

Auburn

Enlarged City School District
2022 - 2023 BUDGET



**DATE: TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2022
7:00 AM TO 9:00 PM**

PLEASE VOTE

- 4 voting sites: Auburn Junior High School, Casey Park, Owasco and Seward Elementary Schools.
- In order to vote: you do not need to be a registered voter; you must be a citizen of the United States; you must be at least 18 years old and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to May 17th.
- Absentee ballots are available at the Harriet Tubman Administration Building at 78 Thornton Avenue. (must be returned by 5:00 pm on election day).
- Public hearing at the Auburn High School Library at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, May 10, 2022

2022-23 Budget is \$90,286,532

- Budget is up 7.7% (or \$6.4 million) from 2021-2022
- NYS Foundation Aid is increased by \$3.5 million
- Use of \$2.5 million of fund balance in this Budget

Staffing Changes in this Budget (Net Increase of 12 Positions)

- +3 Elementary Assistant Principals -1 each @ Genesee, Herman & Owasco
- +2 Special Education Coordinators
- +1 Special Ed Teacher – Herman Ave Elementary
- +4 Teaching Assistants – 1 each @ Casey, Genesee, Owasco & Seward
- +2 Teaching Assistants – Alternative Education Program @ Elementary Level

Educational Programming/Services

- With the addition of the above positions as well as federal stimulus monies we are continuing to receive, we will be able to:
 - Provide alternative educational programming at both the high school and elementary level
 - Provide more social emotional/mental health resources and support to our students
 - Focus more intensely on improving our graduation rate and lowering our dropout rate
 - Provide our students with equitable access to educational opportunities and services
 - Better ensure that our students are performing at grade-level in both Reading & Math
 - Provide summer programming to address disrupted learning
 - Provide increased professional learning opportunities for staff

Tax Levy Increase of 2.5% (Below NYS-mandated tax cap)

The Actual Tax Rate will go down for most taxpayers, due to changes in assessed values in the City:

- If your home was assessed at \$100,000 last year and your assessment did not increase this year, your tax bill will go down by an estimated \$165.
- If your home's assessed value increased from \$100,000 to \$110,000, your tax bill will go up by an estimated \$8.





Frequently Asked Questions

What is the “Tax Levy Limit” and why are taxes going up by more than 2%?

- NYS adopted a tax levy limit commonly referred to as “the 2% tax cap”. Each district must calculate their individual tax levy limit by using a formula defined by NYS. Auburn’s tax levy limit for 2022-23 is 3.18%. Districts are authorized to exceed the tax levy limit, but in order to do so, 60% of the voters must approve the budget (instead of a simple majority).

Is the District exceeding the tax cap?

- No; the proposed budget includes a 2.5% tax levy increase, which is below the tax cap limit set by New York State, thus not requiring a super majority for approval.

What happens if we go to a Contingency Budget?

- If the proposed budget is voted down, the Board of Education will decide whether to have a second vote on the same budget or a revised budget. If defeated a second time, NYS requires that the district adopt a Contingency Budget. If that happens, the proposed budget would be reduced by eliminating all unaided equipment expenditures (for example: plows, trucks, lawnmowers, athletic equipment, office computers), and fees for community use of buildings would be implemented. Additionally, there can be no increase in the district’s tax levy from the prior year. That means \$835,795 in property tax revenue would have to be cut from the budget, as well as \$312,200 in non-aided equipment purchases.

Key Statistics

The Auburn Enlarged City School District does its best to ensure that it provides high-quality curriculum and instruction that meets the unique needs of each student while not overspending. The comparison below illustrates that:

	<u>Auburn</u>	<u>NYS Average</u>
Total Expenditures per Pupil (per 2020-21 NYS Fiscal Transparency Report)	\$16,640	\$23,471
Visit the NYS Property Tax Report Card at https://data.nysed.gov		
District Enrollment (2021-22)	3,840	
Students Receiving Free or Reduced-Priced Meals (2021-22)	58%	
Number of Employees (General Fund budget only)		<u>2022-23</u>
	Faculty	371.1 63.7%
	Support staff	182.4 31.3%
	Admin/Supervisors	<u>29.0</u> 5.0%
	Total	582.5
Number of Buildings	7 school buildings, 1 administration building	



Vote Tuesday, May 17, 2022