

**2024-2025**

# Budget **VOTE**

**POLLS OPEN 1-9 P.M. AT DUANESBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

## Tuesday, May 21

**PROPOSAL STAYS UNDER THE TAX LEVY LIMIT**

Voters will go to the polls on Tuesday, May 21, to consider a proposed \$19,443,000 spending plan for the 2024-25 school year.

The plan maintains all academic programs, extracurricular offerings and athletics, while prioritizing the goals of the district's strategic plan, which includes providing students of every ability the resources they need to be successful.

The spending plan includes a 2.41% (\$458,000) year-to-year increase and calls for a tax levy increase of 2.70% (\$236,094), which is at the district's tax levy limit or "cap" of 2.71%. The proposed plan will require a simple majority vote for approval (more than 50%).

Nearly 93% of the district's revenue comes from almost equal proportions of New York state aid and property taxes. The bulk of state aid comes in the form of foundation aid, which stayed flat from last year.

"With no increase in foundation aid for next year, we have been very strategic about what to include in the spending plan for 2024-25, and even more tactical about which resources we can pull from to pay for it," DCS Interim Superintendent Jeffery Ziegler said.

"The district has been very intentional with its long-range financial planning, which means we will be able to counteract flat foundation aid by allocating \$100,000 from reserves and \$1.15 million from district fund balance to provide consistency for our community and do what we can to minimize the impact on our taxpayers," Ziegler added.

He also noted that the 2024-25 spending plan does not include big purchases, new equipment, or staffing additions and said the line items that show an increase from last year are unavoidable mandated costs, like contractual obligations, health insurance, and rising costs from inflation.

## PROPOSED BUDGET

### AT-A-GLANCE

2024-25  
PROPOSED BUDGET  
**\$19,443,000**

SPENDING INCREASE  
FROM 2023-24  
**\$458,000 / 2.41%**

TAX LEVY CHANGE  
FROM 2023-24  
**\$236,094 / 2.70%**

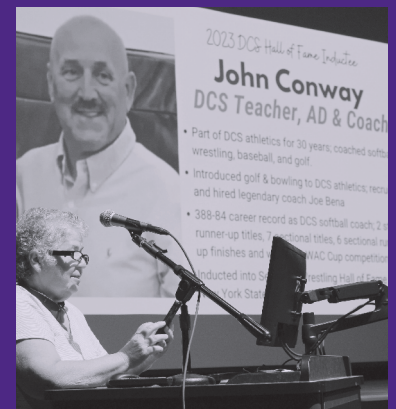
## HALL OF FAME NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the DCS Hall of Fame are due by the end of the school year. The HOF Committee will review nominations and select up to three nominations for induction. Inductees will be recognized at the first Board of Education meeting of the new school year. Nominate a DCS alumni, a current or former staff member, or community member here:

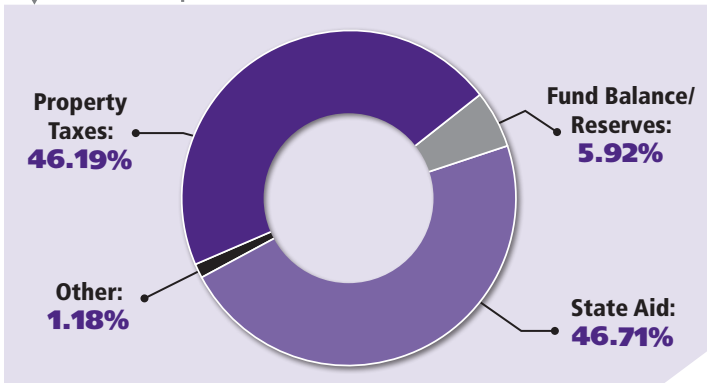
<https://tinyurl.com/NominateForDCSHOF>

## ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE AT DCS

Duaneburg Central School District has an impressive track record of graduating students who are career and college ready, staying true to its mission to provide all students with the tools they need for a successful future. Join us for graduation on **Wednesday, June 26 at 4 p.m.**

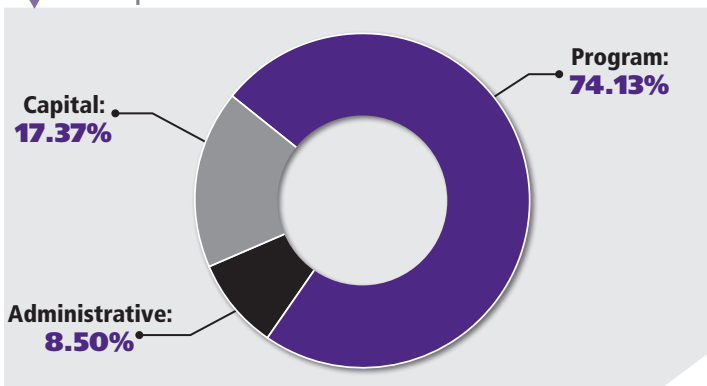


## Anticipated **REVENUES:** *Where the money comes from*



CATEGORY	2023-24 BUDGETED	2024-25 PROJECTED
Property taxes	\$8,744,255	\$8,980,349
State aid	\$8,963,572	\$9,082,096
Fund balance/reserves	\$1,047,173	\$1,150,555
Other	\$230,000	\$230,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,985,000</b>	<b>\$19,443,000</b>

## Proposed **EXPENSES:** *Where the money goes*



COMPONENT	2023-24 BUDGETED	2024-25 PROJECTED
Administrative	\$1,671,836	\$1,652,721
Capital	\$3,284,441	\$3,377,187
Program	\$14,028,723	\$14,413,092
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$18,985,000</b>	<b>\$19,443,000</b>

## IMPRESSIVE YEAR FOR DCS ATHLETICS

It was another impressive year for our Duanesburg student-athletes! In wrestling, junior **Jacob Schweigard** (Schoharie) and senior **Dalton Cooper** were Section 2 champs, and senior **Scott Nicolella** was a Section 2 runner-up. All three competed in the NYSPHSAA tournament, with Nicolella placing 7th in the state. The DCS girls basketball team had a historic season, making it all the way to the NYSPHSAA finals for the first time in school history. The team won their third consecutive Section 2 championship, with seniors **Hannah Mulhern** and **Alex Moses** each reaching 1,000 career points. Senior **Allison O'Hanlon** finished her DCS career with 2,535 points and as the district's all-time leading scorer. She also holds the state record for most 3-point field goals. Junior **Jeffrey Mulhern** also reached 1,000 career points in boys basketball.



## School District Budget Notice

### OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL

	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$18,985,000	\$19,443,000	\$19,393,000
Increase/Decrease for the School Year		\$458,000	\$408,000
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.41%	2.15%
Change in Consumer Price Index		4.12%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$8,744,255	\$8,980,349	
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)	\$8,744,255	\$8,980,349	\$8,744,255
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$435,907	\$457,274	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$8,521,786	\$8,981,185	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$8,308,348	\$8,523,075	
I. Difference (G - H) (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate propositions) **	\$213,438	\$458,110	
Administrative Component	\$1,671,836	\$1,652,721	\$1,652,721
Program Component	\$14,028,723	\$14,413,092	\$14,383,092
Capital Component	\$3,284,441	\$3,377,187	\$3,357,187

\* Contingent budget will focus on reducing increases in new programs, new services, and additional equipment.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount (Tax Levy Associates with educational or transportation propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount
Bus Purchases	\$400,000
Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings <sup>1</sup>	\$491

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of Duanesburg Central School District, Schenectady County, New York, will be held at Duanesburg Elementary School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2024 between the hours of 1:00pm and 9:00pm, prevailing time in the Duanesburg Elementary School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

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

## Kimberly Ross named new superintendent of schools



This past March, Duanesburg's Board of Education announced Kimberly Ross as the district's next superintendent of schools, effective July 1, 2024. She has served as the superintendent of schools for the Green Island Union Free School District since 2019, and brings a wealth of experience to the DCS community.

Prior to her tenure at Green Island, Ms. Ross was the director of student support services for the Gloversville Enlarged School District, served as an elementary principal in both Gloversville and Middleburgh, and was a social studies teacher in Cobleskill-Richmondville. She is a lifelong resident of the area, and is native to Schoharie County.

Although she doesn't officially start at DCS until July, Ross will meet with staff, students, community partners, and other

various stakeholders during the last several weeks of this current school year to gain a deeper understanding of the DCS school community.

"It is a priority for me to engage with the DCS community while school is in session so I can experience the culture, get to know students, staff and families, and learn about the systems that are already in place. These experiences will help guide my work over the summer to prepare for the new school year ahead of us. I am really looking forward to jumping in and being part of this vibrant community," she said

Stay tuned for more information on the district's transition plan for Ms. Ross, with opportunities for community members and families to meet her.

Read more about Ms. Ross' appointment on the district website: <https://bit.ly/3vNjwsI>





# Duanesburg

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## CURRENT RESIDENT

# 2024-25 Budget VOTE

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## ON THE BALLOT

### → PROPOSITION 1: 2024-25 BUDGET

Vote on a \$19,443,000 budget for the 2024-25 school year.

### → PROPOSITION 2: SCHOOL BUS PURCHASES

Vote on a proposition to purchase three school buses at a cost not to exceed \$400,000. One vehicle will be a 71-passenger propane-fueled bus; another will be a 30-passenger gas-fueled bus; and another will be a small passenger, four-wheel drive SUV.

### → PROPOSITION 3: CAPITAL RESERVE SPENDING

Vote on establishing an additional Capital Reserve Fund as a way to help save for future capital projects. The reserve fund allows the district to contribute fund balance to it over the next 10 years, to a maximum of \$6,000,000.

### → BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

Elect three candidates to serve on the board of education for three-year terms beginning July 1, 2024. Learn more about candidates at the DCPTA's Meet the Candidates Night at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 16 in Joe Bena Hall. Visit the district website to read candidate biographies.

## ABSENTEE BALLOTS & EARLY VOTING

Qualified voters may vote by absentee ballot or participate in early voting if they are unable to vote in person on May 21. Voters must first fill out an application with the district clerk. There are separate applications for early voting or absentee ballot, but the application process and deadlines are the same for both. Applications are available on the district website or by contacting the district clerk, Celeste Junge, at (518) 895-2279 ext. 241. Completed ballots must be received by the district by mail or drop-off no later than 5 p.m. on May 21. Go to the DCS website for more information and specific deadlines: <https://www.duanesburg.org/board-of-education/voting-info/>



Whenever a teacher at DES witnesses a student being responsible, respectful, and safe, they can give them a gold coin to be used in the school's book vending machine to choose a free book! Thank you to our partners at Duanesburg Community Parent Teacher Association (DCPTA) for providing books to our students and encouraging a love of reading.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**Thursday, June 13**

DES play "Kid Frankenstein,"  
Joe Bena Hall (6:30 p.m.)