



FORT PLAIN CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-24 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE ELECTION

Proposed budget supports educational programs and meets student needs

Fort Plain’s proposed 2023-24 school budget would preserve the district’s academic programming and services to meet student needs. “The district’s goal is to prepare a responsible budget that supports all learners to have a positive, productive school experience,” Superintendent Lauren Crisman said. “The proposed budget would achieve the goal by securing the staffing required to offer quality, relevant educational programs to all students; supporting student development by maintaining a robust social emotional support system at all developmental levels; and ensuring athletic and extracurricular programming continue.”



Anthony Paradiso, a Fort Plain senior and member of the Canajoharie-Fort Plain football team, was recently inducted into the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame, Capital District Chapter, a first for the Fort Plain Central School District.



At Harry Hoag School, we are working hard to make sure our scholars are prepared for the next grade level, and beyond, by providing meaningful, engaging instruction. Our scholars are building skills that help them learn, achieve and grow, while learning the value of teamwork, respect, responsibility and kindness.

VOTERS TO CONSIDER REFERENDUMS

In addition to voting on a proposed 2023-24 school budget, voters will consider a referendum authorizing the district to:

- Acquire three school vehicles at a maximum cost of \$450,000, with the funds to be drawn from the Transportation and Capital Reserve Fund. The purchase would allow the district to replace aging buses and minimize maintenance costs.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE ELECTION

Voters will elect three members of the Board of Education for three-year terms running from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026. The candidates are Brenna Kirkpatrick, Anthony Crouse and David Przezdzielski.

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 16, 2023.

VOTE

May 16, 2023

1-9 p.m. in Harry Hoag Gym

BUDGET AT A GLANCE

2023-24 Proposed Budget

\$23,320,000

Spending Increase

\$800,000 (3.55%)

Tax Levy Increase

\$70,194 (1.20%)

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

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School District Budget Notice

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Budget Adopted for School Year 2022-2023	Budget Proposed for School Year 2023-2024	*Contingency Budget for School Year 2023-2024
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions Increase/(Decrease) for the School Year: 2023-2024	\$22,520,000	\$23,320,000	\$23,320,000
Percentage Increase/(Decrease) in Proposed Budget Change in the Consumer Price Index		\$800,000	\$800,000
		3.55%	3.55%
		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$5,848,949	\$5,919,143	
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)	\$5,933,949	\$6,004,143	\$5,933,949
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit***	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$5,910,681	\$6,142,054	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions, but Adding Back Any Tax Cap Reserve Amount used (E-B-F+D)	\$5,848,949	\$5,919,143	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval--See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$61,732	\$222,911	
1. Administrative Component	\$2,191,915	\$2,226,052	\$2,226,052
2. Program Component	\$17,311,176	\$17,584,854	\$17,584,854
3. Capital Component	\$3,016,909	\$3,509,094	\$3,509,094

* What happens if the 2023-2024 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 2023-2024 tax levy at the 2022-2023 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.
- \$70,194 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 \$450,000.00 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 2023-24 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$549

The annual **budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-2024** by the qualified voters of the Fort Plain Central School District, Montgomery County, New York, will be held May 16, 2023 at the Harry Hoag Elementary Gymnasium between the hours of 1:00-9:00 PM. Three candidates are running for three seats on the Fort Plain Central School District Board of Education. Each is a three-year term. The candidates are Brenna Kirkpatrick, Anthony Crouse and David Przeszelski.

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

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