

Proposed 2018-19 Budget

Fact Sheet



The Budget Basics

The proposed 2018-19 budget represents an overall budget-to-budget increase of \$672,378, or 1.45 percent. The proposal projects a tax levy increase of 1.18 percent, which is below the state tax levy cap.

What the Budget Continues to Support

The Croton-Harmon School District's Board of Education and administration are pleased to present a budget to the community that maintains all of the current programs and supports the district's mission of shaping young adults into lifelong learners, respectful members of society, effective communicators, problem-solvers and researchers responsible for their own learning.

The proposed budget continues to support the world language program at CET as well as academic support in math and reading. In addition, we will continue to support our English Language Learners in all three buildings. In PVC, the budget supports the InDe Lab and the expansion of our FLEX support program. Our high school students will have a full complement of AP courses as well as a new class - Stage Crew. We will also continue to offer 28 varsity sports, 8 junior varsity sports and 18 modified sports throughout the school year.

Factors behind the Proposed Budget

The district continues to contend with unfunded New York State mandates, as well as financial restrictions posed from monies owed from the state. These include nearly \$16 million in Foundation Aid and payments from prior year claims totaling more than \$500,000, and the tax levy cap.

The Tax Rate Impact

The district anticipates that the proposed 2018-19 budget, which does not exceed the New York State tax levy cap, will carry a tax rate increase of 3.90 percent for Town of Yorktown residents and a 1.18 percent increase for Town of Cortlandt residents. These projections are based on the New York State-determined equalization rates and estimated taxable assessment received from the town assessors.

Additional Propositions

In addition to the proposed budget, there will be three other propositions on the ballot on May 15:

- Voter approval of the Croton Free Library tax levy in the amount of \$851,260
- The election of two candidates as Board of Education trustees.
- Voter approval for the purchase of transportation vehicles, not to exceed \$295,000.

What Would Happen if the Budget Is Defeated

If the budget does not receive a simple majority vote on May 15, the Board of Education will have three options:

- Propose the same budget
- Propose a revised budget
- Propose a contingent budget

By law, all non-contingent expenses must be eliminated from the budget. These expenses include all equipment purchases (including state-aided technology), non-contractual salary increases, student supplies such as planners and writing instruments and custodial coverage for use of facilities by outside groups. Additionally, if the community does not support the budget, and the Board of Education adopts a Contingency Budget, the law prohibits the free use of facilities, including fields, by any group.

Budget Vote Information

The 2018-19 budget vote will be held on Tuesday, May 15, 2018 in the Croton-Harmon High School gymnasium from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. For more information, visit www.chufsd.org.



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