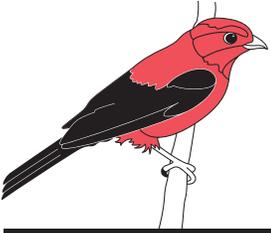


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HARTFORD

CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Middle School/High School



2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET

Proposed spending plan
of \$14,315,400

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

This year's annual budget vote and Board of Education election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 16, 2023. In addition to the proposed budget of \$14,315,400, district residents will vote on a vehicle purchase proposition to purchase a 66-passenger bus at a cost not to exceed \$160,000, and to elect one member to the Board of Education to a five-year term beginning July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2028.

Throughout the district's budget development process, the members of the Board of Education and district administration collaborated to develop a proposed budget designed to meet the various needs of our students, while ensuring the district is a good steward of the community's investment. The district strives to construct a comprehensive budget that provides our students with the best educational experience possible, while ensuring spending is purposeful, reasonable, and judicious.

On behalf of the faculty, staff, administration, and members of the Board of Education, I would like to thank the community of Hartford for their continued patience and support throughout the 2022-2023 school year. I am extremely grateful for the incredible level of support and engagement from the community.

If you have any questions regarding the proposed budget, please contact the district office at 518-632-5222.



VEHICLE PURCHASE PROPOSITION

Purchase one (1)
66-passenger bus not to
exceed \$160,000

WHO CAN VOTE?

U.S. citizens, age 18 or older on election day, and residing in the Hartford Central School District for 30 days immediately prior to election are eligible to vote. You do not need to be a registered voter or own property to vote in this election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available to qualified voters. To obtain a ballot contact District Clerk Amanda Howard at (518) 632-5222 ext. 508.



ELECTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

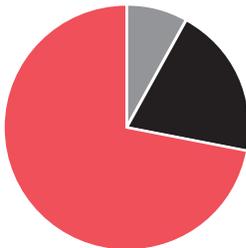
Ron Smith



2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET

EXPENDITURE SUMMARY

- ▶ **Program** expenditures are all the costs directly related to student instruction, including instructional salaries and health benefits.
The **Program** expenses are approximately 67% of the overall budget.
- ▶ **Capital** expenditures are all the costs associated with the maintenance of the district facilities.
The **Capital** expenses are approximately 24% of the overall budget.
- ▶ **Administrative** expenditures are all the costs associated with district supervision.
The **Administrative** expenses are approximately 9% of the overall budget.



67% ■ **PROGRAM**
 24% ■ **CAPITAL**
 9% ■ **ADMINISTRATIVE**

School Districts receive revenue through three primary sources:

1. Property Taxes
2. State Aid
3. Miscellaneous Funds

- ▶ State Aid is made up of Foundation Aid and Expense Driven Aid.
- ✓ **Foundation Aid** is an unrestricted aid category provided to all school districts in New York State.
- ✓ **Expense Driven Aid** is monies the district will receive based on our prior year spending. Items that fall within the category of expense driven aid are: textbooks, software, hardware and technology, and library.
- ▶ Miscellaneous Funds consists of monies the district will receive through grants, Medicaid reimbursement, etc.

ADMINISTRATIVE	2022-2023	2023-2024	CHANGE
Board of Education	\$1,875	\$1,875	\$0
Central Administration	\$161,150	\$175,287	\$14,137
Business Administration	\$145,007	\$155,706	\$10,699
Finance	\$22,450	\$25,300	\$2,850
Legal Fees	\$26,000	\$35,000	\$9,000
Public Information	\$45,125	\$48,625	\$3,500
Central Services	\$91,640	\$95,700	\$4,060
Unallocated Insurance	\$58,033	\$59,800	\$1,767
BOCES Administration	\$75,080	\$78,200	\$3,120
Supervision: Regular Day	\$298,554	\$309,094	\$10,540
Employee Benefits	\$224,165	\$245,326	\$21,161
Planning/Training	\$50,855	\$53,000	\$2,145
Total Administrative	\$1,199,934	\$1,282,913	\$82,979

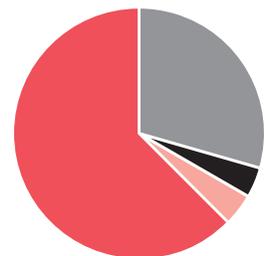
PROGRAM	2022-2023	2023-2024	CHANGE
Instruction: Regular Ed.	\$4,617,031	\$4,393,923	(\$223,108)
Instructional Media	\$526,735	\$544,125	\$17,390
Pupil Personnel	\$400,699	\$431,587	\$30,888
Interscholastic and Co-curricular	\$184,500	\$191,165	\$6,665
Transportation Services	\$792,509	\$850,827	\$58,318
Employee Benefits	\$3,058,553	\$3,184,223	\$125,670
Total Program	\$9,580,027	\$9,595,850	\$15,823

CAPITAL	2022-2023	2023-2024	CHANGE
Operations & Maintenance	\$844,532	\$888,124	\$43,592
Property Tax Refunds	\$2,000	\$2,000	\$0
Employee Benefits	\$151,643	\$160,058	\$8,415
Debt Service	\$1,821,864	\$2,386,455	\$564,591
Total Capital	\$2,820,039	\$3,436,637	\$616,598

REVENUE SUMMARY

CAPITAL	2022-2023	2023-2024	CHANGE
State Aid	\$8,752,284	\$9,163,754	\$411,470
Fund Balance	\$654,858	\$650,000	(\$4,858)
Miscellaneous	\$413,041	\$650,012	\$236,971
Sub-total	\$9,820,183	\$10,463,766	\$643,583
Tax Levy	\$3,779,817	\$3,851,634	\$71,817
Total Revenue	\$13,600,000	\$14,315,400	\$715,400

64% ■ **STATE AID**
 27% ■ **TAX LEVY**
 4.5% ■ **FUND BALANCE**
 4.5% ■ **MISC.**



2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET



When the New York State Tax Levy Cap law was signed in 2011, the general understanding was school districts could not increase their tax levy amount by more than 2% without a “Super majority” of votes – thus the common refrain “2% Tax Cap.” In truth, under the NYS Tax Cap Law, a school district’s allowable growth is determined using a complex, nine-step formula that begins by using the assumption that growth is limited to the lesser of 2% or the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Working

with our financial advisors to complete the tax cap calculations, the district was determined to have an allowable levy increase of 3.4%. Throughout our budget development process, the district worked to ensure that we remained below our maximum allowance and are proposing a tax increase of 1.9%, which is 1.5% below the allowable limit.

Since the tax cap law was enacted, we are proud to report the district has never once sought to exceed the cap.

2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET NOTICE

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2022-2023 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-2024 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not included Separate Propositions	\$13,600,000	\$14,315,400	\$14,201,397
Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year		\$715,400	\$601,397
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		5.26%	4.42%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy			
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy	\$3,779,817	\$3,851,634	\$3,779,817
Total Permissible Exclusions	\$236,212	\$287,979	
School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,581,881	\$3,621,802	
Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions	\$3,543,605	\$3,563,655	
Difference: (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$38,276	\$58,147	
Administrative Component			
Administrative Component	\$1,199,934	\$1,282,913	\$1,209,190
Program Component			
Program Component	\$9,580,027	\$9,595,850	\$9,555,570
Capital Component			
Capital Component	\$2,820,039	\$3,436,637	\$3,436,637
* Pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law, should the proposed budget be defeated, areas to be cut would be equipment and non-aligned salary raises.			

Description	Amount
(1) 66-Passenger Bus	\$160,000

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings based on a home within the Hartford Central School District with a full value of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000)	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-2024 School Year
Basic STAR Tax Savings	\$525

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-2024 by the qualified voters of the Hartford Central School District, Washington County, New York, will be held at Hartford Central School(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 11:00am and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Middle School/High School at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper ballot.



CAPITAL OUTLAY PROJECT

New York State law allows for school districts to complete base year capital projects with costs up to \$100,000 through voter approval of the budget. These projects are referred to as Capital Outlay projects, and if approved by the budget vote, are not subject to the lengthy assumed amortization schedule, or an elongated review by the Office of Facilities Planning. These small scale Capital Projects help school districts to undertake minor but important projects on a yearly basis without having to combine items for a large-scale Capital Project. Typically, Capital Outlay submissions address items eliminated from large-scale Capital Projects due to cost, or are areas of need identified in the required Building and Condition Survey.

Within the 2023-2024 budget, the Hartford Central School District is proposing to include a Capital Outlay Project line item to continue with the Elementary School sink replacement process in the Floyd Harwood Elementary School which was first initiated during the 2021-2022 school year.

The district's first Capital Outlay Project was completed in the 2019-2020 school year. Since then, the district has been able to significantly reduce the local share due to our allotment of Building Aid. Currently, the district's Building Aide rate is 85.4%. This means, the district will be reimbursed up to \$85,400 for each Capital Outlay Project completed. The table below displays the district's historical Capital Outlay expenditure and revenue projections.

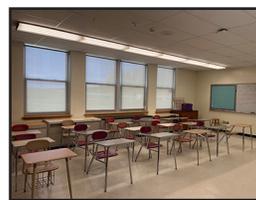
SCHOOL YEAR	EXPENDITURE	REVENUE	NET COST TO THE DISTRICT	PROJECT COMPLETED
2019-2020	\$100,000	\$0	\$100,000	Masonry Work
2020-2021	\$100,000	\$85,400	\$14,600	Roof Recoating
2021-2022	\$100,000	\$85,400	\$14,600	Elementary Sink Replacement
2022-2023	\$100,000	\$85,400	\$14,600	Divide room #410 into two classrooms
2023-2024	\$100,000	\$85,400	\$14,600	

**Table is based on a projected maximum expenditure of \$100,000*

Completed 2022-2023 Capital Outlay Project



Room #410 Before



Room #410 After



Room #410A After

Capital Outlay Project Proposed for 2023-2024



Sinks needing replacement before



New sinks

VEHICLE PURCHASE PROPOSITION



Throughout the course of the school year, district vehicles, on average, travel over 12,000 miles transporting students from home to school, to alternative education placements, to the Early College Career Academy programs, WSWHE BOCES Career and Technical Education placements, work study programs, private schools, field trips, sports trips, late runs, and a variety of other educationally related opportunities. Due to the high miles traveled, the district has a schedule to replace a bus once it reaches twelve (12) years of service. Historically, it has been discovered that once a bus reaches this milestone the repair and maintenance costs required to keep the bus on the road far exceed the cost to replace the bus.

Although bus purchases appear to be expensive, the district is only responsible for 10% of the overall cost.

Depending on features (i.e. security cameras, storage compartments, etc.), a new bus can cost upwards of \$160,000. Using this figure, the district would only be responsible for \$16,000 of the total cost. This cost is then spread out over five years and leaves the district with a very small payment each year, thereby making the purchase relatively inexpensive. Furthermore, if the bus replacement plan is maintained, each year the district will have the debt of a previous bus purchase come off the books and the purchase of a new bus replaces the existing debt without negatively increasing the total spending. Since the district is reimbursed such a large portion of the costs, if the district does not elect to purchase a bus in order to replace the existing debt, a gap will be created in the revenue stream and the district will actually lose money in future years and leave the district at risk for expensive repairs on older buses.

2023-2024 BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF EDUCATION BALLOT SAMPLE

This year's vote will be executed with paper ballots only. Below is a sample of what the in-person paper ballot will look like. Please do not use this as an absentee ballot.

HARTFORD CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Official Ballot
May 16, 2023

2023-2024 DISTRICT BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hartford Central School District be and is hereby authorized to expend for school purposes during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023, General Fund appropriations of \$14,315,400 and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

YES

NO

VEHICLE PURCHASE PROPOSITION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Hartford Central School District is hereby authorized to purchase one (1) 66 passenger bus at a total cost not to exceed \$160,000 and that the sum of \$160,000 or so much thereof as may be necessary shall be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of said School District and collected in annual installments as provided by the Education Law and the Local Finance Law, and in anticipation of such tax, obligations of said School District shall be issued.

YES

NO

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBER

The Hartford Central School District Board of Education is comprised of five members. There is one expired term, with one Board member to be elected for a term commencing July 1, 2023.

VOTE FOR ONE (1) ONLY

RONALD SMITH

WRITE-IN CANDIDATE: _____

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES - CAPITAL PROJECT

The members of the Board of Education and district administration are continually seeking ways to enhance the educational experience of our students, while maintaining a safe and healthy learning environment. One way to accomplish this goal is through frequent construction projects to improve district infrastructure, expand learning opportunities, and heighten the safety and security of the district.

Currently, the district is engaged in a number of construction projects that include: proposing another small-scale Capital Outlay Project to be completed in 2023-2024 (see page 4), submitting an application for a new SmartSchool Bond Act Project,

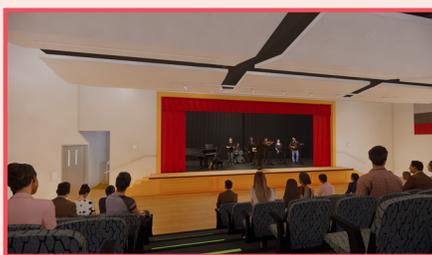
developing an exterior physical education space, and the anticipated start of the \$8.8 million Capital Project.

On May 17, 2022, district residents overwhelmingly approved an \$8.8 million Capital Project. In January 2023, the district formally submitted its construction application to the New York State Education Department's Office of Facilities Planning and hope to receive approval no later than May 31, 2023. Once approved, the district will begin the bid process and hope to begin construction in late August or early September 2023.

The scope of work includes:

- Removing the stage from the cafetorium
- Renovating and modernizing the cafeteria
- Relocating the stage to the existing music classrooms
- Renovating the courtyard and a small section of the library to a multipurpose room/auditorium
- Converting the girls' locker room to the high school music classroom
- Building a new elementary music classroom
- Building a new girls' locker room
- Replacing the original gymnasium flooring

ARCHITECT RENDERINGS OF WORK INCLUDED IN THE CAPITAL PROJECT



Large Group Instruction /Auditorium



Library



Music Room



Cafeteria

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE (CON'T)

Exterior Physical Education Space

In early March 2023, the district submitted an application to NYSED for the purposes of constructing an exterior physical education space comprised of two basketball courts (with pickle ball lines overlaid) and a new batting cage for the softball and baseball programs. The district is funding the project through a portion of the allocated ESSER III grant funds, which means there will not be an impact on tax levy.

The district purposely submitted the construction application to coincide with the timing of the \$8.8 million project so as to maximize the work schedule of contracts and so the projects could piggy-back off each other (i.e. the required excavation work for both projects could be done at the same time and by the same contractor thereby reducing potential mobilization expenditures).

The basketball courts are considered full size for exterior courts and will be open for public use during non-school hours.



(L. - r.) Third grade student Lainey Leech had a surprise visit from Fidelis Care's Community Relations Specialist Marisa Joseph at the March Citizens' Assembly. Lainey won the coloring contest hosted by Fidelis Health Care.

SENIOR SPOTLIGHT



Congratulations to Raymond Harrington for being selected for the Adirondack Area School Board Association's Student Community Service Award. Raymond is very active in the school and community. He is a member of the Hartford Volunteer Fire Company, and also volunteers for the Hebron United Presbyterian Church, the Hartford Youth Commission, and the AAU Basketball League.



(L. - r.) Superintendent Andrew Cook, Tarina Hunt, and WSWHE BOCES Principal for Innovative Programs Michelle Madalla attended the annual WSWHE BOCES Annual Meeting and Dinner. Tarina was recognized for designing the event's program cover. She is enrolled in WSWHE BOCES Early College Career Academy.

TRANSFER TO CAPITAL

The district's 2022 Capital Project has a voter authorization of \$8.8 million. However, due to cost escalation and inflation, there is a concern that the proposed scope of work may be unattainable and elements originally proposed with the application may have to be reduced and/or eliminated. To help safeguard the completion of the proposed scope of work, the district is proposing to add a line item in the 2023-2024 budget entitled "Transfer to Capital." This line item would direct additional local funds to the Capital Project and allows the district to increase the authorized spending allocation. Including a "Transfer to Capital" line does not guarantee the entire scope of work will be able to be completed, but it does provide the district with a safeguard against the escalation of costs. In addition, the creation of the line item does not require the district to spend the monies.

Q Why is the district seeking to increase the allowable expenditure?

A When the Capital Project was initially approved by the Board of Education, our architects employed an estimating firm to predict the cost of the discussed scope of work. This included factoring in potential escalating costs and inflation. However, the rate of inflation for manufactured goods has increased dramatically and the district is now attempting to provide an additional safeguard to ensure the scope of work can be completed.

Q Will the inclusion of a "Transfer to Capital" line impact my taxes?

A No. The "Transfer to Capital" line is being funded through unencumbered Fund balance monies and recently reimbursed monies from prior SSBA projects.

Q Would the district eliminate something else to cover the cost of the "Transfer To Capital Funds?"

A No. The district is planning to use unencumbered Fund balance monies and recently reimbursed monies from prior SSBA projects.

Q What elements of the project might be reduced or eliminated due to cost?

A As part of the bid process, the district identified "Add Alternates" to help reduce cost. Although the "Add Alternates" are part of the scope of work, by bidding separately the district is hoping to reduce the cost. If necessary, the "Add Alternates" would be the first items identified to reduce and/or eliminate.

- Alternative 1: Replacement of the gym floors
- Alternative 2: Replacing a hot water heater and glycol in the heating system
- Alternative 3: Upgraded library renovations
- Alternative 4: Electric and lighting for the exterior physical education space

Q If allocated, is the district required to spend the "Transfer to Capital" money?

A No. The "Transfer to Capital" line item is being used as a safeguard to try to ensure the anticipated scope of work can be completed.

Q What if the overall cost of the project exceeds the authorization and the "Transfer to Capital" increase?

A If the cost of the project exceeds the allocated monies, the district will be forced to make adjustments to the scope of work.

Q Are the "Transfer to Capital" funds eligible for NYS Building Aid?

A Yes. If the expenses meet the criteria for Building Aid reimbursement, the district would receive Building Aid on the funds used from "Transfer to Capital" upon the completion of the project.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY PARTNERS

For the tenth consecutive year, the Hartford Yoked Parish Community Food Pantry donated the funds they received from Stewart's Shops via the store's Holiday Match Program to the district's backpack program. The backpack program provides children with ready to eat food on weekends. Stewart's parameters require the funds be used to benefit children under 18 years old who reside in the region their stores serve. The food pantry's goal is the funds be used to purchase food to help struggling families. By donating the funds to the district, both goals are met.

The Hartford Food Pantry has been serving the community since 2002. It is located in the Hartford Baptist Church, and is sponsored by the Hartford Yoked Parish, which is a combination of the Hartford Baptist Church and South Hartford Congregational Church.



(L. - r.) Director of the Hartford Food Pantry Peter Klaiber; Stewart's Shops #448 Manager Adriane Jones; Hartford Superintendent of Schools Andrew Cook

ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

We are pleased to spotlight class of 2010 alumni, Miriam Nestle. Upon graduation Miriam attended SUNY Brockport, where she earned a Bachelor's of Science in Physical Education and then a Master's in Health Education.

Miriam is putting her education and energy to use as a health and physical education teacher at neighboring Salem Central School District, where she is also girls' soccer team and girls' basketball team coach. She said she chose this career path so that she could continue working with youth, which she had the opportunity to do while growing up as a 4-H member. Being physically active has also been a big priority in her life, and sports were a large part of her youth, leaving a lasting and positive impact in shaping her as an adult.

"I had a lot of great role models in my life who inspired positive, healthy habits, and I believe living a fulfilling life includes all facets of our lives: mental, social, and of course physical. It just made sense to share my passion with young people and help to shape their lives."



Miriam has many fond memories of Hartford CSD, ranging from visiting the planetarium at the New York State Museum while in elementary school, and visiting Washington D.C. during her senior year. Another highlight includes the thrill of watching the basketball teams practice at the school while they were in the area to compete in the Federation Tournament held in Glens Falls. She also recalls trying to defeat Coach Sutliff in badminton on numerous occasions. Last but not least, she is a proud member of the Adirondack League championship softball team.

Miriam encourages students to take advantage of the many opportunities the district offers and to join as many clubs and sports teams as possible.

"Enjoy your time during your school years, and relish in the camaraderie of a small community."

Miriam's hobbies include skiing, hiking, gardening, cooking, and baking. She resides in Granville with her husband, Evan Rudomen, and their dog, Bua.



MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL MANNIX

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

Happy Spring! Our students, faculty and staff continue to work hard to meet academic standards and close learning gaps. Your continued support at home is vital for the success of your child/children.

Reading with your child/children is one of the most important activities you can do at home to help support success in school. The only way for students to become better readers is to read more. Just twenty minutes per day of reading outside of school can have a positive impact in the classroom. Working together, we can better prepare students with college and career readiness skills by giving them a solid foundation at the elementary level.

Throughout this school year, we recognize elementary students for all of their accomplishments, big and small, at our monthly Citizens' Assemblies. This is a wonderful way to highlight many students for their progress, hard work and Tanager Pride!

Students, faculty, and staff have participated in many different themed weeks to coincide with special events. It was wonderful to host Grandparents' Breakfast this year. The breakfast was well attended, and a big thank you to our Music Department for preparing students for a musical performance that was a huge hit with grandparents! We have several more opportunities to look forward to in the last two months of school, including PARP, the Bike Rodeo, Kindergarten and Fifth Grade Moving Up Ceremonies, Pre-K Graduation, Field Day, Enrichment Courses, Intramurals, Flag Day celebration, Spring Fun Run, and class field trips.



A little recognition goes a long way. We enjoy recognizing our students at our monthly Citizens' Assemblies for being Safe Bus Riders, Bucket Fillers, Soaring Tanagers, having their written work published in The Chronicle, celebrating a birthday, and more!

We are currently accepting registrations for Pre-K and Kindergarten for the 2023-24 school year. Registration Packets

can be obtained from our website or by calling the school.

May is PARP (Pick a Reading Partner) month. Students will "Get Wild About Reading" with a Rainforest theme, participate in Wear-it Wednesdays, have Mystery Readers and enjoy decorated hallways. PARP will finish with a picnic and recognition for students who participate all four weeks. I hope all elementary students will participate! As I mentioned previously, continue to encourage your child/children to read regularly, it is the single most important skill for academic success.

This July, we will host Camp Tanager to address skill deficits and prepare students for next school year. While the focus is ELA and math, we have also incorporated art, music and library into the summer schedule. I am excited to be able to offer this opportunity and hope our invited students will be able to join us.

I would like to thank all of our families this year for their continued support and partnership. Together we can continue to make a difference in the lives of Hartford students. Always remember, time is the best gift you can give your children. Our goal is to provide children with a solid foundation for future success and we strive for that every day!

Mrs. Bethellen C. Mannix
Elementary Principal/CSE Chair
bmannix@hartfordcsd.org

MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL DUPUIS

Dear Parents, Guardians and Community Members,

I am excited to share some of the fantastic student accomplishments and exciting opportunities our students have achieved or participated in:

First Quarter Academic Highlights

- Principal's List (94.5-100) 31 students
 - Honor Roll (89.50-94.4) 50 students
 - Merit Roll (84.5-89.4) 46 students
- Visit hartfordcsd.org for the list

Music Notes

- Hartford was well-represented by our band students: Nicholas Abbott, Alex Amato, Mia Amato, Clifton Cage, Aiden Lindgren, and Kianna Wertheim at the 2023 All-County Band Festival hosted by Granville CSD. The festival concluded with an outstanding collaborative concert performance with students attending from other school districts.
- We are looking forward to our upcoming musical concerts on Thursday, May 11, for Junior High and Senior Bands and Thursday, May 18, for Junior High and Senior choruses.

Club News:

- Members of the Hartford FFA read to fourteen elementary classes in celebration of Agriculture Literacy Week. Each class participated in a tomato seed planting activity related to this year's book, "Tomatoes for Neela." During the spring recess five Hartford FFA members joined over 45 FFA students from Washington and Saratoga Counties to travel to Pennsylvania. They toured the New Holland factory where round and small square balers are made. They visited Outback Toys, the Green Dragon Market and Cabela's. Capital Tractor sponsored the bus and lunch at the New Holland Factory tour.
- The Middle School Student Government held a successful hat day which raised \$75. The



Throughout Ag Literacy week members of the FFA read the book "Tomatoes for Neela" to all 14 elementary classes (Pre-K through grade 5). All of the classes then participated in a tomato seed planting activity based on the book.

- funds raised were donated to the victims of the earthquake in Turkey. They also donated almost
- Key Club Officers attended the annual Leadership Training Convention held at the Desmond Hotel from Friday, March 31 through Sunday, April 2. The officers gained new and fresh perspectives on leadership skills.

Upcoming Events:

- High School National Honor Society Induction Ceremony - Tuesday, May 9 at 6 p.m.
- Junior High National Honor Society Induction Ceremony - Wednesday, May 10 at 6 p.m.
- Last day of classes for grades 7 through 12 - Tuesday, June 13
- Academic Awards Ceremonies - Tuesday, June 13
 - Grades 6-8 at 8:45 a.m. in the gymnasium
 - Grades 9-12 at 10:15 a.m. in the gymnasium
- Graduation - Friday, June 23, 2023

I appreciate your continued support of our students and school programs. I am looking forward to a successful rest of the school year.

Mrs. Shelley Dupuis
Middle/High School Principal
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VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023 | 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Middle School/High School

2023-24 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	Budgeted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-2024	Percent Change (C)
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$13,600,000	\$14,315,400	5.26%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$3,779,817	\$3,851,634	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, If Applicable	N/A	N/A	
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, If Applicable	N/A	N/A	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, If Applicable	N/A	N/A	
E Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$3,779,817	\$3,851,634	1.90%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$236,212	\$287,979	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,581,881	\$3,621,802	
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)	\$3,543,605	\$3,563,655	
I. Difference: (F - H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)	\$38,276	\$58,147	
Public School Enrollment	370	369	-0.27%
Consumer Price Index			8.0%

	Actual 2022-2023 (D)	Estimated 2023-2024 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$366,381	\$372,954
Adjusted Appropriated Fund Balance	\$654,858	\$650,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$2,123,476	\$750,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	15.61%	5.24%