

Frequently Asked Questions and Comments About School Budgets:

What's in this budget for students?

The major portion (71%) 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 3.35% tax increase it is estimated that school taxes on a \$50,000 assessed home will increase by \$33.33 and on a \$100,000 assessed home the estimated increase will be \$66.67. (If you applied for the STAR exemption with your town assessor, it is estimated that you will pay a \$13.33 increase on a \$50,000 assessed home and a \$46.67 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 2013-2014 School Year



Dear Heuvelton School District Residents:

At the Board of Education Regular Meeting on March 27, 2013 the Board adopted a proposed budget for the 2013-2014 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 less than the amount allowed for the 2% tax cap. The "maximum allowable levy limit" by which our school district can raise the levy with approval of 50 percent plus one of the voting public calculated to 5.97%. The HCS Board decided to propose a 3.35% tax levy to the voters for the 2013-14 Proposed Budget which is less than 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 2012-2013</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Levy Increase</u>
\$12,505,836	\$460,689 or 3.82% more	3.35%
		(Less than the 2% Tax Cap formula)

Three candidates are running for one five-year term and one two-year term for membership on the Board of Education. The candidates are: Mrs. Darcy Backus, Mrs. Michelle McGaw and Dr. John Zeh. The candidate who receives the greatest number of votes will be appointed to a five-year term. The candidate with the second largest will serve a two-year term on the Board. Inside this newsletter you will find more information about each candidate.

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 2013-2014 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.

There will be a budget hearing on May 8th 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 8, 2013, 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Media Room
Budget Vote, Tuesday, May 21, 2013
Polls will be open from 1:00-8:00 p.m. in the Poulton Auditorium



THREE PART PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Summary of Proposed Administrative Budget

	<u>2012-2013</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
Salaries (Superintendent, MS/HS Principal, Elem. Principal/CSE Chairperson, 4 Secretaries, Building & Grounds Supervisor, Night Building & Grounds Manager & Head of Transportation)	\$541,256	\$559,601
*Benefits	299,306	330,663
Equipment	2,800	2,600
Contractual	106,004	91,834
Materials & Supplies	6,200	6,200
BOCES (Range of Services contracted through Board of Cooperative Educational Services)	<u>415,822</u>	<u>479,229</u>
Total Administrative Budget	\$1,371,388	\$1,470,127

Summary of Proposed Capital Budget

Salaries (7 Custodial Staff and Substitute custodians)	\$203,045	\$208,326
*Benefits	156,205	173,217
Equipment	15,000	15,000
Contractual	403,800	373,000
Materials & Supplies	77,000	77,000
BOCES (Services related to building operations)	11,351	11,351
Debt Service	<u>1,122,734</u>	<u>1,326,580</u>
Total Capital Budget	\$1,989,135	\$2,184,474

Summary of Proposed Program Budget

Instruction Regular School	\$2,736,775	\$2,790,273
Special Apportionment Programs	1,460,012	1,464,579
Occupational Education	504,202	481,319
Instruction Special Schools	1,103	-0-
Instruction School Library	151,282	153,480
Instruction Computer	238,900	248,900
Guidance	182,320	196,873
Health Services	64,212	47,212
Psychological Services	57,855	59,506
Co-Curricular/Interscholastic	177,381	181,675
Pupil Transportation	567,978	576,404
Community Services	6,600	6,650
Interfund Transfers	13,000	13,000
*Benefits	<u>2,523,004</u>	<u>2,631,364</u>
Total Program Budget	\$8,684,624	\$8,851,235

Total Combined Budget

\$12,045,147 **\$12,505,836**

* Benefits Include:

- ❖ Employee Retirement System Contributions (ERS)
- ❖ Teacher Retirement System Contributions (TRS)
- ❖ FICA (Federal Insurance Contribution Act) Federal tax for Social Security and Medicare
- ❖ Workers Compensation Insurance
- ❖ Unemployment Insurance
- ❖ Health Care Insurance

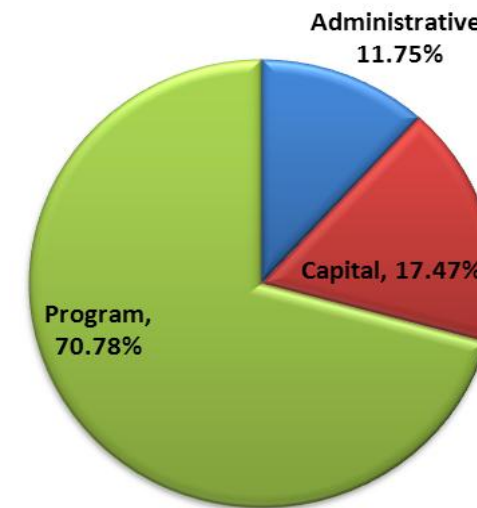
ANTICIPATED REVENUES

Revenue Sources

	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>
Other Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$ 600	\$1,000
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>
Local Sources	\$ 149,100	149,500
State and Federal Sources		
Foundation Aid, BOCES, Excess Cost	\$ 7,536,291	\$7,850,610
Textbook, Software, Library, Hardware Aid	<u>74,199</u>	<u>72,166</u>
State & Federal Sources	\$ 7,610,490	\$7,922,776
Interfund Transfers	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
Estimated Tax Levy	\$ 2,956,467	\$ 3,055,509
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 932,879	\$ 973,051
Appropriated Reserves	\$ 296,211	\$ 305,000
Total Combined Revenue	\$ 12,045,147	\$ 12,505,836

BUDGET SUMMARY AT A GLANCE

EXPENDITURES



REVENUES

