

BRENTWOOD BULLETIN

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BUDGET 2022

2022-2023 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET



Board of Education proposes
ZERO PERCENT (0.0%) TAX LEVY INCREASE
See inside for more information.

BUDGET VOTE
AND BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATE ELECTIONS
May 17, 2022 • 8 AM - 9 PM • Elementary Schools



From left to right, top row:
Ann Palmer, Stacy O'Connor,
Maria Gonzalez-Prescod,
Robert Feliciano, Richard
Loeschner, Rhonda Young,
Simone Holder-Daniel,
Wanda Ortiz-Rivera. From
left to right, bottom row:
Paula Moore, Cindy Ciferri,
Julie Burgos, Eileen Felix.

Dear community and taxpayers,

A proposed **ZERO percent (0.0%)** tax levy increase is unusual in any year. Doing so two years in a row is unprecedented in the Brentwood School District. The Brentwood Board of Education is pleased to announce that we are doing just that—proposing another ZERO percent (0.0%) tax levy increase!

Each year, the Board of Education establishes goals, one of which has always been to provide the highest-quality education to our students at a minimal cost to the taxpayer. Once again, we have accomplished this goal through diligent fiscal planning and oversight, in partnership with the financial and administrative teams. Most importantly, our tireless efforts to lobby and obtain the Foundation Aid rightfully owed to our school district were successful.

In this newsletter, please find the proposed Brentwood Union Free School District budget for the 2022-2023 school year. Along with deciding upon candidates to serve as Trustees on the Board of Education, residents will be deciding on our Proposition #1 – the annual school budget. Please trust that while developing this budget, careful consideration was given to fulfilling the mission of educating and empowering the students/children of our community.

Please take a moment to review the contents of this newsletter carefully so that you can make an informed decision when you fill out your ballots and cast your vote on Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at your local elementary school.

Sincerely,

The Brentwood School District Board of Education

Robert Feliciano, *President* • G. Paula Moore, *First Vice President* • Maria Gonzalez-Prescod, *Second Vice President*
Trustees: Julia Burgos • Cynthia Ciferri • Eileen Felix • Simone Holder-Daniel

Superintendent Richard Loeschner

FREQUENTLY ASKED BUDGET QUESTIONS

WHAT IS A SCHOOL BUDGET?

A school district's annual budget is the best estimate made by the Board of Education and district administrators of the funds needed to support a quality educational program for the upcoming school year.

DOES THE DISTRICT INTEND TO EXCEED THE TAX LEVY CAP?

No. Consequently, the budget requires only a simple majority of total votes cast to be approved.

CAN MY SCHOOL TAX INCREASE AFTER THE DISTRICT HAS ADOPTED A ZERO PERCENT (0.0%) TAX LEVY INCREASE?

Yes. Your school tax may increase due to an increase in your **tax rate**. The **tax levy** and **tax rate** are not the same. The **tax levy**, which is determined by the school district, is the total amount of money the Town of Islip collects from taxpayers to support the district. The Town of Islip is responsible for providing information which is used to calculate the **tax rate**.

ARE THERE ANY MULTIYEAR DEALS IN THE BUDGET?

Yes, the district will look to save taxpayer dollars by entering into multiyear deals in the following areas: copiers, software programs, curriculum items, secure socket layer certificates, hardware items, storage containers and mail machine.

PROPOSITION # 1 2022-2023 BUDGET

Shall the following resolution be adopted: “RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Brentwood Union Free School District is authorized to expend during the 2022-2023 school year the sum set forth in the budget estimate for the school year 2022-2023, heretofore filed pursuant to law in the amount of \$503,374,071 and that the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefor in the amount of \$111,568,807 which does not exceed the statutory tax levy cap and which represents a 0% tax levy.”

Function	Description	Budget 2021-22	Proposed Budget 2022-23	\$ Change
GENERAL SUPPORT				
1010	Board of Education	\$ 57,290	\$ 57,290	\$ 0
1040	District Clerk	50,227	59,721	9,494
1060	District Meeting	37,627	37,687	60
1240	Chief School Administrator & Staff	563,453	580,097	16,644
1310	Business Administration	1,570,602	1,593,695	23,093
1320	Auditing	130,000	130,000	0
1325	Treasurer	19,866	20,159	293
1345	Purchasing	903,280	934,949	31,669
1380	Fiscal Agent Fees	15,000	15,000	0
1420	Legal Services	465,000	575,000	110,000
1430	Personnel Services	684,958	684,520	-438
1460	Records Management Officer	125,956	131,050	5,094
1480	Public Information & Services	110,000	147,500	37,500
1620	Operations & Maintenance of Plant	23,815,931	25,248,048	1,432,117
1670	Central Printing & Mailing	868,247	881,232	12,985
1680	Central Data Processing	7,233,861	8,416,553	1,182,692
1910	Unallocated Insurance	1,177,571	1,201,533	23,962
1981	Administrative Charges - BOCES	1,565,000	1,650,000	85,000
	TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$ 39,393,869	\$ 42,364,034	\$ 2,970,165
INSTRUCTION				
2010	Curriculum Development & Supervision	3,174,133	3,633,874	459,741
2020	Supervision - Regular School	10,841,547	11,859,833	1,018,286
2030	Supervision - Special Education	1,164,493	1,560,238	395,745
2040	Supervision - Other Schools	114,330	117,891	3,561
2050	Continuing Education	1,900	1,500	-400
2060	Research, Planning & Evaluation	152,030	299,365	147,335
2070	In-Service Training	101,600	101,600	0
2110	Regular Day School	146,703,846	161,613,629	14,909,783
2250	Programs for Handicapped Children	51,971,712	58,297,108	6,325,396
2255	Services for Pupils with Learning Disabilities	4,011,297	4,371,288	359,991
2260	Speech Services	3,311,038	4,380,552	1,069,514
2280	Occupational Education	3,403,108	3,673,572	270,464
2320	Evening High School	498,893	529,763	30,870
2331	Summer Learning	333,150	549,150	216,000
2335	Elementary Enrichment	45,500	100,500	55,000
2355	Summer Music Inst. Program	105,000	105,000	0
2610	School Library & Audiovisual	4,439,987	6,426,323	1,986,336
2620	Video Studio	10,000	10,000	0
2630	Computer Assisted Instruction	1,078,100	4,668,100	3,590,000
2805	Attendance	1,728,139	1,876,306	148,167
2810	Guidance	5,148,263	6,190,124	1,041,861
2815	Health	3,014,346	3,110,806	96,460
2820	Psychological Services	2,289,527	3,179,601	890,074
2825	Social Work Services	1,016,130	1,598,593	582,463
2850	Co-Curricular Activities	609,550	609,550	0
2855	Inter-Scholastic Athletics	1,228,769	1,750,133	521,364
	TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$ 246,496,388	\$ 280,614,399	\$ 34,118,011
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION				
5510	Pupil Transportation	30,090,704	31,365,623	1,274,919
	TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$ 30,090,704	\$ 31,365,623	\$ 1,274,919
UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSES				
9000	Employee Benefits	110,457,759	115,428,396	4,970,637
9700	Debt Service	15,520,482	21,457,319	5,936,837
9900	Interfund Transfer	12,854,168	12,144,300	-709,868
	TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSE	\$ 138,832,409	\$ 149,030,015	\$ 10,197,606
OVERALL TOTAL		\$ 454,813,370	\$ 503,374,071	\$ 48,560,701

2021-2022 BRENTWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS

BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL RESEARCH TEAM AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS GRANT FROM LEMELSON-MIT INVENTEAM PROGRAM

The creative minds of Brentwood High School's research team received an impressive \$10,000 grant from the Lemelson-MIT InvenTeam program for the Brentwood team's invention, Marsh M.U.S.C.L.E. The students merged computer science technology with coding to bring this cutting-edge design to life!



ALL-INCLUSIVE PLAYGROUNDS OPENING ACROSS THE DISTRICT

New playgrounds have been popping up at the Brentwood's Freshman Center and each of our elementary and middle schools. Installation of these state-of-the-art, handicap accessible play and fitness spaces are part of Brentwood Schools' roughly \$60 million transformation to ensure quality education for current and future generations of students. Thanks to federal and state Covid-19 emergency funding, they come **at no additional cost to Brentwood taxpayers**, and construction is scheduled for completion by this spring. Many of these playgrounds are specialized playgrounds to promote healthy child development, and provide sensory stimulation and exercise for children ages five to 12 and are wheelchair accessible.



BRENTWOOD'S DYNAMIC DUO MAKES MAJOR SCIENTIFIC STRIDES

Roberto and Ricardo Lopez, twin seniors at Brentwood High School, were recognized for their individual contributions to the science community and were named Regeneron



semifinalists. Ricardo and Roberto are exceptional, well-rounded students, and their hard work, determination and dedication have afforded them high standing in their graduating class.

BRENTWOOD ELEMENTARY STUDENTS WORK WITH STATE-OF-THE-ART ROBOT

In the fall, Brentwood elementary students worked with Milo, a next-generation robot. Designed to improve language learning, social cues, and creative play for students with autism or ASD, Milo is just the latest evidence of the ingenuity, talent, and imagination of Brentwood students. Milo will be brought into classrooms to ensure that all students, no matter what, receive a quality education that is best suited to meet their needs.



BRENTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL PARTICIPATES IN DOCUMENTARY CELEBRATING THE ARTS

Brentwood High School students Sofia Alvarez, Sophia Seda and Edgar Romero, who graduated with the class of 2021, were featured performers in this year's Islip Town Council Teenys Revisited 2021 documentary which celebrates the power of the arts. This year's film served as a visual testament to the resilience of young students as they navigated the Covid-19 pandemic and their education.



School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2021-22 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2022-23 School Year *
Total Budget Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$454,813,370	503,374,071	\$482,904,071
Increase/Decrease for the 2022-23 School Year		\$48,560,701	\$28,090,701
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		10.68%	6.18%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		4.7%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount			
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$111,568,807	\$111,568,807	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$	\$	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$	\$	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$	\$	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$111,568,807	\$111,568,807	\$111,568,807
F. Total Permissible Exclusions			
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$651,919	\$252,049	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$114,891,420	\$115,384,805	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$110,916,888	\$111,316,758	
I. Difference: G – H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval – See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$3,974,532	\$4,068,047	
Administrative Component			
Administrative Component	\$46,262,739	\$50,961,705	\$50,811,705
Program Component			
Program Component	\$354,644,803	\$392,674,406	\$391,778,706
Capital Component			
Capital Component	\$53,905,828	\$ 59,737,960	\$ 40,313,660

*** Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2022-23 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.**

Should the budget be defeated after a first vote or revote, all equipment and funds for capital projects will be removed from the budget. Organizations will be charged any identifiable cost for using District facilities.

	Description	Amount
** List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)		\$
		\$
		\$
		\$

	Under the Budget Proposed for the 2022-23 School Year
Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings ¹	\$735

¹ The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by Section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2022-23 by the qualified voters of the Brentwood School District, Suffolk County, New York, will be held at Hemlock Park, Laurel Park, Loretta Park, North Elementary, Northeast, Oak Park, Pine Park, Southeast and Southwest school(s) in said district on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 between the hours of 8:00am and 9:00pm prevailing time in the Brentwood School District, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

BOARD OF EDUCATION NOMINEE BIOS

VOTE FOR ONE (1)



HASSAN AHMED

Brentwood Union Free School District belongs to all of us. The students who learn, the hard-working families who support them, and the educators, staff, and PTA members who ensure that children from every background have the opportunity to lead fulfilling lives. We want Brentwood schools to unite us and be the center of our community where ideas are shared and voices are heard. We must Vote MAY 17th to preserve our voice, schools, and community.



ANDREW COMO

I am a lifelong resident of Brentwood attending southwest, west, and Brentwood high school, I'm a alumni As a community leader I planned and developed Brentwood state park, save the train station, all pocket parks, pass school board member. I am an educator with degrees in history, elementary Ed and special Ed As a businessman once owner of century 21 modern times and grade press (military travel) I belong to Brentwood American Legion and am a USMC veteran.



ROBERT FELICIANO

As a lifelong resident of the district, my wish is to see our community thrive. As incumbents for the past nine years, I believe that Paula Moore and I have positively contributed towards that goal. Part of our mission is to provide a fair and equal opportunity for success to all, which empowers everyone seeking opportunity. We ask that you join these efforts by re-electing Robert Feliciano and Paula Moore. Thank you for trusting us.

VOTE FOR ONE (1)



MARIA MALAVE

I am currently an educator in the Brentwood School District who will retire after 30 years of teaching. I have advocated for students and provided solutions to parents to help their children succeed. I am a proud lifelong resident with two children who are Brentwood alumni. I am committed to advocating for children's education, and being a voice for parents, teachers, and community/taxpayers for the betterment of the Brentwood Community.



G. PAULA MOORE

Brentwood is a community of proud, hopeful, and incredibly hard-working people; it is my home. Working with community partners I am committed to providing our children and school district community with the best opportunities to fulfill their greatest potential. For many years, I have worked alongside Robert Feliciano in accomplishing these goals. We ask that you allow us to continue our efforts by re-electing Paula Moore and Robert Feliciano. Thank you for your continued support.

