

WYOMING CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET NEWSLETTER 2023-2024



Message from Emily Herman, Superintendent of Schools

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all of our stakeholders for a truly successful year. It has been an incredible journey filled with challenges and triumphs, and it would not have been possible without the dedication and hard work of our amazing students, teachers, staff, parents, and community members. Your unwavering support, commitment to excellence, and collaborative efforts have made all the difference. I am incredibly proud of what we have achieved together, and I look forward to building upon this momentum as we continue to strive for even greater success in the year to come. Thank you for all that you do!

Programming Highlights:

I am excited to share several updates on the progress we have made in improving our school's educational practices. One of the areas we have focused on is the implementation of data team meetings and the rollout of the Response to Intervention process.

Data team meetings provide an opportunity for our teachers to come together and analyze student data to better understand their strengths and weaknesses. These meetings enable us to identify areas where our students are excelling and areas where they need additional support. By analyzing data regularly, we can ensure that we are meeting the unique needs of each of our students.

The Response to Intervention (RTI) process provides a framework for identifying students who are struggling academically or behaviorally and creating an individualized plan to support their success. This process ensures that our students receive the interventions and support they need to reach their full potential.

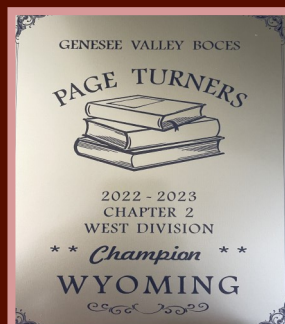
We are committed to creating an environment where all of our students can thrive. By implementing data team meetings and the RTI process, we are taking a significant step towards achieving that goal.

Additionally, we are delighted to announce that we will be increasing our current PreK program to a full day beginning September 2023. This decision has been made possible through a grant that will fully fund this program. This extended program will allow our youngest students to receive additional instruction, resources, and support, which will lay the foundation for their future academic success.

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Public Hearing:

Date: May 4, 2023
6:00 pm
School Cafeteria



Budget Vote:

Date: May 16, 2023
9:00 am - 9:00 pm
School Front Hall

Absentee ballots may be returned by mail or in person.
Absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk
by 5:00 pm on May 16, 2023 in order to be counted.

Wyoming CSD welcomed our first resource officer to our school community this year. They work directly with school administrators and staff to enable a safe learning environment, and act as a resource for students, staff, and community. Officer McGinnis serves as a liaison between WyomingCSD and our local police department. He provides essential on-campus safety, informal student mentoring, and provides resources to classroom teachers. Officer McGinnis helps to maintain a safe and secure learning environment for all of our students, staff, and visitors. We believe the presence of a resource officer will continue to be a valuable asset to our school community and we welcome him to our team.

Federal Stimulus:

I am excited to share an update on how the Wyoming Central School has been utilizing the federal stimulus monies to improve our school environment and support our students and staff.

One of the areas where we have invested these funds is in updating our classroom and cafeteria furniture. This has allowed us to create a more safe, comfortable, and engaging learning environment for our students. By providing students with efficient and modern furniture, we are enhancing their learning experiences and improving their overall academic performance.

We have provided professional development opportunities for our staff members to ensure that they have the necessary skills and knowledge to support our students' academic and personal growth. These training sessions have covered topics such as classroom management strategies, differentiated instruction, and technology integration.

We have established after-school academic labs to provide our students with additional learning support. These labs are staffed by certified teachers and are designed to offer students extra practice and help with their homework.

We are proud of the investments we have made with the federal stimulus monies, and we are confident that they will have a positive impact on our students and staff.

Capital Outlay Project:

The 2022-2023 \$100,000 project was completed when we replaced HVAC units within our bus garage. The HVAC and lighting will allow the district to maintain a safe and healthy building for all occupants. The new HVAC equipment and new LED lighting will be more efficient and economical for the district..

Budget for Wyoming 2023-2024:

On March 30, 2023 the Wyoming Central Board of Education approved, for your consideration, the proposed 2023-2024 School Budget of \$6,199,959 for the 2023-2024 academic year, with a 2.5% tax levy increase.

Our school district is committed to providing the highest quality education to our students, helping every student excel academically, socially, and emotionally. The budget has been formulated with this goal in mind, ensuring that we can maintain our current programs, enhance and develop new programs, as well as recruit and retain highly qualified teachers and staff among other essential initiatives.

The proposed budget of \$6,199,959 reflects our commitment to maintaining a balance between the investment in critical educational programs and resources while keeping to our responsibility to taxpayers. The district remains committed to ensuring that our students are not left out of essential programs and resources.

We believe that the proposed budget is essential and will ensure our students can receive the highest quality education possible, prepare them well for the future and help them achieve their full potential.

I encourage you to participate in the upcoming school board meetings when we will discuss the budget proposal further. These meetings will provide an opportunity to ask any questions or express concerns that you may have regarding the budget.

On behalf of the entire school district, I want to extend a sincere thank you to Joelle Stroud, District Treasurer, for her outstanding work as our district treasurer. Her tireless efforts in creating a fiscally responsible budget have allowed us to provide our students with the highest quality education possible. Joelle's contributions have been instrumental in our success and we are grateful for her expertise.

Please review the information in this newsletter and I invite you to join us for the school budget public meeting on May 4, 2023 at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria.

Thank you for investing in our students!

Emily Herman,
Superintendent of Schools



MEET THE CANDIDATES

Kaitlyn Bush

I am a long time resident of Wyoming. I currently live in the district with my husband, Travis, our two daughters, Ellie and Amelia, and our dog, Lucy. I graduated from 8th grade in Wyoming in 2003, before then attending Pavilion for high school. Wyoming Central School has always held a special place in my heart, as the place where I began my learning and created lifelong friendships. I work as a school based Speech-Language Pathologist serving students in kindergarten through 5th grade. I am currently finishing my first 5 year term on the board of Education. While my occupation allows me to see education through the lens of a school employee, my time on the Wyoming Board of Education has given me the opportunity learn and view school procedures and operations through an additional lens. I think that both views have served me well as a member of the Board of Education. My time on the Board has also given me the opportunity to support the beginning of the Preschool program at Wyoming and I enjoy seeing its success and growth. If elected, I look forward to continuing to support our school and community to make Wyoming Central an excellent place for both my own children and your children. I thank the community for this opportunity.

Barry True

I am re-running for a position on the School Board. I have been a very active member of the board for 12 previous years. I am re-running to continue serving as an advocate for the students, staff, and the District.

I have learned the two main factors in determining one's success is determination and the will to succeed. I started working for Monroe Ambulance in 1998, earning my Paramedic Certification from Erie Community College 1990. I moved into the Wyoming Central School District in the year 2000. From 2006 to now my kids have attended Wyoming Central School. As a board member I have held several positions. I was a past President, Vice President, and sat on every committee. I was on the board during 3 different Superintendent searches.

My experience and knowledge as a board member has led me to create better opportunities for students, staff, and the district. Please come on out and vote.

Thank you.



CAPITAL OUTLAY EXCEPTION PROJECT

NYS Law provides that a district may receive building aid in the following aid year for one project each year in the district not exceeding \$100,000. Voter authorization for these projects is obtained by inclusion of funding in the budget presented to and approved by the voters; such must be paid by budget appropriation. Districts may not use borrowed money for these projects. Project components planned for the proposed budget for 2023-2024 include site improvements such as asphalt pavement, sidewalk replacements, and building envelope improvements.

Voting Procedures

How do I sign in? On the day of the vote between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm, go to the sign in table where you will be required to sign your name and township in which you reside. You will also be asked for the correct spelling of your name, and your address by our election workers. Our Election Workers also reserve the right to ask for a photo ID.

Where and how do I complete the ballot?

At the sign-in table, you will be given a paper ballot and privacy sleeve and then instructed to go to a privacy booth. Once at the privacy booth, review the paper ballot, and make your selection using the pen provided. Be sure to place a ☒ or ☒ in the square. Select either yes or no for each proposition and select two (2) candidates you would like to see on the Board of Education. After you have finished filling out the ballot, place your folded ballot in the ballot box.

If you have any problems on the day of the vote, please see one of the Election Workers at the main table. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Norton, District Clerk at 585-495-6222 or via email at nnorton@wyomingcsd.org

Annual Budget Referendum 2023-2024

What's on the ballot?

PROPOSITION #1: Annual Budget

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Wyoming Central School District shall be authorized to expend the amount of \$6,199,959.00, to meet the expenditures for the fiscal year 2023-2024, AND FURTHER that said Board of Education shall be authorized to levy and collect a tax upon taxable property of the School District in an amount necessary therefore.

PROPOSITION #2: Board Elections

RESOLVED, to elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for two (2) five (5) year terms commencing July 1, 2023 and expiring on June 30, 2028 to succeed Kaitlyn Bush and Barry True, whose terms expire on June 30, 2023. All board positions are at-large.

Vote for two (2):

☐ Kaitlyn Bush

☐ Barry True

_____ Write-In Candidate

_____ Write-In Candidate

PROPOSITION #3: Authorization to establish 2023 Building Capital Reserve Fund

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

YES ☐ NO ☐ **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Wyoming Central School District, Wyoming County, New York, is authorized to establish a capital reserve fund in accordance with New York State Education Law Section 3651 to be known as the "2023 Building Capital Reserve Fund." The purpose of such fund shall be used to finance, in whole or in part, the construction, reconstruction, additions, alterations, renovations, and improvement of school buildings and facilities and the acquisition and installation of machinery, equipment, apparatus, or furnishings and costs incidental thereto, such capital costs being of a type that would be eligible for financing under the Local Finance law. The ultimate amount of such fund shall not exceed Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$750,000.00) plus earnings thereon. The probable term of such reserve fund shall be 10 years, but said fund shall continue in existence for its stated purpose until the fund is exhausted or otherwise liquidated in accordance with the Education Law. The source of monies to be paid into such reserve fund shall include: (a) current and future unappropriated fund balance from the General Fund of the District as directed by the Board of Education; (b) any appropriations authorized by the voters from time to time; (c) New York State Aid received and authorized by the Board of Education; and (d) fund balances transferred from other reserve funds of the District, as authorized by law.

PROPOSITION #4: Authorization to withdraw from the existing “2020 Vehicle, Machinery, & Equipment Purchase Capital Reserve Fund”

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

YES ☐ NO ☐ **RESOLVED**, that the Board of Education of the Wyoming Central School District is hereby authorized to withdraw from the existing “2020 Vehicle, Machinery, & Equipment Purchase Capital Reserve Fund” a sum of money not to exceed One Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$160,000.00) and to expend such funds for the purchase of a 65 passenger school bus, such withdrawal to be made only to the extent that budgetary appropriations are not sufficient to fund such purchase.

PROPOSITION #5: Wyoming Free Circulating Library Association

Shall the following resolution be adopted?

YES ☐ NO ☐ **RESOLVED**, shall the sum raised by annual levy of a tax upon the taxable real property within the Wyoming Central School District for the purpose of funding a portion of the operating expenses of the Wyoming Free Library Association be increased by Two Thousand dollars (\$2,000.00) from the annual amount of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Five dollars (\$41,495.00) to the annual amount of Forty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$43,495.00) commencing with the 2023-2024 school year?



You're off to Great Places!
Today is YOUR day!
Your mountain is waiting,
so...get on your way!
-- Dr. Seuss

Three-Part Budget Summary

Proposed Program Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Increase / (Decrease)	Percent of Program Budget	Percent of Total Budget
General Education ⁽¹⁾	1,503,199	1,422,265	(80,934)	34.45%	22.93%
Programs for Students with Disabilities ⁽²⁾	999,501	936,290	(63,211)	22.90%	15.10%
Career and Technical Education	113,580	127,725	14,145	2.60%	2.06%
Teaching Special Schools	1,851	2,788	937	0.04%	0.04%
Library and Computer Technology ⁽³⁾	28,559	86,556	57,997	0.65%	1.40%
Pupil Services	279,454	292,513	13,059	6.40%	4.72%
Interscholastic Athletics	18,703	25,375	6,672	0.43%	0.41%
Transportation Services	516,961	536,073	19,112	11.85%	8.65%
Community Programs	3,500	3,500	0	0.08%	0.06%
Employee Benefits	876,541	896,067	19,526	20.08%	14.45%
Transfers	22,500	27,500	5,000	0.52%	0.44%
TOTAL	4,364,349	4,356,652	(7,697)	100%	70.26%

(1) Teacher salaries; retirement and federal funding of UPK

(2) Decrease in students expected to attend BOCES special education programs

(3) Addition of full-time Director of Technology, which replaces services previously received through BOCES

Proposed Capital Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Increase / (Decrease)	Percent of Capital Budget	Percent of Total Budget
Operations and Buildings	297,181	296,766	(415)	32.56%	4.79%
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds ⁽¹⁾	263,616	120,606	(143,010)	13.23%	1.95%
Refund of Property Taxes	2,000	2,000	0	0.22%	0.03%
Bus Purchases ⁽²⁾	85,000	160,000	75,000	17.55%	2.58%
Debt Service	113,969	121,219	7,250	13.30%	1.96%
Employee Benefits	108,912	110,911	1,999	12.17%	1.79%
Transfers ⁽³⁾	100,000	100,000	0	10.97%	1.61%
TOTAL	970,678	911,502	(59,176)	100.00%	14.71%

(1) Decrease in purchase of classroom furniture and anticipated repairs to pavement at bus garage

(2) We intend to purchase a 65 passenger diesel engine school bus. The price of a large bus has increased 40% in two years.

(3) \$100k to be used for a capital outlay exception project in the 2023-24 fiscal year

Proposed Administrative Budget	2022-23 Budget	2023-24 Proposed	Increase / (Decrease)	Percent of Admin Budget	Percent of Total Budget
Board of Education	20,288	20,770	482	2.23%	0.34%
Central Administration	179,971	190,128	10,157	20.40%	3.07%
Finance and Central Services ⁽¹⁾	399,183	450,357	51,174	48.33%	7.26%
School Administration	53,976	53,390	(586)	5.73%	0.86%
Employee Benefits	193,799	217,160	23,361	23.31%	3.50%
TOTAL	847,217	931,805	84,588	100.00%	15.03%

(1) Increase in Business Office personnel; no longer leasing services from another district

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TOTAL PROPOSED BASIC BUDGET	6,182,244	6,199,959	17,715		100%
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What is the Three-Part Budget?

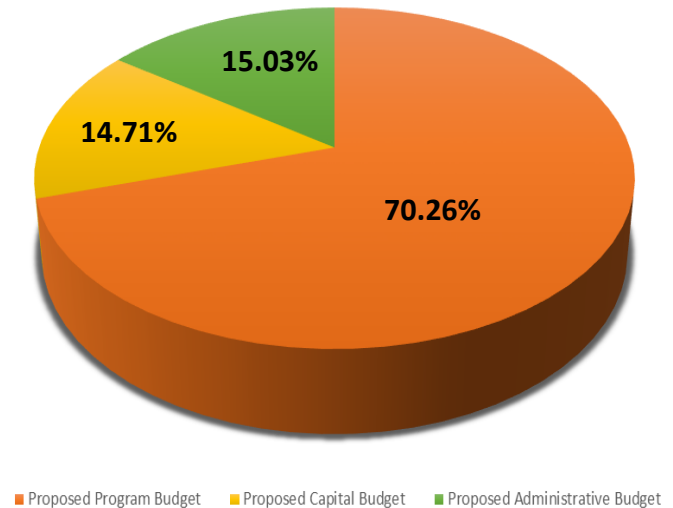
New York State law requires that all school districts present the proposed budget in three parts: Program, Capital and Administrative. The law also states that the Three-Part Budget must exclude any propositions or voter-authorized adjustment.

The Program component of the proposed budget includes expenses associated with our instructional program, teacher salaries and benefits, transportation costs, special education, legal services, and community services.

The Capital component contains building and grounds maintenance, custodial services, utilities, administrative services, tax refunds and judgments, capital expenses, and debt services.

The Administrative component includes costs associated with running the Superintendent's/Principal's Office, Board of Education expenditures, finance/legal services, and personnel.

Percent of Total Budget Information



Voter Qualifications

In order to participate in the voting process, you must be...

- ☒ A United States citizen;
- ☒ At least 18 years old;
- ☒ A resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the voting date.

Absentee Ballot Information

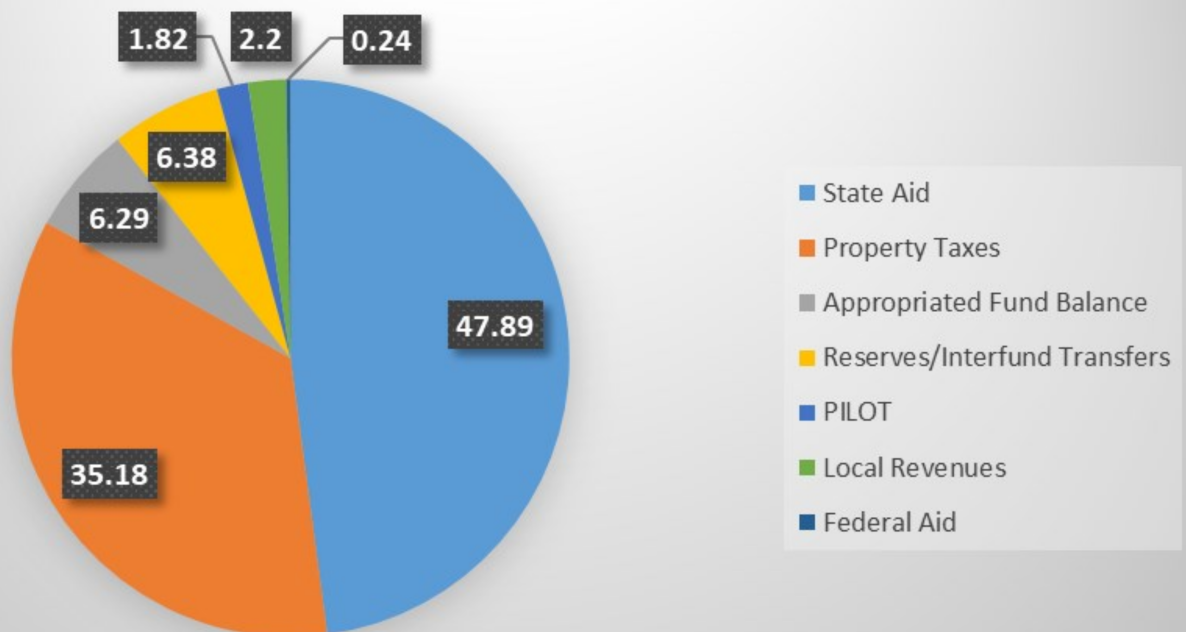
Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained from the District Clerk during school hours. The completed application for an absentee ballot must be received by the District Clerk at least seven days prior to the election if the ballot is to be mailed, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be issued in person.

The District Clerk must receive completed absentee ballots no later than 5:00 pm on Tuesday, May 16, 2023.

Projected Revenues

	Budgeted 2022-2023	Proposed 2023-24	2023-24 Increase / (Decrease)	2023-24 Percent Change	2023-24 Percent of Budget
Local Revenues (tuition, fees, rentals, interest, miscellaneous)	118,500	136,400	17,900	15.11%	2.20%
Property Taxes	2,128,020	2,181,220	53,200	2.50%	35.18%
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	111,232	113,000	1,768	1.59%	1.82%
State Aid	2,869,621	2,968,515	98,894	3.45%	47.89%
Federal Aid	20,000	15,000	(5,000)	(25.00)%	0.24%
Reserves/Interfund Transfers	394,871	395,824	953	0.24%	6.38%
Appropriated Fund Balance	540,000	390,000	(150,000)	(27.78)%	6.29%
Total Projected Revenues	6,182,244	6,199,959	17,715	0.29%	100.00%

Projected Revenues



Property Tax Report Card

Wyoming CSD #671002

	Budgeted 2022-23	Proposed 2023-24
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	6,182,244	6,199,959
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount ⁽¹⁾	2,128,020	2,181,220
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	0	0
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable ⁽²⁾	0	0
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable	0	0
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	2,128,020	2,181,220
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	0	0
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions ⁽³⁾	2,154,741	2,211,216
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	2,128,020	2,181,220
I. Difference: (G-H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval) ⁽²⁾	26,721	29,996
PUBLIC SCHOOL ENROLLMENT	147	142
CONSUMER PRICE INDEX	4.70%	8.00%

(1) Include any prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

(2) Tax levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion under the School Tax Levy Limit and may affect voter approval requirements.

(3) For 2023-24, include any carryover from 2022-23 and exclude any tax levy for library debt or prior year reserve for excess tax levy, including interest.

	Actual 2022-2023	Estimated 2023-24
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	2,858,203	3,247,800
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	543,255	415,000
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	246,364	247,998
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	4.00%	4.00%

The WCS Drama Club



Wyoming CSD Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal

	Budget Adopted for the 2022-23 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2023-24 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$6,182,244	\$6,199,959	\$5,890,009
Increase/(Decrease) for the 2023-2024 School Year		\$17,715	(\$292,235)
Percentage Increase/(Decrease) in Proposed Budget		.29%	(4.73%)
Change in Consumer Price Index		8.0%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$2,128,020	\$2,181,220	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable**	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A+B+C-D)	\$2,128,020	\$2,181,220	\$2,128,020
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$0	\$0	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$2,154,741	\$2,211,216	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E-B-F+D)	\$2,128,020	\$2,181,220	
I. Difference: G-H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval — See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$26,721	\$29,996	
Administrative Component	\$847,217	\$931,805	\$855,255
Program Component	\$4,364,349	\$4,356,652	\$4,418,252
Capital Component	\$970,678	\$911,502	\$616,502
*Equipment and bus purchases, as well as transfers to the capital fund for capital construction projects, have been eliminated to arrive at a contingent budget.			
**List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)	Description		Amount
	Library Proposition		\$43,495
	(vote to increase library levy by \$2,000, from \$41,495 to \$43,495)		

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2023-24 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$443 - \$467

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2023-24 by the qualified voters of the Wyoming Central School District, Wyoming County, New York will be held at the school in said district on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 between the hours of 9:00 am and 9:00 pm, prevailing time in the Wyoming Central School District, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by paper voting ballot.

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

What should be the new face of Wyoming Central School?

The Wyoming...

- ☐ Eagles
- ☐ Hawks
- ☐ Maple Leafs
- ☐ Wolverines
- ☐ Wolves



(Come on out for the Budget Vote
and then cast your vote for our new mascot.
The above final selections are only listed
in alphabetical order)



5/16 - Budget Day PTO Fundraiser

*Is there really a greater way
to help support your children
and their teachers
than buying yourself **ice cream**?!*

PTO has
arranged for the
Yummies
Icecream Truck
to be here at WCS
between
6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
May 16th
Budget Day



Come join us at the **WCS Spring Concerts**

3rd & 4th Grade
May 16th @ 6:30

Middle School
May 18th @ 6:30



Keeping you in the know...



Proposed 2023-24 Bus Purchase

New York State's enacted fiscal year 2022-2023 budget included a requirement that all school district purchases or leases of new vehicles for pupil transportation must be zero-emission by July 1, 2027, and that all such vehicles in operation must be zero-emission by 2035. The District is aware of the challenges these mandates create, and is working with consultants to ensure that it can meet the requirements with as little financial impact to its taxpayers as possible. At this time the District believes it is in the best financial interest for the taxpayers to continue to purchase gas and diesel engine vehicles as long as possible. Therefore, we have budgeted for a diesel engine bus to be purchased in the 2023-24 fiscal year.

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