

2016-2017 Annual Report



Half Hollow Hills
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT





Overview

An education-oriented community with high academic expectations, the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is located in a residential area of 50,000 people in the central part of Long Island, approximately 40 miles from New York City. Providing for the education of more than 8,000 students, the school district has five elementary schools, two middle schools and two high schools. Half Hollow Hills High Schools are fully accredited by the New York State Department of Education and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools.

The District is committed to providing students opportunities to excel in academics, athletics and the arts.

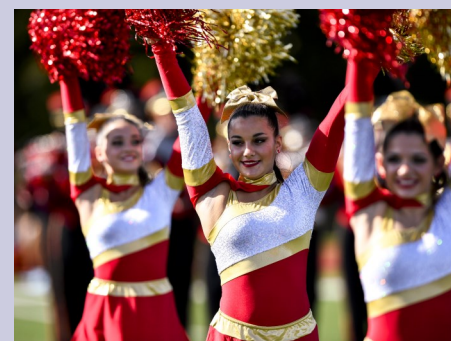




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Superintendent's Message

On behalf of the entire Half Hollow Hills Central School District of Huntington and Babylon, I am pleased to share with you the highlights of our 2016-2017 school year in our first Annual Report. I encourage you to explore the full report to see just what we and our amazing 8,200 students accomplished last year, while seeking to expand their abilities in academics, athletics and the arts.



At the heart of our work remains our commitment to providing meaningful opportunities and outcomes for all children, designed to help them reach their fullest potential. Working closely with our faculty, staff, board of education and community members allows us to maintain a constant focus on what matters most... student success, teacher and staff excellence, and organizational wellness. These objectives translate to the type of schools our community can be proud of, our employees thrive in and our students deserve.

As we continue on our journey through the 2017-18 school year, I remain excited to keep moving forward, while honoring our past and present accomplishments.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Patrick Harrigan".

Dr. Patrick Harrigan
Superintendent of Schools

Board of Education



2017-18 Board of Education Members

Eric Geringswald, President

Betty DeSabato, Vice President

Diana Acampora, Trustee

Stephanie Gurin, Trustee

David Kaston, Trustee

Adam Kleinberg, Trustee

Michael Prywes, Trustee

District Profile



History

Originally called Half Way Hollow Hills, because it is found just about halfway between the Long Island Sound and Atlantic Ocean, our school district merged with the Dix Hills School District in 1931, and then further enlarged by merging with the Melville and Sweet Hollow School Districts in 1954.

Today we operate nine schools serving students from Dix Hills and Melville, as well as parts of Deer Park, South Huntington, Wheatley Heights, East Farmingdale and East Northport.

English as a New Language Program

In Half Hollow Hills our 16 ENL (English as a New Language) teachers service 257 students with varying proficiency levels of the English language. Students with 37 home languages represent the diverse population in the ENL program. Our ENL teachers work with students and families, helping them adjust to our district and community. The teachers work with students in their integrated classrooms and in stand-alone settings to best meet their individual needs. They continually collaborate as a department and with classroom and special area teachers to ensure that students are doing well academically, socially and emotionally.

Student Enrollment

559 Otsego Elementary

550 Paumanok Elementary

675 Signal Hill Elementary

615 Sunquam Elementary

664 Vanderbilt Elementary

871 Candlewood Middle School

1,246 West Hollow Middle School

1,348 High School West

1,738 High School East

8,266 Total Enrollment
Effective Date 10/4/16—NYSED BEDS Day

Enrollment By Gender

Male - 4,268 52%
Female - 3,998 48%



Enrollment By Ethnicity

AMERICAN INDIAN OR ALASKA NATIVE	
13	0%
BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN	
962	12%
HISPANIC OR LATINO	
868	11%
ASIAN OR NATIVE HAWAIIAN/OTHER PACIFIC ISLANDER	
1,201	15%
WHITE	
4,898	59%
MULTIRACIAL	
324	4%

Other Enrollment Data

STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES		ECONOMICALLY DISADVANTAGED	
1,569	19%	1,491	18%

Teachers & Leadership

Half Hollow Hills educators are dedicated, knowledgeable and highly skilled professionals who go beyond expectations to teach, inspire and nurture our students. We adhere to exceptionally high standards in selecting teachers and staff for our district. There are 730 teachers with an average of approximately 14 years of experience. Ninety eight percent have earned Master's degrees and 22 hold National Board Certification.

98% Have a Master's Degree

22 Hold National Board Certification



The staff regularly participates in professional development to strengthen their abilities and stay current with new and evolving strategies to better serve our student population. Approximately 40 of our own teachers and administrators led over 140 professional development courses in 2016-17.

Our teachers engage students in high quality, meaningful and unique learning experiences which assist them in reaching their full potential. Teachers care about our students and exhibit this through all that they do in the classroom, during their non-teaching time and in extracurricular activities. The professional staff in our district provides an exceptional learning environment for students and makes Half Hollow Hills a great place to be.



District Administration

Dr. Patrick Harrigan
Superintendent of Schools

Dr. Jeffery Woodberry
Asst. Superintendent for Districtwide Administration

Mrs. Mary Rettaliata
Asst. Superintendent for Elementary Education

Ms. Anne Marie Marrone Caliendo
Asst. Superintendent for Finance and Facilities

Mr. John O'Farrell
Asst. Superintendent for Secondary Education

Academics & Student Achievement

The Half Hollow Hills K-12 academic program is designed to meet the individual needs of all of our students and their various levels of educational development.

Our high schools offer strong and rigorous academic programs including 27 Advanced Placement courses and 25 Honors and/or college-level courses offered in collaboration with Stony Brook University (ACE Program), Long Island University (High School Scholars Program) and Farmingdale State (High School Program). Both high schools offer, for a select group of senior-year students, the Senior Experience program that combines English 12 and Government/Economics into a Humanities-based curriculum which includes a year-long internship.

Many students enroll in Independent Studies in World Languages including American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Japanese, Hebrew, Greek & Russian. A select group of students participates in our competitive Independent Science & Math Research Programs, culminating in various national events and competitions.

Several students participate in the BOCES Wilson Tech Program for their junior and/or senior year. Others audition to participate in the Cultural Arts Program, which is open to juniors and seniors.



2016-17 Graduation Data

- 40% Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation with Honors
- 34% Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation
- 1% Regents Diploma with Honors
- 18% Regents Diploma
- 2% Local Diploma
- 5% Other

27 National Merit Commended

15 National Merit Semifinalists

14 National Merit Finalists

4 National Merit Scholarship Winners

1 National Merit Broadridge Scholarship

3 Siemens Semifinalists

1 Siemens National Finalist

1 Regeneron Scholar

POST-GRADUATION PLANS OF COMPLETERS (2016 - 17)

ALL STUDENTS							
TO FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE		TO TWO-YEAR COLLEGE		TO OTHER POST-SECONDARY		TO THE MILITARY	
701	84%	74	9%	0	0%	7	1%
TO EMPLOYMENT		TO ADULT SERVICES		TO OTHER KNOWN PLANS		PLAN UNKNOWN	
25	3%	18	2%	5	1%	1	0%



Extracurricular Activities

Half Hollow Hills believes that participation in activities outside the classroom plays an important role in our students' academic, social and emotional development.

Our goal is to provide a variety of opportunities at every grade level so that students can participate in school life, have fun and enhance their interests and abilities.



Secondary Activities Include:

- Yearbook
- Mock Trial
- Student Government
- Robotics
- Journalism
- National Honor Society
- Science Olympiads
- Mathletes
- Gay Straight Alliance
- Business Honor Society
- Environmental Club
- African American Student Organization
- School Store
- Coding Club

Elementary Activities Include:

- Imagination Playground
- Coding Club
- Engineering Club
- African American Culture Club
- Student Council
- World Language Club
- Newspaper Club
- Poetry Club
- Recorder Club
- Safety Patrol
- Math Olympiads
- Garden Club
- Yoga Club
- Book Club



Athletics



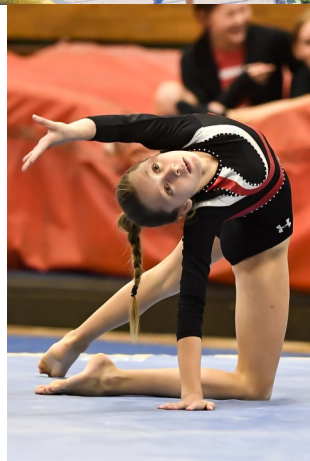
Half Hollow Hills Athletics

Half Hollow Hills offers our middle and high school students many opportunities to participate in sports. Our teams are very competitive and succeed at the local, regional and state levels.

55 Varsity Teams

28 Junior Varsity Teams

49 Modified Sports Teams



2016-17 Sports Championships

- NYSPHSAA 200 Yard Medley Relay Boys Swimming State Champion and State Record
- NYSPHSAA Girls Gymnastics State Champion in the Vault
- Section XI "AA" Boys Basketball Champion
- Section XI Division II Football Champion
- NYSPHSAA 106 lb. Wrestling Champion

2016-17 Individual & Team Achievements

- 15 Modified Sportsmanship Awards
- 52 athletes signed to play collegiate athletics
- Heart Screening – Heart Screen NY screened 583 students in March 2017 (most students ever screened in this program in one day)
- 53 Varsity Teams designated as NYSPHSAA Scholar Athlete Teams

Fine Arts



Music Programs

- More than 2,500 students participate yearly in performance ensembles that include concert bands, orchestras, choirs, jazz bands, vocal jazz, a cappella groups and guitar ensembles.
- Students have access to a full recording studio, broadcast studio, and music recording & production technology courses.

2,500 Student Musicians

19 All-State Musicians

8 All-Eastern Musicians

2 All-National Musicians



Theatre Programs

- Drama clubs are offered from grades 5-12, and each year there are 2 musical productions at each middle school, as well as 1 drama and 1 musical production at each high school.
- Hills on Stage is offered for all elementary 5th graders and brings together more than 80 students from all 5 elementary buildings.
- Recent productions have included Shrek Jr., The Lion King, Biloxi Blues, The Addams Family, High School Musical, Annie and In The Heights.



Art Programs

- High school art classes are offered in all of the traditional arts, as well as multimedia design, photography, architecture and fashion design.
- Annual art shows are displayed at the elementary, middle and high school levels.
- Student art is exhibited at Long Island's Best at The Heckscher Museum, the Huntington Tulip Festival, Huntington Arts Council and Art League of Long Island.



Communications

Half Hollow Hills is dedicated to continual and transparent communication with our stakeholders. We engage with them by providing valued and needed information through a wide variety of tools. District communications are distributed using the following methods:

- Parent Portal
- Student Portal
- Automated calling and email system
- District and individual school websites
- Social media including Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- Local media including print, TV, digital and radio in the Long Island and Metro-NY markets
- Community engagement via meetings, guest speakers and direct communication
- Electronic newsletters and printed communication, district-wide and within individual schools



2,250 Facebook page likes

New HHH Twitter Account

New HHH Instagram Account



Web: www.hhh.k12.ny.us



<https://www.facebook.com/OfficialHalfHollowHillsCSD>



<https://twitter.com/OfficialHHHCSD>



<https://www.instagram.com/halfhollowhillscsd>

Buildings & Grounds



The Half Hollow Hills Central School District maintained 14 buildings in 2016-17 including one administration building, five elementary schools, two middle schools, two high schools, a transportation building and a maintenance building. These buildings encompass over 1.5 million square feet sitting on over 300 acres.

1.5m Square feet of space

300+ Acres

2016-17 Highlights

- Renovation of Natatorium
- Chiller & Cooling Tower Replacement
- New Electronic Middle School Signage
- Broadcast Studio
- Recording Studio
- Makerspaces
- Planetarium Renovation
- Tennis Courts



Transportation



Half Hollow Hills' Transportation Department is committed to safely and efficiently transporting our over 8,200 students to and from school every day. The District has its own fleet of buses and contracts many other buses from a private bus company in the local area to transport students to and from school.

There are over 220 bus routes in our district with over 8,800 bus stops each day, equaling over 1.6 million bus stops each year. Our buses travel over 1.6 million miles each year.

The Transportation Department's greatest strength is its dedicated staff who ensure the safe transportation of every student every day.

8.800 Daily bus stops

1.6m Bus stops per year

1.6m Miles driven each year

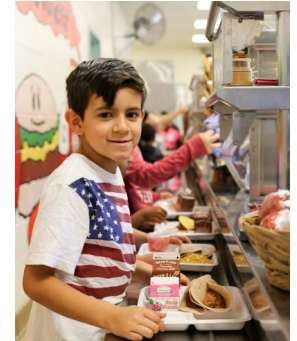
5.000 Athletic events & field trips



Food Services

The Half Hollow Hills Central School District recognizes that a nutritious, well-balanced, reasonably-portioned meal is essential for student wellness.

To accomplish this, the Food Services Department serves an average of over 320 breakfasts per day, or over 40,000 per year, and an average of over 3,000 lunches per day, or over 450,000 per year.



40,000+ Breakfasts served per year

450,000+ Lunches served per year



Did You Know?

- There are no fryers in our kitchens. We bake, sauté, steam or roast the food we prepare.
- The beverages we offer are spring water, low fat & skim milk (no growth hormones), fruit and vegetable smoothies, and 100% fruit juices.
- Soda and candy are not sold in the cafeterias or vending machines.
- Snacks are low in fat, sodium and sugar.
- We serve whole grains including brown rice, couscous, bagels, pancakes and waffles.

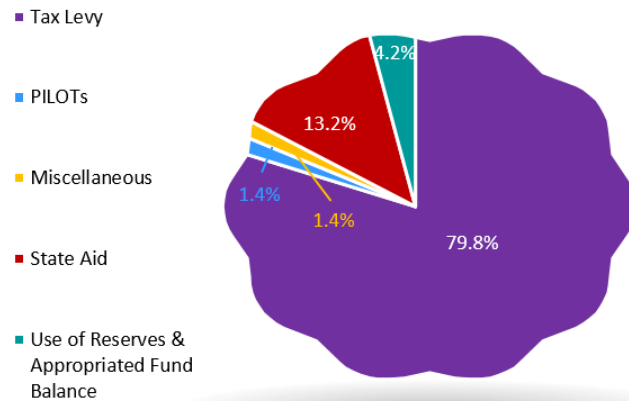
Financials 2016-17

The leadership of the Half Hollow Hills Central School District is committed to responsible stewardship of the funds it receives from taxpayers as it administers the annual budget. We continually scrutinize spending to eliminate inefficiencies and ensure every dollar is invested appropriately, with a focus on student learning. In 2016-17, the total budget expenditures were \$233.4 million with over 80% percent spent on instruction and learning.

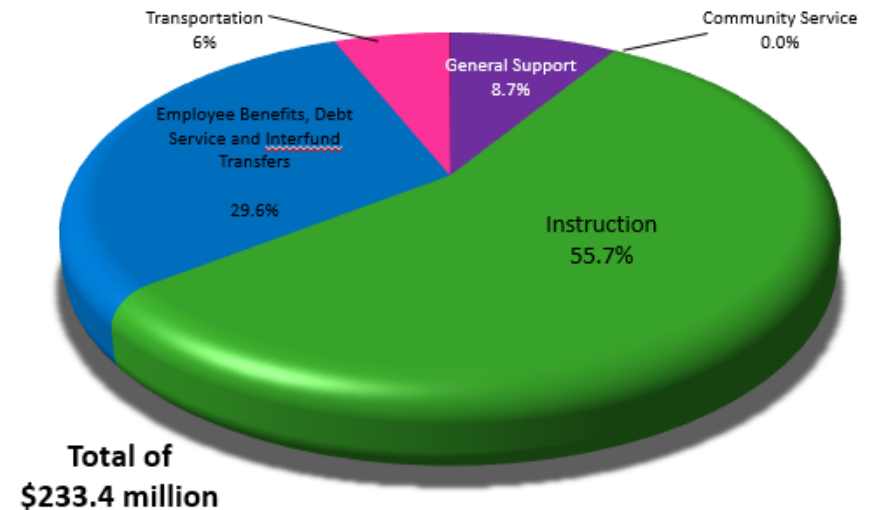
\$233.4m Total Expenditures for 2016-17

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2016-17 Revenue Overview

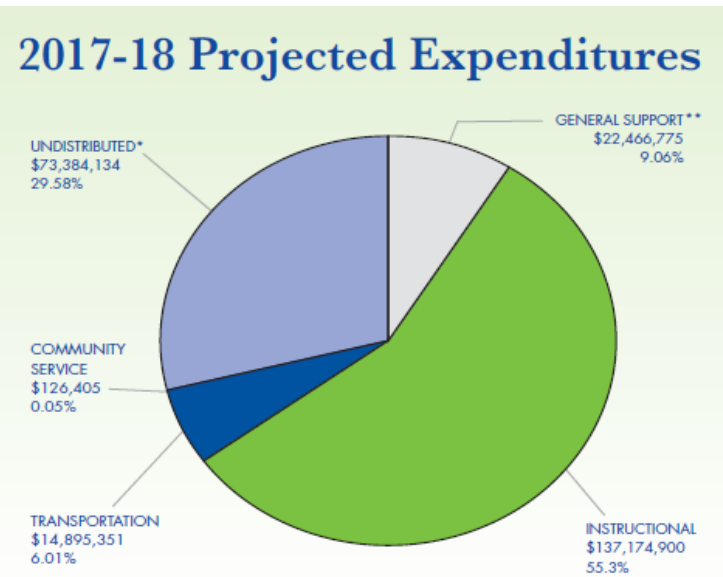


2016-17 Expenditures



Financials 2017-18

The 2017-18 budget for the Half Hollow Hills Central School District was developed to provide all the programs and services students need to excel while also allowing for investments in our facilities. The 2017-18 budget adheres to the property tax levy cap formula with a total budget increase of 2.80% allowing for many new and expanded opportunities for students.

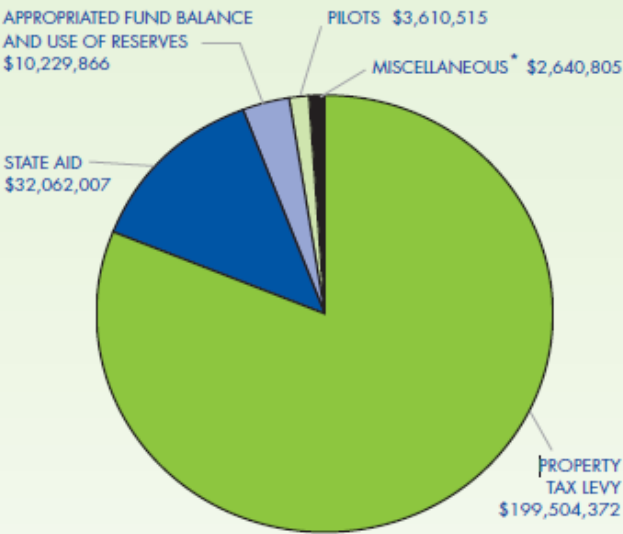


* Includes employee benefits and transfers to other funds.
** Includes expenses supportive of the entire district management effort.



The District is adhering to the Property Tax Levy Cap formula with a 1.93% increase to its levy.

Projected Revenues 2017-18



Revenue Summary

Revenue Category	Projected Amount
Property Tax Levy	\$199,504,372
State Aid	\$32,062,007
Fund Balance/Reserves	\$10,229,866
PILOTs	\$3,610,515
Miscellaneous*	\$2,640,805
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$248,047,565

* "Miscellaneous" includes interest income, health service and tuition payments from other schools, prior year refunds, use of facilities' charges and drivers' and continuing education fees.

Goals



Half Hollow Hills Central Office Administration

Fran Greenspan Administration Center
525 Half Hollow Road
Dix Hills, NY 11746
(631) 592-3000



ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Otsego
55 Otsego Avenue
Dix Hills, NY 11746
(631) 592-3600

Paumanok
1 Seaman Neck Road
Dix Hills, NY 11746
(631) 592-3650

Signal Hill
670 Caledonia Road
Dix Hills, NY 11746
(631) 592-3700

Sunquam
515 Sweet Hollow Road
Melville, NY 11747
(631) 592-3750

Vanderbilt
350 Deer Park Avenue
Dix Hills, NY 11746
(631) 592-3800

MIDDLE SCHOOLS

Candlewood
1200 Carll's Straight Path
Dix Hills, NY 11746
(631) 592-3300

West Hollow
250 Old East Neck Road
Melville, NY 11747
(631) 592-3400

HIGH SCHOOLS

High School East
50 Vanderbilt Parkway
Dix Hills, NY 11746
(631) 592-3100

High School West
375 Wolf Hill Road
Dix Hills, NY 11746
(631) 592-3200

