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TIDINGS  
FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

"THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS"

# BUDGET ISSUE

THE 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

## In Good Health

We, your Board of Education, are aware that the entire Sayville community has faced very difficult times these past two years. We know *"health is everything."* While there were still many obstacles when schools opened in the fall, we have worked diligently with our Sayville School Administrators to maintain the health and safety of our school environments. This has allowed us to keep the schools open—with in-person instruction—for the entire academic year.

The good news is that Sayville School District is in optimum *fiscal* health, given the current economic conditions. Responsible cost-effective management, insightful practices, and long-term planning of available resources have again earned Sayville School District the Moody Credit rating of Aa1, a noteworthy accomplishment especially during a second pandemic year.

To maintain our excellent *academic* health, we are submitting for voter approval on May 17th, the 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET. This Proposed Budget will sustain instructional and support programs, including Universal PreK, preserve current staffing levels, continue to invest in technology, re-purpose resources in response to health-and-safety protocols, all while still containing costs.

This year, Sayville will also see an increase in revenues from State Aid (Foundation Aid), UPK funding, Fund Balance, along with other miscellaneous sources. These income sources not only *lower* the tax-rate increase, they assist the District in managing costs and building educational programs to ensure our high standards of academic excellence.

**SUMMATION:** The Sayville Board of Education adopted the **2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET** at its March 10th, 2022 meeting. This Proposed Budget represents a **\$99,302,157** spending plan, resulting in a spending increase of **\$2,324,099** or **2.40%**. This translates to a proposed increase on the tax rate of **1.72%**—which is **lower than BOTH the Long Island Average of 1.9% and the Suffolk County Average of 2.04%**—is **AT** Sayville's calculated **Tax Cap of 1.72%**, requiring a simple majority to pass. For the average home assessed at **\$40,000** there will be an **estimated** increase of **\$138/year** or **\$11.50/month** [see *Tidings* p.3] (*before any STAR reimbursements*). Carefully read through this *Budget Issue of Tidings*. Under the Business Office Section of the website, you may review all the Budget presentations as well as information about the **\$15 Million Bond Referendum**, also up for vote at the same time.

As your Board of Education, we appreciate your continued support to ensure that the best educational programs and opportunities are provided for our students.

### SINCERELY YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION:



President John Verdone  
Vice President Thomas Cooley

**TRUSTEES:** James J. Bertsch, Jr., Carl Cangelosi, Norman deVenau, Maureen Dolan, and Kelly Sack

### PUBLIC HEARING

on the 2022-2023  
Proposed School Budget  
**7:30 P.M.**

**Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>**  
Sayville  
Administration Building

**VOTE!**



**MAY 17<sup>th</sup>**

**LOCATION:**

**Gymnasium** in the  
Suffolk County Community  
College • Sayville Center  
30 Greene Avenue

Polls open **7 AM**  
Polls close **9 PM**

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# PROPOSED 2022-2023 BUDGET: \$99,302,157

## 2022-2023 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

## 2022-2023 PROGRAM BUDGET

	<i>Current 2021-2022</i>	<i>Proposed 2022-2023</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Board of Education	\$32,283	\$32,283	\$0
District Clerk	12,660	13,246	586
District Meetings	40,632	42,139	1,507
Superintendent's Office	389,554	398,941	9,387
Business Office	1,173,378	1,150,119	(23,259)
Auditing Services	95,000	95,000	0
Treasurer	13,384	14,053	669
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0
Legal Services	94,500	92,100	(2,400)
Personnel Office	433,022	417,640	(15,382)
Records Management	42,287	34,178	(8,109)
Public Information	77,478	81,111	3,633
Printing Office	198,940	199,370	430
General Insurance	472,500	499,780	27,280
School Association Dues	24,100	24,100	0
BOCES Services Admin	298,000	299,000	1,000
BOCES Rental Costs	140,000	140,000	0
Curriculum Office	249,756	278,735	28,979
Pupil Services Office	207,967	212,087	4,120
Principals' Offices	2,732,062	2,690,054	(42,008)
Plant Operation & Custodial	138,941	120,750	(18,191)
Adult Ed-Principal's Office	15,774	16,308	534
Summer School-Principal's Office	8,904	8,904	0
Unemploy./WC Contractual TPA	132,348	132,429	81
Admin Benefits Total	2,038,987	2,124,520	85,533

**ADMINISTRATIVE TOTALS**    **\$9,064,957**    **\$9,119,347**    **\$54,390**

## 2022-2023 CAPITAL BUDGET

	<i>Current 2021-2022</i>	<i>Proposed 2022-2023</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$5,863,576	\$5,942,549	\$78,973
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	2,035,810	2,062,573	26,763
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	24,000	24,000	0
Capital Benefits Total	2,617,652	2,745,913	128,261
Library Bonds	823,000	792,400	(30,600)
Bonds School Construction	2,419,875	2,364,375	(55,500)
Bond School Const.-EPC	1,172,846	1,172,846	0
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0
Tax Anticipation Notes	205,000	200,000	(5,000)
Transfer to Capital Fund	800,000	1,000,000	200,000

**CAPITAL TOTALS**    **\$15,961,759**    **\$16,304,656**    **\$342,897**

	<i>Current 2021-2022</i>	<i>Proposed 2022-2023</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Legal Services	\$220,500	\$214,900	(\$5,600)
Inservice Training	139,500	\$139,500	0
Teaching-Day School	2,083,317	2,320,644	237,327
General Instruction, K-5	7,518,449	7,389,583	(128,866)
General Instruction, 6	1,419,040	1,458,739	39,699
Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,698,494	1,759,817	61,323
Mathematics, 7-12	1,775,403	1,843,373	67,970
Science, 7-12	2,389,368	2,315,565	(73,803)
Social Studies, 7-12	2,100,313	2,095,814	(4,499)
Business Education, 6-12	334,300	430,522	96,222
Technology Education, 6-12	825,305	852,390	27,085
Home & Career Skills, 6-12	249,328	118,485	(130,843)
Health, 6-12	283,929	289,776	5,847
Alternative School, 10-12	137,282	141,372	4,090
Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	118,100	119,700	1,600
General Instruction, K-12	10,000	10,000	0
Music, K-12	1,781,078	1,683,057	(98,021)
Art, K-12	1,072,829	1,126,227	53,398
Physical Education, K-12	1,564,354	1,536,311	(28,043)
Foreign Language, 6-12	1,405,499	1,410,557	5,058
Gifted & Talented, 4-12	143,725	147,816	4,091
Handicapped Pupils, K-12	10,216,657	9,917,458	(299,199)
Speech Instruction, K-12	728,954	817,298	88,344
Non-English Speaking, K-12	180,904	129,516	(51,388)
Corrective Reading, K-12	989,433	1,044,132	54,699
Occupational Education, 11-12	702,219	760,117	57,898
Instructional Materials AV	296,512	299,431	2,919
Library	767,190	766,302	(888)
Computer Instruction, K-12	2,745,931	2,929,721	183,790
Attendance, K-12	151,631	154,704	3,073
Guidance, 6-12	1,159,767	1,196,054	36,287
Health Services, K-12	595,055	677,552	82,497
Diagnostic Screening, K-12	14,760	14,760	0
Psychological Services, K-12	812,229	678,218	(134,011)
Social Work Services, K-12	679,607	717,085	37,478
Co-Curricular Activities	499,731	506,102	6,371
Interscholastic Athletics	1,244,284	1,340,038	95,754
Intra-murals	14,800	14,800	0
Teaching-Adult Ed.	109,318	79,644	(29,674)
Teaching- Summer School	97,000	97,000	0
District Transportation Service	98,339	101,454	3,115
Contract Transportation	4,281,308	4,435,431	154,123
Public Transportation	2,600	2,600	0
BOCES Transportation Service	22,000	22,000	0
Community Recreation (Pool)	114,803	115,344	541
Special Education Office	574,653	594,719	20,066
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	200,000	200,000	0
Program Benefits Total	17,381,544	18,862,526	1,480,982

**PROGRAM TOTALS**    **\$71,951,342**    **\$73,878,154**    **\$1,926,812**

# THE 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

## An INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX RATE: 1.72%

**AT** THE CALCULATED TAX-LEVY CAP, REQUIRING A SIMPLE MAJORITY.

THREE-PART BUDGET	ADOPTED BUDGET 2021-2022	PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-2023	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$9,064,957	\$9,119,347	\$54,390
CAPITAL BUDGET	15,961,759	16,304,656	342,897
PROGRAM BUDGET	71,951,342	73,878,154	1,926,812
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$96,978,058</b>	<b>\$99,302,157</b>	<b>\$2,324,099</b>

## PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 2.40%

BUDGET REVENUES	ADOPTED BUDGET 2021-2022	PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-2023	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
STATE AID	\$26,888,099	\$27,803,025	\$914,926
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	558,538	601,714	43,176
OTHER INCOME	2,893,732	3,074,573	180,841
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	5,800,427	5,939,479	139,052
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	60,837,262	61,883,366	1,046,104
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$96,978,058</b>	<b>\$99,302,157</b>	<b>\$2,324,099</b>

## ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE

ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD  
(PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)

ADOPTED BUDGET 2021-2022	PROPOSED BUDGET 2022-2023	INCREASE/ (DECREASE)
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20.045

20.389

0.344

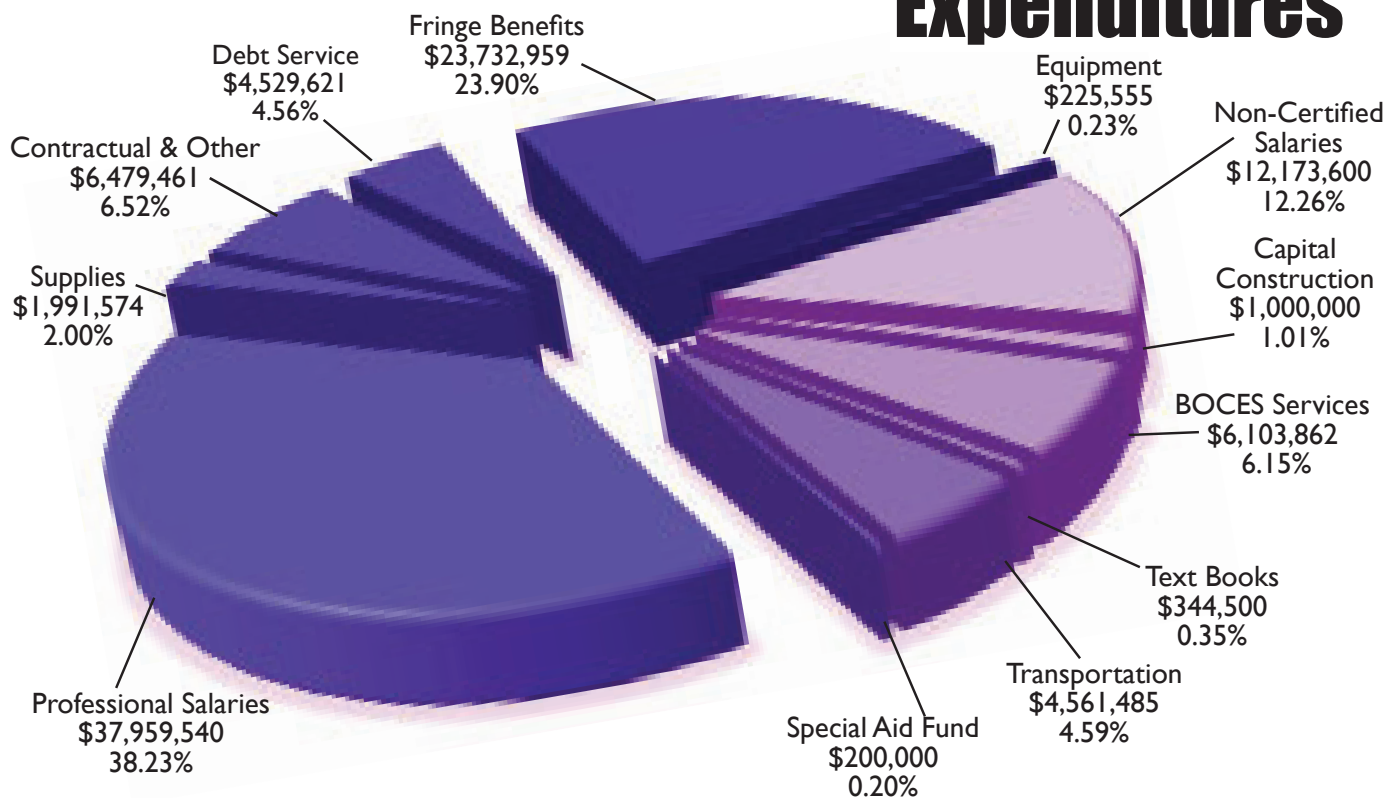
has a tax-rate increase before S.T.A.R. Exemptions.

(HOME ASSESSED AT \$40,000=APPROXIMATELY \$11.50/MONTH)

# 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

The two Pie Charts (below and opposite page) show the breakdown of the 2022-2023 Proposed Budget's Expenditures and Revenues.

## YOUR TAX-DOLLAR Expenditures



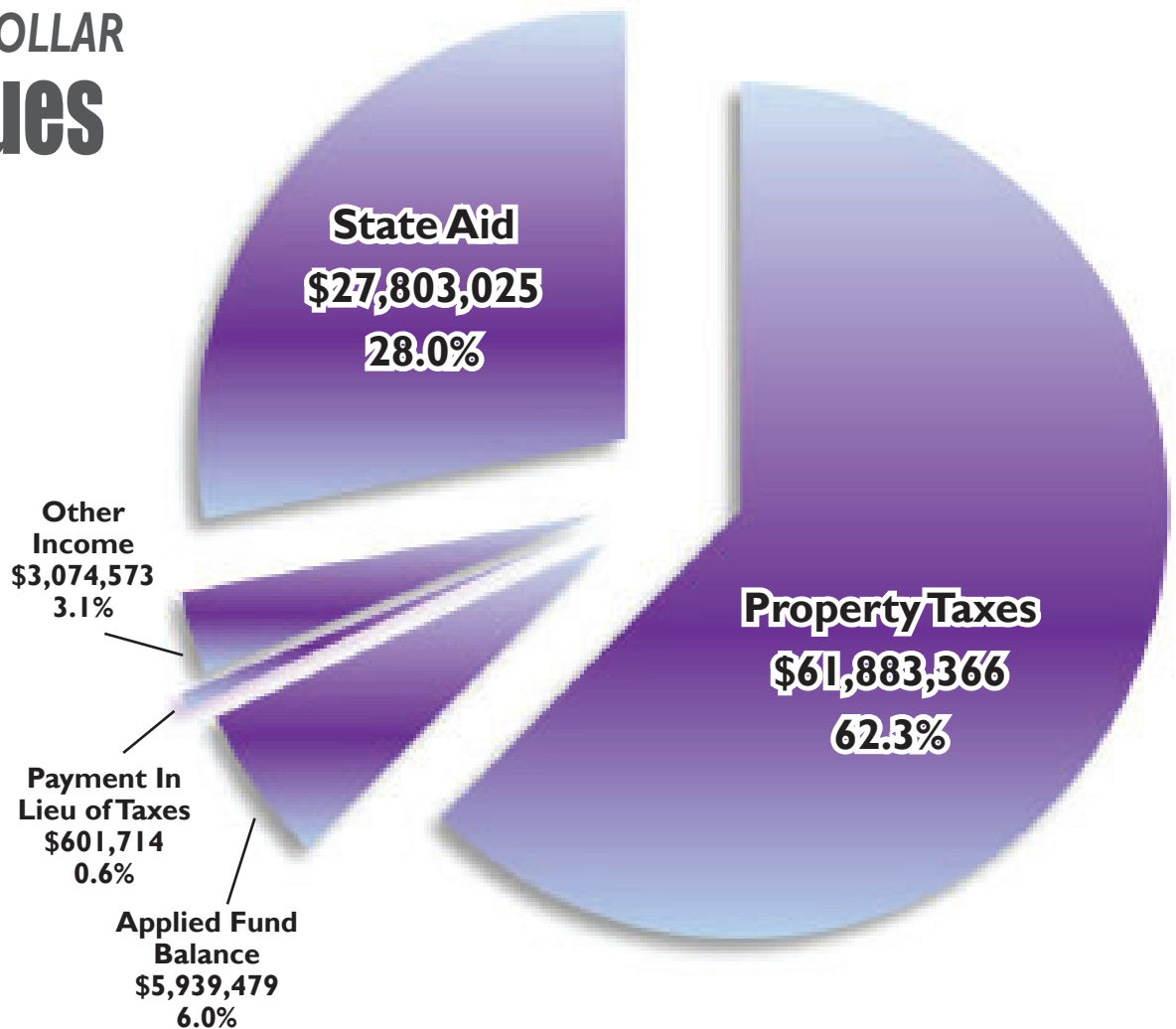
## Sayville School District Contracts with Suffolk Transportation for All Student Bus Services

- In the 2019-2020 academic year, Sayville School District obtained requests for proposals (RFP's) for our large buses, vans, field trips, and athletic transportation.
- A five-year contract was awarded to Suffolk Transportation. This contract began with the 2020-2021 school year and remains in effect.
- For the 2022-2023 school year, the contract would be in year three of five.
- Sayville School District has benefited from the five-year contract with Suffolk Transportation that continues to provide the District with cost predictability and continuity of service while mitigating the impact of economic fluctuations.

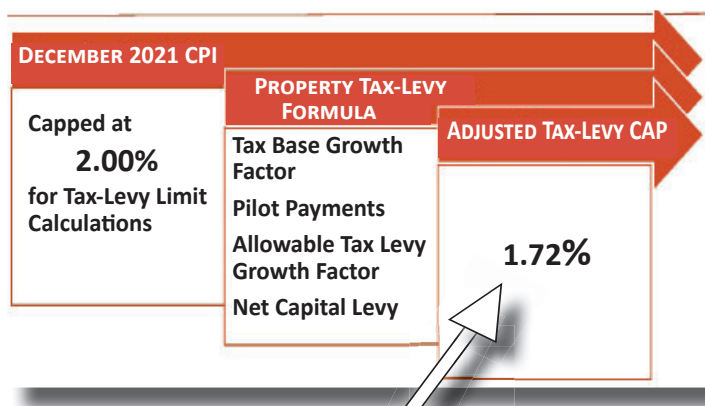


# YOUR TAX-DOLLAR Revenues

On the Revenue side this year, Sayville School District has reduced costs by better aligning existing District resources with program needs. Sayville has kept the 1.72% tax levy increase at the cap.



## NYS “Two Percent” Tax Cap Formula...



...IS NOT “TWO PERCENT” AT ALL, SINCE THE FORMULA IS BASED UPON SEVERAL FACTORS (see chart at left).

The Projected Tax-Levy increase of 1.72% is AT the calculated Tax Cap requiring a simple majority to pass.

- *Decrease of the District's Debt Service drives down the Tax-Levy Cap Percentage;*
- *Decrease in prior-year Building Aid drives up the Tax-Levy Cap Percentage.*

Keeping costs **at the** Tax-Cap Levy is a further demonstration that the Sayville School District and Board of Education are presenting a fiscally responsible budget to taxpayers.

# NEW YORK STATE RULES REGARDING THE CONTINGENCY BUDGET

The Contingency Budget contains various expenditures that are: legal, specifically authorized by mandates or statutes, and maintain educational programs, preserve property, maintain the health and safety of students and staff. If the Proposed Budget fails the first time...

New York school boards may decide to: put up the **SAME** budget for revote, put up a **REVISED** budget for revote; or adopt a Contingency Budget.

## \*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\*\*\*

If the Proposed Budget fails twice, school districts must adopt a Contingency Budget with a ZERO percent increase on the current tax levy. Under a Contingency Budget there are **TWO** spending cap limitations:

### 1. ADMINISTRATIVE CAP

ADMINISTRATIVE CAPS are determined by taking the ratio between the Administrative and Program Budgets, plus determining the 'lesser' of the calculated Administrative Caps for 2021-2022 or the defeated 2022-2023 Budget. (See chart below.)

#### ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET CAPS

ACTUAL 2021-2022	PROPOSED 2022-2023	CONTINGENT BUDGET
12.60%	12.34%	<b>12.34%</b>

### 2. ZERO PERCENT TAX LEVY CAP

On a Contingency Budget, Sayville School District would have to cut \$1,412,104 from instructional/support programs, and staffing to achieve a ZERO PERCENT TAX LEVY INCREASE (See below).

#### To Achieve 0% Increase What Would Be Cut? Non-contingent Items

ADMINISTRATIVE Budget ..... -\$36,071

- Staffing, nonessential supplies, equipment, travel, etc.

PROGRAM Budget..... -\$263,499

- Staffing, student supplies, new equipment, athletics, cocurricular, summer school, increased class size, etc.

CAPITAL Budget ..... -\$1,112,534

- NO Community-Use of Buildings and Grounds (unless paid), staffing reductions, capital projects, etc.



## Contingent Budget

	BUDGET	BUDGET PERCENTAGE INCREASE	PROPOSED INCREASE ON TAX Levy
2021-2022 Final Proposed Budget	\$96,978,058	0.80%	0.61%
2022-2023 Contingent Budget	\$97,890,053	0.94%	0.00%

Under a Contingency Budget the District must **REDUCE** spending by \$1,412,104.

Therefore, in addition to reducing the tax levy by \$1,046,104 to achieve a 0% increase, Fund Balance and Reserves applied would also be reduced from the defeated budget by \$366,000.

## ALSO ON THE BUDGET...

## CANDIDATES FOR...

### SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2021-2022 • \$54,100	2021-2022 • \$0.018
2022-2023 • \$54,100	2022-2023 • \$0.018

### SAYVILLE LIBRARY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2021-2022 • \$4,068,222	2021-2022 • \$1.340
2022-2023 • \$4,151,872	2022-2023 • \$1.368

(All Tax Rates are expressed  
per \$100 of Assessed Valuation.)

## BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES

Seats (3-year Term)

SEAT PREVIOUSLY HELD BY  
**NORM DEVENAU**

~~DEMOND MEONI~~

**CHRISTINE SARNI**  
**MARK RUF**

**MAUREEN DOLAN**

**ALIA RICHARDS**

Seat (2-year and 41-day Term:

**KELLY SACK**

**UNOPPOSED**

## LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Seat (5-year Term)

**JOSEPH LOUGHREN**

**UNOPPOSED**

## ALSO ON THE BALLOT: THE \$15-MILLION BOND REFERENDUM

### WHY WE NEED A BOND REFERENDUM:

- For large-scale projects, such as building roof structures with expiring warranties within the District that are at or near the end of their useful life;
- For the necessary stability, integrity, longevity, and safety of our buildings within the District;
- To ensure there is ***no additional burden on the taxpayer*** from these costly repairs that would otherwise impact our School Budget;
- To restore debt-service levels to current budgetary amounts, so the District will not experience a shortfall, due to State aid paid on debt;
- To gain from tax incentives because “bonded debt” is considered ***A TAX-CAP EXCLUSION*** and has a positive effect on the District’s Tax-Cap calculations.

### WHAT THE \$15 MILLION BOND REFERENDUM WILL FUND:

- Cover the estimated costs of re-surfacing (i.e., re-skinning) the roofs for all District buildings (except the Middle School), with replacement and resecuring of perimeters, and new metal edging;
- If remaining Bond funds allow, the completion of Air Conditioning/HVAC upgrade at Sayville High School Auditorium (previously approved under 2015 Bond Referendum).



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## VOTING REQUIREMENTS\*

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON **TUESDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**

ONE MUST MEET THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS:

1. Be a U.S. citizen.
2. Be 18 years of age or older.
3. Be a resident of the Sayville School District for at least 30 days prior to the voting date.
4. Be registered to vote in the Sayville School District.

\*\*\*NOTE: General election registration qualifies residents.\*\*\*

*\*To see if you are registered to vote, check the Poll Finder Link on the District Website under Board of Education.  
Click on the "Current Voter Registration Information" page.*

## IMPORTANT DATES

• **TUESDAY, MAY 10<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PUBLIC HEARING** ON THE  
2022-2023 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET  
7:30 p.m. SAYVILLE ADMIN. BLDG.

• **TUESDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BUDGET VOTE** ON THE  
2022-2023 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET  
7:00 A.M. POLLS OPEN—9 P.M. POLLS CLOSE  
**GYMNASIUM in the Suffolk County  
Community College  
SAYVILLE CENTER  
30 Green Avenue, Sayville**

## REGISTRATION

Registration for new residents, residents who have moved within the district, and residents who have not voted in a Sayville School District election since January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 can register either:

1. In-person on Tuesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> for Evening Registration which is between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the SAYVILLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782.

*Please Note: May 10<sup>th</sup> is also the last day to request absentee ballot by mail.*

**AND**

2. In-person until Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at the SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

*Please Note: Monday May 16<sup>th</sup> is the last day to request absentee ballot (in person).*

## SUMMARY OF THE 2022-2023 PROPOSED BUDGET

This fiscally responsible spending plan is a complete budget package that:

- Has an increase in spending of **2.40%**;
- Has a Proposed Tax-Rate increase of **1.72%**;
- Is at the **1.72% Tax-Levy Cap**;
- **MAINTAINS** educational opportunities with challenging programs that will help our students succeed.

## PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING REGISTER INSPECTION

*Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon the register of the School District, provided that at the time he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Annual School District Meeting to be held on May 17, 2022. Said Register will be filed in the Office of the School District Clerk, 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, New York, and will be open for inspection on each of the five days prior to and the day set for the meeting or election, (except Sunday, and on Saturday by appointment only, by calling 631 244-6510) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.*

## TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Proposed Budget reflects the revised Board of Education transportation policy for elementary students which was passed by Referendum in May of 2012.



Students in the following grades, as indicated, are eligible to receive transportation.

GRADE	DISTANCE
K-5	Beyond 1/2 mile
6-12	Beyond 1 1/2 miles

No transportation is provided for students traveling to any school beyond 15 miles.