

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%
Total Appropriations	\$96,604,171	\$96,518,369	\$(85,802)	-0.09%

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*

- #4 HJMS Phase 3 Renovation Proposed 18-19
\$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 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.

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
Total	4,110	4,039	3,996

*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.

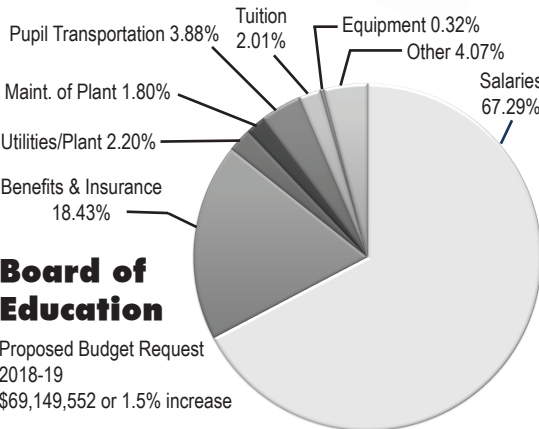
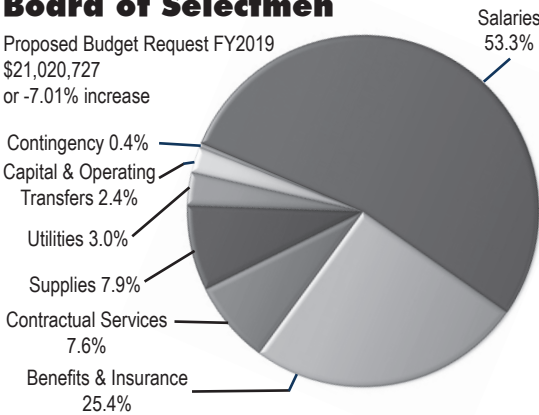
LOCATION
 Henry James Memorial School
 155 Firetown Road
 Simsbury, CT

*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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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)