

WYCKOFF SCHOOLS

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Budget Awareness
Committee

Newsletter

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• March 24th:
Public Hearing on
Proposed Budget

• April 15th:
Get out and VOTE!

BUDGET BYTES AND HIGHLIGHTS from 3/10 BOE Meeting

Proposed Tentative School Budget submitted to County Executive Superintendent includes:

- 3.6% tax levy increase
- Application for 3 waivers
- Appropriated Fund Balance of 1.1M

This means a reduced tax burden.

(Estimated tax impact for average Wyckoff home is +\$185)

Without waiver approval, \$373,000 will need to be cut from the proposed 2008-9 operating budget.

If the proposed 2008-9 school budget is not approved, town council will cut more (as done with 3 of the last five years defeated budgets).

In 2007, the school budget was not approved by voters by an 82 vote margin.

In 2007, the defeated budget resulted in a cut of about \$267,000 by the town council.

THE PUBLIC HEARING

For the 2008-9 Wyckoff School Budget is on **MARCH 24th** at Eisenhower Middle School at 7:30pm.

BOE members will also present the 2008-9 Wyckoff School Budget, answer questions and seek comment at the following times and locations:

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| April 2 nd @ 9:15am | Coolidge School |
| April 2 nd @ 7:30pm | Eisenhower School |
| April 3 rd @ 7:00pm | Lincoln School |
| April 7 th @ 9:00am | Sicomic School |
| April 8 th @ 9:15am | Washington School |

Teachers are Teaching and Children are Learning in all Wyckoff Schools!

At the BOE meeting, community members expressed concerns regarding construction projects in the schools and shared frustrations and dissatisfaction with the delays in completing the projects.

It is critical to understand that construction issues have **NOTHING** to do with this Budget Election.

The Wyckoff School Budget Election pertains to the **operating dollars** our schools need to provide quality educational services to our community.

RECAP OF THE FACTS:

- Funds for the current Construction Projects were approved by voters by **referendum**.
- The 2008-9 Wyckoff School Budget is **separate**.
- The 2008-9 Wyckoff School Budget **cannot and will not impact construction**.
- The School Budget to be voted upon on April 15th is the appropriation of funds to **operate** the Wyckoff Schools for the 2008-9 school year **only**.

If the School Budget is not approved by voters on April 15th, additional cuts may reduce services, people, programs and/or affect the quality of learning

Voter Registration Deadlines

- ✓ Registration Forms can be found on each school PTO website and your local school offices.
Deadline: March 25th
- ✓ All adults in your household (including teens and college students 18 & older) should be registered to vote

***Important note!**

The information supplied herein is current as of March 10, 2008. For the very latest, go to: wyckoffschools.org