

The STANDARD

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BUDGET 2018

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REMEMBER TO VOTE

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

DPHS Gymnasium

7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Park by the track and enter through the pool entrance.

Budget Highlights

- New Phone System that is Emergency Compliant.
- Addition of Security Guards and Security Car.
- Introduction of AP Capstone Program.
- 1:1 Chromebook Initiative for Grades 5-7.
- Expansion of Digital Literacy Program.
- New Electronic Sign for Robert Frost Middle School.
- Preserves all Programs and Activities for Students.

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 three (3) rear axle vans.
- JQA parking lot expansion.
- Districtwide asbestos abatement.

DEER PARK DOES IT AGAIN!

PROPOSED BUDGET MAINTAINS ALL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES AND IS TAX-CAP COMPLIANT

Dear Deer Park Community:

On Tuesday, May 15, residents in the Deer Park UFSD community will head to the polls to vote on the proposed 2018-2019 budget, which is once again within the tax cap, at 2.21 percent. The proposed budget totaling \$112,508,977 carries a 3.06 percent budget-to-budget increase, or \$3,344,389 over last year.

To help offset the cost to taxpayers, the district will receive a total of \$28,930,352 in state aid, which is an increase of \$1,075,525 from the previous year. Furthermore, the district will use \$691,306 from reserves and realize cost savings from retirements throughout the district, which in addition to state aid will minimize the overall cost impact to our community.

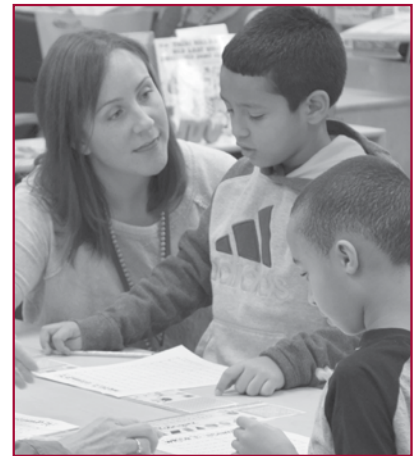
The Board of Education and district administration spent several months crafting a budget that remains fiscally responsible while continuing our valuable programs and services for all students. We are very excited to present this sound budget to our taxpayers. The plan will also add security enhancements, technology initiatives and instructional programs that will continue to provide our students with the comprehensive education and welcoming learning environment they deserve.

As always, we are committed to minimizing the overall tax impact to our taxpayers and continue to find efficiencies when crafting our budget each year. The budget plan meets all of 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.

Thank you to our community for your support and continued involvement. Your dedication to our district allows us to stay focused on our students and their achievements. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 15 from 7 a.m.-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 and Operations



Points of Falcon Pride



ACADEMICS

- Two high school seniors named Commended Students by the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- 16 students named by College Board as Advanced Placement Scholars, including eight AP Scholars with Distinction and eight AP Scholars with Honor.
- High school senior and junior presented with awards of excellence for outstanding participation in Boston's Congress of Future Science and Technology Leaders and Congress of Future Medical Leaders.
- 61 high school students inducted into National Honor Society.
- JQA students participated in St. Jude Math-A-Thon, raising more than \$8,866 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.
- 21 high school students won trophies and seven won honorable mention in DECA's Suffolk County Regional Competition; four students won trophies and two won honorable mention in DECA's New York State Career Development Conference, earning them a chance to compete in the International Career Development Conference in Atlanta.

ATHLETICS

- Girls varsity tennis team placed first in its division, finishing the season undefeated.
- Senior student-athlete



signed national letter of intent to play lacrosse for Wagner College.

- The boys varsity basketball team were League IV champions and went to the county final game, and one player was named to the All-Long Island second team.
- Five high school athletes were named All-County, and two represented Deer Park in state tournaments.
- The kickline team placed first in military and second in kick at the national championships in Orlando, Florida.
- A total of seven fall sports teams and six winter teams named New York State Scholar/Athlete Teams.



ARTS

- Two acclaimed high school musicians named to All-State Wind Ensemble and All-State Chorus.
- Two high school art students chosen for LIU Post's "Advanced Visions 14: High School Artists of Excellence" exhibit.
- 23 Robert Frost and May Moore students chosen to have artwork displayed at 2018 SCALA/BACCA Children's Show at Babylon's Old Town Hall.
- Three juniors and three seniors chosen for NYSCAME All-County Festival, nine JFK musicians chosen to participate in SCMEA's PEAK Festival
- May Moore second-grader won Genser Dubow Genser & Cona's veterans-themed art contest.
- Deer Park Marching Falcons earn best band trophy from Deer Park Fire Department.

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

2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET

	PRESENT 2017-2018 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET	PERCENT CHANGE
GENERAL SUPPORT			
BOE/ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS	\$71,152	\$71,898	1.05%
CENTRAL ADMINISTRATION	336,452	344,324	2.34%
FINANCE	1,125,502	1,118,868	-0.59%
STAFF	562,202	571,311	1.62%
CENTRAL SERVICES	7,462,234	7,742,481	3.76%
SPECIAL ITEMS (BOCES, Insurance)	1,049,616	1,051,494	0.18%
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$10,607,158	\$10,900,376	2.76%
INSTRUCTION			
ADMINISTRATION AND IMPROVEMENT	\$4,423,747	\$4,508,784	1.92%
TEACHING	34,267,649	31,598,213	-7.79%
SPECIAL APPORTIONMENT PROGRAMS	13,729,126	16,880,336	22.95%
SPECIAL SCHOOLS	57,324	68,041	18.70%
INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA	2,527,857	2,645,801	4.67%
PUPIL SERVICES	7,550,226	7,453,951	-1.28%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$62,555,929	\$63,155,126	0.96%
TRANSPORTATION			
TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$5,060,867	\$5,095,681	0.69%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS			
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$28,832,702	\$30,927,875	7.27%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS	640,000	890,000	39.06%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$29,472,702	\$31,817,875	7.96%
DEBT SERVICES			
TOTAL DEBT SERVICES	\$1,467,932	\$1,539,919	4.90%
GRAND TOTALS	\$109,164,588	\$112,508,977	3.06%



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	2017-2018 BUDGET	2018-2019 PROPOSED
PAYMENTS IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$3,833,285	\$4,095,501
LOCAL REVENUES	\$3,450,420	\$3,884,980
STATE AID TOTAL	\$27,854,827	\$28,930,352
USE OF RESERVES	\$626,590	\$691,306
FUND BALANCE	\$4,125,000	\$4,100,000
TAX LEVY	\$69,274,466	\$70,806,838
TOTAL REVENUES	\$109,164,588	\$112,508,977

2018-2019 ESTIMATED TAX LEVY/RATE

Expenditures	\$112,508,977
Revenues	\$36,910,833
Use of Fund Balance	\$4,100,000
Use of Reserves.....	\$691,306
Tax Levy.....	\$70,806,838
Tax Levy % Increase	2.21%
Projected 2018-2019 Tax Rate.....	\$210.19
Present 2017-2018 Tax Rate.....	\$205.03
Estimated Tax Rate Increase	\$5.16
Estimated Tax Rate % Increase	2.52%

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ON YOUR BALLOT

ELECTION OF TWO BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES

Donna Marie Elliott (Incumbent)

Robert Marino (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 15, 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 15 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:

- Wednesday, May 2, Administration Building, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 8, Administration Building, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Thursday, 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.

