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Plainview-Old Bethpage Central School District News

May 2018

2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

A Message From Your Board of Education

Dear Residents,

The Board of Education has been in thoughtful deliberations with the public to provide a comprehensive budget that maintains a standard of excellence and meets the expectations of our community. The proposed budget is designed to support each student as they journey through our schools from kindergarten to their high school graduation in a safe and secure environment.

A well-developed budget provides great programs and resources to our students, but that is not enough. A proposed budget must also be fiscally responsible by remaining below the restrictive tax-levy limit set by the state. By continuing to draw upon reserves and pursuing other sources of revenue, the proposed budget carries a 1.98 percent tax-levy increase. This is almost \$1,000,000 below our allowable tax-levy cap as set by the state.

The safety and security of our students has always been a focus of the District. This year, each building received many safety and security enhancements, and staff was added for additional social and emotional support. The 2018-2019 proposed budget and use of the Capital Reserve Fund builds upon our extensive safety and security features, and includes:

- A 21st-century security command center
- Reconstruction of entry vestibules
- Protective window film for schools
- Introduction of “one-button lockdown”
- “FlySense” vaping and bullying monitoring
- Security card access for doors
- Expanded camera coverage



There are many things that distinguish an education in Plainview-Old Bethpage, and the proposed budget intends to maintain our reputation as one of Long Island’s finest districts. The budget proposal includes funding for:

- Expansion of technology initiatives K-12
- Additional instructional spaces at Old Bethpage
- Updating our elementary science and mathematics curriculum
- Implementing a Twilight program: an alternative education program at POBJFKHS
- Resourcing social and emotional health initiatives
- Updating cafeteria equipment Districtwide

We believe we have developed a budget that meets the needs of every student, provides a safe and supportive environment, and understands the financial challenges faced by the residents who support our students. Please carefully review the enclosed information, and feel free to contact our Business Office at 516-434-3050 with your questions. Most important, remember to vote on Tuesday, May 15, 2018.

Sincerely,

The Plainview-Old Bethpage Board of Education

**ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE
TUESDAY, MAY 15 • 6 A.M. TO 9 P.M.**

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 2018-19.

	Approved 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019
Transfer to Capital	\$2,000,000	\$2,100,000

DISTRICTWIDE:

- Safety and enhanced security
- Replacement of aging cafeteria equipment

JUDY JACOBS PARKWAY ELEMENTARY:

- Car pool area awning

OLD BETHPAGE ELEMENTARY:

- Additional instructional space

PASADENA ELEMENTARY:

- Walker door awning

POBMS:

- Reconstruction of FACS room

POBJFKHS:

- Main office and guidance floor replacement

Proposition II: Expenditure from 2017 Capital Reserve includes A/C improvements for Stratford Road and Mattlin MS, along with the Districtwide reconstruction of entry vestibules upgrades and roof recoating for Judy Jacobs Parkway and Pasadena. See page 4 for more information on Proposition II.

IMPORTANT DATES

Voter Registration

Tuesday, May 8 • 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Vote on Budget and Election of School Board Trustees

Tuesday, May 15 • 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Registration and Voting Take Place at:

Jamaica Avenue School

Old Bethpage Elementary School

Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School

REVENUE

	Approved 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019	Change
State Aid	\$19,889,629	\$19,731,407	(\$158,222)
Other Revenue	\$11,286,233	\$14,017,139	\$2,730,906
Tax Levy	\$121,020,994	\$123,417,820	\$2,396,826
Budget	\$152,196,856	\$157,166,366	\$4,969,510

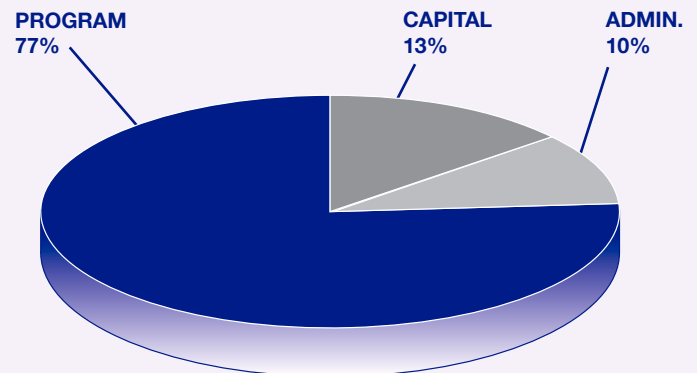
The tax levy increase is 1.98%.
This is almost \$1,000,000 below our allowable tax-levy cap as set by the state.

EXPENDITURES

2017-2018 Approved Budget	\$152,196,856
2018-2019 Proposed Budget	\$157,166,366
Budget Percentage Increase	3.27%

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



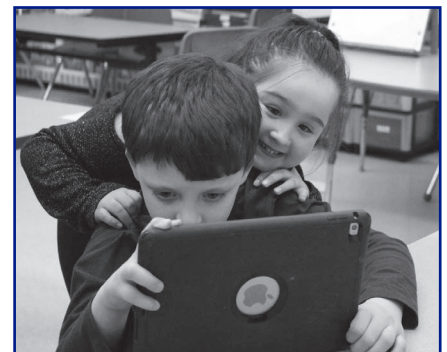
The State of New York requires all school districts make available a proposed budget broken down into three component parts. The three components of this budget format are Administrative, Instructional Program and Capital.

	Approved 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019	Change
Administrative	\$16,043,672	\$16,383,291	\$339,619
Instructional Program	\$116,627,786	\$118,397,311	\$1,769,525
Capital	\$19,525,398	\$22,385,764	\$2,860,366
Total	\$152,196,856	\$157,166,366	\$4,969,510

Proposition I: Annual School District Budget

	Approved Budget 2017-2018	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	Dollar Difference	Percent of Budget
GENERAL SUPPORT				
Board of Education	\$187,118	\$191,902	\$4,784	
Superintendent's Office	\$446,728	\$453,996	\$7,268	
Business Administration/Finance	\$1,345,571	\$1,395,708	\$50,137	
Personnel/Public Info/Legal	\$1,314,480	\$1,191,197	-\$123,283	
Operations & Maintenance	\$10,786,132	\$11,096,365	\$310,233	
Insurance/BOCES	\$1,464,709	\$1,436,265	-\$28,444	
Total General Support	\$15,544,738	\$15,765,433	\$220,695	10.03%
INSTRUCTION				
Curriculum and Supervision	\$6,503,006	\$6,608,500	\$105,494	
Teaching - Regular K-12	\$50,808,911	\$51,204,684	\$395,773	
Special Education	\$16,257,673	\$16,636,301	\$378,628	
Occ. Ed./ Summer School/Twilight	\$350,452	\$534,988	\$184,536	
Instructional Media & Libraries	\$4,857,403	\$5,295,054	\$437,651	
Pupil Services	\$9,442,927	\$9,340,750	-\$102,177	
Total Instruction	\$88,220,372	\$89,620,277	\$1,399,905	57.02%
DISTRICTWIDE SUPPORT				
Main Transportation Contract*	\$3,996,980	\$4,003,826	\$6,846	
Transportation - Other	\$4,544,450	\$4,229,637	-\$314,813	
Community Services	\$213,263	\$234,993	\$21,730	
Employee Benefits	\$34,499,320	\$36,070,011	\$1,570,691	
TAN/EPC/BAN Contract	\$643,298	\$1,700,498	\$1,057,200	
School Food Service Transfer	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0	
Summer Spec Ed Transfer	\$200,000	\$200,000	\$0	
Capital Transfer	\$2,000,000	\$2,100,000	\$100,000	
Debt Service - District & Library	\$2,309,435	\$3,216,691	\$907,256	
Total Districtwide	\$48,431,746	\$51,780,656	\$3,348,910	32.95%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$152,196,856	\$157,166,366	\$4,969,510	100.00%
REVENUE SUMMARY (ESTIMATED)				
State Aid	\$19,889,629	\$19,731,407	-\$158,222	
Local/Other Revenue	\$11,286,233	\$14,017,139	\$2,730,906	
Tax Levy	\$121,020,994	\$123,417,820	\$2,396,826	
TOTAL REVENUE	\$152,196,856	\$157,166,366	\$4,969,510	100.00%

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



Proposition II: Expending the Capital Reserve Fund

In addition to voting on the 2018-2019 School District budget, Plainview-Old Bethpage residents are asked to vote on the expenditure of the Capital Reserve Fund for the District.

A Capital Reserve Fund (CRF) is essentially a savings account set up by the District to finance future building renovations and potential infrastructure needs. It was funded by Beechwood funds, other unanticipated revenues and unexpended funds accumulated and would not affect the proposed budget.

A CRF is proposed by the Board of Education and requires voter approval, both to create the reserve and to expend the funds. We are asking for an expenditure not to exceed \$4.6 million to fund capital improvements to the facilities of the District.

Specific uses for this capital reserve expenditure proposition include:

- Roof reconstruction including replacing skylights, adjusting roof drains, re-pitching SPF roofing and recoating the entire roof at Judy Jacobs Parkway Elementary School
- Roof reconstruction including replacing skylights, adjusting roof drains, re-pitching SPF roofing and recoating the roof at Pasadena Elementary School
- Safety and security improvements to include reconstruction of entry vestibules Districtwide
- HVAC heating, ventilation and air conditioning installation and improvements in the Stratford Road Elementary School auditorium
- HVAC heating, ventilation and air conditioning installation and improvements in the Mattlin Middle School technology labs and music rooms



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

- Graduation rate: 98%
- 96% of graduates attend college (87%, 4-year; 9%, 2-year)
- Regents Diploma: 95%
- Advanced Regents Diploma: 77%
- Special Education students graduating with Regents Diploma: 78%
- Advanced Placement results: 1,299 papers; 82% pass rate
- 216 AP Scholars
- 10 Academic Excellence Awards
- 17 graduating seniors named as Commended Students in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program
- 4 National Merit Scholarship Finalists
- 1 Candidate for the 2018 United States Presidential Scholars Program
- Outstanding Special Education Program

MUSIC PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 109 All-County musicians
- 2 All-National musicians
- 18 All-State musicians
- 1 Long Island Scholar-Artist winner for Theater
- 31 students in Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA)
- 2018 Best Communities for Music Education

RESEARCH PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- 1 Regeneron Science Talent Search semi-finalist
- 4 first place winners in NYS Science & Engineering Fair
- 5 Junior Science and Humanities Symposia finalists
- Nassau County Champion for Brain Bee competition
- Virtual Enterprise National qualifiers
- 6 Long Island Science and Engineering Fair semi-finalists

ATHLETICS HIGHLIGHTS

- 1st place in Nassau County Women's Gymnastics
- 1st Place in Nassau County Men's Cross Country - 1st in POB history
- County Champions in Boys' Bowling - 1st since 1996
- All Scholar-Athlete Teams for Fall and Winter

VISUAL ARTS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Nassau County Art Supervisors Association - All-County Art Exhibition: 41 students
- 1 Senior Scholarship Award winner
- 1 winner in the Long Island Arts Alliance Scholar-Artist Award, Visual Arts category

PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE OFFERS ADDITIONAL 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 under the "Announcements" column, you can:

- Confirm that you are registered to vote by clicking "Am I Registered"
- Find the form to update voter registrant information
- Obtain an application for an absentee ballot
- By clicking "Where to Vote," locate your correct voting site
- Review all of the budget presentations and budget documents by clicking "2018-2019 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 on Tuesday, May 15th.





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WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

Proposition I: Annual School District Budget

Authorization to spend up to \$157,166,366 to support educational programs in the 2018-19 school year.

Proposition II: Expending the Capital Reserve Fund

Authorization to expend \$4.6 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, 2018, and expiring on 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 TWO: JODI CAMPAGNA • LAUREN SACKSTEIN

BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

Tuesday, May 15, 2018 • 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 "Announcements") must be received by the District Clerk, Jeanne Tyler, (516) 434-3003, by May 8, 2018. To personally pick up a ballot, the application must be delivered to the District Clerk's office by 4 p.m. on May 14, 2018. All absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk's office by 5 p.m. on May 15th, 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 8, 2018, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Jamaica Avenue School, Old Bethpage Elementary School and Plainview-Old Bethpage Middle School.