

Lyncourt Union Free School District

2023-2024 Proposed Budget



Dear District Resident:

The Lyncourt Union Free School District Board of Education is pleased to submit the 2023-2024 School District Budget for voter approval. This year's budget reflects the last of a three year phase-in of increased state aid. This funding allows us to present this budget with **no increase to the school tax levy!**

As always, with your continued partnership, we focus on our Mission and are committed to educating all learners to reach their full potential. We continue to provide additional instructional support, social emotional support, special education, and enhanced programs to keep up with the technology and learning standards of today. Below are a few highlights:

- * A personalized experience in a small atmosphere
- * Pre-kindergarten programs for 3 and 4 year olds
- * Enhanced reading programs
- * One-to-one technology devices
- * Small class sizes
- * Youth recreation program
- * Community services available on-site for families
- * High school choice
- * Academic Intervention Services (AIS) provided for kindergarten-8th grade
- * Preservation of the historic school building and exceptional school grounds
- * High public usage of facilities for recreation and wellness activities
- * Fitness center for community and student use
- * Outdoor classroom with amphitheater style seating

We thank all of the Lyncourt stakeholders, including students, parents, families, our partnering agencies, the community, and staff for working together to provide for our youth. We appreciate the investment that each of you make in the education and future of each Lyncourt student. Together we are Lyncourt Strong! We encourage you to please attend the Budget Hearing where you can learn more, and meet the Board of Education and candidates.

Your Board Of Education,

Mrs. Kimberly Vespi (President), Mr. David Florczyk (Vice President),
Mr. Anthony Maggi (Trustee), Mr. Michael Leonardo (Trustee), Mrs. Kenda Carfagno(Trustee)

Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 9, 2023
5:30 PM
Lyncourt School
DeAngelis Auditorium

Budget Vote & Election
Tuesday, May 16, 2023
7:00 AM- 8:00 PM
Lyncourt District
Conference Room
(Enter at front door)

(See back for more details)
More information is
available on our website:
www.Lyncourtschool.org

Sample Voter Ballot

PROPOSITION No. 1 ~ 2023-2024 Budget

Shall the Board Of Education of the Lyncourt Union Free School District at Salina be authorized to expend the amount of Fifteen Million, Six Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$15,650,000.00) as a general fund appropriation for the 2023-2024 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor upon the taxable property of the District?

PROPOSITION No. 2 ~ SALINA FREE LIBRARY PROPOSITION

Shall the annual appropriation for the Salina Free Library within the Lyncourt Union Free School District be increased from the sum of Seventy Three Thousand, Two Hundred and Thirty Eight Dollars (\$73,238.00) annually to the sum of Seventy Four Thousand, Nine Hundred and Twenty Three Dollars (\$74,923.00) to be appropriated annually for the Salina Free Library, such sum to be raised by levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District located in the Town of Salina in accordance with Section 259 of the Education Law?

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION-VOTE FOR A MAXIMUM OF TWO:

The candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a 3-year term, and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will serve a 2-year term as Members to the Board of Education.

Mrs. Kenda Carfagno
Mr. Hans Meyer

Lyncourt UFSD ~ Tri-Part Budget ~ 2023-24

| | <u>Administrative</u> | <u>Program</u> | <u>Capital</u> | <u>TOTAL</u> |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| Board of Education | \$ 22,830 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 22,830 |
| Central Administration | 248,300 | | | 248,300 |
| Finance | 175,600 | | | 175,600 |
| Legal | 13,000 | 28,000 | | 41,000 |
| Personnel | 92,335 | | | 92,335 |
| Central Services | 386,400 | | | 386,400 |
| Special Items | 70,200 | | | 70,200 |
| BOCES Admin, Rent, Capital | 62,500 | | | 62,500 |
| Curr Development/Supervision | 103,000 | | | 103,000 |
| Supervision | 155,300 | | | 155,300 |
| Research, Planning & Evaluation | 2,800 | | | 2,800 |
| Operation of Plant | | | 939,700 | 939,700 |
| Security of Plant | | | 88,000 | 88,000 |
| Refund on Real Property Tax | | | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Inservice Training | | 92,100 | | 92,100 |
| Regular Instruction | | 4,208,227 | | 4,208,227 |
| Special Educational Instruction | | 2,226,855 | | 2,226,855 |
| ELL Instruction | | 189,900 | | 189,900 |
| Occupational Education | | 11,500 | | 11,500 |
| Summer School | | 33,500 | | 33,500 |
| Library and Media | | 115,125 | | 115,125 |
| Computer Aided Instruction | | 422,875 | | 422,875 |
| Guidance & Health Services | | 336,500 | | 336,500 |
| Co Curr Act | | 68,700 | | 68,700 |
| Int Athletics | | 51,200 | | 51,200 |
| Transportation | | 961,575 | | 961,575 |
| Recreation | | 69,948 | | 69,948 |
| Transfer to Spec Aid Fund | | 30,000 | | 30,000 |
| Transfer to Capital Fund | | | 100,000 | 100,000 |
| Employee Benefits | 265,393 | 2,747,294 | 250,260 | 3,262,947 |
| Debt Service | | | 1,080,083 | 1,080,083 |
| GRAND TOTAL | \$ 1,597,658 | \$ 11,593,299 | \$ 2,459,043 | \$ 15,650,000 |
| Dollar change from 2022-23 | \$ 104,128 | \$ 1,529,946 | \$ 665,926 | \$ 2,300,000 |
| Percent change from 2022-23 | 6.97% | 15.20% | 37.14% | 17.23% |
| PERCENT OF TOTAL BUDGET | 10.21% | 74.08% | 15.71% | 100.00% |
| TOTAL PROPOSED BUDGET..... | | | | \$ 15,650,000 |
| Previous Year Budget Total | | | | \$ 13,350,000 |
| Budget-To-Budget Increase..... | | | | 17.23% \$ 2,300,000 |

School Board Candidates

The Board is the official policy-making body of the Lyncourt Union Free School District. The Board is composed of five members who are elected by District voters to three-year terms. Members receive no salary for serving on the Board. This year the candidate receiving the highest number of votes will serve a 3-year term, and the candidate receiving the second highest number of votes will serve a 2-year term as Members to the Board of Education.



Kenda Carfagno is seeking election for her first full term on the Lyncourt School Board Of Education. She is currently serving a short term to fill the unexpired term of another board member. Ms. Carfagno has lived in the district for 8 years, residing with her husband and three children. Ms. Carfagno is employed with New York Life as a Registered Representative and holds her bachelor's degree in business administration from SUNY Oswego. She has been involved with the Lyncourt PTO and enjoys traveling, gardening and golf.



Hans Meyer is seeking his first term on the Lyncourt School Board Of Education. Mr. Meyer has lived in the district for 18 years, residing with his wife and three children. Mr. Meyer is employed with SUNY Upstate Medical as an Operations Manager and holds his bachelor's degree in network administration from SUNY Alfred. Mr. Meyer has been involved with Bombers Little League (board member), United University Professions, and St. Daniels Church. He enjoys working around the house, fixing vehicles, and playing computer games.

School District Budget Notice

| Overall Budget Proposal | Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year | Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year | Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year * |
|--|--|---|---|
| Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions | \$13,350,000 | \$15,650,000 | \$13,778,208 |
| Increase/Decrease for the 2023-24 School Year | | \$ 2,300,000 | \$ 428,208 |
| Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget | | 17.23% | 3.21% |
| Change in the Consumer Price Index | | 8.0% | |
| A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount | \$6,524,345 | \$6,524,345 | |
| 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) | \$6,524,345 | \$6,524,345 | \$6,524,345 |
| F. Total Permissible Exclusions | \$0 | \$0 | |
| G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions | \$6,524,345 | \$6,708,999 | |
| H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E – B – F + D) | \$6,524,345 | \$6,524,345 | |
| I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) ** | \$0 | \$ 184,654 | |
| Administrative Component | \$ 1,493,530 | \$ 1,597,658 | \$ 1,357,984 |
| Program Component | \$10,063,353 | \$11,593,299 | \$ 9,858,181 |
| Capital Component | \$ 1,793,117 | \$ 2,459,043 | \$ 2,562,043 |
| * Note: Should the budget be defeated, the district can put the budget up for a re-vote. In the event voters reject a district's proposed budget twice, the board of education must enact a contingent budget pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law. The contingent budget would eliminate all equipment purchases, transfers to capital, and the use of the school building by the public. Further reductions would be made in travel expenditures, non-contractual salaries, athletics, and co-curricular activities. The 2023-24 budget reflects a state aid Foundation Aid increase in the amount of \$1,816,644, and no increase in the local school tax levy. More information on the Foundation Aid Phase-in and Spending Plan can be found on the schools website at www.lyncourtschool.org under District Budget and Tax Information. | | | |
| Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budget Amount: | | | |
| Description | | Amount | |
| There are no separate school district propositions | | \$ | |
| | | | Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year |
| Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹ | | | \$884 |

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Lyncourt Union free School District, Onondaga County, New York, will be held at Lyncourt Union Free School in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 7:00 am and 8:00 pm prevailing time in the District Conference Room, 2707 Court Street, Syracuse, NY at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting paper ballot.

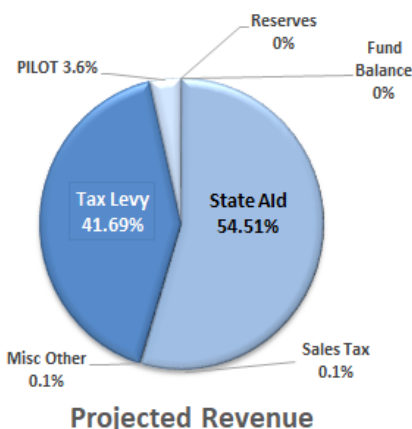
1. The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

Capital Outlay Project: The 2022-23 budget includes the budgetary appropriation of \$100,000 for a capital outlay exception project or "mini project" with building aid expected from the state in the following school year. The work will consist of improvements to the building envelope, wall reconstruction to remove old blackboards and flooring replacements.

State Foundation Aid Increase: Over the years 2021-22, 2022-23, and 2023-24 the state is phasing in and right-sizing foundation aid to all school districts. Lyncourt's foundation aid increase is based on our growing population during the years this formula was frozen. This funding is added to the current budget and eliminating the need to increase the tax levy. The Foundation Aid Spending Plan includes additional spending for tutoring, teaching staff, classroom student supplies, summer school, furniture, and technology. This state funding also covers the typical annual contractual costs of health insurance, salaries, and operations. For more information please visit the website, attend the Budget Hearing, or contact the school.

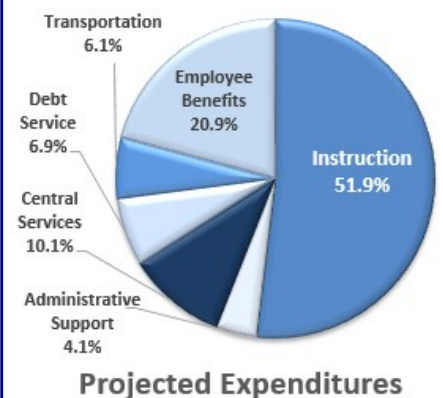
**No Tax Levy Increase
Estimated Tax Impact ZERO**

| Enrollment | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 | 2021-22 | 2022-23 |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| TOTAL | 553 | 574 | 578 | 592 | 605 |
| PreK | 36 | 36 | 18 | 17 | 25 |
| K-8 | 366 | 373 | 374 | 371 | 375 |
| HS | 140 | 147 | 170 | 183 | 179 |
| Charter School | 6 | 7 | 11 | 14 | 17 |
| BOCES | 5 | 11 | 5 | 7 | 9 |



PROJECTED REVENUE SUMMARY

| Category | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| State Aid (inc. Building Aid) | \$ 6,196,300 | \$ 8,530,428 |
| Other Income | 66,804 | 18,665 |
| Sales Tax | 15,000 | 13,000 |
| Property Tax Levy | 6,524,345 | 6,524,345 |
| PILOT | 547,551 | 563,562 |
| Reserves | - | - |
| Fund Balance | - | - |
| TOTAL | \$ 13,350,000 | \$ 15,650,000 |



LYNCOURT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Michael Leonardo, Trustee
Anthony Maggi, Trustee
Kenda Carfagno, Trustee

James J. Austin, Superintendent

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VOTER INFORMATION

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING will be conducted in the Lyncourt DeAngelis Auditorium

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

➡ Ask questions and discuss next year's budget

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

7:00 A.M.-8:00 P.M.

➡ The opportunity to vote on the Lyncourt School
proposed budget

Lyncourt School in the District Conference Room, 2707 Court Street, Syracuse, NY

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS—WHO CAN VOTE?

If you meet the following New York State requirements you are eligible to vote:

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You are at least eighteen (18) years of age.
- You are a resident of the school district for at least thirty (30) days prior to May 16, 2023.

****You can vote if you rent and live in the Lyncourt School District.**

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Individuals interested in obtaining an absentee ballot for the upcoming school budget vote on May 16, 2023, may do so at the District Office during business hours, 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m Monday-Friday.

Qualified district voters must request in advance an application for an absentee ballot. The voter must complete the application and state the reason he/she will not be able to appear the day of the election. Requirements in order to obtain an absentee ballot are those involving an illness or physical disability, business responsibilities which require travel on the day of the vote, vacation, or students away at college.

Completed applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5:00 P.M. on May 9, 2023 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter. Completed applications received after May 9, 2023 will require the voter to personally appear at the District Clerk's office. Completed absentee ballots must be received by 5:00 P.M. on May 16, 2023.

If you have any questions, you may contact the District Clerk at 315-455-7571, Option #7.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE TUESDAY, May 16th 7:00 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.

The Lyncourt Union Free School District, in partnership with the community,
is committed to educating all learners to reach their full potential.