

## Voter Information

To vote in Elmsford School District elections, you must be registered for either school elections or general elections. If you are not registered, you may register for school voting in the District Clerk's office, Room 203, Alexander Hamilton Junior/Senior High School, 98 South Goodwin Ave., between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. any day school is in session. You may register in the school district through May 14, 2015, to be eligible to vote in the May 19, 2015, election, or with the Board of Elections through the date of the vote.

### Qualifications to Vote

In order to vote in the School District election, a person must:

- Be a citizen of the United States
- Be at least 18 years old
- Be registered to vote in the School District elections, and
- Be a resident of the District for at least 30 days preceding the vote.

### Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots are available now for registered voters who will not be in Elmsford on May 19, 2015. Applications are available in the District Clerk's office at Alexander Hamilton Junior/Senior High School or on our website, [www.eufsd.org](http://www.eufsd.org). May 12 is the deadline for absentee ballot application if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. May 18 is the deadline for absentee ballot applications if the ballot is to be picked up by the voter. May 19 at 5 p.m. is the deadline for absentee ballots to be received by the District Clerk. Contact the Elmsford Public Schools, 98 South Goodwin Ave., Elmsford, N.Y. 10523, or call 592-6632 for further information.

## Vote Tuesday, May 19

### Polling Place

Music Room, Alice E. Grady School, Elmsford, New York, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

## Letter from the Superintendent

Dear Elmsford School District Community Members:

The proposed 2015-2016 district budget was built "from the ground up" and firmly focused on our students and meets all of the goals set forth by the Board of Education and the Elmsford Union Free School District (EUFSD) community. **This year's budget stays well below the Tax Cap and proposes a tax levy increase of 2.62%. Additionally, the proposed budget still maintains 100% of our student programming, both academic and extra-curricular.**

The Board of Education continues to recognize and respect the challenges associated with balancing the needs of the school district and meeting the needs of the greater community. As such, the EUFSD's proposed budget reflects the desire to offer excellent programming for our students, while minimizing the tax levy burden. In addition to targeted spending reductions, the Board of Education applied a balanced mix of fund balance and State Aid to further reduce the proposed tax levy. The result is a strong, responsible plan that provides for the district's children.

The Board of Education and the district will continue to strive to identify creative revenue sources to decrease district expenses wherever possible. **Additionally, the Board of Education is requesting voter approval for the**

**ability to transfer \$500,000 from the Tax Certiorari Reserve to the Capital Reserve in the form of a Second Proposition.** This transfer of funding will increase the Capital Reserve amount to \$1 million dollars and allow for the maintenance and support of the district's buildings and infrastructure. **It is important to remember that there is no impact on the proposed budget or the proposed tax levy.**

The proposed 2015-2016 EUFSD budget supports our mission and allows our students to continue to travel the path to success. We encourage you to explore the details of the proposed budget within this mailing. Additional information is also available on the district's website at [www.eufsd.org](http://www.eufsd.org), and as always, I am available to answer any questions you may have.

**Please participate in the upcoming budget vote and Board of Education election; please exercise your right to vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.**

Thank you for your support of our students and our schools!

Respectfully,

Joseph L. Ricca, Ed.D  
Superintendent of Schools

### Proposed Budget At-a-Glance 2015-2016

- Total Budget: \$33,000,395
- Budget to Budget Increase: 2.77%
- Property Tax levy Change: \*2.62% \*Under the NYS Tax Cap
- Proposed Tax Rate Increase: 2.52% \$593.04 per \$1,000 assessed value, a projected increase of \$14.58 per \$1,000 of assessed value.

### ON THE BALLOT for the Board of Education:

1. Shall the School Budget as proposed by the Board of Education for the school year 2015-2016 in the amount of \$33,000,395 be adopted and the necessary taxes be levied thereon?
2. **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Elmsford Union Free School District is hereby authorized to amend the Capital Reserve Fund-2014 to increase its total funds to \$1,000,000 through a transfer of \$500,000 from the Tax Certiorari Reserve Fund for Tax Year 2012-13 (Assessment Year 2011) to the Capital Reserve Fund-2014, for the purpose of general improvements, reconstruction and renovations to district buildings, which amended Capital Reserve Fund-2014 will have a probable duration of 10 years.
3. Election of Board of Education members to two open seats: Vote for two of the following candidates: Felice Habersham-Harris, Michael J. Colasuonno, Candice Wood, Dennis Rambaran., to fill the vacancies created by the expiration of the terms of Felice Habersham-Harris and Michael J. Colasuonno.

# Highlights of Proposed Budget 2015–2016

Below are some of the highlights of the proposed 2015-2016 budget:

- Maintains all academic programming
- Supports the Dual Language Program
- Supports curriculum review and improvement
- Provides for before/after school academic support
- Enhances technology access
- Continues to support meaningful professional development
- Supports current class sizes
- Supports facility improvement projects
- Supports refurbishment of the Grady Elementary School playground
- Supports district-wide wireless capacity
- Increases access to Chromebooks
- Expands access to Smart Technologies



## Where the Money Goes

### INSTRUCTION AND SERVICES TO CHILDREN

**\$17,780,977**

The largest portion of the budget, 53.9%, supports teaching and learning, including staff salaries for regular ed, special ed and support services.

### EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

**\$7,842,167**

Costs related to employee benefits, including state pensions & health benefits. This category represents 23.8% of the proposed budget.

### BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS

**\$1,854,076**

This is for the day-to-day operations and maintenance of our school facilities and represents 5.6% of the proposed budget.

### TRANSPORTATION

**\$2,861,084**

This is for all transportation service; bus monitors; In-district; Out of district; Special Ed, & other transportation needs. Transportation is 8.7% of the proposed budget.

### CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION

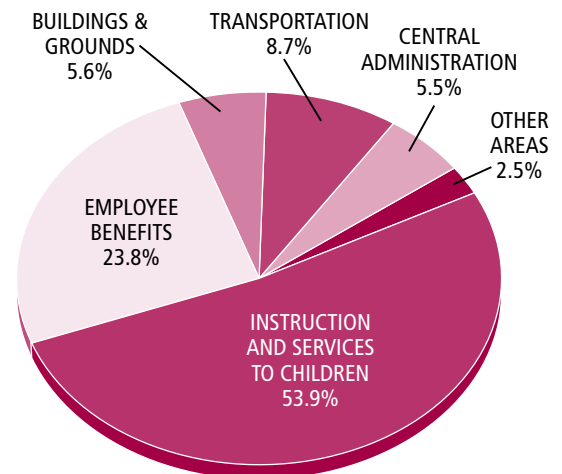
**\$1,823,358**

This portion of the budget reflects all administration and supervision including Board of Ed Administration. Central Administration is 5.5% of the proposed budget.

### OTHER AREAS

**\$838,733**

All other areas of the budget including Board of Ed, legal, insurance, auditing. This area is 2.5%.



## Where the Money Comes From

### PROPERTY TAX LEVY

**\$28,646,622**

86.8% of the budgeted revenue comes from property taxes. This amount is under the mandated Property Tax Cap.

### STATE AID

**\$2,157,273**

6.5% of the revenue comes from state aid. Categories include: Foundation, Special ed, BOCES, Transportation, Building, Textbook, Library and Software aid.

### MISCELLANEOUS

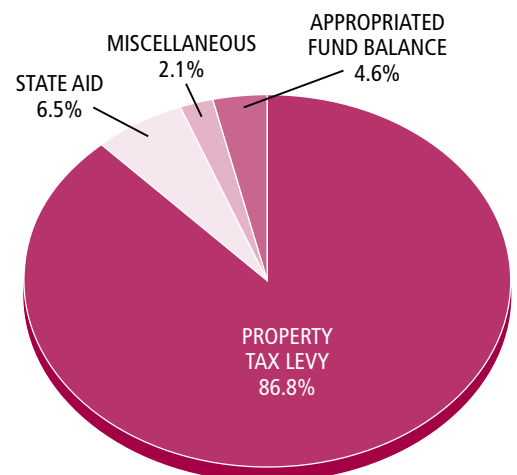
**\$696,500**

2.1% of the revenue comes from different sources such as: BOCES refund, Charges for Services, Non-Resident Tuition, County Sales Tax and Health Services billing.

### APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE

**\$1,500,000**

4.6% of the money to support the budget comes from appropriated surplus from revenues and expenses.

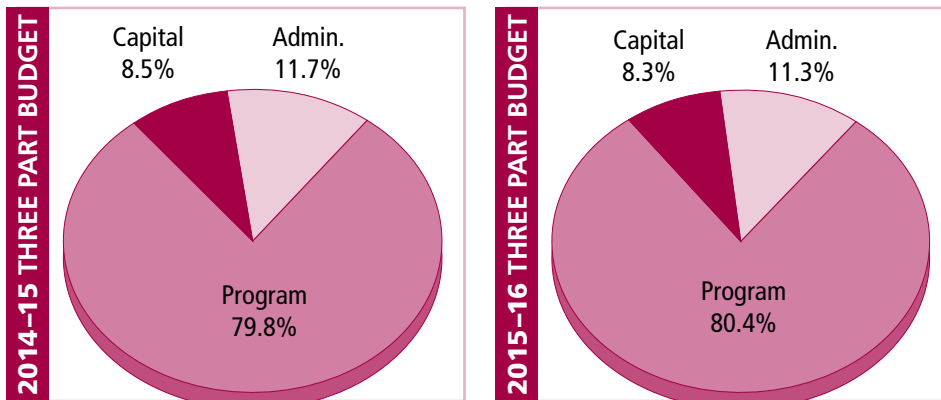


# Elmsford 2015 – 2016 Proposed Budget

CATEGORY	2014–2015 BUDGET	2015–2016 BUDGET	INCREASE (DECREASE)
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE</b>			
Board of Ed/District Clerk/Annual Vote	\$76,525	\$80,190	\$3,665
Central Office/Business Office	\$671,697	\$694,754	\$23,057
Auditing/Treasurer/Legal /Public information	\$286,938	\$277,809	(\$9,129)
Operations, Data Processing	\$112,879	\$113,879	\$1,000
Insurance	\$104,170	\$108,820	\$4,650
BOCES Administrative Charges	\$97,819	\$103,814	\$5,995
Curriculum Development/Supervision	\$244,085	\$42,000	(\$202,085)
School Administration/Supervision	\$832,178	\$839,604	\$7,426
Students with Disabilities	\$58,965	\$188,675	\$129,710
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$125,794	\$132,000	\$6,206
Transportation	\$40,872	\$42,099	\$1,227
Employee Benefits	\$1,103,272	\$1,111,157	\$7,885
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,755,194</b>	<b>\$3,734,801</b>	<b>-\$20,393</b>
<b>PROGRAM</b>			
Teaching Regular School/Inservice training	\$9,657,006	\$10,093,028	\$436,022
Students with Disabilities	\$4,239,235	\$4,928,579	\$689,344
Occ Ed/ Library & Audio Visual	\$481,494	\$459,750	(\$21,744)
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$419,596	\$424,059	\$4,463
Guidance	\$352,923	\$364,014	\$11,091
HealthServices/Psychological/Social Work	\$764,601	\$788,648	\$24,047
Extra Curricular/Athletics	\$545,949	\$546,349	\$400
Transportation	\$2,775,995	\$2,818,985	\$42,990
Employee Benefits	\$6,325,073	\$6,029,408	(\$295,665)
Interfund Transfer to Special Aid	\$62,000	\$75,000	\$13,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,623,872</b>	<b>\$26,527,820</b>	<b>\$903,948</b>
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
Operation of Plant	\$1,072,709	\$1,080,706	\$7,997
Maintenance of Plant	\$770,231	\$747,866	(\$22,365)
Judgments & Claims/Assessments	\$197,100	\$207,600	\$10,500
Employee Benefits	\$692,742	\$701,602	\$8,860
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,732,782</b>	<b>\$2,737,774</b>	<b>\$4,992</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$32,111,848</b>	<b>\$33,000,395</b>	<b>\$888,547</b>



## Three-Part Budget Comparison





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# Elmsford Union Free School District Budget Notice

	Budget Adopted for the 2014-15 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2015-16 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$32,111,848	\$33,000,395	\$32,268,535
Increase/Decrease for the 2015-16 School Year		\$888,547	\$156,687
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.77%	0.48%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		1.62%	
<b>A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount</b>	27,914,762	28,646,622	
<b>B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable</b>	NA	NA	
<b>C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**</b>	0	0	
<b>D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy</b>	0	0	
<b>E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)</b>	27,914,762	28,646,622	27,914,762
<b>F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit</b>	\$0	\$0	
<b>G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions</b>	\$28,592,728	\$29,825,594	
<b>H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, <u>Excluding</u> Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)</b>	\$27,914,762	\$28,646,622	
<b>I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval — See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **</b>	\$677,966	\$1,178,972	
<b>Administrative Component</b>	\$3,755,194	\$3,734,801	\$3,655,934
<b>Program Component</b>	\$25,623,872	\$26,527,820	\$25,944,140
<b>Capital Component</b>	\$2,732,782	\$2,737,774	\$2,668,461

\* The Contingent Budget for the 2015-16 school year includes a levy amount as provided by regulation. In projecting a contingency budget for the 2015-16 school year, reductions are considered in all areas including: staffing, equipment purchases, athletics, public and private school transportation, and other areas should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\* 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
#2: Authorization to increase the Capital Reserve by	\$500,000

**Basic STAR Exemption Impact —**

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

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2015-16 School Year
\$1,612

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2015-2016 by the qualified voters of the Elmsford Union Free School District, Westchester County, New York, will be held at Alice E. Grady School in said district on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

**REMEMBER TO VOTE!**

The Elmsford School District and Board of Education Election will be held **Tuesday, May 19, 2015.**  
Music Room, Alice E. Grady School, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.