

Dear Neighbor,

On **Tuesday, May 16th**, you will have the opportunity to vote on the 2023-2024 Town and Education operating budgets, capital budgets, and special revenue budgets. The information presented here is intended to help you make an informed choice. Voting will take place at the **Henry James Memorial School, located at 155 Firetown Road**. Thank you for participating in this important process.

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

### Board of Selectmen Budget:

- \$31,679,391
- 4.69% increase
- \$1,419,308 increase

### Board of Education Budget:

- \$82,182,136
- 6.69% increase
- \$5,151,316 increase

### TOWN OF SIMSBURY GENERAL FUND BUDGETS

	FY2022/23 Budget	FY2023/24 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Town Operating Budget	\$30,260,354	\$31,679,391	\$1,419,308	4.69%
School Operating Budget	77,030,820	82,182,136	5,151,316	6.69%
Debt Service & Capital	7,670,099	7,806,810	136,711	1.78%
Gross Expenditures	114,961,272	121,668,337	6,707,065	5.83%
Anticipated Non-Tax Revenue	16,772,998	17,154,066	381,068	2.27%
Balance to be Raised by Local Taxes	\$98,188,274	\$104,514,271	\$6,325,997	6.44%

## REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

When you walk into the voting booth on May 16th, the following is what you will be voting on:

### Operating Budgets

- #1 Board of Selectmen Budget
- #2 Board of Education Budget

### Special Revenue/Other Budgets

- #3 Sewer Fund, Residential Rental Properties, Simsbury Farms, Non Public Schools, Debt Service & Capital, and Capital Non-Recurring



## MILL RATE AND MEDIAN HOME IMPACT

### Mill Rate Impact

Current Mill Rate – 37.41  
Proposed Mill Rate – 30.82

### Annual Median Home Impact

Current Median Home Taxes – \$8,016  
Proposed Median Home Taxes – \$8,431  
*Increase of \$415, 5.18% Change*

Note: Mill rate is estimated until the final rate is set by the Board of Finance following the referendum and does not include Fire District mill rate or taxes.

## KEY FACTS ABOUT SIMSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

### ENROLLMENT HISTORY & PROJECTION AS OF OCT. 1

	2021	2022	2023*
Elementary Schools K-6	2,084	2,176	2,275
Middle School 7-8	643	627	636
High School 9-12	1,302	1,261	1,298
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,029</b>	<b>4,064</b>	<b>4,209</b>

\*NESDEC projections

### Benchmarking

### Per Pupil Expenditures 2021-22 Comparative Data

Simsbury .....\$19,123

- Per pupil spending is 55th out of 169 of all towns in Connecticut
- Per pupil spending is 16th out of 27 of all towns in the Hartford area
- Per pupil spending is 14th out of 21 of all Demographic Reference Group B towns

Demographic Reference Group B Average ..... \$19,868  
State Average ..... \$21,438

Source: CT State Department of Education - Bureau of Grants Management





Simsbury Board of Education  
 Simsbury Board of Selectmen  
 933 Hopmeadow Street  
 Simsbury, CT 06070

# Inside...

- Proposed Board of Selectmen & Board of Education Budgets
- Budget Highlights
- Key Facts About the Simsbury Public Schools

*Please don't forget to*

# VOTE

**Tuesday,  
May 16th**

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



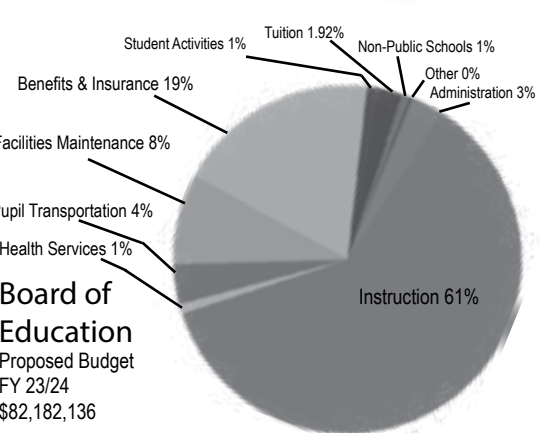
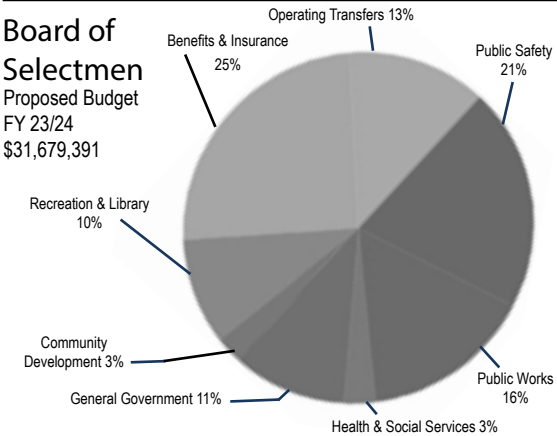
**Referendum Vote is  
Tuesday, May 16th**

**TIME  
6 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

**Henry James  
Memorial School  
155 Firetown Road  
Simsbury, CT**

*Simsbury is YOUR  
town...  
...so don't forget  
to vote!*

## BUDGET PROPOSALS



**Budget Drivers**

- Contractual salaries increase – \$3,336,626
- Health insurance increase - \$1,855,429
- Debt service increase - \$1,435,285
- \$65,716,305 in new growth generating an estimated \$2M in new revenue; an increase of 2.45%

**Year-by-Year Budget Data**

Item	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	proposed 23-24
BOS Operating Budget	14.03%	0.56%	3.63%	21.14%	4.69%
BOE Operating Budget	2.05%	2.01%	2.18%	3.47%	6.69%
		10 Year Avg.		5 Year Avg.	
BOS Operating Budget		5.67%		8.81%	
BOE Operating Budget		2.39%		3.37%	

**For More Information**  
 All Town budget materials can be viewed at [www.Simsbury-ct.gov/budget](http://www.Simsbury-ct.gov/budget)  
 All Board of Education budget materials can be viewed at [www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/boe/budget](http://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/boe/budget)