



# *Spackenkill Union Free School District*

## 2022–2023 BUDGET BROCHURE

### **Proposed 2022-2023 Budget**

- ★ This budget once again falls under the New York State Tax Cap!
- ★ **Additional state aid** this year eliminates the need to buy 2 new school buses and a facilities vehicle using district capital reserve funds.
- ★ **Capital Project** continues as planned, with HVAC, parking lot repaving, and completion of the concession stand.
- ★ Spackenkill continued to **gain student enrollment** in 2021-2022, at a rate of 1.5%, while the majority of other local districts and districts statewide saw decreases.
- ★ Spackenkill's **Non-Resident Student Tuition Program** has grown from 1 student in 2017 to 32 students as of 2021-2022, providing additional revenue of approximately **\$405,120** to the district.
- ★ During the 2021-2022 school year, the District provided quarantined students with **daily after-school instruction**.
- ★ **Summer Academy 2021**, a 3-week program for elementary students, provided reading, writing, and math support as well as social-emotional learning. Summer Academy 2022 is in the works.

### **The Proposed Budget at-a-Glance**

- ★ Total Budget for 2022-2023 ..... \$50,411,139
- ★ Budget Growth from 2021-2022 ..... 2.99%
- ★ Tax Levy Increase Is ..... 1.66%



Hagan STEM Fair sparks early interest in science and enhances research skills.



Varsity Football won the Section IX Championship.



Todd art students created portraits of children in Cameroon for the Memory Project.

**LOCATION: SPACKENKILL HIGH SCHOOL**

**DATE: MAY 17, 2022**

**VOTING HOURS: 7 A.M.— 9 P.M.**

Dear Spackenkill Residents:

The annual district budget vote will be held this year on May 17 at Spackenkill High School from 7 am to 9 pm. District voters have the opportunity to vote on a \$50.4 million budget for the 2022-23 school year and to elect one trustee to the Board of Education. (The purchase of two buses has been incorporated this year into the regular budget, so there is no separate proposition for that purpose.)

The proposed budget, close to one million dollars (\$928,033) under the allowable State tax cap, represents a 2.99% increase over the 2021-22 budget. The proposed tax levy would increase 1.66% from last year—the lowest increase in the past four years and in keeping with the District's goal of moderating fluctuations in the tax levy from year to year.

Aware as they are of the continuing strains on students, families, and school staff imposed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the administration has worked to develop a budget that supports the District's educational mission and addresses challenges from the pandemic while keeping the tax levy as low as possible. The BOE has reviewed the proposed budget carefully throughout the preparation process and supports it wholeheartedly. We encourage you to read the brochure fully and give the proposed 2022-23 budget your careful consideration on May 17. A key strength of our district has been the engagement of our full community, and we ask that you plan to vote on May 17.

Respectfully,

Richard Horvath, Ph.D., *Board President*

Mary Sawyer, Ph.D., *Board Vice President*

Daniel G. Koehler, P.E., *Trustee*

Jeffrey Cohen, *Trustee*

Sasha Barnes, *Trustee*

### Enrichment Activities at Hagan Elementary School

**Recess Explorers/Makerspace** is open to all children during recess several times a week at Hagan Elementary School. Activities are "advertised" on the lobby monitor announcements. These hands-on opportunities foster creativity and encourage children to embark on individual learning paths. During this time, the students practice working together, sharing, and communicating in respectful ways.

**Trades Enrichment** is another program that caters to students who thrive on experiential learning. It teaches such skills as basic carpentry, use of electricity, and sewing.



### Positivity Project

Both Nassau and Hagan Elementary Schools kicked off the Positivity Project (P2) this school year, while Todd Middle School is piloting the program. P2 emphasizes social-emotional learning and reinforces the idea that Other People Matter. Each month, principals at Hagan and Nassau recognize students whose teachers nominated them based on how they put character strengths and virtues like optimism, curiosity, and teamwork into action.



Above: Hagan fifth graders created a mural with words that reflect the character strengths and virtues of P2.



Above: Superintendent Paul Fanuele and Nassau Principal Erik Lynch presented P2 certificates to students.

### Alumnus Shines a Light on Mental Health

District alumni often return to give back to Spackenkill.



Recently, John Timm, class of 2017, talked to high school students about the importance of recognizing mental health issues. He recently founded a campaign, No Man Sits Alone, to spread the message that no one is alone and seeking help is a sign of strength.

You can read his full story on his website, [nomansitsalone.com](http://nomansitsalone.com).



## One District — Multiple Paths to Excellence



★ Since 2012, the District has received the **Best Communities for Music Education Award** from the NAMM Foundation. Spackenkill is also the 10-year winner of the **Utica National Safety Award**.

★ Spackenkill graduates are accepted to a **diverse group of public and private colleges**, including Ivy League and highly selective schools. For a complete list visit <https://hs.spackenkillschool.org/guidance>, click on "School Profile."

★ In 2022 Niche ratings, the District **ranked #1** among Dutchess County districts, scoring an overall grade of **A**. The District also ranks 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 is the only school district in Dutchess County that participates in **Odyssey of the Mind**. OM Teams from Todd and Hagan competed in the 2022 Regional Tournament and took 2nd and 3rd place, respectively.

★ SHS has earned the College Board's **AP® Computer Science Female Diversity Award** for expanding



young women's access to AP Computer Science Principles (CSP). SHS is one of only 760 schools nationwide to be recognized for achieving this result in AP CSP.

★ US News placed SHS nationally in the **top 6 percent among 18,000 high schools for 2021**. This report ranks public high schools on their performance on state assessments and how well they prepare students for college.

★ In 2021, despite the pandemic, 112 students took **222 Advanced Placement** exams. The District offers AP in 13 subjects.



★ The High School **Science Olympiad** team took 3rd place overall at the regional competition in February.

★ Six high school students joined top vocalists and select choirs from around the country for a world premiere concert at **Carnegie Hall** this spring.



★ At the virtual **Scholastic Art Awards** ceremony, 26 SHS students ranked in Gold and Silver categories and 14 received honorable mention.

★ Through the 2021-2022 fall and winter seasons, 100% of our varsity athletic teams earned the **NYS Scholar Athlete** distinction. The varsity football team won the first **Section IX Championship** in school history this fall. The varsity girls basketball team won the **Mid-Hudson Athletic League Division III Title** this winter, and varsity boys basketball won the **Sportsmanship Award** presented by the International Association of Approved Basketball Officials (IAABO).

★ Since 2018, 8th grade science classes have **advocated for use of seatbelts on buses**. Students have



presented their findings to elected officials on two occasions while also bringing their message to elementary students.

★ TMS Art Club joined SHS National Art Honor Society members in participating in the **Memory Project**. Students made portraits for children in Cameroon.

★ Robust foreign language program offers French and Spanish beginning in grade 6. SHS students engage in enriching club activities and **travel to France and Spain**.

★ Sixth grade students once again celebrated **Black History Month** this past February with a dance and cultural celebration.

★ In the **National French Contest**, TMS had 4 nationally ranked silver winners and 1 nationally ranked bronze winner!

★ After a two-year Covid pause, **Junior Spartans Running Team After-School Program** is back at Hagan, with an emphasis on developing a healthy lifestyle.



★ Elementary students participate in an intensive **STEM program** that explores natural forces, employs engineering skills, and inspires scientific inquiry. In Hagan's annual STEM Fair, 15 students qualified for the **Dutchess County Regional Science Fair**.

# AT A GLANCE — 2022-2023

## SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET

Budget Line	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Budget	Admin Budget	Program Budget	Capital Budget
Board of Education	23,828	24,255	24,255	0	0
Central Administration	284,235	290,525	290,525	0	0
Finance	625,148	638,336	638,336	0	0
Legal Fees	112,500	109,500	109,500	0	0
Public Information	105,624	108,213	108,213	0	0
Operations/Maintenance	2,578,899	2,622,534	0	0	2,622,534
Tax Refunds/BOCES Admin/ Insurance	747,655	769,986	769,986	0	0
Supervision – Regular Schools	1,721,842	1,798,321	1,798,321	0	0
Inservice Training	164,050	151,865	151,865	0	0
Teaching – Regular Schools	15,373,932	15,945,355	0	15,945,355	0
Teaching – Students with Disabilities	5,346,986	5,198,119	0	5,198,119	0
Teaching – Career Education	411,530	415,000	0	415,000	0
Teaching – Special Schools	94,136	81,186	0	81,186	0
Library & Audio Visual	389,388	405,368	0	405,368	0
Computer Assisted Instruction	1,240,181	1,243,121	0	1,243,121	0
Guidance	699,926	703,034	0	703,034	0
Health	295,970	336,455	0	336,455	0
Pupil Personnel Services	610,685	736,423	0	736,423	0
Co-Curricular Activities	143,200	120,000	0	120,000	0
Interscholastic Athletics	455,138	402,330	0	402,330	0
Transportation	1,635,721	1,808,080	0	1,808,080	0
Employee Benefits	12,885,299	13,310,000	1,395,893	9,865,410	2,048,697
Debt Service	2,795,164	2,988,133	0	0	2,988,133
Interfund Transfers	205,000	205,000	0	105,000	100,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$48,946,037</b>	<b>\$50,411,139</b>	<b>\$5,286,894</b>	<b>\$37,364,881</b>	<b>\$7,759,364</b>
Budget-to-Budget Increase	<b>1.83%</b>	<b>2.99%</b>			
Dollar Increase	<b>\$877,581</b>	<b>\$1,465,102</b>			

# PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

2022-2023 PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD	Budgeted 2021-22 (A)	Proposed Budget 2022-23 (B)
Total Budgeted Amount, not including Separate Propositions	\$48,946,037	\$50,411,139
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount <sup>1</sup>	\$31,480,122	\$32,002,692
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable		
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable <sup>2</sup>		
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable		
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	\$31,480,122	\$32,002,692
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$1,247,887	\$1,887,013
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions <sup>3</sup>	\$32,035,847	\$32,930,725
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$30,232,235	\$30,115,679
I. Difference: (G-H): negative value requires 60.0% voter approval <sup>2</sup>	\$1,803,612	\$2,815,046
Public School Enrollment	1,503	1,510
Consumer Price Index	1.23%	4.7%

<sup>1</sup> Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

<sup>2</sup> Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

<sup>3</sup> For 2022-2023, includes any carryover from 2021-2022 and excludes any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2021-2022 (D)	Estimated 2022-23 (E)
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$7,964,934	\$8,768,063
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,977,877	\$350,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$3,417,534	\$2,016,446
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	6.98%	4.00%

## — SCHEDULE OF RESERVE FUNDS —

RESERVE TYPE	RESERVE NAME	RESERVE DESCRIPTION	03/31/22 ACTUAL BALANCE	6/30/22 EST. ENDING BALANCE	INTENDED USE IN THE 2022 - 2023 YEAR
Capital	Buses	To pay the cost of any object or purpose for which bonds may be issued.	\$600,000	\$600,000	Bus Purchase
Repair	Repair	To pay the cost of repairs to capital improvements or equipment.	0	\$200,000	Equipment & Capital Improvement Repairs
Workers' Compensation	Workers' Comp	To pay for Workers Compensation and benefits.	\$334,760	\$327,000	Workers' Comp Claims
Unemployment Insurance	Unemployment Insurance	To pay the cost of reimbursement to the State Unemployment Insurance Fund.	\$332,106	\$330,000	Unemployment Claims
Reserve for Tax Reduction		For the gradual use of the proceeds of the sale of school district real property.			
Mandatory Reserve for Debt Service		To cover debt service payments on outstanding obligations (bonds, BANS) after the sale of district capital assets or improvements.			
Insurance	General Insurance	To pay liability, casualty, and other types of uninsured losses.	\$314,232	\$314,232	General Insurance Losses
Property Loss		To establish and maintain a program of reserves to cover property claims incurred.			
Liability		To establish and maintain a program to cover liability claims incurred.			
Tax Certiorari	Tax Certiorari	To establish a reserve fund for tax certiorari settlements.	\$4,302,711	\$4,295,711	Tax Cert Refunds
Reserve for Insurance Recoveries		To account for unexpended proceeds of insurance recoveries at the fiscal year end.			
EBALR— Employee Benefit Accrued	Unemployment	For the payment of accrued 'employee benefits' due to employees upon termination of service.	\$780,000	\$780,000	EBALR
Retirement Contribution	State Employee Retirement	To fund employer retirement contributions to the State and Local Employees' Retirement System.	\$800,912	\$810,912	ERS
Teachers Retirement	Teachers Retirement	Employer contributions to State Teachers Retirement System	\$1,099,208	\$1,110,208	TRS

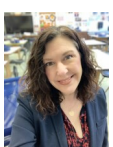
## ★ STAFF SUCCESSES & REVENUE INFO ★



**Superintendent Paul M. Fanuele, Ed.D.**, participated in the Hudson Valley New Teacher Institute for the eighth year at Marist College. Dr. Fanuele also published an article in the fall 2021 issue of the education magazine [Vanguard](#).



**Dr. Lori Mulford**, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, Instruction, and Pupil Personnel Services, recently showed her photographs in a curated exhibit at a Hudson Valley gallery.



K-5 art educator **Sharon Ciccone** spoke at the March Women's Leadership Summit at SUNY New Paltz. This event featured women thought leaders nationwide.



Todd Middle School teacher **Elyse Joy** has received grants totaling some \$5,000 for club and science activities, including a 7th grade field trip.



District Treasurer/Accountant **Valerie Murphy** serves on the Board and is treasurer of the Children's Home of Poughkeepsie, a private not-for-profit that helps at-risk children.



For the last two summers, technology integration teacher **Marcella Byrne** has run **Virtual Tech Academy**. Summer 2021 offered 33 courses taught by 22 teachers and trainers. All told, staff attended 220 sessions!



FACS teacher **Albert Scanlon** is the treasurer of the New York State Association for Family and Consumer Sciences Educators (NYSAFCSE) and has presented on numerous FACS-related topics to the Hudson Valley Northeast chapter.



Todd Middle School math teacher **Jessie Murphy** presented at the spring [Hudson Mohawk Area Math Conference](#).



Grades 3-5 English as a New Language teacher and district mentor coordinator **Karen Crichton** has been a Policy Board member of the [Mid-Hudson Teacher Center](#) since fall 2015.



HS guidance counselor **Rebecca Chaoussoglou-Rotter** continues to serve on the Marist College Teacher Education Advisory Board.



Congratulations to retirees **Michelle Alessandrello**, **Robyn Davis**, **Judy Kear**, **Sam Lawhorne**, **Sheri Lynch**, **Cathy Mahoney**, **Wendy McNeill**, **Jim Segrue**, **Joanne Shaffer**, and **Marianne Turner**.



For 7 years, teachers **Kim Rogers**, **Karin McGuire**, and **Geraldine LaGasse** have participated in fundraising activities — including long-distance running — for [Sparrow's Nest](#), a charity that provide meals to families who have been affected by cancer.



## REVENUE

Revenue Sources	Budgeted 2021-2022	Budgeted 2022-2023
State Aid	\$10,896,376	\$13,067,563**
Fund Balance	\$1,347,877	\$350,000
Local Sources	\$696,662	\$490,884
PILOT Payment	\$4,525,000	\$4,500,000
Property Tax Levy	\$31,480,122	\$32,002,692
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$48,946,037</b>	<b>\$50,411,139</b>
** Subject to change based on final NYS Budget		

## WHAT IS TAX LEVY VS. TAX RATE?

A school district's **tax levy** is the amount the district plans to collect from all of its taxpayers in a given year. The tax rate is the number that is used to determine your property tax bill.

The **tax rate** is calculated by dividing the tax levy by the total of assessed property values provided by the Town of Poughkeepsie Assessor's Office. Because tax rates are generally expressed as "per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value," the product is divided by 1,000.

## IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS

If you would like more specific information that cannot be found in this brochure, please:

- ◆ Contact any Board member by speaking to them in person or by email: [boardofed@sufsdny.org](mailto:boardofed@sufsdny.org)
- ◆ Contact Superintendent Dr. Paul Fanuele, at [paul.fanuele@sufsdny.org](mailto:paul.fanuele@sufsdny.org)
- ◆ Visit our website: [https://www.spackenkillschools.org/departments/business\\_office/budget\\_information](https://www.spackenkillschools.org/departments/business_office/budget_information)

# School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal		Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions		\$ 48,946,037	\$50,411,139	\$49,888,569
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year			\$1,465,102	\$942,532
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget			2.99 %	1.93%
Change in the Consumer Price Index			4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount		\$31,480,122	\$32,002,692	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable		\$	\$	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **		\$	\$	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy		\$	\$	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)		\$31,480,122	\$32,002,692	\$31,480,122
F. Total Permissible Exclusions		\$1,247,887	\$1,887,013	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions		\$32,035,847	\$32,930,725	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D)		\$30,232,235	\$30,115,679	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **		\$1,803,612	\$2,815,046	
Administrative Component		\$4,914,635	\$5,286,894	\$5,233,311
Program Component		\$36,601,335	\$37,364,881	\$36,977,407
Capital Component		\$7,430,067	\$7,759,364	\$7,677,851
<p>* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.</p> <p>Equipment \$343,547, Transfer to Other Funds \$100,000 Supplies \$79,023</p>				
<p>** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)</p>				
			Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-2023 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>			\$ 829	

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-2023 by the qualified voters of the Spackenkill Union Free School District, Dutchess County, New York, will be held at Spackenkill High School in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, between the hours of 7:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Spackenkill High School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

I. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.





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15 CROFT ROAD  
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#### *Board of Education*

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## VOTING INFORMATION

### 2022-23 BUDGET & TRUSTEE VOTE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Spackenkill Union Free School District be and it is hereby authorized to appropriate the necessary funds to meet estimated expenditures of the district in the sum of \$50,411,139 for the 2022-2023 fiscal year; such funds to be raised by a tax on the taxable property of the district to be levied and collected as provided by law.

Board of Education Trustee (one five-year term)

#### Absentee Ballots

Requests for an absentee ballot application can be made by mail to the Office of the District Clerk, 15 Croft Road, Poughkeepsie, NY 12603. The application may be printed from our website at [www.spackenkillschools.org/boe](http://www.spackenkillschools.org/boe). A request by mail for an application must be received by the District Clerk no later than seven days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. It must be signed by the voter and state the address where the voter resides and the address to which the application is to be mailed. An application in person must be received no later than the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. For questions, please call 845-463-7800 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday – Friday.

#### Qualifications of Voters

1. 18 years or older
2. Citizen of the U.S.
3. Resident of the school district for 30 days prior to the vote

#### Proof of Residency

Accepted but not limited to:

1. Driver's License
2. Non-Driver ID Card
3. Utility Bill
4. Tax Bill