center with medical, dental, and mental health services provided onsite at MPS and the Jr./Sr. High.
- Spanish instruction offered for all K-6 students.
- Universal Pre-K offered for 4-year-old students.
- New electives at the Sr. High to include Financial Literacy, Effective Communication and Foundations of Technology & Entrepreneurship.
- Arts instruction and music classes, lessons and theatrical performances beginning in the elementary grades.
- A NYSED-approved Agricultural Career and Technical Education (CTE) program with a state-of-the-art greenhouse for experiential learning.
- A Connected Community School site supporting whole-child engagement and family development and outreach.
- Six Advanced Placement courses and numerous dual-credit college opportunities.
- More than 20 extracurricular activities and clubs.
- Fourteen sports across three seasons for student-athletes in grades 7-12.
- A Chromebook for every student.
- A Fitness Center available to students, staff and the community.



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Waterville CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 2024-2025 BUDGET







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# **Budget vote, board elections** scheduled for May 21

On Tuesday, May 21, Waterville Central School District residents will vote on a proposed \$22,297,968 spending plan for the 2024-25 school year. This proposed budget would allow the district to maintain all existing programs, services and staffing levels.

The budget proposal includes a 2.50% increase in the tax levy, which aligns with past budgets and represents the total amount of money the district would raise through local property taxes.

The proposed budget supports the infrastructure already in place to maintain the best resources and instructional programs to ensure the success of our students and staff.

The budget also includes a \$100,000 capital outlay project to fund security upgrades at key areas at MPS.

Residents will elect two members to the Waterville Board of Education. The seats are for three-year terms from July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

The ballot includes a proposition that, if approved, would authorize the district to levy and collect a tax in the amount of \$251,840 for the Waterville Public Library and \$86,807 for the C.W. Clark Memorial Library.

Two people, Kelly Hildreth and Mary Campbell, are running for two open seats on the Waterville Public Library Board of Trustees.

The vote will be held from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. at the Bud Dorr Board of Education Room, 381 Madison St., Waterville, NY 13480.

### **School District Budget Notice**

	2023-24 Adopted Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget	2024-25 Contingency Budget
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$20,959,619	\$22,297,968	\$22,150,165
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year		\$1,338,349	\$1,190,546
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		6.39 %	5.68%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,907,467	\$6,055,269	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Proposi- tions, 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)	\$5,907,467	\$6,055,269	\$5,907,467
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$396,649	\$420,226	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,510818	\$5,635,043	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)	\$5,510,818	\$5,635,043	
<ol> <li>Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</li> </ol>	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$2,548,797	\$2,519,778	\$2,507,150
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funded, equipment would be removed and administrative purchases would be reduced.

\*\*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)

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

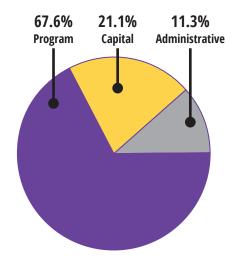
Description Amount Proposition to \$577,273.89 purchase 5 buses

#### 2024-25 Proposed Budget \$470.57

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

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Waterville Central School district. Oneida County. New York. will be held at 381 Madison Street in the Bud Door Board Room, Jr./Sr. High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Waterville school(s), at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

### **3-PART BUDGET AT A GLANCE**



**Celebrating 150 years!** Ceremony on May 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Jr./Sr. High School athletic stadium



**Board of Education candidates** Kenneth Boone Linda Hughes-Kelly Katelyn Worwa More information about the candidates can be found on watervillecsd.org.

### **Absentee Ballots**

Absentee ballot voting is available. The new Early Mail Voter Act effective Jan. 1, 2024, also allows for early voting via mail without any reasons needed for voting early. You must fill out an application to vote by early voting or absentee ballot. There are separate applications for voting by early voting or absentee ballot, but the application process and deadlines are the same for both. To obtain an application or for more information, call the district office at 315-841-3913.

If you would like a ballot mailed to you, your application must be received by 5 p.m. on May 14. If you plan to pick up your ballot, your application must be received by 5 p.m. on May 20. The completed ballot must be received by 5 p.m. on May 21.