



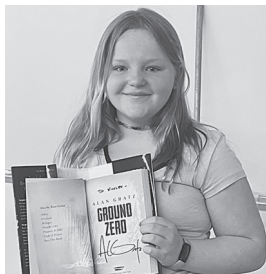
FORT PLAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022-23 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE ELECTION

Proposed budget preserves educational programs and services

Fort Plain's proposed 2022-23 school budget would preserve the district's academic programming and services to meet student needs.

"The district's goal is to propose a responsible budget that supports high quality educational programs and services for our students. The proposed budget would achieve that goal," said Interim Superintendent Jeffery Ziegler.



Fort Plain students are being recognized for their achievements. At Harry Hoag School, Kinley Trumbul received a signed copy of "Ground Zero" by author Alan Gratz, who was impressed by her writing about 9/11 in Mrs. Colvin's fifth grade guided reading class.

At the High School, our student athletes are excelling in sports and the classroom. Several teams, including the boys basketball sectional champions, have been named NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athletes for earning averages of 90 or higher. Our winter sports teams had 40 Western Academic Conference All-Stars.



VOTERS TO CONSIDER REFERENDUMS

In addition to voting on a proposed 2022-23 school budget, voters will consider referendums authorizing the district to:

- **Acquire four school vehicles** at a maximum cost of \$468,000, with the funds to be drawn from the Bus Purchase/Capital Reserve Fund. The purchase would allow the district to replace aging buses and minimize maintenance costs.
- **Increase the maximum funding level of the existing Transportation and Capital Reserve Fund** from \$5,000,000 to an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000.
- **Establish a new Repair Reserve Fund** in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000, with a probable term of ten (10) years, for the purpose of financing the repair of various school district buildings, facilities, sites and equipment, to be funded from the district's unappropriated fund balance and future budget surpluses.
- **Undertake an energy performance/savings project** to allow the district to maximize state building aid, at an estimated maximum cost of \$5,000,000 that would be covered by long-term energy cost savings achieved by the implementation of energy conservation measures.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE ELECTION

Voters will elect two members of the Board of Education for three-year terms running from July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2025. There is only one candidate, Kaitlyn Webb.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT

Polls will be open for in-person voting from 1-9 p.m. in the Harry Hoag Gym. Absentee ballot applications may be obtained from the District Clerk from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, except holidays. Completed applications are due with the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote and election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote and election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022.

May 17, 2022
VOTE

1-9 p.m. in Harry Hoag Gym

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

2022-23 Proposed Budget
\$22,520,000

Spending Increase
\$645,000 (2.95%)

Tax Levy Increase
\$83,029 (1.44%)

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS:

- US Citizen
- 18 years of age
- Resident of the district for at least 30 days
- More about the proposed budget and board election can be found at www.fortplain.org

School District Budget Notice

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$21,875,000	\$22,520,000	\$22,520,000
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$645,000	\$645,000
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.95%	2.95%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,765,920	\$5,848,949	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$85,000	\$85,000	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, 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)	\$5,850,920	\$5,933,949	\$5,850,920
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,900,944	\$5,910,681	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$5,765,920	\$5,848,949	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval--See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$135,024	\$61,732	
Administrative Component	\$2,168,125	\$2,191,915	\$2,191,915
Program Component	\$17,101,554	\$17,311,176	\$17,311,176
Capital Component	\$2,605,321	\$3,016,909	\$3,016,909

*** What happens if the 2022-2023 budget is not approved by the majority of voters?**

Under state law, school boards can submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. If the budget is defeated twice, the board must adopt a contingent budget, which would cap the 2022-2023 tax levy at the 2021-2022 current-year amount (a 0% tax levy cap).

if a contingent budget is adopted:

- Any non-school related use of the buildings would require a charge to cover associated costs.
- Most "Downtown" bus runs would be suspended unless \$2,000 in specific donations were raised for that purpose.
- \$83,029 would have to be removed from the Proposed Tax Levy and added to Appropriated Fund Balance.
- No further reductions would be required.

** There are no Non-Excludable Propositions.

*** While the \$468,000.00 Proposition for Authorization to Purchase Buses is a Permissible Exclusion to the School Tax Levy Limit, because 100% of the actual costs would be expended from the Bus Purchase Reserve Fund, it has a \$0.00 effect on the Tax Levy.

Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings¹ \$602

The annual **budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-2023** by the qualified voters of the Fort Plain Central School District, Montgomery County, New York, will be held **May 17, 2022**, at the Harry Hoag Elementary Gymnasium between the hours of 1:00-9:00 P.M.

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

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