

SUFSD Proposed Budget



Superintendent's Recommended Budget
2024-2025 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

After-school Programs

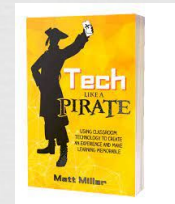
- Analyze Gaps in Learning (via standardized assessments and teacher observations) and offer additional academic support for the most at-risk students
- Summer Curriculum Writing and Professional Development

Virtual Tech Academy



For the last four summers, technology integration teacher Marcella Byrne has run **Virtual Tech Academy**. For the summer of 2023:

- We had 158 sessions attended.
- We offered 19 classes taught by 13 of our tech fellows and 3 company trainers.
- We had 14 staff members complete a hybrid Artificial Intelligence course.
- We had 8 staff members complete a hybrid book study for *Tech Like a Pirate*, by Matt Miller.



Spackenkill District's Instructional Response (continued)



AVID Program

- Todd Middle School 2023-2024 Year 2 implementation
- Spackenkill High School 2023-2024 planning year
- AVID moves to SHS in 2024-2025
- AVID students visited several local college campuses this school year



Positivity Project

- Positivity Project (P2) at elementary schools and Todd Middle School. P2 emphasizes social-emotional learning.
- SHS has implemented the Positivity Club.
- Principals recognize students 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 elementary events with a P2 theme.
- New mural at Nassau Elementary reflects P2 character traits.

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 with an overall grade of A. Read more about Spackenkill on Niche here:

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

Todd Middle School has been named a U.S. News Best Middle School. Follow this link to learn more.

<https://www.usnews.com/education/k12/new-york/orville-a-todd-middle-school-266837>

In its 2023-2024 High School Ratings, US News placed Spackenkill High School 1,270 in the National rankings from a pool of 18,000 schools, placing it in the top 7%.

<https://www.usnews.com/education/best-high-schools/national-rankings>

District Success (*continued*)



- 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/>
- The District is a 12-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.
- In their physical education classes, high school students in grades 11 and 12 got trained and certified in the American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED course. Students are also trained to recognize the signs of an opioid overdose and how to administer Narcan. .Over 225 students have been trained this school year.
- Spackenkill High School has earned the College Board's AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award for expanding young women’s access to AP Computer Science Principles (CSP). Spackenkill is one of only 834 schools nationwide to be recognized.

District Success (*continued*)



- Spackenkill is taking 9 students to New York State Math League Competition in Owego in April, the largest number of students from any school in the Dutchess/Ulster/Sullivan/Orange (DUSO) network.
- Todd's 6th grade and Hagan's 5th grade **Odyssey of the Mind (OM)** teams recently won 1st and 2nd place honors, respectively, in their divisions at the annual OM competition in Goshen. Both teams are moving on to the state championship!
- SHS students recently took 2nd place in the **Academic WorldQuest Competition** at the FDR Estate in Hyde Park. Teams from across the Hudson Valley competed, answering questions about current events, history, and culture.



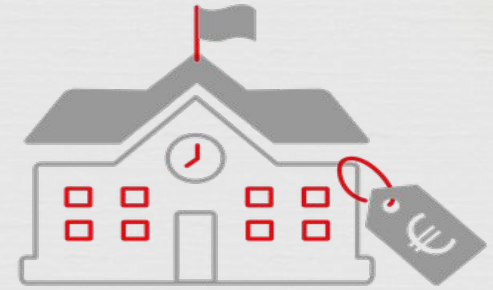
Spackenkill Real Estate



“Low inventory and high demand continue to drive the market in Spackenkill. The 10-year reports show a higher percentage increase of the median sales price in Spackenkill at 10% than the county at 5% between 2022 and 2023. Also, the median price in Spackenkill has increased by 1.9% year-to-date and 6.9% year-over-year.”

— *Local realtor, March 2024*

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 2023-2024, the program provided additional approximate revenue of more than \$500,000 to the district.

- Cost of tuition (increasing each year according to the CPI)
 - 2023-2024 - \$13,320.00
 - 2024-2025 - \$13,720.00

Proposed 2024-25 Budget

Proposed 2024-25 Budget	\$ 53,938,245
2023-2024 Budget	\$ 51,918,432
Increase Amount	\$ 2,019,813
Percent Increase	3.89%
Proposed 2024-25 Tax Levy	\$ 33,086,739
2023-2024 Tax Levy	\$ 32,533,937
Increase Amount	\$ 552,802
Percent Increase	1.70%



Budget Implications

- Replace 1 transportation vehicle
- Replace Facilities Department vehicle
- Additional Facilities Equipment
- 1 Special Education Teacher
- .2 Music Teacher
- .8 Foreign Language Teacher
- Expand Pre-K Program



Key Cost Budget Drivers

Proposed 2024-2025 Budget

● Salaries	\$26,289,897
● Health Insurance	\$8,950,000
● BOCES	\$4,777,500
● ERS & TRS Retirement	\$2,900,000
● Debt Service	<u>\$2,787,014</u>
● Total of Key Drivers	\$45,704,411
● Percentage of Budget	85%
● Total Budget	\$53,938,245

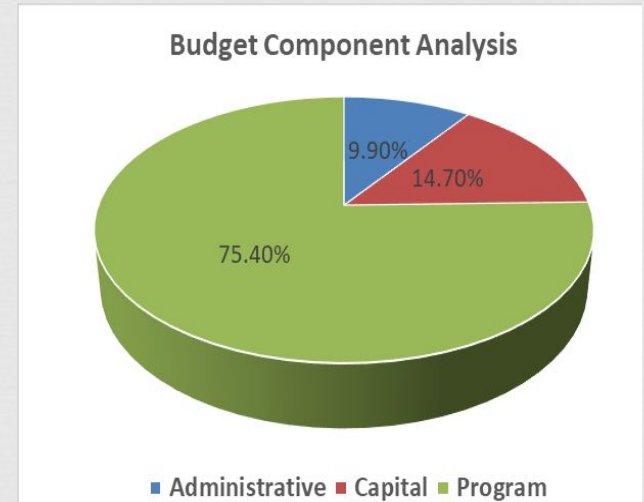
Overall Budget Proposal

2024-2025 Three-Part Budget

Administrative - Salaries & benefits of administrators, admin clerical staff, school board costs, tax collection, legal & auditing costs, and BOCES admin costs and central data processing. \$ 5,340,702

Program - Salaries & benefits of all teachers and support staff, textbooks, instructional materials, equipment, athletics, BOCES programs, special ed. services, and transportation. \$ 40,668,099

Capital - Salaries & benefits of custodial and maintenance staff, debt service, bus purchases, utilities, and insurance. \$ 7,929,444



2024 - 2025 Proposed Tax Levy

● Real Property Tax Levy 2023-24	\$32,533,937
● Maximum Tax Levy 2024-25 (Tax Cap)	\$33,346,580
● Maximum Tax Levy Increase	\$812,643
● Maximum % Increase	2.50%
● Proposed Tax Levy 2024-25	\$33,086,739
● Proposed Tax Levy Increase	\$552,802
● Proposed % Increase	1.70%

2024-2025 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.

2024 - 2025 Contingency Budget (continued)

● 2023 - 2024 Tax Levy	\$32,533,937
● 2024 - 2025 Proposed Levy	\$33,086,739
● Reduction Needed to stay at 2023-2024 levy	\$552,802
● Proposed 2024-25 Budget	\$53,938,245
○ Required Reductions:	
● Equipment	\$293,800
● Transfer to other funds	\$100,000
● Supplies	<u>\$159,002</u>
○ Total Reductions	\$552,802
● 2024-25 Contingency Budget	\$53,385,443

Establishment of Capital Reserve for Purchase of Electric Buses & Facility Upgrades

Capital Reserve - Electric Buses to be used to pay the costs associated with the purchase of electric buses and required upgrades and/or renovations to district facilities (mechanical, electrical, equipment, etc).

Establishment of and spending from the Capital Reserve must be voter approved.

Reduce/eliminate need to borrow funds for purchase of electric buses and required upgrades to district facilities.

Proactive planning/saving for infrastructure upgrades to accommodate electric buses; uncertainty of availability of state/federal funding

Reserve would be funded from unexpended funds and/or unappropriated fund balance.

Proposed Terms: Maximum funding of \$10 million 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 purchasing buses (fuel or zero-emission) and to construct district-wide infrastructure renovations and/or additions to facilities as required or recommended to accommodate zero-emission vehicles, and/or for constructing and reconstructing additions, renovations, refurbishments, replacements and/or repairs to its facilities, as identified in its five-year capital facilities plan, in the ultimate amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 and that the sum of \$10,000,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised from the unexpended and unencumbered funds previously levied upon the taxable property located in the Spackenkill Union Free School District over a probable term not to exceed ten (10) years?

2024-2025 Budget Calendar

- **May 7th** **Required Public Budget Hearing**
- **May 21st** **Budget Vote/Trustee Election**

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!

