

Dear Neighbor,

On Tuesday, May 1st, you will have the opportunity to vote on the 2018-2019 Town and Education operating budgets; special revenue budgets, including capital; and the Henry James capital project. The information presented here is intended to help you make an informed choice. Voting will take place at Henry James Memorial School, located at 155 Firetown Road, from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thank you for participating in this important process.

## BUDGET OVERVIEW

### Board of Selectmen

#### Total Budget Request:

- \$21,020,727
- (7.01%) decrease
- \$(1,584,183) reduction in new dollars

### Board of Education

#### Total Budget Request:

- \$69,149,552
- 1.5% increase
- \$1,024,382 in new dollars

### TOWN OF SIMSBURY GENERAL FUND BUDGETS

	Adopted Budget FY2018	Proposed FY2019	Change	
			Dollar	Percentage
Board of Selectmen	\$22,604,910	\$21,020,727	\$(1,584,183)	-7.01%
Debt Retirement/Capital	5,329,825	5,804,600	474,775	8.91%
Board of Education	68,125,170	69,149,552	1,024,382	1.50%
Non-Public School	544,266	543,490	(776)	-0.14%
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$96,604,171</b>	<b>\$96,518,369</b>	<b>\$(85,802)</b>	<b>-0.09%</b>

## REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

When you walk into the voting booth on May 1st, 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 Retirement/Capital, and Capital Non-Recurring

#### Capital Project\*

- |                            |                |
|----------------------------|----------------|
|                            | Proposed 18-19 |
| #4 HJMS Phase 3 Renovation | \$23,965,620   |

\*By Town Charter, this project will be voted on at the May 1st referendum because the cost of this project exceeds 2% of the annual Town Budget.



**DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN PAY YOUR TAX BILL ONLINE BY E-CHECK FOR NO ADDITIONAL COST?**



You can also sign up for electronic reminders.

To view and/or pay your bill online, go to:  
[www.simsbury-ct.gov/tax](http://www.simsbury-ct.gov/tax)  
and click on "view or pay your bill."

**PLUS...** You can register and pay online for Simsbury Department of Continuing Education classes. Lots of offerings from PreK to senior citizens at [www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/dce](http://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/dce).

## KEY FACTS ABOUT SIMSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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

	2016	2017	2018*
Elementary Schools K-6	1,976	1,976	1,974
Middle School 7-8	690	658	614
High School 9-12	1,444	1,405	1,408
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,110</b>	<b>4,039</b>	<b>3,996</b>

\*Projected

### Benchmarking Per Pupil Expenditures 2016-17 Comparative Data

Simsbury ..... \$16,618

- Per pupil spending is 94th out of 169 of all towns in Connecticut
- Per pupil spending is 9th out of 27 of all towns in the Hartford area
- Per pupil spending is 11th out of 21 of all Demographic Reference Group B towns

### Demographic Reference Group B

Average ..... \$16,872

State Average ..... \$17,407

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

*Please don't forget to*

# VOTE

**Tuesday,  
May 1st**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

**Referendum Vote is Tuesday, May 1st**

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

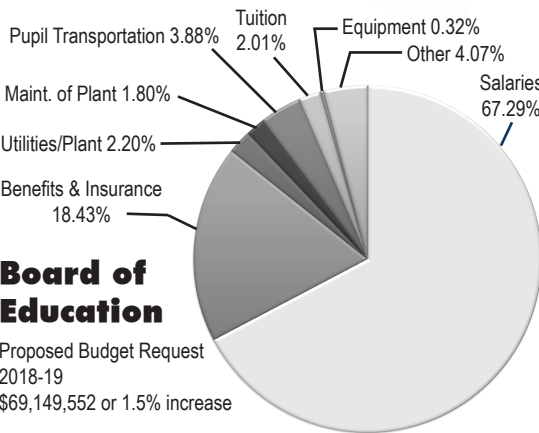
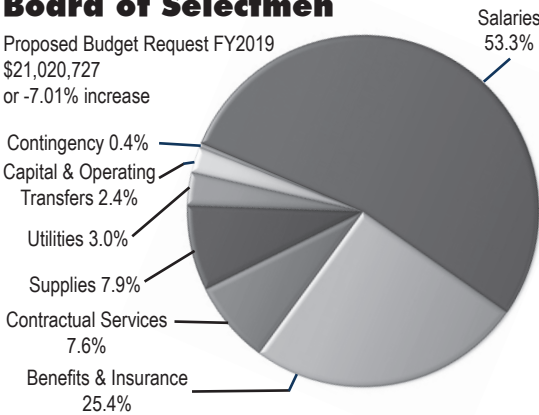
**LOCATION**  
Henry James Memorial School  
155 Firetown Road  
Simsbury, CT

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

## BUDGET PROPOSALS

### Board of Selectmen

Proposed Budget Request FY2019  
 \$21,020,727  
 or -7.01% increase



### Board of Education

Proposed Budget Request 2018-19  
 \$69,149,552 or 1.5% increase

### Year-by-Year Budget Data

Item	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19 proposed
BOS Operating Budget	1.98%	0.84%	3.30%	15.98%	-7.01%
BOE Operating Budget	1.05%	1.30%	1.51%	0.99%	1.50%
		10 Year Avg.		5 Year Avg.	
BOS Operating Budget		1.52%		3.02%	
BOE Operating Budget		1.41%		1.27%	

### Have a Question About the Budget?

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 tel. (860) 658-3230 or townmanager@simsbury-ct.gov

**Board of Education**  
 Tara Donohue Willerup, Chairman  
 tel. (860) 651-7974 or TWillerup@simsbury.k12.ct.us  
 Matthew T. Curtis, Superintendent  
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**Board of Finance**  
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For a complete listing of Board members and itemized budget information, please go to:  
[www.simsbury-ct.gov](http://www.simsbury-ct.gov) (BOS and BOF members)  
[www.simsbury.k12.ct.us](http://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us) (BOE members)