

# The STANDARD

BUDGET 2021

A PUBLICATION OF THE DEER PARK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Balanced Tax-Cap Compliant Budget

### Maintains and Restores All Offerings for Students With No Cuts to Staff

With a focus on fiscal stability and ensuring a well-rounded educational program for all students, the district has formulated a proposed 2021-2022 budget that preserves all programs, reinstates several initiatives and remains within the tax levy limit of 1.25%. The proposed budget totaling \$121,769,599 carries a 2.87% budget-to-budget increase and only requires a simple majority approval.

As in prior years, the administration began preparing a balanced budget in the fall that ensured the continuation of the district's strong educational programs, co-curricular offerings and supports for students and staff. Through prudent oversight, the proposed budget calls for the restoration of previous initiatives and programs reduced this past year due to COVID-19, includes no reduction to staff and sustains health and safety initiatives included in the prior budget. In addition, with an increase in state aid, the district was able to reduce the use of reserves and appropriated fund balance in order to have those funding sources available to use in future years in the hopes of avoiding tax levy spikes. Phase II of the district's Energy Performance Contract is also included in this proposed budget, as the district awaits State Education Department approval, as are several upcoming capital projects designed to protect building infrastructure. These include districtwide asbestos abatement and sidewalk updates.

As educational life moves closer to prepandemic operations, this comprehensive proposed budget plans for a complete return of students, with sports and co-curricular activities back in full, while retaining the ability to adjust to a contingency plan if livestreaming is needed. All students in grades 4-12 have now received Chromebooks, and this budget includes purchases for the incoming fourth grade, with graduating senior devices set to be repurposed. To further support the needs of our school buildings, the proposed budget also calls for the addition of a second elementary associate principal, hiring a head of security to oversee district-level security and expanding special education options with a new program at May Moore.

We thank our vibrant, dedicated community for your continued integral support, which has enabled us to focus on creating the best possible educational environment for Deer Park's students.

Please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 18. Polling will take place from 7 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Deer Park High School gymnasium. For additional budget information and presentations, and to verify that you are registered to vote, please visit the district website: [www.deerparkschools.org](http://www.deerparkschools.org).

Sincerely,  
The Deer Park Board of Education  
James Cummings, Superintendent of Schools  
Marguerite Jimenez, Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations

## Límite fiscal equilibrado Presupuesto conforme

### Mantiene y restaura todas las opciones para Los estudiantes sin recortes en el personal

Con un enfoque en la estabilidad fiscal y asegurando un programa educativo completo para todos los estudiantes, el distrito ha formulado un presupuesto propuesto para 2021-2022 que preserva todos los programas, restablece varias iniciativas y permanece dentro del límite de impuestos de 1.25%. El presupuesto propuesto por un total de \$121,769,599 conlleva un aumento de 2.87% de presupuesto a presupuesto y solo requiere una aprobación por mayoría simple.

Como en años anteriores, la administración comenzó a preparar un presupuesto equilibrado en el otoño que aseguró la continuación de los sólidos programas educativos del distrito, las ofertas co-curriculares y los apoyos para los estudiantes y el personal. A través de una supervisión prudente, el presupuesto propuesto exige la restauración de iniciativas y programas previos reducidos el año pasado debido a COVID-19, no incluye reducción de personal y sostiene las iniciativas de salud y seguridad incluidas en el presupuesto anterior. Además, con un aumento en la ayuda estatal, el distrito pudo reducir el uso de reservas y el saldo de fondos apropiado para tener esas fuentes de financiamiento disponibles para usar en años futuros con la esperanza de evitar picos de recaudación de impuestos. La Fase II del Contrato de Desempeño Energético del distrito también se incluye en este presupuesto propuesto, ya que el distrito espera la aprobación del Departamento de Educación del Estado, al igual que varios proyectos de capital futuros diseñados para proteger la infraestructura del edificio. Estos incluyen la reducción de asbesto en todo el distrito y actualizaciones de aceras.

A medida que la vida educativa se acerca a las operaciones pre pandémicas, esta propuesta de presupuesto integral planifica el regreso completo de los estudiantes, con actividades deportivas y co-curriculares nuevamente en su totalidad, al tiempo que conserva la capacidad de ajustarse a un plan de contingencia si se necesita transmisión en vivo. Todos los estudiantes en los grados 4-12 ahora han recibido Chromebooks, y este presupuesto incluye compras para el cuarto grado entrante, y los dispositivos para estudiantes de último año que se gradúan están listos para ser reutilizados. Para apoyar aún más las necesidades de nuestros edificios escolares, el presupuesto propuesto también exige la adición de un segundo director asociado de primaria, la contratación de un jefe de seguridad para supervisar la seguridad a nivel del distrito y la ampliación de las opciones de educación especial con un nuevo programa en May Moore.

Agradecemos a nuestra comunidad vibrante y dedicada por su continuo apoyo integral, que nos ha permitido enfocarnos en crear el mejor ambiente educativo posible para los estudiantes de Deer Park.

Recuerde votar el martes 18 de mayo. La votación se llevará a cabo de 7 a.m. a 9 p.m. en el gimnasio de Deer Park High School. Para obtener información adicional sobre el presupuesto y presentaciones, y para verificar que está registrado para votar, visite el sitio web del distrito: [www.deerparkschools.org](http://www.deerparkschools.org).

Atentamente,  
La Junta de Educación de Deer Park  
James Cummings, Superintendente de Escuelas  
Marguerite Jimenez, Asistente del Superintendente de Negocios y Operaciones

**BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION**

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

7 a.m.-9 p.m. • Deer Park High School Gymnasium

**VOTACIÓN PRESUPUESTARIA Y ELECCIÓN DE FIDEICOMISARIOS**

Martes, 18 de mayo de 2021

De 7 a.m. a 9 p.m. • Gimnasio de la escuela secundaria Deer Park

# Falcon Pride on Display

## ACADEMICS

- Advanced Placement Scholars named by College Board included two National AP Scholars, 29 AP Scholars with Distinction, 16 AP Scholars with Honor and 57 AP Scholars.
- 65 high school students were inducted as new members into the National Honor Society, 34 into the Math Honor Society and 35 into the Science Honor Society.
- 31 high school students won trophies at DECA's Suffolk County Regional Competition.
- A high school freshman was one of 82 Long Island students named a Long Island Young Scholar of Mathematics by the Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students at SUNY Old Westbury.
- A high school sophomore was accepted into SUNY College at Old Westbury's Institute of Mathematics Education, Research and Instructional Technology program.

## ATHLETICS

- Varsity boys basketball team earned its seventh league championship since 2012 and qualified for the Suffolk County playoffs for the 12th season in a row.

- Girls varsity tennis and boys and girls cross-country teams were named league champions.
- Three high school athletes were named All-County and 27 were named All-League.
- Six winter varsity sports teams were named New York State Scholar-Athlete Teams.
- Varsity boys bowling, varsity wrestling and JV wrestling teams earned Sportsmanship Awards.

## ARTS

- A senior clarinetist was chosen for the All-State Symphonic Band by the New York State School Music Association.
- 21 students were named All-County musicians by the Suffolk County Music Educators' Association and nine were chosen for the Long Island String Festival Association.
- NAMM Foundation again awarded the district's music program with the prestigious 2021 Best Communities for Music Education designation.
- Middle school actors exhibited their dramatic and singing skills with a special version of the Robert Frost Cabaret.
- High school theater students acted in and recorded five comedies for the annual One Act Play Festival.



## May Moore Autism Program Expands

The May Moore Autism Program is designed to foster opportunities for students with autism and other developmental delays with instruction in an environment that meets their diverse academic, developmental and social-emotional needs. This coming fall, Deer Park will expand the program to include an additional class. Doing so will offer incoming kindergartners and some new and current first and second graders an opportunity to learn and grow with fellow K-2 Deer Park students.

"This expansion enables us to educate our new and current students, and see them thrive alongside their friends within the Deer Park community," said David Renahan, the district administrator for preschool and elementary special education. "We are so excited to create a new class section where the student's needs drive the programming. The individualization of student programming is supported by our unique teaching model so that performance and behavior can be carefully monitored and adjusted to capitalize on student learning. Our teachers, support staff and behavior therapist are trained in specialized instructional strategies and assessments that support students in learning and applying work and independent living skills at home, in school and in the community. We are looking forward to the gains our students will make through this program."

# EXPENDITURES/GASTOS

	PRESENT 2020-2021 BUDGET/ PORCENTAJE ACTUAL PRESUPUESTO 2020-2021	PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET/ PROPUESTO PRESUPUESTO 2021-2022	PERCENT CHANGE/ CAMBIO
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## GENERAL SUPPORT/APOYO GENERAL

BOE/ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS/Junta de Educación/ Costos Administrativos	\$82,214	\$82,718	0.61%
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION/ADMINISTRACIÓN CENTRAL	335,157	348,003	3.83%
FINANCE/FINANCIAR	1,231,421	1,412,413	14.70%
STAFF/PERSONAL	607,356	581,944	-4.18%
CENTRAL SERVICES/Servicios centrales	7,960,152	8,588,036	7.89%
SPECIAL ITEMS (BOCES, Insurance)/ARTÍCULOS ESPECIALES (BOCES, Seguros)	1,085,158	1,098,584	1.24%
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT/SOPORTE GENERAL TOTAL</b>	<b>\$11,301,458</b>	<b>\$12,111,698</b>	<b>7.17%</b>

## INSTRUCTION/INSTRUCCIÓN

ADMINISTRATION AND IMPROVEMENT/ADMINISTRACIÓN Y MEJORA	\$5,186,197	\$5,392,157	3.97%
TEACHING/ENSEÑANZA	33,317,665	33,926,734	1.83%
SPECIAL APPORTIONMENT PROGRAMS/ PROGRAMAS ESPECIALES DE APPORCION	17,176,238	17,359,842	1.07%
SPECIAL SCHOOLS/Escuelas especiales	157,282	154,371	-1.85%
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA/MEDIOS DE INSTRUCCIÓN	2,620,864	2,765,631	5.52%
PUPIL SERVICES/Servicios de alumnos	7,369,730	7,717,049	4.71%
<b>TOTAL INSTRUCTION/INSTRUCCION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$65,827,976</b>	<b>\$67,315,784</b>	<b>2.26%</b>

## TRANSPORTATION/TRANSPORTE

<b>TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION/TRANSPORTE TOTAL DE ALUMNOS</b>	<b>\$5,206,180</b>	<b>\$5,191,956</b>	<b>-0.27%</b>
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## EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS/ BENEFICIOS PARA EMPLEADOS Y TRANSFERENCIAS DE INTER FUNDACIÓN

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS/BENEFICIOS PARA EMPLEADOS	\$31,678,602	\$32,774,048	3.46%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS/Transferencias de fondos	700,000	700,000	0.00%
<b>TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS/ BENEFICIOS TOTALES DE EMPLEADOS y transferencias de fondos</b>	<b>\$32,378,602</b>	<b>\$33,474,048</b>	<b>3.38%</b>

## DEBT SERVICES/Servicios de deuda

<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICES/Servicios de deuda total</b>	<b>\$3,653,864</b>	<b>\$3,676,113</b>	<b>0.61%</b>
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## GRAND TOTALS/Totalidad

	<b>\$118,368,080</b>	<b>\$121,769,599</b>	<b>2.87%</b>
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## 2021-2022 ESTIMATED TAX LEVY/RATE / 2021-2022 impuesto / tasa estimada

Expenditures/Los gastos.....	\$121,769,599
Revenues/Los ingresos .....	\$43,067,482
Use of Fund Balance/Usó del saldo del fondo .....	\$3,000,000
Use of Reserves/Usó de Reservas .....	\$248,887
Tax Levy/Recaudación de impuestos.....	\$75,453,230

**Tax Levy % Increase/Incremento de % sobre recaudación de impuestos ..... 1.25%**

Projected 2021-2022 Tax Rate/Tasa de impuestos proyectada 2021-2022.....	222.19
Present 2020-2021 Tax Rate/Presente tasa de impuestos 2020-2021 .....	219.69
Estimated Tax Rate Increase/Aumento de la tasa de impuesto estimado .....	2.5
Estimated Tax Rate % Increase/Aumento de % sobre tasa de impuesto .....	1.14%

## ESTIMATED REVENUES/Ingresos estimados

ACCOUNT NAME Nombre de la cuenta	2020-2021 BUDGET/ Presupuesto	2021-2022 PROPOSED/ Propuesto
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES/PAGOS EN LUGAR DE IMPUESTOS	\$4,488,063	\$4,792,320
LOCAL REVENUES/INGRESOS LOCALES	4,031,633	4,366,326
STATE AID TOTAL/Total de ayudas estatales	29,876,505	33,908,836
USE OF RESERVES/USO DE RESERVAS	1,450,000	248,887
FUND BALANCE/Saldo de fondos	4,000,000	3,000,000
TAX LEVY/RECAUDACIÓN DE IMPUESTOS	74,521,879	75,453,230
<b>TOTAL REVENUES/INGRESOS TOTALES</b>	<b>\$118,368,080</b>	<b>\$121,769,599</b>

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## Voter Eligibility and Registration:

Deer Park residents are urged to vote in all school district elections. To cast your ballot in the May 18 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.

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](http://www.deerparkschools.org), under Board of Education/Budget tab. Due to the fear of contracting COVID-19, an absentee ballot can be requested with the "temporary illness" box checked off as the reason.

## Elegibilidad de los votantes y registro:

Se insta a los residentes de Deer Park a votar en todas las elecciones del distrito escolar. Para emitir su voto en la elección de voto del presupuesto del 18 de mayo y de la Junta Directiva, debe ser:

- Un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos.
- 18 años de edad o más (alentamos a los estudiantes elegibles a ejercer su derecho de voto).
- Un residente del Distrito Escolar de Deer Park durante 30 días antes de la votación.
- Registrado para votar en la Junta de Elecciones del Condado de Suffolk, o registrado en el distrito escolar. Se requiere inscripción si no ha votado dentro de los cuatro años en una elección general o escuela

Para obtener más información, para verificar que está registrado para votar o para obtener una solicitud para una boleta de votación en ausencia, comuníquese con el secretario del distrito al 631-274-4013 o visite el sitio web del distrito, [www.deerparkschools.org](http://www.deerparkschools.org), bajo la Junta de Educación / Presupuesto lengüeta. Si tiene temor de contraer COVID-19, usted puede solicitar una boleta de voto ausente y marcar la casilla de "enfermedad temporal" como la razón.

## Budget Highlights/ Aspectos destacados del presupuesto

### The proposed budget of \$121,769,599:

- Reflects a budget-to-budget increase of 2.87%.
- Falls within the maximum tax levy limit, with a tax levy increase of 1.25%.
- Maintains all programs and activities for students.
- Restores all programs and services for students.
- Expands special education program options.
- Includes capital spending for projects such as districtwide asbestos abatement and sidewalk repairs.

### El presupuesto propuesto de \$121,769,599:

- Refleja un aumento de presupuesto a un presupuesto del 2,87%.
- Se encuentra dentro del límite máximo de recaudación de impuestos, con un aumento de recaudación de impuestos del 1,25%.
- Mantiene todos los programas y actividades para los estudiantes.
- Restaura todos los programas y servicios para estudiantes.
- Expande las opciones del programa de educación especial.
- Incluye gastos de capital para proyectos tales como reducción de asbesto en todo el distrito y reparaciones de aceras.



Please visit our website ([www.deerparkschools.org](http://www.deerparkschools.org)) or scan the QR code to the right to find the latest budget information as well as questions relating to the budget vote.



Por favor visite nuestro sitio web [www.deerparkschools.org](http://www.deerparkschools.org) o escanee el código QR a la derecha para encontrar la última información presupuestaria, así como preguntas relacionadas con la votación del presupuesto

## ON YOUR BALLOT/ EN SU BOLETA

ELECTION OF TWO BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES / ELECCIÓN DE DOS MIEMBROS DE LA JUNTA DE EDUCACIÓN TITULAR

Donna Marie Elliott (Incumbent)

Robert Marino (Incumbent)

The **STANDARD**

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