

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

TOWN OF SIMSBURY GENERAL FUND BUDGETS

	FY2018/19 Budget	FY2019/20 Projected	Change	Percent Change
Town Operating Budget	\$21,020,727	\$23,970,138	\$2,949,411	14.03%
School Operating Budget	69,149,552	70,880,978	1,731,426	2.50%
Non-Public School Budget	543,490	546,432	2,942	0.54%
Debt Service & Capital	5,804,600	5,937,284	132,684	2.29%
Gross Expenditures	96,518,369	101,334,832	4,816,463	4.99%
Anticipated Revenue	8,968,171	9,376,271	408,100	4.55%
Use of Fund Balance (Transfers)	-	850,000	850,000	0.00%
Use of Fund Balance (Mill Rate Relief)	-	-	-	0.00%
Total Revenue and Approp of Fund Balance	8,968,171	10,226,271	1,258,100	14.03%
Balance to be Raised by Property Tax	\$87,550,198	\$91,108,561	3,558,363	4.06%

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

Proposed 19-20

*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

ENROLLMENT HISTORY & PROJECTION AS OF OCT. 1

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

*Projected

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





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 14th**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Referendum Vote is Tuesday, May 14th

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

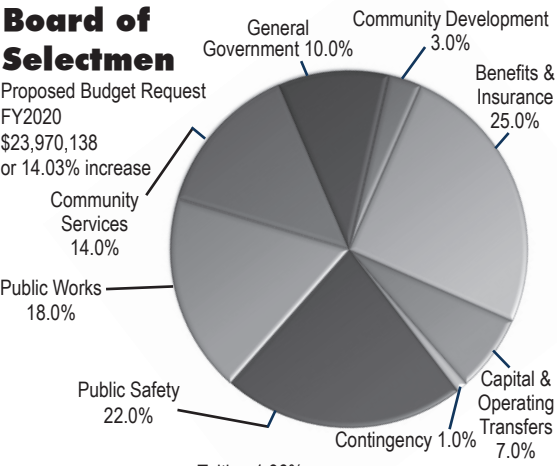
LOCATION
 Henry James Memorial School
 155 Firetown Road
 Simsbury, CT

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

BUDGET PROPOSALS

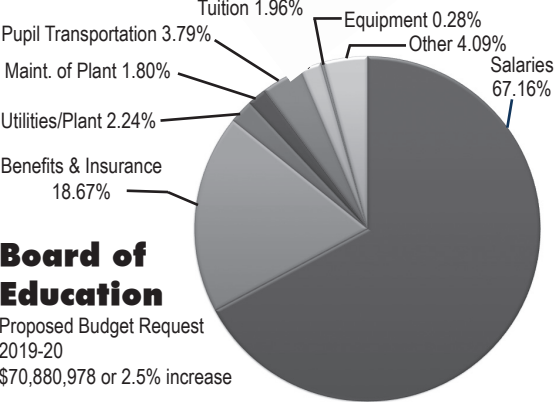
Board of Selectmen

Proposed Budget Request FY2020
 \$23,970,138
 or 14.03% increase



Board of Education

Proposed Budget Request 2019-20
 \$70,880,978 or 2.5% increase



Year-by-Year Budget Data

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

Have a Question About the Budget?

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www.simsbury-ct.gov (BOS and BOF members)
www.simsbury.k12.ct.us (BOE members)