

# Educational Horizons

MAY 2016

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## 2016-2017 PROPOSED BUDGET

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Dear Residents,

When developing a school budget to propose to the community, our goal is to maintain the quality of education that every child receives in the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District. The proposed 2016-2017 school budget preserves our academic and extracurricular programs to maintain a stellar educational experience. We have accomplished our goal while working under the restrictive tax-levy parameters set by the state. By drawing upon reserves, and through the restoration of the Gap Elimination Adjustment, the proposed budget carries a corresponding tax-levy increase of 0.23 percent.

The proposed budget will allow us to expand on some programs and make various capital improvements, all while maintaining current class sizes. This budget includes:



- ✓ Lighting of POBMS track
- ✓ Support for the new 9-period day at HS
- ✓ Enriched art education opportunities
- ✓ Expansion of 1:1 initiative for grades 5-8
- ✓ Resources for kindergarten classes in neighborhood schools
- ✓ Updated elementary playgrounds for grades K-1

Our mission is to prepare all students to be successful in the evolving landscape of the 21st century. The proposed 2016-2017 budget preserves those programs that uniquely define the features of the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District. We also believe that we have prepared a budget that balances the educational needs of our children with the economic realities of our community.

We encourage you to inform yourself through the enclosed detailed account of the 2016-17 budget and most important, to vote on Tuesday, May 17th.

Sincerely,

**The Plainview-Old Bethpage Board of Education**

## ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE: TUESDAY, MAY 17 • 6 A.M. TO 9 P.M.



Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District  
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# PROPOSITION I: ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

## CAPITAL PROJECTS

*Taking Care of the  
District's Physical Assets ...*

The District has established the transfer to capital line for 2016-17.

	<u>Approved 2015-2016</u>	<u>Proposed 2016-2017</u>
Transfer to Capital	\$ 2,700,000	\$2,000,000

### DISTRICTWIDE:

- Playground equipment replacement at elementary schools
- Window treatments/blinds

### STRATFORD ROAD:

- Safety/smoke doors
- Renovation of tennis courts
- Replace 2nd floor lockers

### MATTLIN MS:

- Elevator replacement
- Atrium skylights (3 wings)
- Asphalt and concrete replacement
- Boys/girls locker room refurbishment

### POBMS:

- Lighting of track
- Boys locker room locker replacements
- Softball backstop replacement

### POBJFKHS:

- Emergency doors for swimming pool

## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

**Tuesday, May 10**  
Voter Registration

**Tuesday, May 17**

Vote on Budget and Election of  
School Board Trustees: 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.  
at Jamaica Avenue School,  
Old Bethpage Elementary School and  
Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

## REVENUE

	<u>Approved 2015-2016</u>	<u>Proposed 2016-2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
State Aid	\$16,349,956	\$18,782,962	\$2,433,006
Other Revenue	\$9,974,989	\$10,463,151	\$488,162
Tax Levy	\$119,710,657	\$119,990,212	\$279,555
<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$146,035,602</b>	<b>\$149,236,325</b>	<b>\$3,200,723</b>

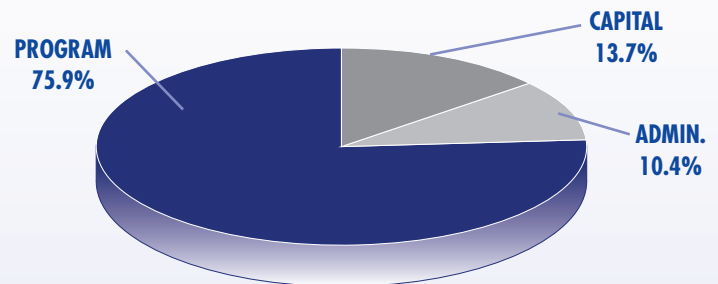
The tax levy increase is 0.23%

## EXPENDITURES

2015-2016 Approved Budget	\$146,035,602
2016-2017 Proposed Budget	\$149,236,325
Percentage Increase	2.19%
Tax Levy Increase	0.23%

Expenditures include mandated costs attributed to employee retirement systems, health insurance, transportation, utilities and capital expenses as well as contractual salary increases.

## THREE-PART BUDGET EXPENDITURES



The State of New York requires all school districts make available a proposed budget broken down into three component parts.

The three components of this budget format are Administrative, Instructional Program and Capital.

	<u>Approved 2015-2016</u>	<u>Proposed 2016-2017</u>	<u>Change</u>
Administrative	\$ 15,223,113	\$ 15,441,779	\$ 218,666
Instructional			
Program	109,983,236	113,392,580	3,409,344
Capital	20,829,253	20,401,966	(427,287)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 146,035,602</b>	<b>\$ 149,236,325</b>	<b>\$ 3,200,723</b>

# PROPOSITION I: ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

	Approved Budget 2015-2016	Proposed Budget 2016-2017	Dollar Difference	Percent of Budget
<b>General Support</b>				
Board of Education	\$160,197	\$187,262	\$27,065	
Superintendent's Office	\$444,024	\$437,238	-\$6,786	
Business Administration/Finance	\$1,334,339	\$1,332,191	-\$2,148	
Personnel/Public Info/Legal	\$1,172,474	\$1,226,679	\$54,205	
Operations & Maintenance	\$10,818,124	\$11,110,088	\$291,964	
Insurance/BOCES	\$1,396,598	\$1,440,868	\$44,270	
<b>Total General Support</b>	<b>\$15,325,756</b>	<b>\$15,734,326</b>	<b>\$408,570</b>	<b>10.54%</b>
<b>Instruction</b>				
Curriculum and Supervision	\$6,205,211	\$6,535,945	\$330,734	
Teaching - Regular K-12	\$47,968,669	\$49,641,428	\$1,672,759	
Special Education	\$15,538,500	\$15,704,844	\$166,344	
Occ. Ed./ Summer School/Twilight	\$314,840	\$571,816	\$256,976	
Instructional Media & Libraries	\$4,114,724	\$4,149,824	\$35,100	
Pupil Services	\$8,833,408	\$8,810,267	-\$23,141	
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>\$82,975,352</b>	<b>\$85,414,124</b>	<b>\$2,438,772</b>	<b>57.24%</b>
<b>Districtwide Support</b>				
Main Transportation Contract*	\$4,092,493	\$4,421,581	\$329,088	
Transportation - Other	\$3,933,883	\$4,124,946	\$191,063	
Community Services	\$201,213	\$206,281	\$5,068	
Employee Benefits	\$33,551,128	\$33,994,807	\$443,679	
TAN/EPC/BAN Contract	\$820,797	\$820,800	\$3	
School Food Service Transfer	\$10,000	\$25,000	\$15,000	
Summer Spec Ed Transfer	\$148,500	\$200,000	\$51,500	
Capital Transfer	\$2,700,000	\$2,000,000	-\$700,000	
Debt Service - District & Library	\$2,276,481	\$2,294,460	\$17,979	
<b>Total Districtwide</b>	<b>\$47,734,494</b>	<b>\$48,087,875</b>	<b>\$353,381</b>	<b>32.22%</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$146,035,602</b>	<b>\$149,236,325</b>	<b>\$3,200,723</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Revenue Summary (Estimated)</b>				
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Local/Other Revenue	\$9,974,989	\$10,463,151	\$488,162	
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<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$146,035,602</b>	<b>\$149,236,325</b>	<b>\$3,200,723</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* Third year of a possible five-year contract, the total cost of which is estimated at \$27,069,413.



# PROPOSITION II: AUTHORIZATION TO APPROPRIATE AND EXPEND \$5,000,000 FROM THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

In addition to voting on the 2016 – 2017 school district budget, Plainview-Old Bethpage residents are asked to vote on an additional proposition authorizing the expenditure of \$5,000,000 from the capital reserve fund established in May 2015.

**The use of these funds will not impact the current or future tax levy.** The purpose of this capital reserve fund is for boiler replacement at Stratford Road Elementary School, Pasadena Elementary School, Old Bethpage Elementary School and Jamaica Avenue; asphalt, sidewalk, curbing and drainage replacement at Stratford Road Elementary School, Pasadena Elementary School, Old Bethpage Elementary School and Parkway Elementary School; exterior lighting replacement at all schools; air conditioning installation at select locations in all schools, refurbishment of science labs at POBJFKHS; and interior door replacements at all schools.



## EXPANDED HIGH SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION AT NO ADDITIONAL COST



This budget supports expanding transportation eligibility for students in grades 9 – 12 to accommodate all students at no additional cost. Pending voter approval, transportation will be available for all students in grades 9 – 12. Currently, students in grades 9 – 12 receive transportation if they live more than one mile from school. Stops will be added to existing routes; therefore, *there is no additional cost* to provide this service for the 2016 – 2017 school year and the foreseeable future.

The District maintains a strong financial position as rated by Standard & Poor's AAA bond rating. Please visit the Business and Finance Section of the District's website for the District's reserve fund plan, including funding levels for all reserve funds.



# DISTRICT ACHIEVEMENTS

## DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

- College: 96 percent of graduating seniors attend college (85 percent, 4 year; 11 percent, 2 year)
- Regents Diploma: 96 percent
- Advanced Regents Diploma: 76 percent
- Special Education students graduating with Regents Diploma: 75 percent
- Advanced Placement results: 1,256 papers; 84 percent pass rate
- 191 AP Scholars
- 1 Finalist in the U.S. Presidential Scholars Program
- 15 Graduating Seniors named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program
- 12 Academic Excellence Awards
- 4 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- 2 National Hispanic Recognition Program Scholars
- Outstanding Special Education Program
- Nassau County Champions NYSBA Mock Trial Competition
- AAA Bond Rating

## MUSIC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 15 All-County
- 4 All-National Music
- 10 students in LIFSA
- 11 All-State Music
- 1 Long Island Scholar-Artist Winner for Theater
- 1<sup>st</sup> Chair (Concertmaster) in the All-National Honors Orchestra

## RESEARCH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Intel Semifinalist
- 1 JSHS Finalist
- 1 Rising Scientist Finalist
- 1 NY Academy of Science Finalist
- 1 Psychology Fair Finalist

## ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

- NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete Team School of Distinction
- Football team named NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete State Champions
- County Champion Gymnastics
- Conference Championships: Boys' Soccer and Gymnastics

## VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Nassau County ASA All-County Art Exhibition: 41 students
- Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar Artist Award of Merit Winners: 2 students



## Plainview-Old Bethpage Provides More Ways to Provide Voter and School Budget Information

We have updated our website to make voter information and school budget information more accessible to you. By clicking on [www.pobschools.org](http://www.pobschools.org) under the "Quick Links" column you will:

- Confirm that you are registered to vote by clicking, "Am I Registered"
- Find a form to update voter registrant information
- Get an application for an Absentee Ballot
- Find out which of the three polling places you vote at by clicking "Where to Vote"
- Send questions about the budget directly to the Business Office by clicking "Let's Talk" and selecting "Budget 2016-2017"
- Review all of the budget presentations and budget documents by clicking "2016-2017 Budget Info"
- Review the Plainview-Old Bethpage School Report Card by clicking "School Report Cards"

We encourage you to take advantage of these easy-to-use resources to remain informed about the budget and remember to vote on Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.



# WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

## **Proposition I: Annual School District Budget**

Authorization to spend up to \$149,236,325 to support educational programs in the 2016-17 school year.

## **Proposition II: Authorization to Expend \$5,000,000 from the 2015 Capital Reserve Fund**

Authorization to expend \$5,000,000 from the Plainview-Old Bethpage Capital Reserve Fund with **no increase to the proposed budget.**



## BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES



### **ELECTION OF TRUSTEES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The three candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected as trustees of the Board of Education for the three-year terms commencing July 1, 2016, and expiring on June 30, 2019. You may vote for a separate write-in candidate for each vacancy. You may not write in the same candidate for more than one vacancy.

#### **VOTE FOR 3:**

**GARY BETTAN • SETH GREENBERG  
RONELLE HERSHKOWITZ • SUSAN STEWART**

## BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

**Tuesday, May 17, 2016 • 6 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

**Jamaica Avenue School • Old Bethpage Elementary School • POB Middle School**

**Voter Eligibility:** In order to vote, you must be a United States citizen, 18 years of age or older, and must have been a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote. Eligible voters include those who have voted in federal, state, county or school district elections within the past four years; those who are registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections; and residents who registered during the school district's registration period.

**Absentee Ballot:** To receive an absentee ballot by mail, an application (which can be downloaded from the district's website under "Quick Links") must be received by the District Clerk, Jeanne Tyler, (516) 434-3003 by May 10, 2016. To personally pick up a ballot, the application must be delivered to the District Clerk's office by 4 p.m. on May 16, 2016. All absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk's office by 5 p.m. on May 17th, the day of the budget vote. Persons designated by the Nassau County Board of Elections as "permanently disabled" will automatically receive an absentee ballot by mail.

**Voter Registration Date:** Tuesday, May 10, 2016, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Jamaica Avenue School, Old Bethpage Elementary School and Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School.