

UTICA

CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET FLYER

PLEASE VOTE

TUESDAY,
MAY 21
2024

12:00 NOON - 9:00 P.M.

PROPOSED BUDGET: \$266,454,264

Three-Part Budget

Administrative Component \$20,141,340 7% OF BUDGET

Includes, but is not limited to, salaries and benefits for all district and building administrators, clerical staff and office expenditures: the superintendent's salary and expenses, Board of Education expenses, legal services, personnel, labor relations, curriculum development supervision, employee benefits and unallocated insurance.

Programmatic Component \$202,089,089 75% OF BUDGET

Includes all expenditures associated with student-related programs, including, but not limited to, salaries and benefits for teachers, support staff, paraprofessionals and related services, transportation, sports, textbooks, classroom supplies and equipment.

Capital Component \$44,223,835 18% OF BUDGET

Includes facility costs and debt service for the buildings. In addition, the Capital Component, includes and is not limited to, costs associated with operations and maintenance, expenditures related to the repair of facilities, transfer to capital, and judgment and claims.

* Multi-year Transportation Contract Projections:

First Year 2024-2025 - \$16,021,639

Second Year 2025-2026 - \$16,021,639+3.5% CPI - \$16,582,396

Third Year 2026-2027 - \$16,582,396+3.5% CPI - \$17,162,780

3 Year Total= \$49,766,815

**Budget Total:
\$266,454,264**

**Budget Increase:
9.5%**

Revenues

Property Taxes	\$30,005,865
Adjusted State Aid	\$216,483,397
All Other Revenues	\$6,479,002
Interfund Transfer	\$600,000
Allocated Fund Balance	\$12,886,000

NO LEVY INCREASE

The proposed levy for 2024-2025 is \$30,005,865, the same as the 2023-2024 levy. This levy is below the maximum allowable tax levy as determined by NYS Law, and will only require a simple majority vote. The Utica City School District proposed budget has no levy increase in the 2024-25 school year.

However, because of assessments and STAR reductions, the school district has no control over a resident's final property tax bill. Again, there is no increase in the levy.

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

- You must be a citizen of the United State of America.
- You are at least 18 years of age.
- You are a registered voter OR a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the election and execute a residency acknowledgment prior to voting.
- You are not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election law.

No eligible voters shall be denied the right to vote based upon their inability to read and write English.

YOU'LL BE VOTING ON:

2024-25 Proposed Budget
\$266,454,264

0% levy increase & adheres to the Property Tax Cap

Capital Improvement Project
\$65 million
Project costs eligible for building aid will receive 98% aid

2024 Capital Reserve Fund
Up to \$15 million

One (1) Board of Education Seat
Five (5)-year term

Funding the Utica Public Library
\$886,809



HEARING DATE

5 P.M. ON

MAY 7

BOARD OF
EDUCATION ROOM

*Administration Building
929 York Street, Utica*

Propositions

PROPOSITION NO. 1 **Budget Proposition**

To adopt the annual budget of the Utica City School District in the amount of \$266,454,264 for the 2024-2025 fiscal year and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the Utica City School District.

PROPOSITION NO. 2 **Capital Project**

Shall the bond resolution adopted by the Board of Education of the City School District of the City of Utica (the "School District") on March 26, 2024, which authorizes

- a. the renovation, improvement, rehabilitation, repair, furnishing and equipping of Albany Elementary School, Columbus Elementary School, Conkling Elementary School, General Herkimer Elementary School, Hughes Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, Jones Elementary School, Kernan Elementary School, Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School, Watson Williams Elementary School, Donovan Middle School, John F. Kennedy Middle School, Proctor High School, the School District Maintenance Shop and the Central Kitchen, including improvement or embellishment of athletic fields and athletic facilities, playground improvements, grading or improvement of the sites, and the acquisition of original furnishings, equipment, machinery and apparatus required for the purposes of which such buildings and improvements are to be used, at a total estimated maximum cost not to exceed \$65,000,000;
- b. the issuance of up to \$65,000,000 serial bonds and bond anticipation notes of the School District to pay the cost thereof;
- c. the pledge of School District's faith and credit for payment of such bonds and notes; and
- d. the levy of taxes on the taxable real property in the School District to be collected in annual installments to pay debt service on such obligations, be approved?

PROPOSITION NO. 3 **2024 Capital Reserve Fund**

RESOLVED, the Board of Education of the Utica City School District is hereby authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to be designated, "2024 Facilities Improvement Capital Reserve Fund" created to defray the cost of the construction and reconstruction of School District buildings and facilities, including original equipment, machinery, apparatus, appurtenances, furnishings and other incidental improvements and expenses in connection therewith, and in order to accomplish the same, the Board is hereby authorized to establish the ultimate amount of such Reserve Fund to be up to fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000.00), plus accrued interest and other investment earnings with a probable term of fifteen (15) years and, to appropriate from the available fund balance and/or other legally available funds of the School District to such Reserve Fund.

PROPOSITION NO. 4 **Funding the Utica Public Library**

Shall the annual appropriation for the Utica Public Library within the Utica City School District be increased from the sum of eight hundred sixty-eight thousand four hundred thirty-three dollars (\$868,433) annually to the sum of eight hundred eighty-six thousand eight hundred and nine dollars (\$886,809), an increase of eighteen thousand three hundred seventy six dollars (\$18,376) to be appropriated annually for the Utica Public Library, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law?

Polling Locations

Utica Fire Academy
1320 Bleecker St.

**Utica Fire Station -
Shepherd Place**
29 Shepherd Pl.

Parkway Recreation Center
220 Memorial Pkwy.

Mid-York Library
1600 Lincoln Ave.

Twin Towers
509 Second St.

**Reimagine Church/
Foursquare Church**
1415 Sunset Ave.

Jewish Community Center
2310 Oneida St.

Conkling Elementary
1115 Mohawk St.

Donovan Middle School
1701 Noyes St.

Thomas Jefferson Elementary
190 Booth St.

J.F. Kennedy Middle School
500 Deerfield Dr. E

MLK Jr. Elementary
211 Square St.

Proctor High School
1203 Hilton Ave.

General Herkimer Elementary
420 Keyes Rd.

