

PARSIPPANY-TROY HILLS TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS



DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

May 2023

MAY DIVERSITY DATES

Mental Health Awareness Month

Older Americans Month

Haitian Heritage Month

Indian Heritage Month

Jewish American Heritage Month

Asian American and Pacific Island

Heritage Month

May 5: Cinco de Mayo: Mexican-American holiday that celebrates Mexico's defeat of the French Army

May 14: Mother's Day provides a valuable way to recognize diverse family structures.

May 17: International Day Against Homophobia, Transphobia, and Biphobia: This event seeks to raise awareness for the rights of LGBTQ+ individuals

May 19: Malcolm X's Birthday: Well-known Muslim minister and civil rights activist, who was assassinated in 1965

May 21: World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development

May 29: Memorial Day

Singing the Praises of our Award Winning Music Program!

Research consistently demonstrates a strong correlation between music education and academic performance. Specifically, music education influences learning in these areas:

- * Improves recall and retention of verbal information
- * Advances math achievement
- * Boosts reading and communication skills
- * Increases average SAT scores

For the 6th consecutive year, Parsippany-Troy Hills School District has been awarded "Best Communities for Music Education Award" by the NAMM Foundation. This award program recognizes outstanding efforts by teachers, administrators, parents, and students who have made music education part of a well-rounded education. Designations are made to districts and schools that demonstrate an exceptionally high commitment and access to music education.

This certainly comes as no surprise to the school musicians, vocalists, and music parents who faithfully attend concerts, competitions, holiday events, and other showcases throughout the year. They know that music education supports healthy social development and the quality of a young person's life, and it prepares young people for success in a diverse community. The camaraderie that comes with being a part of a performing group, whether it be Marching Band or Pit Orchestra or Concert Choir, is unmatched in other organizations.

We're quite proud of our music program and appreciate your support in attending student concerts and encouraging the young musicians in your family and neighborhood as they practice their instruments.

We welcome you to our Spring high school holiday concerts:

Parsippany High School Jazz Café on May 3 at 7:30 p.m.

Parsippany HS Choir Cabaret on May 17 at 7:00 p.m.

Parsippany Hills High School Concert on May 23 at 7:00 p.m.

Parsippany High School Spring Concert on May 24 at 7:00 p.m.



ARBOR DAY CEREMONY

CELEBRATING
FORTY-SEVEN (47) YEARS AS
TREE CITY USA



LAKE HIAWATHA, NORTHVAIL, AND
ROCKAWAY MEADOW 2ND GRADERS
PARTICIPATED!

BOARD OF EDUCATION PASSES 2023-24 SCHOOL BUDGET

Like all of us with household budgets, the district establishes Budget Goals to guide the planning process. The goals/directives for the 2023-24 Budget are outlined here



In addition to supporting instruction for students through teaching materials, technology, and staff salaries/benefits, the 2023-34 School Budget includes numerous Capital Projects to enhance the school buildings and maintain a safe learning environment.

Parsippany-Troy Hills Schools were fortunate to receive additional State Aid. This amount will be applied toward these critical areas.

In towns like Parsippany, the highest proportion of the district's funding source is local taxes. Nearly 83% of the 2023-24 School Budget will come from local taxes. For residents interested in understanding the tax calculation for your household, take a look here.



2023-24 Budget Directive

Adhere to the following goals in the construction of the 2023-24 school operating budget:

- Manage and control expenses in the operating budget with the goal of achieving an end of the year surplus of 2.5% of the total operating budget
- Provide adequate funding that does not diminish, to the greatest degree possible, current services to students, including facilities (upgrades where feasible), security and support of the goals of the Strategic Plan.
- Ensure a tax levy of 2% exclusive of the SGLA (spending growth adjustments) and banked cap.
- Support current expansion project



Capital Projects & Equipment

- Window Replacements at PHS and BMS
- District Door Replacements
- District Flooring, Paving & Concrete Work
- Chairlift Replacements at Mt Tabor
- Classroom Addition Costs
- Maintenance Equipment Replacement
- Technology Equipment Replacement
- HVAC Replacement
- School Building Exterior Painting



Additional State Aid for 2023-2024

We received additional State Aid for 2023-2024 in the amount of \$1,407,776 which will be applied toward:

- ❖ Phase Two of the Phone System Upgrade to Include Classrooms
- ❖ Increased Transportation Costs Districtwide
- ❖ Special Education Additional Staff Including:
 - ❖ 2 Multiply Disabled Teachers
 - ❖ 1.6 Resource Room Teachers
 - ❖ 1 Preschool Disabled Teacher
 - ❖ 1 BCBA
 - ❖ 1 Speech Therapist
 - ❖ 1 Occupational Therapist
 - ❖ 1 Social Worker



How Are the Taxes Calculated?

Tax Levy Calculation Components	Proposed 23-24 Tax Levy \$154,025,595 (includes Debt Service)
22-23 Balance of Taxes to be Collected	\$74,226,957
New Debt Service	\$2,602,602
1/2—23-24 Tax Levy	
\$75,711,497	
TOTAL	
\$152,541,056	
Ratables	\$7,308,004,700
Tax Rate	0.0208731469
Assessed Value of Average Home	\$313,063
Tax for Average Home 2023	\$6,534.61
Minus 2022-2023 Taxes	\$6,411.24
Increase for 23-24	\$123.37
(To calculate impact on your taxes multiply the Tax Rate times the assessed value of your home.)	

