

Dear Neighbor,

On **Tuesday, May 3rd**, you will have the opportunity to vote on the 2022-2023 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:

- \$30,260,354
- 21.14% increase
- \$5,280,374 increase

Board of Education Budget:

- \$77,030,819
- 3.47% increase
- \$2,584,239 increase

TOWN OF SIMSBURY GENERAL FUND BUDGETS

	FY2021/22 Budget	FY2022/23 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Town Operating Budget	\$24,979,980	\$30,260,354	\$5,280,374	21.14%
School Operating Budget	74,446,580	77,030,819	2,584,239	3.47%
Debt Service & Capital	6,549,357	7,670,099	1,120,742	17.11%
Gross Expenditures	105,975,917	114,961,272	8,985,355	8.48%
Anticipated Non-Tax Revenue	10,081,809	16,772,998	6,691,189	66.37%
Balance to be Raised by Local Taxes	\$95,894,108	\$98,188,274	\$2,294,166	2.39%

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

When you walk into the voting booth on May 3rd, 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

Capital Projects*

Proposed 22-23

- #4 Irrigation System and Orkil Pond
Dam at Simsbury Farms Golf Course \$2,550,000

*By Town Charter, this project will be voted on at the referendum because the cost of these projects exceeds 2% of the annual Town Budget.



MILL RATE AND MEDIAN HOME IMPACT

Mill Rate Impact

Current Mill Rate – 37.41
Proposed Mill Rate – 37.41
No Change in Mill Rate

Annual Median Home Impact

Current Median Home Taxes – \$8,294
Proposed Median Home Taxes – \$8,294
No Tax Increase

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

	2020	2021	2022*
Elementary Schools K-6	2,018	2,084	2,174
Middle School 7-8	633	643	622
High School 9-12	1,309	1,302	1,260
Total	3,960	4,029	4,056

*NESDEC projections

Benchmarking

Per Pupil Expenditures 2020-21 Comparative Data

Simsbury\$18,993

- Per pupil spending is 64th out of 169 of all towns in Connecticut
- Per pupil spending is 12th out of 27 of all towns in the Hartford area
- Per pupil spending is 10th out of 21 of all Demographic Reference Group B towns

Demographic Reference Group B Average \$19,328
State Average \$20,707

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





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Please don't forget to

VOTE

**Tuesday,
 May 3rd**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

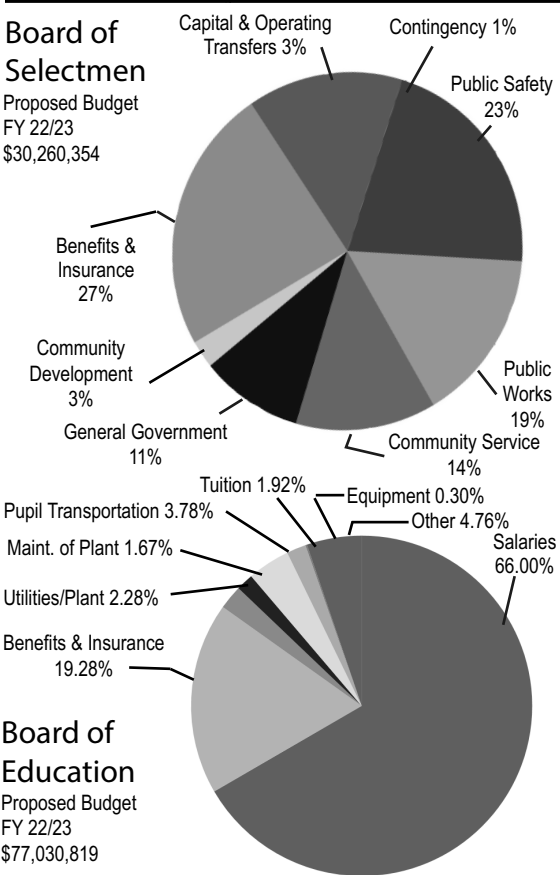
Referendum Vote is Tuesday, May 3rd

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 – Town \$335,428/ BOE \$2,165,784
- \$1,608,574 increase in use of cash for capital
- Use of \$3,757,833 in American Rescue Plan Act funds to offset general government services expenses
- \$96,046,030 in new growth generating an estimated \$3.5M in new revenue; increase of 3.72%

Year-by-Year Budget Data

Item	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23 <small>proposed</small>
BOS Operating Budget	-9.22%	14.03%	0.56%	3.63%	21.14%
BOE Operating Budget	1.50%	2.05%	2.01%	2.18%	3.47%
		10 Year Avg.		5 Year Avg.	
BOS Operating Budget		5.22%		6.03%	
BOE Operating Budget		1.97%		2.43%	

For More Information

All Town budget materials can be viewed at www.Simsbury-ct.gov/budget

All Board of Education budget materials can be viewed at www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/boe/budget