

## Frequently Asked Questions and Comments About School Budgets:

### What's in this budget for students?

The major portion (72%) of the budget addresses the programs and services provided to meet the educational needs of our students based on the district's commitment to provide a solid academic program guided by the New York State Education Department's regulations and standards as well as extra-curricular activities and opportunities that promote and enhance student learning.

### Why is there a need for an increase in the tax levy?

Mandated and obligated costs continue to increase. Examples include:

- Contractually obligated salary and retirement benefit increases for employees
- Increased rates for BOCES services
- Increases in Utilities and Fuel
- Mandated in-service training
- Mandated programs and reporting requirements based on State and Federal Guidelines

### What is being done to keep costs down?

- As enrollment decreases the district continues to investigate and evaluate shared services and programs with other districts
- Participation in many shared services through BOCES with reimbursable aid
- Investigation and use of grants for special programs
- Energy efficient savings through building upgrades through the district's Capital Project.

### I do not have children in school. Why should I pay school taxes?

- Well-educated citizens benefit the entire community.
- Good schools increase property value.
- Someone paid taxes so that you could have educational opportunities. Today's children deserve the same chance.

### How will this budget affect my taxes?

Based on a 3.71 % tax increase it is estimated that school taxes on a \$50,000 assessed home will increase by \$36.79 and on a \$100,000 assessed home the estimated increase will be \$73.57. (If you applied for the STAR exemption with your town assessor, it is estimated that you will pay a \$14.71 increase on a \$50,000 assessed home and a \$51.50 increase on a \$100,000 assessed home.)

### Who can vote on this budget?

In order to vote, the person must be eighteen (18) years of age, a U.S. citizen, and a resident of the District for at least thirty (30) days prior to the date of the vote.

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## HEUVELTON CENTRAL SCHOOL BUDGET NEWSLETTER

### Budget Edition for the 2012-2013 School Year



Dear Heuvelton School District Residents:

At the Board of Education Regular Meeting on March 28, 2012 the Board adopted a proposed budget for the 2012-2013 school year. The Heuvelton Central School Board is presenting to the voters a budget that will provide a strong educational program for our students and a tax levy based on a 2% tax cap. This year New York school districts are required to calculate the "maximum allowable levy limit" by which a school district can raise the levy with approval of 50 percent plus one of the voting public. To raise the levy more than the cap would require a 60 percent voter approval. The HCS Board has decided to cap the tax levy increase at the levy limit of 3.71% for the 2012-13 Proposed Budget which is based on the 2% Tax Cap formula.

Below is the amount of the total budget, the increase from this present school year and the estimated tax levy increase.

<u>Total Budget</u>	<u>Increase over 2011-2012</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Levy Increase</u>
\$12,045,147	\$507,105 or 4.4% more	3.71%
		(Based on limit of 2% Tax Cap formula)

Two candidates are running for two five-year terms for membership on the Board of Education. The candidates are: Mr. Dennis Durant and Mr. Andrew Martin.

This budget newsletter has been prepared to provide an overview of the proposed budget. If you are interested in examining the complete Proposed Three-Part Budget for the 2012-2013 School Year, you may contact District Clerk, Tessa Herron, by telephoning 344-2414, extension 3501 or visit the school's website at [www.heuvelton.schoolfusion.us](http://www.heuvelton.schoolfusion.us).

There will be a budget hearing on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-media room in which I will cover the information presented in this newsletter and be available to answer questions.

It has been a pleasure to serve as your Superintendent this year. Your continued support for the district's students and programs offered at Heuvelton Central is greatly appreciated. Please remember to vote.

Sincerely,

*Susan E. Todd, Superintendent*



**Budget Hearing, Wednesday, May 2, 2012, 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room**  
**Budget Vote, Tuesday, May 15, 2012**  
**Polls will be open from 12:00-8:00 p.m. in the Poulton Auditorium**



## THREE PART PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

### Summary of Proposed Administrative Budget

	<u>2011-2012</u>	<u>2012-2013</u>
Salaries	\$518,606	\$541,256
Benefits	302,818	299,306
Equipment	2,000	2,800
Contractual	107,415	106,004
Materials & Supplies	6,200	6,200
BOCES Services	<u>409,198</u>	<u>415,822</u>
<b>Total Administrative Budget</b>	<b>\$1,346,237</b>	<b>\$1,371,388</b>

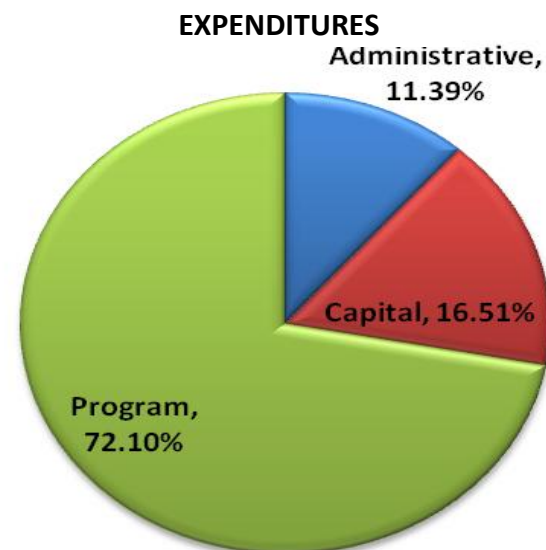
### Summary of Proposed Capital Budget

Salaries	\$184,198	\$203,045
Employee Benefits	150,061	156,205
Equipment	15,000	15,000
Contractual	461,050	403,800
Materials & Supplies	77,000	77,000
BOCES Services	11,351	11,351
Debt Service	<u>996,450</u>	<u>1,122,734</u>
<b>Total Capital Budget</b>	<b>\$1,895,110</b>	<b>\$1,989,135</b>

### Summary of Proposed Program Budget

Instruction Regular School	\$2,442,939	\$2,736,775
Special Apportionment Programs	1,431,864	1,460,012
Occupational Education	504,310	504,202
Instruction Special Schools	1,103	1,103
Instruction School Library	148,199	151,282
Instruction Computer	233,900	238,900
Guidance	182,914	182,320
Health Services	58,513	64,212
Psychological Services	55,669	57,855
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic	184,171	177,381
Pupil Transportation	553,542	567,978
Community Services	6,500	6,600
Interfund Transfers	13,000	13,000
Fringe Benefits	<u>2,480,071</u>	<u>2,523,004</u>
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	<b><u>\$8,296,695</u></b>	<b><u>8,684,624</u></b>
<b>Total Combined Budget</b>	<b>\$11,538,042</b>	<b>\$12,045,147</b>

### Budget Summary At A Glance



## ANTICIPATED REVENUES

### Revenue Sources

	<u>2011-12</u>	<u>2012-13</u>
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 600	\$ 600
Interest & Penalties on Taxes	5,000	5,000
Charges for Services	1,500	1,500
Use of Money & Property	72,000	72,000
Other Revenue	<u>70,000</u>	<u>70,000</u>
<b>Local Sources</b>	<b>\$ 149,100</b>	<b>\$ 149,100</b>
<b>State and Federal Sources</b>		
Foundation Aid, BOCES, Excess Cost	\$ 7,351,349	\$ 7,536,291
Textbook, Software, Library, Hardware Aid	<u>79,308</u>	<u>74,199</u>
<b>State &amp; Federal Sources</b>	<b>\$ 7,430,657</b>	<b>\$ 7,610,490</b>
<b>Interfund Transfers</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>	<b>\$ 100,000</b>
<b>Estimated Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$ 2,850,826</b>	<b>\$ 2,956,467</b>
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 764,459</b>	<b>\$ 932,879</b>
<b>Appropriated Reserves</b>	<b>\$ 243,000</b>	<b>\$ 296,211</b>
<b>Total Combined Revenue</b>	<b><u>\$ 11,538,042</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 12,045,147</u></b>

## 2012-2013 PROPOSITIONS

### Proposition One: School Budget

RESOLVED: That the proposed budget of expenditures of the Heuvelton Central School District for the 2012-2013 school year in the amount of \$12,045,147 and for the purposes shown in the statement of estimated expenditures adopted by the Board of Education be and the same hereby is approved and the amount thereof shall be raised by a tax upon the taxable property of the school district after first deducting monies available from State Aid and other sources as provided by Law.

### Proposition Two: Election of Two Individuals to the Board of Education

Two candidates are running for two five-year terms on the Board of Education. The candidates are: Dennis Durant and Andrew Martin.

