

Dear Neighbor,

On **Tuesday, May 4th**, you will have the opportunity to vote on the 2021-2022 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 **Simsbury Public Library, located at 725 Hopmeadow Street**. Thank you for participating in this important process.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

Board of Selectmen Budget:

- \$24,979,980
- 3.63% increase
- \$875,343 increase

Board of Education Budget:

- \$73,881,930
- 2.18% increase
- \$1,572,869 increase

TOWN OF SIMSBURY GENERAL FUND BUDGETS

	FY2020/21 Budget	FY2021/22 Proposed	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Town Operating Budget	\$24,104,637	\$24,979,980	\$ 875,343	3.63%
School Operating Budget	72,309,061	73,881,930	1,572,869	2.18%
Non-Public School Budget	551,383	564,650	13,267	2.41%
Debt Service & Capital	5,471,465	6,549,357	1,077,892	19.70%
Gross Expenditures	102,436,546	105,975,917	3,539,371	3.46%
Anticipated Non-Tax Revenue	10,013,768	10,081,809	68,041	0.68%
Balance to be Raised by Local Taxes	\$92,422,778	\$95,894,108	\$3,471,330	3.76%

REFERENDUM QUESTIONS

When you walk into the voting booth on May 4th, 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 21-22

#4 Berm Improvements at the
Water Pollution Control Facility \$3,250,000

#5 Renovation and Expansion of
Latimer Lane School \$36,792,406

*By Town Charter, these projects 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 – 37.09

Proposed Mill Rate – 37.41

Increase of 0.32 mills
or 0.86%

Annual Median Home Impact

Current Median Home Taxes – \$7,963

Proposed Median Home Taxes – \$8,031

Increase of \$68 or 0.86%

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

	2019	2020	2021*
Elementary Schools K-6	2,038	2,018	2,081
Middle School 7-8	633	633	633
High School 9-12	1,354	1,309	1,306
Total	4,025	3,960	4,020

*Milone & MacBroom projections

Benchmarking

Per Pupil Expenditures 2019-20 Comparative Data

Simsbury\$18,049

- Per pupil spending is 77th out of 169 of all towns in Connecticut
- Per pupil spending is 8th 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 \$18,266

State Average \$19,339

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...

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- Budget Highlights
- Key Facts About the Simsbury Public Schools

Please don't forget to

VOTE

**Tuesday,
May 4th**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Referendum Vote is Tuesday, May 4th

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

NEW LOCATION
Simsbury Public Library
725 Hopmeadow St.
Simsbury, CT

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

BUDGET PROPOSALS

Board of Selectmen

Proposed Budget FY 21/22
\$24,979,980

Category	Percentage
Public Safety	23%
Public Works	18%
Community Service	15%
General Government	11%
Benefits & Insurance	27%
Capital & Operating Transfers	3%
Contingency	1%

Board of Education

Proposed Budget FY 21/22
\$73,881,930

Category	Percentage
Salaries	66.00%
Benefits & Insurance	19.28%
Pupil Transportation	3.78%
Utilities/Plant	2.28%
Tuition	1.92%
Maint. of Plant	1.67%
Equipment	0.30%
Other	4.76%
Community Service	15%

Budget Drivers

- Debt service increase – \$1,077,892
- Pension obligations increase – Town \$394,715/BOE \$119,770
- Contractual salaries increase – Town \$305,882/BOE \$1,510,373
- \$73,457,208 in new growth generating an estimated \$2.7M in new revenue; new growth at 2.94%

Year-by-Year Budget Data

Item	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22 proposed
BOS Operating Budget	15.98%	-7.01%	14.03%	0.56%	3.63%
BOE Operating Budget	0.99%	1.50%	2.50%	2.01%	2.18%

	10 Year Avg.	5 Year Avg.
BOS Operating Budget	3.35%	4.88%
BOE Operating Budget	1.53%	1.61%

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