## Dear Neighbor,

On Tuesday, May 14th, you will have the opportunity to vote on the 2019-2020 Town and Education operating budgets; special revenue budgets, including capital. 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:**

- \$23.970.138
- 14.03% increase
- \$2,949,411 in new dollars

## **Board** of **Education**

## **Total Budget Request:**

- \$70,880,978
- 2.5% increase
- \$1,731,426 in new dollars

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FY2018/19 Budget	FY2019/20 Projected	Change	Percent Change
\$21,020,727	\$23,970,138	\$2,949,411	14.03%
69,149,552	70,880,978	1,731,426	2.50%
543,490	546,432	2,942	0.54%
5,804,600	5,937,284	132,684	2.29%
96,518,369	101,334,832	4,816,463	4.99%
8,968,171	9,376,271	408,100	4.55%
;) -	850,000	850,000	0.00%
Relief) -	-	-	0.00%
8,968,171	10,226,271	1,258,100	14.03%
\$87,550,198	\$91,108,561	3,558,363	4.06%
	<b>FY2018/19</b> <b>Budget</b> \$21,020,727 69,149,552 543,490 5,804,600 96,518,369 8,968,171 c) Relief) - 8,968,171	FY2018/19 Budget FY2019/20 Projected   \$21,020,727 \$23,970,138   69,149,552 70,880,978   543,490 546,432   5,804,600 5,937,284   96,518,369 101,334,832   8,968,171 9,376,271   *) -   8,968,171 10,226,271	Budget Projected Change   \$21,020,727 \$23,970,138 \$2,949,411   69,149,552 70,880,978 1,731,426   543,490 546,432 2,942   5,804,600 5,937,284 132,684   96,518,369 101,334,832 4,816,463   8,968,171 9,376,271 408,100   s) - 850,000   Relief) - -   8,968,171 10,226,271 1,258,100

## **REFERENDUM QUESTIONS**

When you walk into the voting booth on May 14th, 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 Project\*** 

#4 SHS Partial Roof Replacement \$2,600,000



\*By Town Charter, this project will be voted on at the May 14th referendum because the cost of this project exceeds 2% of the annual Town Budget.

## **MILL RATE AND MEDIAN HOME IMPACT**

#### Mill Rate Impact

Current Mill Rate - 36.42 Proposed Mill Rate - 37.32 Increase of 0.9 mills or 2.47%

## **Median Home Impact**

Current Median Home Taxes - \$7,794 Proposed Median Home Taxes - \$7,986 Increase of \$192 or 2.47%

Note: Mill rate is estimated until the final rate is set by the Board of Finance following the referendum.



## **KEY FACTS ABOUT SIMSBURY PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

Proposed 19-20

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

Elementary Schools K-6	<b>2017</b> 1,976	<b>2018</b> 1,989	<b>2019*</b> 2,009
Middle School 7-8	658	610	630
High School 9-12	1,405	1,419	1,362
Total *Projected	4,039	4,018	4,001

## Benchmarking Per Pupil Expenditures 2017-18 **Comparative Data**

#### Simsbury ......\$17,147

- Per pupil spending is 92nd out of 169 of all towns in Connecticut
- Per pupil spending is 11th out of 27 of all towns in the Hartford area
- Per pupil spending is 12th out of 21 of all Demographic Reference Group B towns

Demographic Reference Group B Average	\$17,274
State Average	\$17,974

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



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# Inside...

- Proposed Board of Selectmen & Board of Education Budgets
- Budget Highlights

Please don't forget to



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



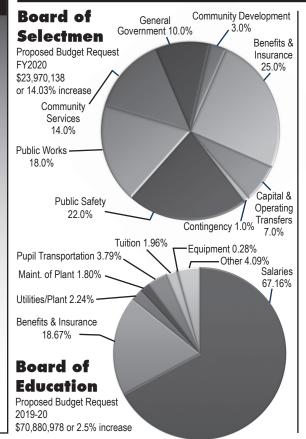
Referendum Vote is Tuesday, May 14th

*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**



## Year-by-Year Budget Data

BOS Operating Budget BOE Operating Budget		3.26% 1.53%		4.95% 1.56%			
			10 Year Avg.		5 Yea	ar Avg.	
	BOE Operating Budget	1.30%	1.51%	0.99%	1.50%	2.50%	
	BOS Operating Budget	0.84%	3.30%	15.98%	-7.01%	14.03%	
	Item	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20 proposed	

## Have a Question About the Budget?

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For a complete listing of Board members and itemized budget information, please go to: www.simsbury-ct.gov (BOS and BOF members) www.simsbury.k12.ct.us (BOE members)