



Highlights

SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

Dear Community Members:

Harrison's children continue to thrive in our schools and achieve at unprecedented levels. Our faculty remains committed to performing at the top of their profession and supporting student success at every level, and the financial management of our District again was recognized for excellence. We applaud these accomplishments and appreciate the dedication of every member of the Harrison Central School District learning community to ensure the success and safety of our children.

The Board is proud that the **Harrison Central School District has once again received Standard and Poor's Global Rating of "AAA."** According to S&P, the "AAA" reflects "the District's ability to maintain its very strong finances, supported by proactive, entrenched, and good financial management, policies and practices." This designation is particularly significant as **we are one of only four districts** with the "AAA" rating in New York State and **have achieved this recognition multiple times.**

Every member of the Harrison Central School District is passionate about providing an engaging and enriching educational experience for our students. The Board seeks our community's approval for a school budget that maintains and improves upon these meaningful opportunities for students, amid ongoing economic challenges and unfunded mandates. We work diligently to balance our commitment to serving the needs of every child while providing value to our taxpayers. Developing a budget that maintains class size and programs within the tax levy cap is the result of carefully considered, long-term strategic planning.

The District's proposed 2018-19 budget advances the implementation of the International Baccalaureate Program in grades six through ten, maintains class size goals district-wide, and increases guidance support at our high school. The budget sustains the Board's commitment to continuous improvement across our district by maintaining support of our outstanding professional development program for faculty and staff. **These educational objectives are achieved while remaining within the allowable tax levy cap.**

During the coming year we expect enrollment growth, and our high school students continue to engage in rigorous academic programs resulting in higher levels of participation in course offerings. To meet this growth and increased participation, the 2018-19 budget includes additional teaching positions. The budget also supports a new five-year transportation contract and expands ADA building compliance. Some additional highlights include:

- Continued implementation for the International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program at LMK and HHS.
- Continued funding for the cost of all International Baccalaureate and Advanced Placement examinations for every student.
- New teaching positions to meet increased enrollment and program needs.
- Adding an additional Guidance Counselor at Harrison High School to improve support of student success and meet increased demand during the college application process.
- Strengthening building security at all buildings, including the implementation of new technology-based security apps for all staff and high school students.

Significant variables beyond our control impacted this year's budget, these include increased pension, health insurance and transportation costs. An increase in state aid provided some additional revenue. **The 2018-19 budget represents a 3.38% tax levy increase, within the allowable limit.** Since the New York State's mandated adoption of the tax cap, the Harrison Central School District tax levy has always been at or below the mandated cap, with an **average increase over the past seven years of 2.2% (tax levy) and 1.79% (budget).**

The Board appreciates and wishes to recognize the members of the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee for their time, valuable input, and feedback throughout the budget process. They, and we, remain committed to providing a high quality, enriching, and safe school experience for every child who learns in Harrison's schools. We are grateful for your continued support of our children.

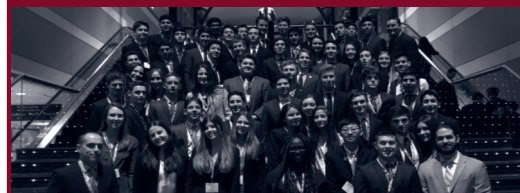
Sincerely,

Board of Education: Kelly Mulvoy Mangan, President; Joan Tiburzi, Vice President;
Trustees: Dennis Di Lorenzo, Rachel Estroff, Placido Dino Puccio, Robert Sullivan, Lindy Wolverton

Louis N. Wool, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

** Facilities Improvements updates may be found on the back page of the 2018 HCSD Budget Newsletter Highlights*

Harrison High School Is A NYS ED High Performing/High Progress Reward School



Harrison High School was identified as a Reward School by the State Education Department and Commissioner MaryEllen Elia.

Reward Schools are schools with high academic achievement and/or those with the most progress in the State and do not have significant gaps in student achievement between subgroups.





PROPOSED BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

Program

- New kindergarten teacher for additional section at Purchase Elementary School
- New grade 5 teacher at Parsons Elementary School
- New guidance counselor at Harrison High School
- New 9th grade Special Education teacher at HHS
- New ENL position at Harrison High School
- New .5 position coordinator for Middle Years IB Program
- New .5 psychologist position at LMK Middle School
- Maintains district-wide class size
- Continued funding for IB program at middle school level
- Continued funding for all IB related student fees to promote student access
- Additional support staff for special education programs and recess supervision

Building Operations and Safety

- Strengthen building security at all buildings, including new technology implementation and additional cameras
- New five-year transportation contract
- District-wide field/facility upgrades and improvements
- Continue district-wide asbestos abatement
- Complete Energy Performance upgrades
- Roof replacement and mechanical upgrades at Preston Elementary School
- Partial roof replacement at Purchase Elementary School
- Other building repairs and paving as necessary

2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

PROGRAM	BUDGET 17-18	BUDGET 18-19
Regular Instruction	\$37,919,991	\$38,793,539
Special Education Instruction	\$11,160,444	\$11,506,230
In Service Training	\$415,000	\$423,500
Library/Audio-Visual	\$1,413,383	\$1,442,148
Computer Assisted Instruction	\$858,747	\$884,672
Guidance	\$1,387,133	\$1,434,939
Health Services	\$1,283,234	\$1,292,685
Psychological & Social Work Services	\$1,368,991	\$1,413,016
Co-Curricular Activities	\$622,665	\$625,103
Interscholastic Athletics	\$1,298,021	\$1,360,942
Pupil Transportation	\$5,869,412	\$6,561,387
Benefits	\$21,521,531	\$22,850,762
Legal	\$285,000	\$265,000
Interfund Transfers	\$198,000	\$198,000
PROGRAM COMPONENT	\$85,601,552	\$89,051,923

ADMINISTRATION

Board of Education	\$85,168	\$84,962
Central Administration	\$557,641	\$566,727
Business Administration	\$1,134,198	\$1,197,147
Legal	\$285,000	\$265,000
Personnel & Public Information	\$670,056	\$686,058
Central Printing & Mailing	\$212,676	\$208,250
Central Data Processing	\$837,368	\$803,789
Special Items	\$784,061	\$831,925
Curriculum Development & Supervision	\$6,355,513	\$6,466,999
Benefits	\$3,632,706	\$3,867,491
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	\$14,554,387	\$14,978,348

CAPITAL

Buildings Operation and Maintenance	\$7,211,469	\$6,941,711
Judgments and Claims/Assessments	\$276,000	\$277,500
Debt Service and Interfund Transfers	\$2,615,240	\$1,867,323
Benefits	\$1,738,063	\$3,588,851
CAPITAL COMPONENT	\$11,840,772	\$12,675,385

TOTAL BUDGET	\$111,996,711	\$116,705,656
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GENERAL FUND BUDGET

	BUDGET 17-18	BUDGET 18-19	% CHANGE
	\$111,996,711	\$116,705,656	4.20%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$1,053,598	\$1,126,701	6.94%
County Sales Tax	\$1,475,000	\$1,600,000	8.47%
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$545,000	\$668,740	22.70%
Health Services for Other Districts	\$240,000	\$240,000	0.00%
Interest & Earnings	\$280,000	\$500,000	78.57%
State Aid	\$4,550,540	\$4,767,227	4.76%
Federal Aid	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00%
Interfund Transfers	\$0	\$480,000	
TOTAL NON-PROPERTY TAX REVENUES	\$8,194,138	\$9,432,668	15.11%
APPROPRIATED RESERVE	\$200,000	\$200,000	0.00%
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$800,000	\$800,000	0.00%
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$102,802,573	\$106,272,988	3.38%

ESTIMATED TAX RATES (per \$1,000 of assessed valuation)

Harrison	\$777.67 *	\$809.82	4.13%
Rye Town	\$12.45	\$12.71	2.09%
North Castle	\$532.36	\$580.56	9.05%

* 2017-18 rate was adjusted to actual upon issuance of tax warrant.

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TAX RATES

HCS D Year In Review: Accomplishments, Accolades, and Awards



For the first time in school history, the **HHS Girls Basketball team** won the League Championship, played in the Section 1 Semifinals at the Westchester County Center, and the Finals at Pace University.



The **Harrison High School Debate Team** once again had a season of double digit wins, earning 12 regular season victories, qualifying 3 for the NCFL Nationals, 3 sophomores for the NDCA National Championships, the entire novice class for the NYSFL state championship, and one to the Tournament of Champions.



The fourth and fifth graders of **Caring Kids Club** at Purchase Elementary School participated in a "Sock"tober fest to benefit the organization Kids' Kloset.

Harrison Avenue Elementary **Dr. Caren Baruch-Feldman** was awarded School Psychologist of the Year by the New York Association of School Psychologists (NYASP) for Westchester/Rockland/Putnam Counties.



HHS senior **Austin Evans** was named to the prestigious Westchester Chapter of the National Football Foundation's "Golden Dozen" and HHS senior **Brett Silber** was named Honorable Mention at the 44th Annual Awards.

Harrison received the **2018 Best Communities for Music Education** award from NAMM. Harrison's own senior **Noah Mattison** won Outstanding Soloist and Outstanding Lead Player at the Ellington Jazz Festival and toured Savannah, Georgia as a member of the Lincoln Center Jazz group.

The **HHS Model Congress team** had a great year - winning 10 awards at the Yale Conference and 8 at the Penn Conference. The team won 3 Gavels and one member served as President.



Harrison High School's **Chanha Kim** and **Brian Siegel** were named **Regeneron Science Talent Search Semi-Finalists**. The Regeneron Science Talent Search, a program of Society for Science & the Public, is the nation's oldest and most prestigious science and math competition for high school seniors. Harrison's **Keon Azar** was an Intel Finalist last year.



Lauren Barbulescu and **Elisabeth Eiff** were recognized with Honorable Mentions at the Scholastic Art and Writing Awards contest. Elisabeth received her award for her short story piece entitled "Flash Memoir" and Lauren received one for a journalism article "Bad News for Bees = Bad News for Us" and another for her collection of short stories entitled "The Romanian Garden."



The 5th Annual **LMK Science and Technology Fair** was a wonderful example of how the event has grown over the past years. This year the students and their science and technology teachers at LMK were excited to showcase 77 projects that showcased 101 students.



S.J. Preston Elementary students participated in their second Storywalk of the year, **G is for Gold**, as a tie-in to the 2018 Olympic and Paralympic games in South Korea. As a special treat, the students were able to visit with 2008 Beijing Olympian **Kim Vandenberg** who won a bronze medal in the 4 x 200 meter free relay.



HHS' **Keon Azar**, **Carl Spana**, **Eli Lapkin**, **Brian Siegel**, and **Chanha Kim** competed in this year's **MathWorks Math Modeling (M3) Challenge** and were awarded Honorable Mention for their solution to food insecurity and food waste. Of the 912 papers submitted only 4% were selected for recognition.



Parsons Elementary students enjoyed a visit from the Westchester Children's Museum Makerspace exhibit promoting innovation and design. The event, for all elementary students, was made possible through a generous grant from the Harrison Educational Foundation.



HHS' sophomores **Deana Giambo** and **Jessica and Sydney Saviano** advanced to the New York State Girls Tennis Championships.



The HHS DECA Business Club qualified **56** students for the New York State Competition - the most in school history. **Five** received 1st Place. **Thirteen** will compete at the ICDC International Competition in Atlanta, Georgia.



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SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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District's Facilities Improvements Update

Facility improvements, approved as part of the Bond Referendum, continue to move ahead. The Music Center at Harrison High School is complete and filled with excitement and the sounds of beautiful music made by our students. Renovations to improve building security at the Purchase School were completed this year. The new turf field and track at LMK, including outdoor restrooms, will be available to our students and community this spring.

Work is underway on multiple projects and will continue throughout the summer:

- Eight additional classrooms and Guidance Center renovation at Harrison High School
- Four additional classrooms and cafeteria expansion at Harrison Avenue School
- Auditorium renovation at LMK
- Roofing improvements at Purchase and Preston Schools.

The addition of classrooms, a band room, new cafeteria and elevator at Parsons Memorial School begins in the fall. The exterior renovation of Louis M. Klein Middle School starts next summer. Ensuring that our buildings are energy efficient, the improvements from the Energy Performance Contract (at no cost to taxpayers) are well underway and will be completed during the 2018-19 school year. Updates about all facility improvements can be viewed on the District website.



BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 15, 2018, 7:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. — At your neighborhood elementary school

REGISTRATION

As there is no personal registration for school elections, voting in a budget vote does not automatically entitle one to vote in a general election. Therefore, all citizens are strongly encouraged to register to vote with the Westchester County Board of Elections. Registration materials are available at www.westchestergov.com/boe or the Board of Elections, 25 Quarropas Street, White Plains, NY, (914) 995-5700; (Business hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

There is no personal registration. At the time of the vote, voters will sign a statement affirming that they possess the following qualifications : 1) A citizen of the United States; 2) 18 years of age; 3) A resident of the District for a period of at least 30 days. Voters must be able to produce at least one of the following proofs of residency: a driver's license; a non-driver identification card; a utility bill; or a voter registration card.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Applications for an absentee ballot may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk, 50 Union Avenue, Harrison, or may be downloaded from the District website, www.harrisoncsd.org. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the vote if the ballot is to be picked up personally by the voter. Completed ballots must be received in the District Clerk's office no later than 5:00 p.m. on election day.

For more information: www.harrisoncsd.org or call (914) 835-3300