

The STANDARD

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FISCALLY SOUND BUDGET MAINTAINS ALL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

PROPOSED BUDGET IS TAX-CAP COMPLIANT

On Tuesday, May 16, residents will head to the polls to vote on the proposed budget for the 2017-2018 school year. Totaling \$109,164,588, this proposal represents a 1.42 percent increase over the current year's adopted spending plan and carries a tax levy increase of 1.50 percent, which does not exceed the district's allowable tax levy limit.

Through careful planning, the Board of Education and district administrators developed a proposed spending plan that allows the district to preserve its wonderful academic, co-curricular and extracurricular programs. This budget proposal also includes the addition of two elementary teachers to stabilize class sizes.

Also on the ballot in May is Proposition 2, which seeks voter approval to expend an amount not to exceed \$1.4 million from the district's existing capital fund. The district plans to make various enhancements to the high school as well as districtwide ceiling and bathroom upgrades. The approval of this proposition will not have an impact on our taxpayers. Additional information can be found on the right side of this page.

The proposed budget retains the district's focus on technology enhancements and the programmatic needs that provide our students with the best education possible, balanced by our responsibility to remain fiscally accountable to our taxpayers. Furthermore, it allows for capital spending that will enable the district to make improvements to our facilities, as well as purchase two large buses and four rear axle vans.

The Board and administration have worked diligently to explore all possible efficiencies and ways to support both our students and our taxpayers. The budget that will be on the ballot meets our expectations and goals. For more information on the budget and to verify that you are registered to vote, please visit the district's website, www.deerparkschools.org.

We thank you, our community, for your continued dedication to our district. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 16. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the gymnasium at Deer Park High School.

Sincerely,

The Deer Park Board of Education
Eva J. Demyen, Superintendent of Schools
Marguerite Jimenez, Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations



Proposition II: Expend Capital Funds

The Board of Education seeks voter approval to expend an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.00 from the district's existing capital fund. **The use of these funds will not increase the proposed 2017-2018 budget or the tax levy, therefore resulting in no tax impact to our taxpayers.**

Projects Include:

- Enhance HS Tennis Courts
- Repair HS Exterior Masonry
- Replace One Boiler at HS
- Upgrade HS Parking Lot Drainage
- Enhance HS Science Lab
- Districtwide Ceilings Upgrades
- Districtwide Bathrooms Upgrades

Capital Spending

A continued focus of the Deer Park Schools is on our facilities. Included in this year's budget is an array of capital spending, including:

- Purchase of two (2) Large Buses and four (4) rear axle vans.
- Districtwide asbestos abatement.
- Boiler replacement at Lincoln School.

REMEMBER TO VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

DPHS Gymnasium

7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Park by the track and enter through
the pool entrance.

Points of Falcon Pride



ACADEMICS

- 79 students named by College Board as Advanced Placement Scholars, including four National AP Scholars, 17 AP Scholars with Distinction and 10 AP Scholars with Honor.
- Five high school students inducted into New York DECA Honor Society; 29 won trophies in DECA's Suffolk County Regional Competition.
- 52 high school students inducted into National Honor Society; and 67 middle school students inducted into National Junior Honor Society.
- Dark Falcons high school pumpkin chucking team took first place in Long Island's annual Pumpkin Fling catapult contest.
- JQA Primary students participated in St. Jude Math-A-Thon, raising more than \$8,478 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

ATHLETICS

- Numerous senior student-athletes signed National Letters of Intent for collegiate play at schools such as Loyola University, Fairleigh Dickinson University, Wingate University, Molloy College and West Virginia Wesleyan College.
- Senior named to girls soccer All-State third team and All-Long Island second team.



- Several high school athletes earned All-County and All-League designation.
- Varsity boys basketball and girls soccer teams win League IV championships and advance to county quarterfinals and semifinals, respectively.
- Two seniors named winter track league champions.
- All eight fall sports teams and five winter teams named New York State Scholar/Athlete Teams.

ARTS

- Acclaimed high school All-State flutist named to All-Eastern Honors Band.
- Middle school student awarded \$1,500 grand prize scholarship in Altice Connects Hispanic Heritage Month essay contest
- 25 student-musicians chosen for annual SCMEA festival, five juniors and seniors chosen for NYSCAME All-County festival, and six string musicians from high school, Frost and JFK participated in 2017 Long Island String Festival Association concerts.
- High school student selected for Long Island's Best Young Artists show at Heckscher Museum.
- Two May Moore students selected for exhibition in 81st annual "Colors of Long Island: Student Expressions" art show at Long Island Museum.
- 12 JFK students chosen to have artwork displayed at SCALA Children's Show at Babylon's Old Town Hall
- 13 high school students attended the annual New York State Theatre Education Association Student Conference
- Six high school Spanish-language students invited to participate in Americas Poetry Festival at the Walt Whitman Museum.



E X P E N D I T U R E S

2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

	PRESENT 2016-2017 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2017-2018 BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
GENERAL SUPPORT			
BOE/ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$68,985	\$71,152	3.14%
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	324,498	336,452	3.68%
FINANCE	1,091,103	1,125,502	3.15%
STAFF	548,306	562,202	2.53%
CENTRAL SERVICES	7,174,949	7,462,234	4.00%
SPECIAL ITEMS (BOCES, Insurance)	1,028,946	1,049,616	2.01%
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$10,236,787	\$10,607,158	3.62%
INSTRUCTION			
ADMINISTRATION & IMPROVEMENT	\$4,235,976	\$4,423,747	4.43%
TEACHING	33,940,235	34,267,649	0.96%
SPECIAL APPORTIONMENT PROGRAMS	13,236,030	13,729,126	3.73%
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	56,176	57,324	2.04%
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA	2,478,617	2,527,857	1.99%
PUPIL SERVICES	7,447,523	7,545,665	1.32%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$61,394,557	\$62,551,368	1.88%
TRANSPORTATION			
TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$4,957,623	\$5,060,868	2.08%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS			
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$28,762,171	\$28,837,263	0.26%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	630,000	640,000	1.59%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$29,392,171	\$29,477,263	0.29%
DEBT SERVICES			
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	\$1,655,307	\$1,467,931	-11.32%
GRAND TOTALS	\$107,636,445	\$109,164,588	1.42%



An annual budget contains estimates of revenues and expenditures, and the actual financial results will differ from the budget. As noted by the Office of the State Comptroller, "A certain amount of the budget should be set aside for contingencies (either with a line item, or through the use of fund balances or reserves), to allow for the smooth operation of government in case of emergencies or minor errors in calculating revenues or expenditures." In the event that any surplus funds are available at the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Education will determine the best use of these funds, which may include using these funds to reduce taxes, maintain programs, fund the unappropriated, undesignated reserve as allowed by law at a maximum of 4 percent of the subsequent year's budget and/or fund other reserves.

ESTIMATED REVENUES

ACCOUNT NAME	2016-2017 BUDGET	2017-2018 PROPOSED
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$4,112,228	\$3,883,285
LOCAL REVENUES	\$3,152,550	\$3,400,420
STATE AID TOTAL	\$27,213,344	\$27,854,827
USE OF RESERVES	\$779,389	\$626,590
FUND BALANCE	\$4,125,000	\$4,125,000
TAX LEVY	\$68,253,934	\$69,274,466
TOTAL REVENUES	\$107,636,445	\$109,164,588

2017-2018 ESTIMATED TAX LEVY/RATE

Expenditures	\$109,164,588
Revenues	\$35,138,532
Use of Fund Balance	\$4,125,000
Use of Reserves.....	\$626,590
Tax Levy.....	\$69,274,466
Tax Levy % Increase	1.50%
Projected 2017-2018 Tax Rate.....	\$205.87
Present 2016-2017 Tax Rate.....	\$202.44
Tax Rate Increase	\$3.43
Estimated Tax Rate % Increase	1.69%

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ON YOUR BALLOT

PROPOSITION III ELECTION OF TWO BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES

Al Centamore (Incumbent)

Donna Gulli Grunseich (Incumbent)

FAQs

Q: What are a school district budget's main components?

A: There are two accounting segments that comprise the district budget — expenditures and revenues. Expenditures are calculated for instruction, central services, transportation and other categories listed in the “Expenditures” chart. The district derives revenue to fund expenditures from the tax levy, state aid, payments in lieu of taxes (PILOTs) from Suffolk County for businesses operating in Deer Park, interest on account balances, BOCES reimbursements and related services as seen on the “Estimated Revenues” chart. The budget must be structured to balance expenditures with anticipated revenues.

Q: What is the difference between the tax levy and the tax rate?

A: The tax levy is the amount of money the Board of Education requests from the Town of Babylon in order to balance the budget after state aid and other revenues are taken into consideration. The tax rate is not set by the Board of Education. The town assessor calculates the assessed valuation of the properties in the Town of Babylon from which the tax rate is calculated. It is important to note that the tax levy limit applies only to the school district's tax levy, not the tax rate or an individual tax bill.

Q: What is a contingency budget?

A: Should voters defeat the proposed budget on May 16, the budget may be presented for one more vote prior to July. If the Board opts not to have a second vote, it can immediately adopt a contingency budget, which would force the district to operate with a zero percent tax levy increase under the state's tax cap law. If a second proposed budget is defeated, the district must, by law, adopt at zero percent.



VOTER INFORMATION

Voter Eligibility and Registration:

Deer Park residents are urged to vote in all school district elections. To cast your ballot in the May 16 budget vote and Board trustee election, you must be:

- A citizen of the United States.
- 18 years of age or older (we encourage eligible students to exercise their right to vote).
- A resident of the Deer Park School District for 30 days prior to vote.
- Registered to vote with the Suffolk County Board of Elections, or registered with the school district.

Registration is required if you have not voted within four years in a general election or school election. Registration will be held on:

- Tuesday, May 2, Administration Building, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Thursday, May 4, Administration Building, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Wednesday, May 10, John F. Kennedy Intermediate School, 4 p.m.-8 p.m.

For more information, to verify that you are registered to vote or to obtain an application for an absentee ballot, contact the district clerk at 631-274-4013 or visit the district's website, www.deerparkschools.org, under Board of Education/Budget tab.

