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BOARD TRUSTEE ELECTION (vote for three)
There are 3 at-large Board positions on the ballot. Voters may cast 3 votes for Trustees who serve three-year terms. The top 3 vote-getters will take office July 1. Candidates’ names will appear in alphabetical order on the ballot as per the Governor’s Executive Order 2020.26.

- Beth Davidson: Serving 1st Term; 15 year resident; Freelance writer & communications consultant; 1 NMS student; 1 elementary student
- Steven Francisco: 1 year resident; VP Tech Company; 1 NMS student; 1 elementary student
- Leeann Irvin: 43 year resident; lawyer; 1 NHS student; 1 NMS student
- Jen Marraccino: Serving 2nd Term; 21 year resident; Sr. Director of Development for global non-profit organization; 2 NHS Graduates; 1 NHS student; 1 elementary student
- James Marshall: Serving 3rd Term; 27 year resident; Corporate Sales Manager; 2 NHS Graduates

If the budget is not approved by the voters, the Board may place the budget before the voters one additional time in June OR resolve to adopt a contingency budget. The tax levy under a contingency budget can be no greater than the tax levy from the prior year (lead to significant program cuts)

BUDGET FAST FACTS:
- Proposed Budget: $90,684,000
- Proposed Budget to Budget Increase: 5.46%
- Proposed Tax Levy Increase*: 1.91%

*Levy is the total revenue to be raised by taxes

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VOTER INFORMATION
In accordance with Executive Order No. 202.26, the Budget Vote and School Board Election will be held remotely, by Absentee Ballot only. Qualified voters of this School District will receive absentee ballots by mail. To be a qualified voter you must be a U.S. Citizen, at least 18 years old by June 9, 2020, a School District resident for 30 days immediately preceding the vote, and registered to vote in School District elections and having voted in any School District election/vote during the past 4 calendar years.

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, there will be no personal voter registration held at school district offices prior to the June 9, 2020 vote. If you are not registered, you can register through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website at: https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application.

DATES TO REMEMBER:
- May 26: 2020-21 Budget Document available to the Public
- June 1: Public Budget Hearing
- June 2: Budget Notice Mailed to Residents
- June 9: Budget/Trustee Vote

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Be an informed voter: Refer to www.nyackschools.org for budget details or contact LDeCicco@nyackschools.org
Dear Community,

The Board of Education is pleased to present to our community the adopted 2020-2021 School Budget (QR). The COVID-19 pandemic has had a significant impact on this year’s budget planning process. The approved State budget authorizes reductions to the proposed State Aid to NY school districts at designated intervals during the school year. These reductions, estimated to be in the area of 20%, will be dependent on the financial health of the State. Given the uncertainty of State Aid revenues, the District has prepared this budget to adjust to potential revenue reductions. The first phase of this process has resulted in the elimination of $3 million in expenditures from the original budget presented on March 17. We will be planning for additional budgetary adjustments in the event we receive notice of reductions to our State Aid.

This year’s budget proposal is limited to a single ballot question. The 2020-21 annual budget reflects the Board of Education’s continued commitment to our K-12 academic, extracurricular and athletic programs. The Board of Education is committed to providing quality, well-rounded opportunities for our students while being fiscally responsible to our community.

The 2020-21 School Budget Vote and Board of Education Election will be held on June 9, as per Governor Cuomo’s Executive Order 202.26. The vote was postponed, due to the pandemic, from its original May date, and will now be conducted exclusively by absentee ballot. There will be no voting at the polls. An absentee ballot with a postage paid return envelope will be mailed to all qualified voters in the school district whose names can be ascertained from the registration rolls utilized for the May 2019 budget vote and election, as well as those residents whose names have been added to the roles since that time. All ballots must be received by 5:00 pm on June 9.

We invite you to review the contents of this newsletter utilizing the QR scan codes that will link you directly to a series of highlights, initiatives and achievements. As we confront unprecedented challenges, we are Nyack-Strong (QR) and proud of our students, staff and school community. Please be sure to make an informed vote.

Respectfully,

James J. Montesano, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools  
Michael Mark  
School Board President

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT GOALS:
■ Maintain Class Size, Extracurriculars & Athletics  
■ Support Equity Initiatives  
■ Comply with Tax Cap Levy  
■ Adhere to Federal & State Mandates  
■ Continue Cost Savings/Efficiencies  
■ Enhance School Security  
■ Expand Instruction through Technology

Scan this Photo Gallery (QR) that spotlights our commitment to embed in each student seven core competencies that foster success on a global platform and encourage a lifelong love of learning:
■ Critical Thinking  
■ Creativity  
■ Collaboration  
■ Communication  
■ Compassion  
■ Content Mastery  
■ Cultural Awareness

District Communications/COVID-19 Response (QR)

WITH PRIDE
Scan these QR codes to link directly to District Highlights, Initiatives & Achievements presented by students & staff

Timeline of Curriculum with Upward Trajectory (QR)  
STEM Research from Biomedical Innovations Class (QR)  
MS Creative Arts Thank You Project to Essential Care Workers (QR)  
Our NEW Office of Equity & Inclusion (QR)

Profile of Graduation Rates, AP Classes, National Merit (QR)  
“Things We Have Learned” from AP Human Biology Class (QR)  
Music Department Video Featuring, Lovely Day (QR)  
Tips from Student Support & Prevention Services (QR)

Nyack High School Ratings in US News & World Report (QR)  
MS Social Studies Capstone: “What Would You Fight For?” (QR)  
Socio-Emotional Learning (SEL) & K-12 Guidance (QR)  
Visualizing the Nyack Basics Community Coalition & Campaign (QR)

Building Bridges for today’s students to cross into tomorrow’s world with equity, innovation and optimism