Briarcliff Manor

Union Free School District





SPECIAL BUDGET EDITION

On the Ballot for 2022-2023

THE BUDGET

- Proposed Budget: \$56,280,408
- Budget-to-Budget Increase: 4.82%
- Tax Levy Increase: 2.75%
- Complies with the State Tax Levy Cap

BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

 Two seats for a three-year term begining July1, 2022 through June 30, 2025. The two people with the highest votes each win a board seat.

VOTE

May 17, 2022 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Todd Elementary School Budget Vote and Board Candidate Election



Message from District Leadership

Dear Briarcliff UFSD Families:

As a school community, we have a great deal to be excited about. Cognizant that the pandemic is not yet over, District staff have returned to normal operations including enriched opportunities for students at every level. As we plan for the 2022-2023 school year, the question is not if but how can we engage students in the full complement of educational programs and activities? How can we leverage our new knowledge and capabilities to improve student experiences while improving educational outcomes? And how can we better engage with parents as partners in our mission to create knowledgeable, confident, and capable young adults?

In collaboration with the Board of Education, the District's leadership team has developed a budget plan that reflects our educational priorities and will improve our classrooms and building infrastructure. In addition to continuing our commitment to student social and emotional well-being K-12, the District will be introducing a new reading program at Todd, expanding opportunities in engineering, computer science and robotics at the Middle and High schools, providing new furniture to 56 classrooms and overhauling our classroom heating and cooling systems districtwide.

What will *not* change is the District's commitment to our students and their families. Through a wide array of educational programs and support for students to a robust and evolving professional development program for teachers and staff, we endeavor to surround students with opportunities to grow and provide competent and trusted professionals to help guide them along the way. Our schools have gained regional and national recognition for educational success. Success in Briarcliff, however, is best measured one student at a time.

The Briarcliff Schools continue to garner acclaim and recognition. This year, Briarcliff High School joined both Todd Elementary and the Middle School as a National Blue Ribbon School of Distinction. In addition, for the second consecutive year, BHS was named the No. 1 High School program in Westchester County. Briarcliff Middle School was named a 2021-2022 Apple School of Distinction. And Todd Elementary School was one of several schools in our region to be cited for its commitment to social and emotional learning and its integration of mindfulness practices into the classroom.



Capital Project News



- · Phase 1 bidding has been completed
- Contracts have been awarded
- Work will begin this summer

Thank you to our families and parent volunteers for your support along the way. With your help, the District will continue to provide a broad array of educational activities and a warm, supportive and joyful environment for students to learn and to grow.

The Briarcliff Manor School District is committed to a continued tradition of excellence. The proposed budget would ensure that our students continue to be engaged, challenged, supported and prepared to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Working closely with our building principals to address the goals and priorities of each of the three schools, while maintaining our overarching District philosophy, the Board of Education is presenting a budget that provides for:

- Implementation of a new and enhanced reading program at Todd.
- · New furniture in 56 classrooms districtwide.
- Expansion of engineering, computer science and robotics programing at the Middle and High school level.
- Increased social and emotional support and training for middle school students and staff.
- Overhaul of classroom HVAC systems districtwide.

Working below the New York State mandated tax levy limit, the Board of Education has adopted a budget of \$56,280,408 which represents levy increase of 2.75%. The budget vote will take place on Tuesday, May 17th. Please remember to exercise your civic responsibility and vote!

In addition to the information provided in this Newsletter, the District has created a more detailed Budget Book for your perusal. This resource represents the District's commitment to working collaboratively with the Board of Education, the community and staff in developing the proposed school budget. The Budget Book can be found on the District website or at the following link:

bit.ly/Briar-Budget22

If our priorities are in the right place and we remain committed to the success of every student, we can be confident about our future as a school community. This year's budget proposal takes into consideration the academic, emotional, and practical needs of students as well as the District's fiduciary responsibilities. Mindful of each of these critical elements, we hope to create a sustainable path for renewal, improvement, and continued success into the 2022-2023 school year and for years to come.

Very Sincerely,

Dr. James Kaishian
Superintendent of Schools

Michael Haberman
Board of Education President

Budget/Expense Summary

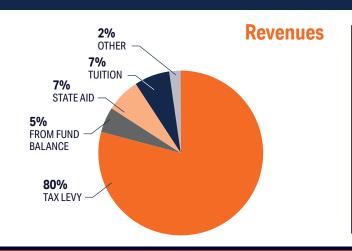
Category	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Proposed
Salaries & Benefits	\$37,012,900	\$37,167,518	\$37,672,825	\$ 39,102,435
Equipment	\$176,900	\$671,270	\$760,920	\$1,992,465
Supplies	\$1,432,000	\$1,163,617	\$961,920	\$831,487
Tuition	\$1,253,000	\$1,616,514	\$1,483,443	\$1,098,210
Contractual	\$5,704,756	\$6,154,211	\$6,833,336	\$7,105,502
BOCES Services	\$2,642,244	\$2,674,399	\$2,132,456	\$2,012,688
Debt Service	\$4,108,200	\$3,566,033	\$3,314,484	\$3,372,622
Transfers to Other Funds	\$60,000	\$68,300	\$232,899	\$115,000
Capital Projects	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$650,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$52,690,000	\$53,381,866	\$53,692,283	\$ 56,280,408

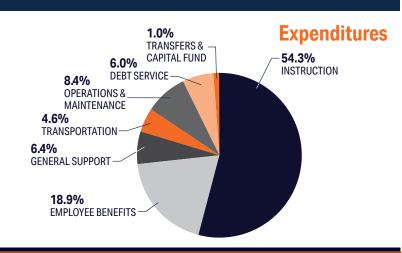
Revenue Summary

Category	2019-20 Budget	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	2022-23 Proposed
State Aid	\$4,930,500	\$4,120,454	\$4,112,436	\$3,839,013
County Sales Tax	\$440,000	\$350,000	\$690,000	\$ 690,000
Tuition & Charges for Services	\$3,898,765	\$3,979,002	\$3,914,211	\$3,826,281
Interest Earnings & Rentals	\$176,800	\$97,000	\$69,480	\$ 69,480
Other Miscellaneous	\$233,635	\$195,410	\$187,225	\$ 193,225
Interfund Transfers	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	\$9,679,700	\$8,741,866	\$8,973,352	\$8,617,999
TAX LEVY	\$41,920,000	\$43,055,000	\$43,696,931	\$ 44,898,025
ASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$1,090,300	\$1,585,000	\$1,022,000	\$ 2,764,384
GRAND TOTAL	\$52,690,000	\$53,381,866	\$53,692,283	\$ 56,280,408

2.75% Tax Levy Increase

2022-2023 Budget Revenues/Expenditures Breakdown





Briarcliff High School Highlights

BHS Received the National **Blue Ribbon Award.**

BHS was ranked **number one high school in Westchester County** for the second year in a row.

BHS introduced several new courses to the curriculum:

Project Lead the Way, Capstone and an "Ism" class, which focuses on Classism, Racism and Sexism.

The school government held a welcome Barbecue in the beginning of the year.

BHS put on the drama "The Voice of the Prairie" by John Olive.

The first pep rally in two years was held at the Stadium Field.

BHS celebrated National Red

Ribbon Week.

Briarcliff Social Worker Tim Pellegrin has been facilitating **mindfulness classes in ninth grade biology class**, through the Mindful Schools Organization.

BHS held a **send-off ceremony for several athletes**, inviting parents and siblings.

Dr. Bryant T. Marks visited the school virtually and spoke about **diversity and about implicit bias**.

The JCK Foundation visited a health class to discuss the **importance of mental health**.

Chorus, band, orchestra and dance held in-person winter and spring concerts.

Briarcliff High School members of the Special Olympics Club participated in the 2021

Westchester Polar Plunge at the Westchester Country Club in Rye, New York. The Club raised \$3,750 for this year's "Freezin for a Reason" event.

Jack Ricciardi and Matthew
Waterhouse signed letters
of intent. They will both play
Men's Lacrosse at University
of Richmond and Villanova
University, respectively. Arianna
Vizcaino signed a Letter of Intent
to play soccer for Dominican
College, where she will be
studying to become a secondary
math teacher

Sophomore Gordon Beckler and Junior Miles Wolin were selected to travel to Boston, MA to perform in the 2022 American Choral Directors Association (ACDA) High School Honors Choir of the Easter Region Conference.
BHS put on the musical "Little Shop of Horrors."

Briarcliff High School won first place at Green Level for the first time at the Siena Programming Contest.



Student Accolades

The **HOBY Award** was given to three Briarcliff High School sophomores: Gautam Gupta, Joey Berger and James (JP) Kuhn received first, second and third place, respectively.

The BHS Literary Magazine received the ESSPA Award and advisor Karen McCarthy received Advisor of the Year award.

The following students were named **National Merit Scholarship Finalists**: Emily Snider, Marina Varriano, Emmanuele Park, Riya Rao, Carolyn Calenda, Chloe Reidy, Catherine Seok, Sophia Zielinski, Erin Burns, Jessica Casper, Theodore D'Onofiro, David Hao, Jackson Lichtman, Grant Lichtman.

The following students were named **National Merit Semifinalists**: Dylan Bright, Haonan Gong, Lucas Martin, Neel Raut and former BHS student Clara Barden.

Sophomore Sofia Choudhri, a member of the school's Writers' Circle club recently won a **Gold Key in the Scholastic Writing Awards**. Shannon Lee won **Honorable Mention in the Scholastic Writing Awards**.

Scholastic Art Competion:

Senior Ben Young won a **Silver Key** for illustrating and comics, Junior Annika Bruinings won Honorable Mention for drawing. Junior Tevin Kim won one **Gold Key, Four Silver Keys and one Honorable Mention** for Photography.

Sophomore Sofia Choudhri won Third Place is this year's **Lifting Up Westchester Student Essay Contest**

Senior Logan Jones' research alongside his mentors at the University of Miami Medical School has been **published in the peerreviewed journal Cureus**

Junior Benjamin Raphael was recently selected to be one of 18 American baseball players to take part in the U.S. delegation at the **21st Maccabiah, also known as "the Jewish Olympics,"** held in Israel every year since 1932.

Briarcliff seniors Emily Snider and Ryan Hadi qualified at the **JSHS (Junior Science & Humanities Symposium)** regional competition to present their research posters at the Upstate JSHS, which was held remotely in March. Emily Snider placed first in the poster category. Her research title is "Adolescent Receptivity to COVID-19 Safety Messaging."

Senior Jack Madden was selected as the Scholastic Con Edison Sports Award winner and was interviewed on a local radio station.

BHS students participated in the Westchester Science & Engineering Fair, also known as WESEF, where the following students were recognized with special awards at the Awards Ceremony:

 Ada Hossfeld - American Meteorological Society Award and U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize

- Josh Linett U.S. Stockholm Junior Water Prize
- Waiz Mansoor U.S. Stockholm Junior
 Water Prize
 and Teatown Young Environmentalist Award
- Erin Burns Excellence in Medical Research Award
- Ben Raphael BASF Expanding Knowledge in Science Award
- Haonan Gong Momentive Solutions for a Sustainable World Award
- Cathy Seok Carl Zeiss Microscopy Award
- Ryan Hadi Community Impact AwardEmily Snider - Honorable Mention Award

The following students placed in their categories:

- Elliot Jones 4th Place in Behavioral & Social Science
- Josh Linett 4th Place in Environmental Science
- Haonan Gong 3rd Place in Biochemistry
- Ada Hossfeld 3rd Place in Environmental Science
- Jason Starr 3rd Place in Computational Bio/Bioinformatics
- Ryan Hadi 2nd Place in Behavioral & Social Science

Briarcliff Middle School

- BMS received an Apple Distinguished **School Designation.**
- · The school introduced several new enrichment courses this year, including Project Lead the Way mini courses in grades seven (Medical Detectives) and eight (The Science of Technology). The school also added new opportunities for coding, world culture and social studies enrichment.
- · Seventh graders visited Teatown Reservation.
- Several BMS seventh graders participated in a virtual leadership conference recently given by the Human Rights Institute for Middle School.
- · Seventh graders raised over 100 brook trout in Jessica Loprieno's science class, as part of the "Trout in the Classroom" program.
- The Student Council held the Souper Bowl
- An art show, featuring art and computer art made by BMS students, was held at the **Briarcliff Manor Public Library**
- Student council organized spirit days throughout the year. This included the hugely popular Ugly Sweater Day on December 17.
- The school held a virtual talent show in April.

- The Greenhouse club organized a coat drive in November.
- In February's Mathletes competition, seventh grader Juliana Wang ranked 14 out of 99 participants from Westchester County. Eighth grader Ava Wu ranked 18 and eighth grader Matthew Epstein ranked 21.
- Students learned about Dia de la Muerte in late October. Seventh graders created "ofrendas" and sixth graders had a special day that included the movie "Coco" and enjoyed churros y chocolate.
- The school updated its Technology course in the related arts cycle with Design and Modeling. The course teaches the engineering process while students create "prototypes" to support children with cerebral palsy. This brings in the opportunity to build empathy.
- The school added a new sixth grade course in the related arts cycle called Movement for All.
- · The school featured a different theme for each month built around SEL. In November. the guidance counselor invited students to write **notes of gratitude** to others.



Students wrote many notes and they were all delivered to the intended recipients.

- The school held two parent "Coffee Hour" meetings via the PTA. Most recently, the topic was around ways to keep our students safe. (The slides are on the website under School Information > School Presentations.)
- In addition to the art show at the public library, art teacher Jessica Dubin recently hung a display of students' paintings on the theme of "people moving" in response to the refugee crisis in Ukraine.

Todd Elementary School

- Fifth graders participated in Chalk the Walk and used chalk to create Halloween-themed artwork.
- · Fourth and fifth graders held their first live music concert in two years in the Todd Cafeteria during lunch.
- Author and illustrator Brian Pinkney visited second and third graders virtually and shared some of his favorite illustrations with the students.
- Kindergarten students had a live demonstration by the Briarcliff Fire Department.
- Todd Elementary hired a new in-house STEAM teacher, Amira Lahlouh.
- First graders had an online BOCES program about animals in winter.
- · Students celebrated Big Apple Crunch and

- ate delicious apples to create awareness about New York State Apples.
- · Award-winning children's author Erin **Entrada Kelly** visited fourth and fifth graders virtually and shared her books and writing process with the students.
- The entire school participated in Kindness Week in February.
- · Todd students have been enjoying their new GaGa pit - a legacy gift from last year's fifth graders who moved on to Briarcliff Middle School. The school installed a rubber mat to make playing more comfortable.
- Todd Held the **Souper Bowl food drive**.
- Author Juana Martinez-Neal visited kindergartners and first graders in person. This was the first in-person author visit at the school in over two years.



- Students celebrated "Read Across America" by reading their favorite books individually, with partners or with the entire class.
- Todd students participated in the "National **Healthy Heart Challenge."**
- · Todd fourth and fifth graders held a spring concert for band, orchestra and chorus.



Briarcliff Athletics Highlights

Varsity Cheerleading

- Caitlin Bombassei All League
- Clare Honsberger All League

Varsity Girls Cross Country

- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team
- Devin Franks All League
- Emma Dolgin All League Lauren Isbell All League
- Caroline Pastore All League
- Ann Pastore All league
- Serena Xu All League Suraya Chalabi – All League

Varsity Boys Cross Country - League **Champions- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team**

- Giovanni Culotta All State/All League/All County/ All Section/All State/Federation Qualifier
- Josh Linett All League
- Luke Dennis All League Kyle Phillips All League
- Tristan Rutman All League Kornel Smith All League
- Coby Rinke All League

Varsity Field Hockey

- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

- Gianna Galiani All League
- Shennah Preble All League Stephanie Taranto All League Honorable Mention

Varsity Football

- Jayden Amador All League
- Adam Harris All League Michael Rebisz All League
- Brandon Rispoli All Conference/All League Jaylen Savage All League
- Desmond Saw All League

Varsity Girls Basketball

All Section/All League/League

Player of the Year - Catherine

All Conference/All League -

All League – Rebecca Kratz

- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete

Varsity Boys Basketball

League Champions

Section One Runner-Up

All State/All Conference/All

All State/All Conference/All

Section/All League - Jayden

Section/All League/MVP - Luke

All Conference/All League – Elliot

Isabel Costa Scholar Athlete Award/

• Eliza Aldrich – All League Honorable

- NYSPHSAA Scholar

Caroline Barbalato

Athlete Team

Carrafiello

Team

Varsity Boys Soccer

- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

- Kevin Callaghan All League Tyler Cho All State/League MVP/All Section/All League
- Sam Fash All Section Honorable Mention/All League
- Giulian Greco All League
 Elliot Jones All League Honorable Mention
- Ethan Klar All League Honorable Mention
 Miles Prosperino All League Honorable Mention
 Atti Smith All League Honorable Mention

Varsity Girls Soccer

- League Champions/Class B Finalists
- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

League Coach of the Year – David Villalobos League Player of the Year (MVP) – Arianna

- Arianna Vizcaino All State/All Section/All League
- Talia Fante All League Sophia Zielinski All Section Honorable Mention/ All League
- Dylan Žednik All Section/All League
- Gabriella Chioccola All League
- Sora Marable All League Eliza Aldrich All-League Honorable Mention
- Rebecca Kratz All-League Honorable Mention
 Arianna Vizcaino All-Section
 Dylan Zednik All-Section

- Tália Fante All-Section Honorable Mention
- Sophia Zielinski All Section Honorable Mention

Varsity Girls Swimming

- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team
- Annabelle Kung All State/All Section/All League
- Katie Lynch All State/All League
- Hannah Melnick All State

Varsity Bowling - NYSPHSAA

• NYS Regional Qualifier - 7th Place

John Jay Competition – 3rd Place

UCS HS Nationals Competition

Varsity Gymnastics - NYSPHSAA

All State/All Section/All League/

Varsity Ice Hockey - NYSPHSAA

Qualified for States - Mariam Abud-

in Small GameDay Division

New Rochelle Competition

Scarsdale Competition

Eastchester Competition

- Preliminary Finalist

Scholar Athlete Team

Scholar Athlete Team

League Champions

& Earned a Bid to UCA HS Nationals

Scholar Athlete Team Qualified & Competed at

Varsity Cheerleading

Sectionals

- 3rd Place

- 3rd Place

1st Place

Chalita

Briarcliff has 8 Student-Athletes Moving on to Play Collegiate Athletics

Ursula Ott – All State/All Section/All League

Varsity Girls Tennis - League Champions

- NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team
- Riva Rao All Section/All League
- Ali Giardini All League
- Rosie Swidler All League Paige Mischenko All League
- Diana Jones All League
- Caroline Stone All League Honorable Mention
 Ava Swidler All League Honorable Mention

Girls Volleyball - League Champions/Class B Finalists - NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Team

- Olivia Walters All State/All Section/All Conference/All League
- Kailyn Reilly All Section/All Conference/All League
- Isabelle Rallis All Section/All Conference/All
- Jamie Dean All Conference/All League
- Ruby Navarro All League



- Kevin Callaghan All State/Section One
- Runner Up, 300, 600, 4x400 Relay Suraya Chalabi

Athlete Team

- 55, 4x400 Meter Relay
- Michael Cherubini 4x800 Relay
- Giovanni Culotta 3200
- Luke Dennis 4x800 Relay
- Alex DiMartino 4x200 Relay
- Emma Dolgin 4x800 Relay
- Conor Duperrouzel 4x200 Relay
- Devin Franks 4x800 Relay
- Zoe Franks 4x800 Relau
- Chloe Gurreri 4x400 Relay
- Max Horgan 4x200 Relay Lauren Isbell – 4x800 Relay
- Diana Jones 4x400 Relay
- Rian Kelmendi Shotput
- Hudson Ludwig 4x400 Relay Will McLay 55, 4x200 Relay
- **Kyle Phillips**
- -600, 1000, 4x800 Relay
- Dan Satran 4x200 Relay
- Kornel Smith 1600, 4x800 Relay
- Serena Xu 4x400 Relay

Varsity Skiing - NYSPHSAA **Scholar Athlete Team**

 All State/All Section/All League/ Qualified for States - Kate Kaplan

Varsity Squash - NYSPHSAA **Scholar Athlete Team**

Boys Squash – National Champions

Varsity Boys Swimming/Diving - NYSPHSAA Scholar **Athlete Team**

- Record 3 & 6
- 6th Place at Conference Meet
- 7th Place at Section One Meet
- All State/All Section/All League Swimming in 200 IM & 100 Backstroke at NYS Championship Meet/Section One Sportsmanship Award – Jack Madden
- Con Edison Scholar Athlete - Jack Madden

• All League - Ben Siegel

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Briarcliff Celebrates

The Briarcliff Manor Union Free District has been busy creating a school environment that reflects our diverse backgrounds and cultures



In honor of Martin Luther King Jr.'s birthday, members of the Student Coalition for Human Dignity at Briarcliff High School used chalk to write inspiring quotes and messages, as well as names of famous human rights activists on the sidewalk in front of the school.



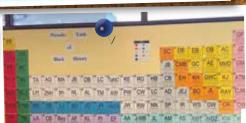
Fourth-graders created dioramas and artifacts about Native Americans of the Eastern Woodlands, whose history goes back as far as 800 B.C..



Seventh graders in Johanna Foster's Spanish class created "ofrendas" (altars) for famous Hispanic people as they celebrated the Mexican holiday "Dia de los Muertos," or Day of the Dead. They also created festive "máscaras" (masks) and "esqueletos" (skeletons) and brought in food samples such as "el Pan de los Muertos" (bread of the dead).



Members of Briarcliff Middle School International Club enjoyed presentations of various martial arts in honor of the Chinese Lunar New Year. Students taught club members about the origins of Karate, Taekwondo and Jiu Jitsu, as well as how to move up belts and earn stripes. Members also learned about food and traditional music and dance



In honor of Black History Month, science teacher Shaniece Mosley created a large display of the period table of Black History. It include a short description of the person and a QR code for each of the "ele ments" so that students can scan with their phones and learn more



Members of the Briarcliff High School Asian Club celebrated Holi. the Indian Festival of Colors. After learning about the holiday, which

International Transgender Day of Visibility March 31, 2022

GENDER ATTRIBUTION

Third-graders in Therese Verderosa's class were inspired to dream big by the legacy and words of Martin Luther King's Jr. In honor of his birthday, they came up with their own messages to the world. "Dr King chose love over fighting. As educators, we have a chance to be a part of the bigger picture, the bigger message," Ms. Verderosa said.







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GENDER

SEX ASSIGNED AT BIRTH Transgender

wore green shirts and had fun activities on St. Patrick's Day.



Everyone is a little Irish on St. Patrick's Day! Todd students



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VOTING INFORMATION

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Budget Vote & Board Candidate Election May 17, 2022

To vote on May 17, 2022 you must be:

- · A United States citizen.
- 18 years of age or older.
- A resident within the district for a period of 30 days immediately prior to the vote.
- A registered voter of the district and or a registered voter of Westchester County whose name appears on the list supplied by the Westchester County Board of Elections as having voted in a national, state or county election during the past four calendar years.
- For information please call
 District Clerk at (914) 432-8130.