



2024-25 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

The Green Island Union Free School District is proposing a \$8.69 million school budget that will be supported with a 5.79% tax levy increase. This levy amount is within the legal tax cap and would only increase local share of approximately \$86 per \$100,000 home.

This budget proposal aims to sustain our educational programming and extracurricular activities despite the loss of funding from our improvement efforts by maximizing efficiencies to reduce costs across various departments. This proposal strategically allocates program resources

while reducing our administrative costs. Our budget aligns closely with the district's mission of optimizing engagement among all school community members to help students reach their maximum potential.

It encompasses the necessary resources for the district to sustain programs and services that challenge students academically, build skills for success beyond Heatly, strengthen relationships with families, and enrich the overall Heatly experience.

Furthermore, the district continues to focus on long-term financial planning in order to maintain programs and services

and stabilize the tax levy for Green Island residents. Historically, budgets were reduced from the previous school years to lessen the community tax burden. Rising costs over the years, cannot be sustained without going out at a modest tax levy increase or the district would face a significant increase in the next few years that would require a supermajority vote.

“This year, our budget allows us to continue offering students a complete and comprehensive education with a multitude of opportunities. We aim to extend current programming and enhance the learning experience for all students.”

Daniel Kalbfliesh

Acting Superintendent of Schools



- **TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2-8 P.M.**
- **SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

BUDGET AT-A-GLANCE

- ▶ **2024-25 Proposed Budget**
\$8,696,054
- ▶ **Spending Increase**
\$552,342
- ▶ **Tax Levy Increase**
\$232,172

BOARD OF EDUCATION

There are three Board trustee vacancies to be filled at this year's vote:

- School Trustee – three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2024 – last incumbent – Andrea Ryan
- School Trustee – three (3) year and forty-one (41) day term commencing May 21, 2024 - last incumbent – Heather Johnson
- School Trustee - two (2) year and forty-one (41) day term commencing May 21, 2024 - last incumbent – Christina Nolet

ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

- The new Early Mail Voter Act, effective Jan. 1, 2024, allows for early voting. For information, contact District Clerk Angela Legault at alegault@greenisland.org.
- Qualified voters may request an absentee ballot by contacting District Clerk Angela Legault at alegault@greenisland.org or (518) 273-1422 ext. 7.
- A qualified voter is defined as: a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age, and a resident of the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.
- Completed absentee ballots must be received by the district by 5 p.m., on May 21. Ballots can be mailed, returned to the Main Office or placed in the secure dropbox at the back door entrance.



School District Budget Notice

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL				
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	Budget Adopted for the 2023-24 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2024-25 School Year*	
Increase/Decrease for the 2024-25 School Year	\$8,143,712	\$8,696,054	\$8,463,881	
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		\$552,342	\$320,169	
Change in the Consumer Price Index		6.78%	3.93%	
		4.12%		
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$4,010,000	\$4,242,172		
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)	\$4,010,000	\$4,242,172	\$4,010,000	
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$322,031	\$380,577		
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$3,687,969	\$3,861,595		
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$3,687,969	\$3,861,595		
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions)**	\$0	\$0		
Administrative Component	\$728,768	\$642,569	\$625,480	
Program Component	\$6,333,035	\$6,838,973	\$6,713,889	
Capital Component	\$1,081,909	\$1,214,512	\$1,124,512	

*Under state law, boards of education may submit a budget to voters a maximum of two times. Upon the defeat of the proposed budget, The Board of Education may adopt a contingent budget, in which the tax levy amount shall not exceed the amount of the previous year. The adoption of such a budget would require reductions in staffing, materials, supplies, equipment, public use of the building, and other expenditures.

**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)

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2024-25 School Year	
	Description	Amount
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	N/A	N/A
		\$526.00

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2024-25 by the qualified voters of the Green Island Union Free School District, Albany County, New York, will be held at Heatly School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2023 between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., prevailing time in the Heatly School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot. Voters must be a U.S. citizen, 18 years of age, and a resident of Green Island for 30 days.

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

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