



SUFSD Proposed Budget



Superintendent's Preliminary Recommended
Budget 2023–2024 School Year

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State Budget/Economy



- We have conservatively budgeted our state revenue forecasts in this budget.
- Our reserves are still healthy and that is a plus.
- Comptroller's Fiscal Stress Report is positive.

Spackenkill District's Instructional Response



Summer and After-school Programs

- Analyze Gaps in Learning (via standardized assessments and teacher observations) and offer additional academic support for the most at-risk students
- Summer Academy 2022, a three-week program for students, with a focus on skill-building in the areas of reading, writing, and math. Summer Academy 2023 is in the works.
- Summer Curriculum Writing and Professional Development

Virtual Tech Academy

For the last three summers, the District has run **Virtual Tech Academy**. Summer 2022 offered 23 courses taught by 16 tech fellows and 4 trainers. All told, staff attended 174 sessions! Summer 2023 is in the planning stages.

Spackenkill District's Instructional Response (continued)



AVID Program

- Todd Middle School 2023-2024 Year 2 implementation:
- Spackenkill High School 2023-2024 planning year

Positivity Project

- Positivity Project (P2) at elementary schools and Todd Middle School. P2 emphasizes social-emotional learning.
- Principals recognize students monthly based on how they put character strengths and virtues into action.
- P2 has tied into District-wide events, including school-wide assemblies; middle school AVID students attend monthly elementary events with P2 theme.

What Are the Responsible Decisions?



- Presenting a budget that is under the tax cap.
- Provide a budget that reduces the possibility of significant, negative fluctuations in the future.
- Maintaining a student-centered learning environment.
- Communicating the academic successes of the District and promoting the economic vitality of the Spackenkill Union Free School District.
- Seeking additional revenues through out-of-district tuition program.



District Success

#1 BEST SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN DUTCHESS COUNTY

Spackenkill Union Free School District ✓



Niche ranks Spackenkill as the #1 school district in Dutchess County. Spackenkill also places in the top 3% of over 10,000 ranked school districts across America! Read more about Spackenkill on Niche here:

<https://www.niche.com/k12/search/best-school-districts/c/dutchess-county-ny/>

“Spackenkill schools appear to be the gold standard when it comes to education in Dutchess County.”

~**NewsBreak**, March 6, 2023



Niche ratings have placed Spackenkill at the top of the 2023 “best places to live in Dutchess County.” This distinction is largely driven by the school district and all of its teachers, students, and support staff.

<https://www.niche.com/places-to-live/search/best-places-to-live/c/dutchess-county-ny/>

District Success (*continued*)



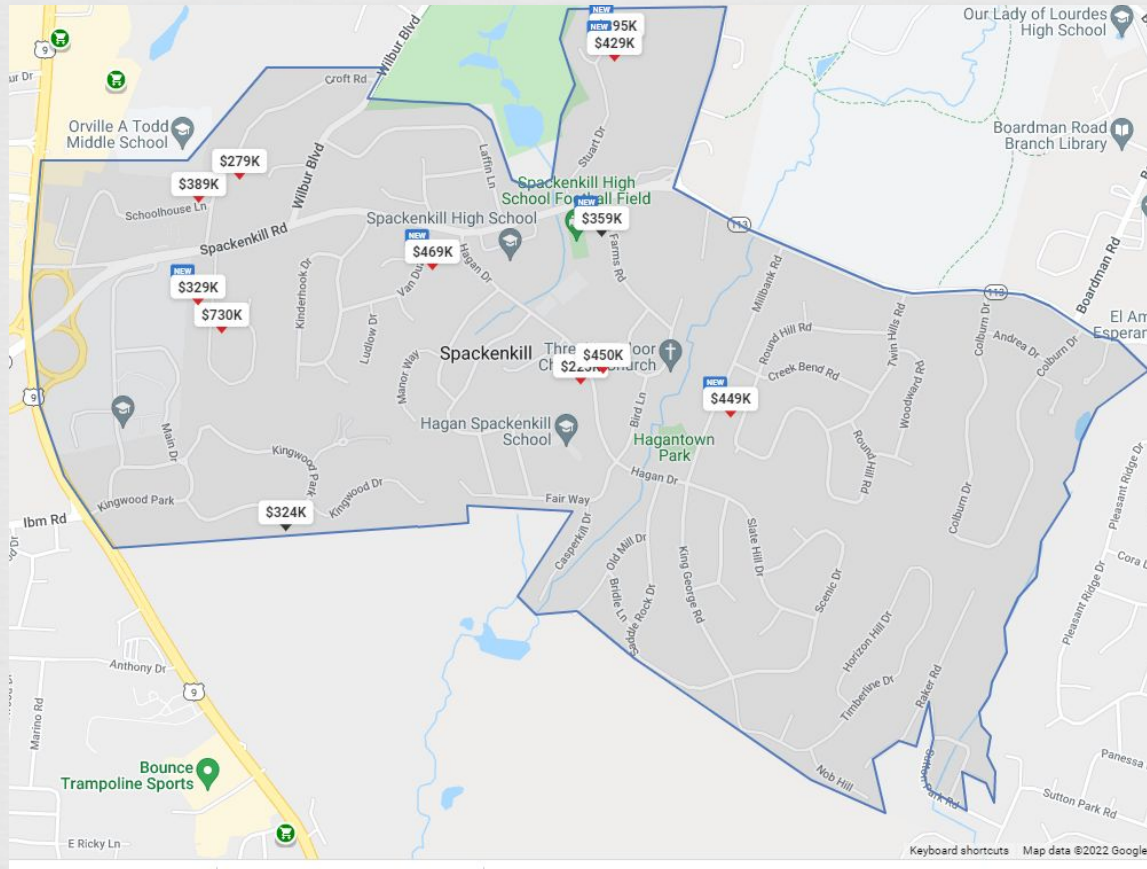
- The District is a 11-year winner of the **Utica National Safety Award**/Titanium (highest) Level.
- Since 2012, the District has received the **Best Communities for Music Education Award** from the NAMM Foundation.
- US News placed SHS nationally in the **top 5 percent among 18,000 high schools for 2022**. This reports ranks public high schools on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.
- At the **Scholastic Art Awards** ceremony, SHS students earned 10 awards in the Gold and Silver categories with 2 honorable mentions.
- Spackenkill has been recognized as the first district in New York State to receive recognition from **Project ADAM** (Automated Defibrillators in Adam's Memory) for the District's cardiac arrest preparedness.

District Success (*continued*)



- The Todd Middle School **Science Olympiad** team is headed to the NYS Competition in Syracuse in April~ The team successfully competed in 18 events on March 4th and won 13 medals, including 6 first place.
- Every Varsity fall sports team received the **New York State Public High School Athletic Association (NYSPHSAA) Scholar Athlete Team Award**. To receive this recognition, the team's average GPA for 75% of the roster must be 90% or higher. The Varsity Baseball team won its second **New York State Championship** during the 2022 spring season. In 2023, the Varsity Volleyball team won the **Section IX Championship**. The Varsity Golf, Girls Soccer, Volleyball, and Basketball teams won the **Mid-Hudson Athletic League Division III Title** this fall and winter. The Varsity Boys Basketball won the **Sportsmanship Award** for the second consecutive year, presented by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO). Congratulations to our athletes, coaches and teachers.
- Hagan's 5th Grade and Todd's 6th grade **Odyssey of the Mind (OM)** teams recently won 3rd and 2nd place honors, respectively, in their divisions at the annual OM competition in Goshen. The Todd team is moving on to the state championship!
- Six SHS students joined top vocalists and select choirs from around the country for a world premiere concert at **Carnegie Hall** in March 2023. They performed for thousands in one of the most famous music halls in the world.
- SHS students recently took 2nd place in the **Academic WorldQuest Competition** at Dutchess Community College. Teams from across the Hudson Valley, competed, answering questions about current events, history, and culture.

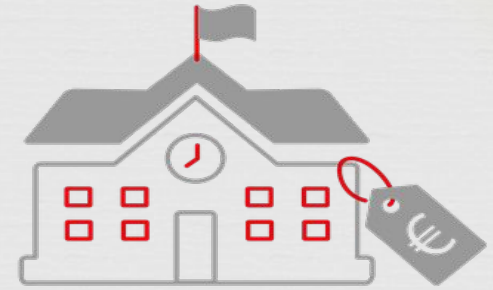
Spackenkill Real Estate



“The median price in Spackenkill increased year over year by 2.7% and at \$375,000 this year is higher than the median price for the town and the county.”

— *Local realtor, March 2023*

Tuition Students Enrollment and Revenue



In July 2017, the Board of Education approved a Non-Resident Tuition Students Policy. This program has not only been a great source of revenue for the District, but it also has attracted a talented pool of students with much to contribute to Spackenkill. For 2022-2023, the program provided additional approximate revenue of \$425,700 to the district.

- 33 students currently
- Cost of tuition (increasing each year according to the CPI)
 - 2022-2023 - \$12,900.00
 - 2023-2024 - \$13,320.00

2023 – 2024 Budget Overview



■ 2023 - 2024 Superintendent's Budget	\$51,918,432
■ 2022 - 2023 Approved Budget	\$50,411,139
■ Budget Increase Amount	\$1,507,293
■ Budget Percent Increase	2.99%
■ Proposed tax levy increase of	1.66%
■ Proposed levy increase is \$328,381 under our maximum allowable tax cap levy	



Budget Implications

- Replace 2 transportation vehicles
- Replace Facilities Department vehicle
- 1 Social Worker
- .4 Music Teacher
- .2 Foreign Language Teacher
- Expand Pre-K Program



Key Cost Budget Drivers



Preliminary 2023-2024 Budget

● Salaries	\$25,552,828
● Health Insurance	\$8,750,000
● BOCES	\$4,209,163
● ERS & TRS Retirement	\$2,722,000
● Debt Service	<u>\$2,776,589</u>
● Total of Key Drivers	\$44,010,580
● Percentage of Budget	85%
● Total Budget	\$51,918,432



Capital Reserve

- **Capital Reserve - Facilities** to be used to pay the costs associated with upgrades and/or renovations to district facilities (mechanical, electrical, technological, furnishings/equipment, etc).
- Establishment of and spending from the Capital Reserve must be voter approved.
- Reduce/eliminate need to borrow funds for some facility upgrades/modifications
- Proactive planning/saving for infrastructure upgrades to accommodate electric buses
- To be funded from unappropriated fund balance as available
- Up to a maximum of \$10,000,000 over 10 years



Capital Reserve Proposition

Shall the Board of Education of the Spackenkill Union Free School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund for the purpose of appropriating sufficient funds necessary to finance, in whole or in part, the cost of capital expenditures, including but not limited to the construction and reconstruction of additions, renovations, refurbishments, replacements and/or repairs to its facilities, including original furnishings, equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances and incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, as identified from time-to-time and recommended in its capital facilities plan, in the ultimate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 over a probable term of ten (10) years; and that such amount shall be raised from the unexpended and unencumbered funds previously levied upon the taxable property located in the Spackenkill Union Free School District?



2023 - 2024 Proposed Tax Levy

■ Real Property Tax Levy 2022-23	\$32,002,692
■ Maximum Tax Levy 2023-24 (Tax Cap)	\$32,862,318
■ Maximum Tax Levy Increase	\$859,626
■ Maximum % Increase	2.69%
■ Proposed Tax Levy 2023-24	\$32,533,937
■ Proposed Tax Levy Increase	\$531,245
■ Proposed % Increase	1.66%

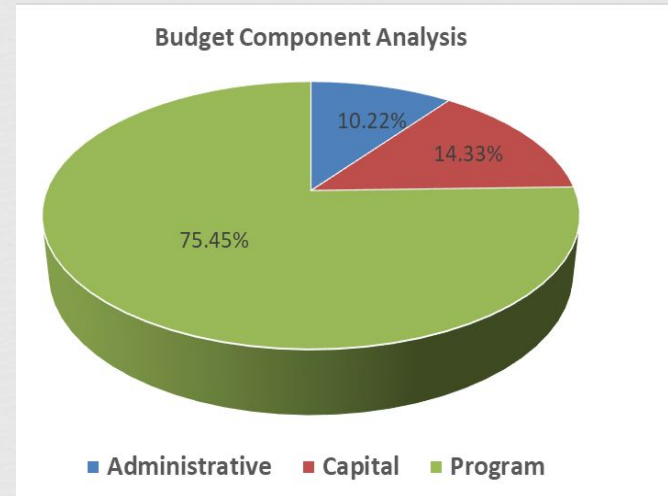
Overall Budget Proposal 2023-2024 Three-Part Budget



Administrative – Salaries & benefits of administrators, admin clerical staff, school board costs, tax collection, legal & auditing costs, BOCES admin costs and central data processing.
\$ 5,307,040

Program – Salaries & benefits of all teachers and support staff; textbooks, instructional materials, equipment, athletics, BOCES programs, special ed. services and transportation. \$
39,169,279

Capital – Salaries & benefits of custodial and maintenance staff, debt service, bus purchases, utilities and insurance. \$ 7,442,113



2023-2024 Contingency Budget



- Education Law §1716 - All expenses necessary included in proposed budget (No separate proposition for “budget” items).
- Education Law §2023 - Board of Education to adopt contingency budget when voters have refused to approve budget.
- Education Law §2007 - Budget re-vote (Third Tuesday in June).
- District may choose to adopt a contingency budget after proposed budget is defeated once rather than re-vote.
- If budget is defeated twice, then BOE must adopt contingency budget.
- If the budget is defeated after two budget votes, or if the school district decides not to re-submit a budget after one defeat, the district would be required to adopt a budget with a tax levy less than or equal to the prior year minus non-contingent expenditures and administrative cap amount, if applicable.

2023 – 2024 Contingency Budget (continued)



■	2022 - 2023 Tax Levy	\$32,002,692
■	2023 - 2024 Proposed Levy	\$32,533,937
■	Reduction Needed to stay at 2022-2023 levy	\$531,245
■	Proposed 2023-24 Budget	\$51,918,432
●	Required Reductions:	
➤	Equipment	\$384,784
➤	Transfer to other funds	\$100,000
➤	Supplies	<u>\$46,461</u>
●	Total Reductions	\$531,245
■	2023-24 Contingency Budget	\$51,387,187

Superintendent's Recommended 2023-2024 Budget



- Superintendent's Budget
\$51,918,432
- Maximum Tax Levy
\$32,862,318
- Proposed Tax Levy
\$32,533,937
- Amount Under Tax Cap
\$328,381

BUDGET VOTE



When?

Tuesday, May 16th
7 AM to 9 PM

Where?

In-person voting at Spackenkill High
School, Richard D. Woolley
Auditorium

What?

- Spending plan - \$51,918,432
- Capital Reserve Proposition
- Board of Education Trustee
(one five-year term)

Budget Link

The complete listing of budget documents is available online at the following link:

[www.spackenkillschools.org/departments/business
office/budget information](http://www.spackenkillschools.org/departments/business_office/budget_information)

Thank you!

