

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,025</b>	<b>3,960</b>	<b>4,020</b>

\*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...


- Proposed Board of Selectmen & Board of Education Budgets
- Budget Highlights
- Key Facts About the Simsbury Public Schools

*Please don't forget to*

# VOTE

**Tuesday,  
May 4th**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS**



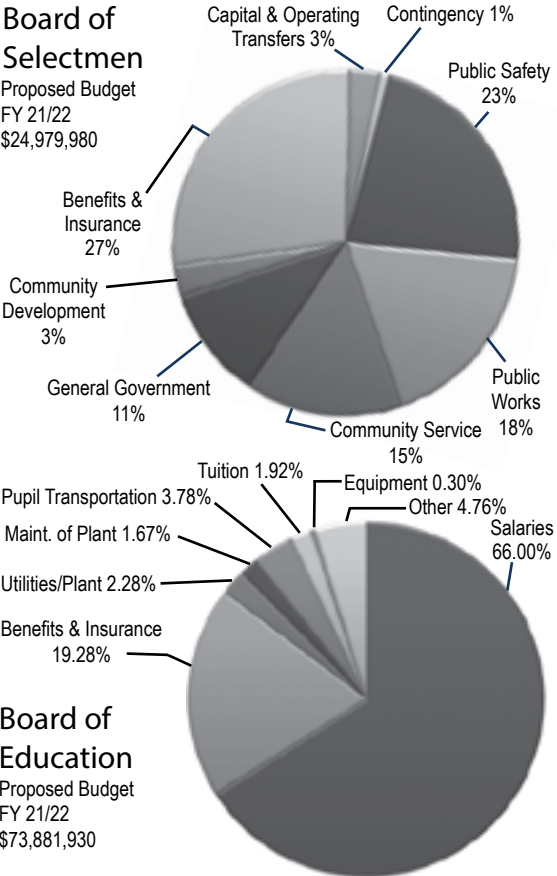
**Referendum Vote is Tuesday, May 4th**

**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



**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](http://www.Simsbury-ct.gov/budget)

All Board of Education budget materials can be viewed at [www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/boe/budget](http://www.simsbury.k12.ct.us/boe/budget)