



School Gram

May 2022 Budget Information

KENMORE-TOWN OF TONAWANDA UFSD

BUDGET VOTE & BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

**7 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Tuesday,
May 17, 2022
In-Person**

Hoover Middle School,
249 Thorncliff Road
(use the Sheridan
Drive entrance)

Budget Information:
www.ktufsd.org/budget

Candidate Information:
www.ktufsd.org/candidates

Voting Information:

- Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at Hoover Middle School (use the Sheridan Drive entrance).
- Voters must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of the district for 30 days prior to the vote.
- Anyone not registered to vote will need to complete an affidavit confirming that they are a qualified voter.

See additional voting information on Page 3.

Budget Vote & Board Election: May 17, 2022

On Tuesday, May 17th, 2022, the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda School District community will have the opportunity to vote on the proposed 2022-23 school year budget at the annual Budget Vote & Board of Education Election. Also on the ballot will be the annual bus replacement purchase and candidates for the Board of Education. Voting will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Hoover Middle School (use the Sheridan Drive entrance). You can learn more about the budget and voting at www.ktufsd.org/budget.

This year, we were able to set the tax levy below the property tax cap, which will save taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars. We achieved this because of additional funding we received. The 2022-23 budget and our Smart Schools allocation combined with our plan for our Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (CCRSA) and the American Rescue Plan (ARP) funding is how we are strategically meeting the needs of our students to help them meet their full potential.

There are several initiatives we are excited about which we expect will have a significant impact on student achievement and social-emotional outcomes:

- As we continue to see a nationwide shortage of mental health professionals, we are being proactive as a district in increasing our mental health staff (three counselors, three social workers, three psychologists, two speech pathologists, and three special education teachers) to best address the needs of students and families.

- We are expanding our extremely successful Big Picture Program, which is designed for students who thrive in a non-traditional



**Sabatino Cimato,
Superintendent of
Schools**



**Matthew Chimera,
Board of Education
President**

classroom setting, to include seventh grade.

- We are creating new partnerships with community organizations to enhance our mental health and social-emotional support services such as BestSelf Behavioral Health, Compeer, Peaceful Schools, and the University at Buffalo Institute on Trauma and

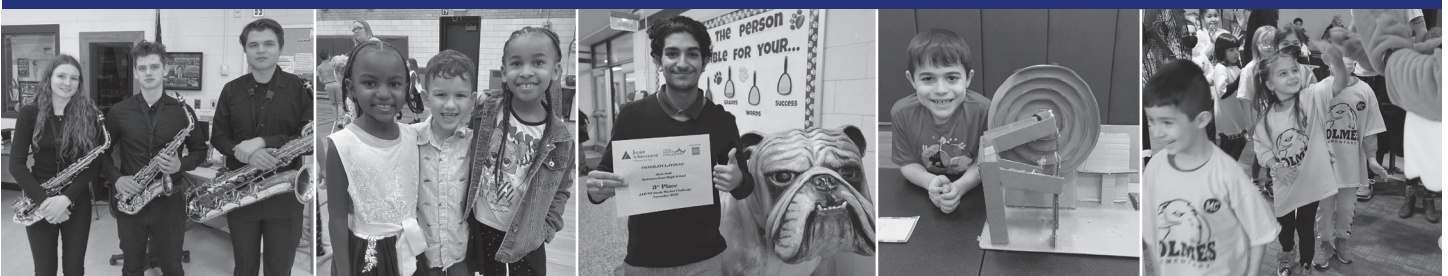
Trauma-Informed Care (ITTIC). We are also engaging in proactive crisis planning.

- We are continuing to invest in our technology infrastructure to best leverage the thousands of additional devices we secured during the pandemic.

- Through our ongoing Curriculum Review Cycle, we are continuing to identify improvements in curriculum and instruction including the implementation of a comprehensive award-winning STEM science curriculum.

In addition to the proposed 2022-23 budget, residents will also vote on the annual bus replacement purchase. This seeks to replace the district's fleet incrementally each year to ensure safety and reliability for the buses that transport thousands of our students to and from school each day. We plan to purchase 10 65-passenger buses and, by leveraging New York State Aid, approximately 70% of this purchase will be covered by the state. The district's share will be approximately \$375,000.

You will find additional information about the proposed budget in this publication and on our website at www.ktufsd.org/budget. We encourage all residents to learn about the budget and vote on May 17th, 2022. As always, thank you for your continued support for the students of our district.



2022-23 Budget Information

Item	Amount	Item	Amount
Budget	\$176,494,282	Tax Levy	\$90,898,779
Budget Increase	\$4,067,452	Tax Levy Increase	\$899,988
Budget-to-Budget % Increase	2.36%	Tax Levy % Increase	1.00%
Fund Balance & Reserve Use	\$7,700,000	Increase on \$100K Full Market Value House	\$17.92

2022-23 Revenue Comparison

	2021-22 Budgeted	2022-23 Budget	2022-23 Increase
State & Federal Sources	\$61,562,839	\$64,496,303	\$2,933,464
Real Property Taxes	\$89,998,791	\$90,898,779	\$899,988
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$8,200,000	\$7,700,000	\$-500,000
Sales Tax	\$8,000,000	\$9,000,000	\$1,000,000
Other	\$4,665,200	\$4,399,200	\$-266,000
Total Revenue	\$172,426,830	\$176,494,282	\$4,067,452

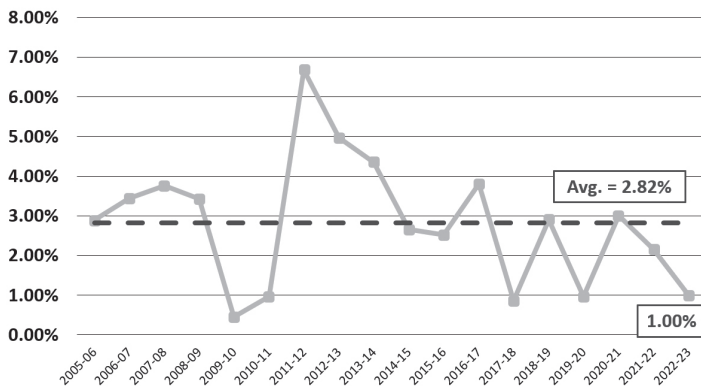
Budget-to-Budget Percentage Increase: 1.00%

2022-23 Expenditure Comparison

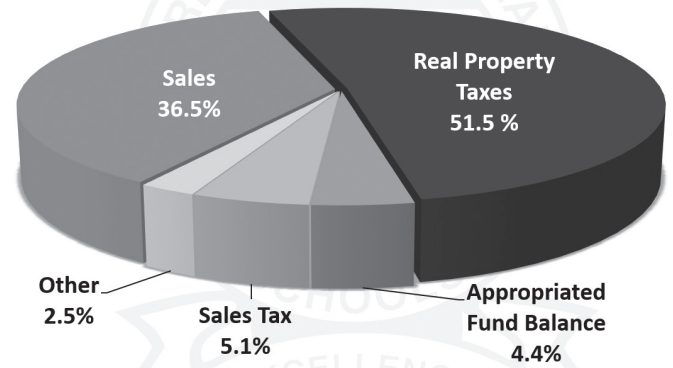
	2021-22 Budgeted	2022-23 Budget	2022-23 Increase
General Support	\$6,998,788	\$6,863,925	\$-134,863
Operations & Maint.	\$10,304,798	\$10,475,860	\$171,062
Instruction	\$100,989,725	\$102,122,834	\$1,133,108
Transportation	\$6,346,664	\$6,566,603	\$219,939
Employee Benefits	\$37,747,921	\$39,333,910	\$1,585,989
Debt Service	\$10,038,934	\$11,131,150	\$1,092,216
Total Expenditures	\$172,426,830	\$176,494,282	\$4,067,452

Budget-to-Budget Percentage Increase: 1.00%

Historical Comparison of Tax Rate Increases



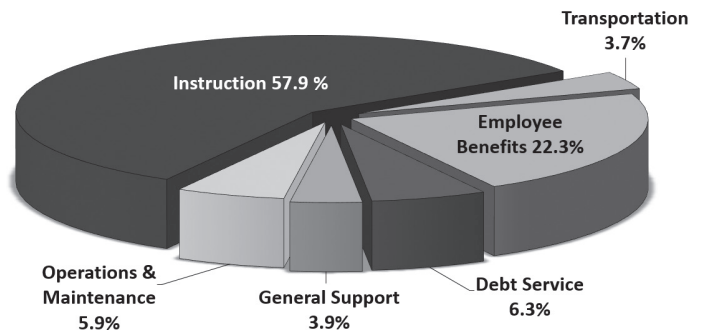
2022-23 Revenue by Category:



Historical Comparison of NYS Aid (In Millions)



2022-23 Expenditures by Category:



Propositions & Ballot Information

Proposition 1: 2022-2023 Budget

Total Budget: \$176,494,282

The school district budget funds all District-operated public schools/educational programs as well as services provided for all non-public/private schools located in the District as required by law.

Vote Yes or No

Proposition 2: Routine Bus Replacement Purchase

Replaces 10 (ten) 65-Passenger Buses: \$1,250,000

New York State Aid: Approximately 70%;

District Share: Approximately \$375,000

Vote Yes or No

Board of Education Candidates:

(Vote for Two)

☐ **Matthew Chimera** ☐ **Paul Spors**

Candidate Information at www.ktufsd.org/candidates

Voting Information

Voter Qualifications:

- In-person voting will take place with the ability to request absentee ballots for qualified reasons.
- Voters must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of the district for 30 days prior to the vote.
- Those who are not registered to vote will need to complete an affidavit confirming that they are a qualified voter.
- Photo identification and proof of citizenship, age, and residency are required for those who are not registered.

Absentee Ballot Information:

- Contact the District Clerk at (716) 874-8400 ext. 20342 for an absentee ballot application.
- Those on the permanent absentee ballot list do not need to apply for an absentee ballot.
- Applications must be received no later than seven days prior to May 17, 2022.
- Absentee ballots must arrive no later than 5 p.m. the day of the vote on May 17, 2022.

Sample Ballot (Propositions)

PROPOSITION 1: 2022-2023 BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the basic budget of \$176,494,282 for the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 as presented by the Board of Education, is hereby approved and adopted and the required funds therefore are hereby appropriated and the necessary real property taxes required shall be raised by a tax on the taxable property in the District to be levied and collected as required by law.

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**

PROPOSITION 2: ACQUISITION OF SCHOOL BUSES AND SIMILAR VEHICLES (AND RELATED EQUIPMENT)

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Kenmore-Town of Tonawanda Union Free School District, Erie County, New York (the "District"), is hereby authorized to purchase school buses and similar vehicles (and related equipment) for use in the transportation program of the District, at an estimated maximum cost of \$1,250,000 (with such estimated maximum cost reflecting the value of any trade-ins), and to expend therefor an aggregate sum not to exceed \$1,250,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the sum of \$1,250,000 (which may include certain up-front financing costs), plus an amount for interest thereon, shall be funded by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the District and collected in annual installments as provided by Section 416 of the Education Law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that in anticipation of such tax, bonds or other obligations (including, without limitation, obligations arising under leases, lease/purchase contracts or installment purchase contracts having a term of not more than five years) of the District shall be issued or entered into in accordance with applicable provisions of New York State law; and be it further

RESOLVED, that New York State Transportation Aid funds expected to be received by the District are anticipated to offset a substantial part of such costs, and such funds, to the extent received, shall be applied to offset and reduce the amount of taxes herein authorized to be levied.

☐ **Yes**

☐ **No**



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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	\$172,426,830	\$176,494,282	\$175,231,885
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$4,067,452	\$2,805,055
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.36%	1.63%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$89,998,791	\$90,898,779	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$89,998,791	\$90,898,779	\$89,998,791
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$927,824	\$975,115	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$89,070,967	\$89,923,664	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$89,070,967	\$89,923,664	
I. Difference: (G - H); (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$0	\$0	
Administrative Component	\$16,739,206	\$17,241,483	\$16,861,744
Program Component	\$132,869,429	\$135,012,345	\$134,389,687
Capital Component	\$22,818,195	\$24,240,454	\$23,980,454

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:

The Board of Education will review the expenditure budget and make decisions on those items to be included based on Education Law Section 2023. The tax levy increase would have to be \$0 through cuts to programs and staff (including non-contingent items that would have to be removed in accordance with New York State Law) and additional use of fund balance and reserves

List of Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount:	Description	Amount
	Bus Purchase	\$1,250,000
Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year		
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹		\$538

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

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