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Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District News Budget 2020

2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION

Toward the end of winter, COVID-19, or coronavirus, changed our very way of life. Schools were closed, storefronts shutdown, and our brave medical professionals worked 24/7 to treat the ill. At the Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District, we met this challenge head-on; our teachers, administrators, students and community pulled together to keep the educational journey moving forward. Students began their online learning experience, found ways to engage in community service and made new connections with the world. The coronavirus was an unprecedented world event, but the Plainview-Old Bethpage school community rose to the challenge of maintaining the standard of excellence through these difficult times.



The District's staff and the Board of Education continue to work tirelessly throughout the pandemic to keep our schools going. The District partnered with the community to propose a budget that improves upon the academic, enrichment, and social-emotional learning programs at Plainview-Old Bethpage, while recognizing the sudden shift in the economy and the pressure on your finances.

By drawing upon reserves, aggressively pursuing other sources of revenue, and putting tight controls on projected expenditures, the proposed budget carries a 1.16% increase over the current year's budget. The proposed tax levy increase is **1.98%**, which is **\$1.4 million below the District's allowable tax cap** as set by the state. The budget proposal includes funding for:

- Teachers College Reading & Writing Program in grades K through 8
- Graduation pathways through CTE business management and entrepreneurship programs
- Strategic partnership with Northwell Health
- Coding program for grades 4 through 12
- Resources to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Full implementation of 1:1 devices
- Compensatory special education services
- Expanded reading services
- Professional development for virtual learning
- Maintaining class sizes

Please carefully review this newsletter, and contact the District's business office at 516-434-3050 with any questions. Most important, remember your absentee ballots are due on Tuesday, June 9, 2020.

**ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE DUE
TUESDAY, JUNE 9**

PROPOSITION I: ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET

REVENUE

	Approved 2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021	Change
State Aid	\$20,654,192	\$21,140,288	\$486,096
Other Revenue	\$7,689,950	\$6,783,331	-\$906,619
Use of Reserves/ Fund Balance	\$8,134,236	\$7,953,469	-\$180,767
Tax Levy	\$125,879,542	\$128,371,510	\$2,491,968
Budget	\$162,357,920	\$164,248,598	\$1,890,678

The tax levy increase is 1.98%.

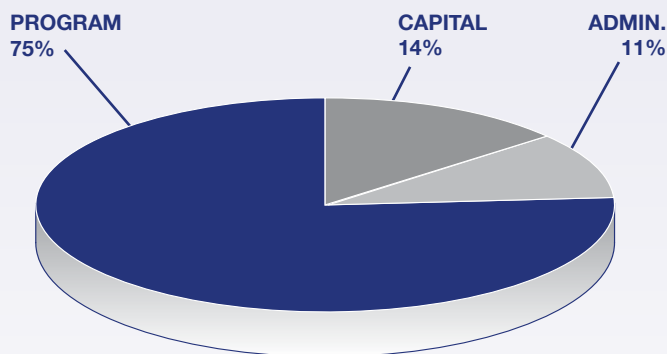
This is more than \$1,400,000 below our allowable tax-levy cap as set by the state.

EXPENDITURES

2019-2020 Approved Budget	\$162,357,920
2020-2021 Proposed Budget	\$164,248,598
Budget Percentage Increase	1.16%

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.

	Approved 2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021	Change
Administrative	\$16,818,900	\$17,655,659	\$836,759
Instructional Program	\$121,802,276	\$123,896,092	\$2,093,816
Capital	\$23,736,744	\$22,696,847	-\$1,039,897
Total	\$162,357,920	\$164,248,598	\$1,890,678

CAPITAL PROJECTS

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

The District has established the transfer to capital line for 2020-2021.

	Approved 2019-2020	Proposed 2020-2021
Transfer to Capital	\$2,641,110	\$1,000,000

FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS:

- Modifications for health and safety at all schools
- Musical playgrounds at OB, SR, JJP, and PAS
- Gym sound system installation for stage performances at JJP and PAS
- LED message board at parking lot entrances at MMS and POBMS
- Floor replacement at POBJFKHS
- Exterior handicapped accessibility improvements, blacktop, curb and sidewalk work at ALL schools
- Strategic equipment replacement at ALL schools

Proposition II: Expenditure from the Capital Reserve includes athletic field improvements at POBMS; electrical system replacements at POBJFKHS, POBMS and SR; fire alarm and emergency generator replacement at SR; and reconstruction of parking lots, play surfaces, sidewalks and drywells at all District facilities. See page 4 for more information on Proposition II.

IMPORTANT VOTE INFORMATION

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	Approved Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	Dollar Difference	Percent of Budget
GENERAL SUPPORT				
Board of Education	\$198,055	\$195,637	-\$2,418	
Superintendent's Office	\$463,527	\$416,111	-\$47,416	
Business Administration/Finance	\$1,500,345	\$1,549,000	\$48,655	
Personnel/Public Info/Legal	\$1,305,863	\$1,177,831	-\$128,032	
Operations & Maintenance	\$11,391,528	\$12,224,874	\$833,346	
Insurance/BOCES	\$1,470,323	\$1,502,668	\$32,345	
Total General Support	\$16,329,641	\$17,066,121	\$736,480	10.39%
INSTRUCTION				
Curriculum and Supervision	\$6,782,713	\$7,418,726	\$636,013	
Teaching - Regular K-12	\$53,654,962	\$53,018,237	-\$636,725	
Special Education	\$16,474,244	\$17,865,664	\$1,391,420	
Occ. Ed./Summer School/Twilight	\$490,202	\$927,943	\$437,741	
Instructional Media & Libraries	\$5,494,732	\$4,912,463	-\$582,269	
Pupil Services	\$9,958,410	\$10,200,597	\$242,187	
Total Instruction	\$92,855,263	\$94,343,630	\$1,488,367	57.44%
DISTRICTWIDE SUPPORT				
Main Transportation Contract*	\$4,310,950	\$4,399,560	\$88,610	
Transportation - Other	\$4,075,858	\$4,471,904	\$396,046	
Community Services	\$239,511	\$242,928	\$3,417	
Employee Benefits	\$36,512,099	\$37,303,839	\$791,740	
TAN/EPC/BAN Contract	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$0	
School Food Service Transfer	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$3,000	
Summer Spec. Ed. Transfer	\$200,000	\$250,000	\$50,000	
Capital Transfer	\$2,641,110	\$1,000,000	-\$1,641,110	
Debt Service - District & Library	\$5,108,488	\$5,082,616	-\$25,872	
Total Districtwide	\$53,173,016	\$52,838,847	-\$334,169	32.17%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$162,357,920	\$164,248,598	\$1,890,678	100.00%
REVENUE SUMMARY (ESTIMATED)				
State Aid	\$20,654,192	\$21,140,288	\$486,096	
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TOTAL REVENUE	\$162,357,920	\$164,248,598	\$1,890,678	100.00%

* Second year of a possible five-year contract, the total cost of which is estimated at \$33,573,679.



PROPOSITION II: EXPENDING THE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

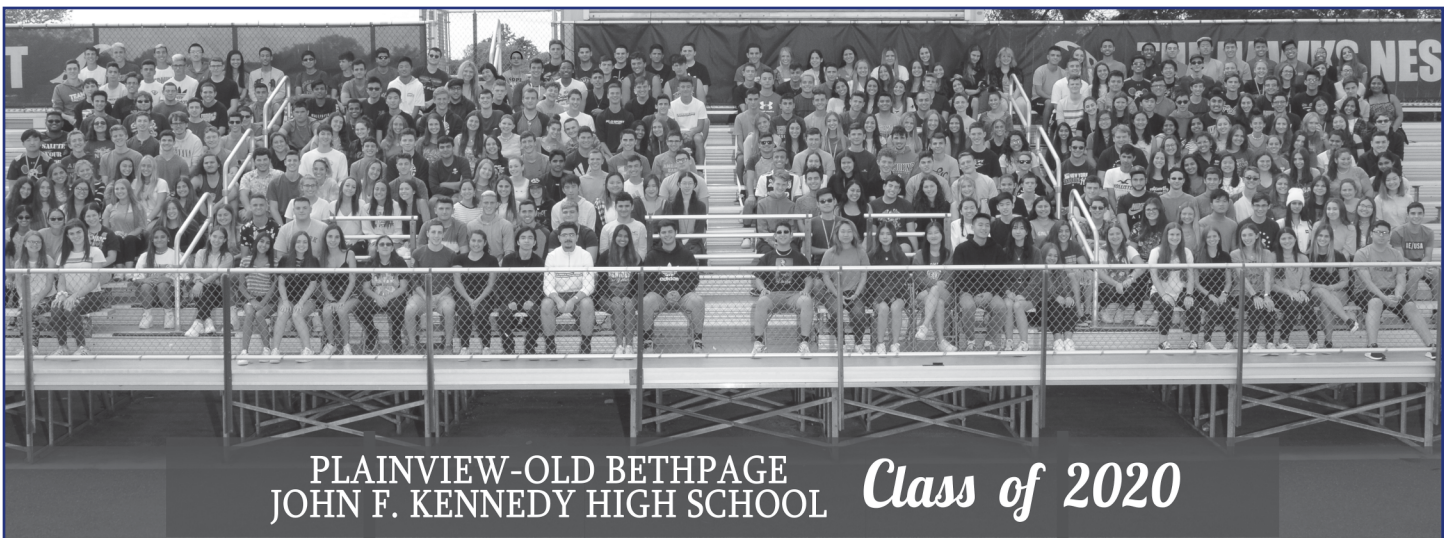
In addition to voting on the 2020-2021 District budget, Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District residents will be voting on the expenditure of the Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) for the District.

A CRF is essentially a savings account set up by the District to finance future building renovations and potential infrastructure needs. The District's CRF is being funded through Beechwood funds, other unanticipated revenues and unexpended funds previously accumulated. Approval of the proposed CRF expenditures will not impact the proposed budget.

The District is proposing expenditures not to exceed **\$3.8 million** to fund capital improvements to the facilities of the District.

PROPOSED CAPITAL RESERVE EXPENDITURES

- Athletic field improvements at POBMS (tennis and basketball court replacements and playspace improvements)
- Electrical system upgrades at POBJFKHS, POBMS and SR
- Fire alarm and emergency generator replacement at SR
- Districtwide parking lot, sidewalk, paved-space and drainage reconstruction



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.

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DISTRICTWIDE STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

- Graduation rate: 100%
- 97% of graduates attend college (91%, 4-year; 6%, 2-year)
- Regents Diploma: 97%
- Advanced Regents Diploma: 85%
- Special Education students graduating with an Advanced Regents Diploma: 36%
- 581 students participated in AP exams and completed 1,389 exams
- 11 Academic Excellence Awards
- 14 graduating seniors named as Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program
- Three National Merit Scholarship finalists
- One National Merit Scholarship winner
- Candidate for the 2019 United States Presidential Scholars Program
- 362 graduates earned over \$10 million in scholarships

- Six finalists in the DECA International Competition in Orlando, Florida

MUSIC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 135 All-County musicians, 8 All-Eastern musicians and 4 All-National musicians
- NAMM Best Communities for Music Education recognition

RESEARCH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- One semifinalist in Regeneron Science Talent Search
- Three Intel International Science & Engineering Fair finalists
- First place in the Grades 4-6 Toshiba ExploraVision Research Competition
- Three Long Island High School Psychology Fair winners
- Three semifinalists in the 2019 Coca Cola Scholars Program
- One finalist and six semifinalists in the National Junior Science & Humanities Symposium
- Two New York State Science Congress finalists

VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Long Island Scholar-Artists in visual arts and theater
- Art Supervisors Association of Nassau County Senior Scholarship & Leadership award winners

ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

- News12 Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- NYSPHSAA Scholar-Athlete School of Distinction Award
- County champions: boys volleyball
- Conference champions: boys volleyball, girls soccer, boys badminton, girls bowling and girls badminton
- Five All-State athletes and 25 All-County athletes

POBJFK
High School has
been ranked among the
nation's best schools by
U.S. News & World
Report

ADDITIONAL WAYS TO ACCESS VOTER AND SCHOOL BUDGET INFORMATION

The District website has been updated to make voter information and school budget information more accessible to you. By clicking on "District Announcements," you can:

- Confirm that you are registered to vote by clicking ["Am I Registered"](#)
- Review all of the budget presentations and budget documents by clicking ["2020-2021 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 please remember to vote by Tuesday, June 9th. You can mail your ballot using the postage-paid envelope that is being sent to registered voters or deliver it to the Office of the District Clerk at 106 Washington Avenue, Plainview, NY, no later than 5:00 p.m., June 9, 2020.



WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Proposition I: Annual School District Budget

Authorization to spend up to **\$164,248,598** to support educational programs in the 2020-2021 school year.

Proposition II: Expending the Capital Reserve Fund

Authorization to expend up to **\$3.8 million** from the Capital Reserve Fund with no increase to the proposed budget.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES

ELECTION OF TRUSTEES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

The two 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, 2020, and expiring on June 30, 2023. The one candidate receiving the third highest number of votes will immediately fill the unexpired vacant seat for the remainder of the term to expire June 30, 2021. 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 THREE (3): Debbie Bernstein, Gary Bettan and Ginger Lieberman



BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

Tuesday, June 9, 2020

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A qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election, and who is not otherwise ineligible to vote under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law (e.g. a person who has been adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court).

In light of the limitations posed by COVID-19, there will be no in-person voter registration held at school district offices prior to the June 9, 2020 vote. If you are not currently registered to vote, registration with the County Board of Elections is available online through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website at <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>. Those wishing to register online must do so by May 26, 2020.

The U.S. Department of Justice has mandated that all public school districts in Nassau County and Suffolk County, to be in compliance with the Voting Rights Act of 1965, must produce board of trustee elections and school district budget vote documents in both English and Spanish.

