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TIDINGS  
FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

# BUDGET ISSUE

"THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS"

## THE 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

# BALANCING FISCAL CREATIVITY WITH REALITY

We are pleased to report that Sayville School District remains fiscally viable despite the unprecedented health and fiscal challenges of COVID-19.

Good ideas, insightful practices, and long-term planning that used available resources—a balancing act between creativity and reality—enabled the District to create a sound and fiscally responsible 2021-22 Proposed School Budget. Thanks to these strategies, enacted at the onset of the COVID-19 shutdown in March 2020, Sayville School District used all available resources to build upon our existing, robust technology infrastructure and to navigate responsibly through diminishing revenues. This fiscal management again earned Sayville School District the Moody Credit rating of Aa1, a noteworthy accomplishment especially during the pandemic.

Along with the recent passing of the New York State Budget and the additional Federal Funds being allocated to public schools, Sayville School District will have sufficient Aid to build upon the many instructional program opportunities afforded to our students.

We are now putting forward for voter approval on May 18<sup>th</sup> the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget that will augment all instructional and support programs. It will continue to invest in technology infrastructure and resources, preserve current staffing levels, and ensure that health-and-safety protocols remain in place for our students, staff, and community.

**SUMMATION:** At the March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021 meeting, the Sayville Board of Education adopted the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget. This budget represents a **\$96,978,058 spending plan**, resulting in a spending **increase of only \$769,750, or 0.80%**, and has a proposed increase on the **tax rate of 0.61%** which is **AT** the calculated Tax Cap of 0.61%, requiring a simple majority to pass. **For the average home assessed at \$40,000 there will be an estimated increase of \$48/year or \$4 per month (before any STAR reimbursements).**

Please review this *Budget Issue of Tidings* carefully and check out the website under the Business Office Section for all the Budget presentations. As your Board of Education, we know that the entire Sayville community has faced very difficult times during this pandemic. We are here, working for you and your children, and we are beginning to see our collaborative successes as all our students return for in-person instruction.

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

### SINCERELY YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION:



President Keith Kolar  
Vice President Carl Cangelosi,

**TRUSTEES:** James J. Bertsch, Jr., Thomas Cooley, Norman deVenau, Maureen Dolan, and John Verdone

## PUBLIC HEARING

on the 2021-2022  
Proposed School Budget

7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup>

Sayville  
Administration Building

Una versión en español de este *Noticias de Presupuesto* está disponible en nuestro sitio web en [sayvilleschools.org](http://sayvilleschools.org); en **Noticias y videos** /Boletines impresos del distrito.

VOTE!



MAY 18<sup>th</sup>

LOCATION:

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

Polls open 7 AM  
Polls close 9 PM

# PROPOSED 2021-2022 BUDGET: \$96,978,058

## 2021-2022 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

## 2021-2022 PROGRAM BUDGET

	<i>Current 2020-2021</i>	<i>Proposed 2021-2022</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Board of Education	\$31,300	\$32,283	\$983
District Clerk	12,430	12,660	230
District Meetings	39,168	40,632	1,464
Superintendent's Office	381,726	389,554	7,828
Business Office	1,149,389	1,173,378	23,989
Auditing Services	95,000	95,000	0
Treasurer	13,122	13,384	262
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0
Legal Services	94,500	94,500	0
Personnel Office	417,094	433,022	15,928
Records Management	41,733	42,287	554
Public Information	75,903	77,478	1,575
Printing Office	214,100	198,940	(15,160)
General Insurance	472,500	472,500	0
School Association Dues	24,100	24,100	0
BOCES Services Admin	298,923	298,000	(923)
BOCES Rental Costs	140,000	140,000	0
Curriculum Office	243,761	249,756	5,995
Pupil Services Office	203,971	207,967	3,996
Principals' Offices	2,666,009	2,732,062	66,053
Plant Operation & Custodial	128,775	138,941	10,166
Adult Ed-Principal's Office	15,374	15,774	400
Summer School-Principal's Office	8,616	8,904	288
Unemploy./WC Contractual TPA	136,265	132,348	(3,917)
Admin Benefits Total	2,203,181	2,038,987	(164,194)

**ADMINISTRATIVE TOTALS**    \$9,109,440    \$9,064,957    (\$44,483)

## 2021-2022 CAPITAL BUDGET

	<i>Current 2020-2021</i>	<i>Proposed 2021-2022</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$5,738,346	\$5,863,576	\$125,230
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	2,045,913	2,035,810	(10,103)
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	24,000	24,000	0
Capital Benefits Total	3,166,739	2,617,652	(549,087)
Library Bonds	853,800	823,000	(30,800)
Bonds School Construction	2,782,025	2,419,875	(362,150)
Bond School Const.-EPC	1,172,845	1,172,846	1
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0
Tax Anticipation Notes	210,000	205,000	(5,000)
Transfer to Capital Fund	800,000	800,000	0

**CAPITAL TOTALS**    \$16,793,668    \$15,961,759    (\$831,909)

	<i>Current 2020-2021</i>	<i>Proposed 2021-2022</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Legal Services	\$220,500	\$220,500	\$0
Inservice Training	139,500	\$139,500	\$0
Teaching-Day School	2,013,185	2,083,317	70,132
General Instruction, K-5	7,339,741	7,518,449	178,708
General Instruction, 6	1,251,574	1,419,040	167,466
Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,653,616	1,698,494	44,878
Mathematics, 7-12	1,801,563	1,775,403	(26,160)
Science, 7-12	2,382,533	2,389,368	6,835
Social Studies, 7-12	2,037,236	2,100,313	63,077
Business Education, 6-12	341,191	334,300	(6,891)
Technology Education, 6-12	804,880	825,305	20,425
Home & Career Skills, 6-12	238,456	249,328	10,872
Health, 6-12	278,282	283,929	5,647
Alternative School, 10-12	133,794	137,282	3,488
Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	119,500	118,100	(1,400)
General Instruction, K-12	10,000	10,000	0
Music, K-12	1,731,688	1,781,078	49,390
Art, K-12	1,035,721	1,072,829	37,108
Physical Education, K-12	1,518,025	1,564,354	46,329
Foreign Language, 6-12	1,436,200	1,405,499	(30,701)
Gifted & Talented, 4-12	140,252	143,725	3,473
Handicapped Pupils, K-12	10,347,408	10,216,657	(130,751)
Speech Instruction, K-12	699,516	728,954	29,438
Non-English Speaking, K-12	186,465	180,904	(5,561)
Corrective Reading, K-12	950,664	989,433	38,769
Occupational Education, 11-12	593,082	702,219	109,137
Instructional Materials AV	310,347	296,512	(13,835)
Library	752,600	767,190	14,590
Computer Instruction, K-12	2,654,609	2,745,931	91,322
Attendance, K-12	149,804	151,631	1,827
Guidance, 6-12	1,131,784	1,159,767	27,983
Health Services, K-12	622,781	595,055	(27,726)
Diagnostic Screening, K-12	14,760	14,760	0
Psychological Services, K-12	789,567	812,229	22,662
Social Work Services, K-12	699,016	679,607	(19,409)
Co-Curricular Activities	497,960	499,731	1,771
Interscholastic Athletics	1,255,454	1,244,284	(11,170)
Intra-murals	4,800	14,800	10,000
Teaching-Adult Ed.	126,297	109,318	(16,979)
Teaching- Summer School	99,000	97,000	(2,000)
District Transportation Service	96,026	98,339	2,313
Contract Transportation	4,198,413	4,281,308	82,895
Public Transportation	2,600	2,600	0
BOCES Transportation Service	22,269	22,000	(269)
Community Recreation (Pool)	114,675	114,803	128
Special Education Office	577,969	574,653	(3,316)
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	200,000	200,000	0
Program Benefits Total	16,579,897	17,381,544	801,647

**PROGRAM TOTALS**    \$70,305,200    \$71,951,342    \$1,646,142

# THE 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

## An INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX RATE: 0.61%

REQUIRING A SIMPLE MAJORITY AS IT IS **AT** THE CALCULATED TAX-LEVY CAP.

<b>THREE-PART BUDGET</b>	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2020-2021</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2022</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
<b>ADMINISTRATION BUDGET</b>	\$9,109,440	\$9,064,957	(\$44,483)
<b>CAPITAL BUDGET</b>	16,793,668	15,961,759	(831,909)
<b>PROGRAM BUDGET</b>	70,305,200	71,951,342	1,646,142
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$96,208,308</b>	<b>\$96,978,058</b>	<b>\$769,750</b>

## PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 0.80%

<b>BUDGET REVENUES</b>	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2020-2021</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2022</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
<b>STATE AID</b>	\$25,664,558	\$26,428,099	\$763,541
<b>PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES</b>	474,250	558,538	84,288
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>	2,771,313	2,843,732	72,419
<b>INVESTMENT INCOME</b>	400,000	50,000	(350,000)
<b>APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE</b>	5,791,627	5,620,427	(171,200)
<b>PROPERTY TAX LEVY</b>	61,106,560	61,477,262	370,702
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$96,208,308</b>	<b>\$96,978,058</b>	<b>\$769,750</b>

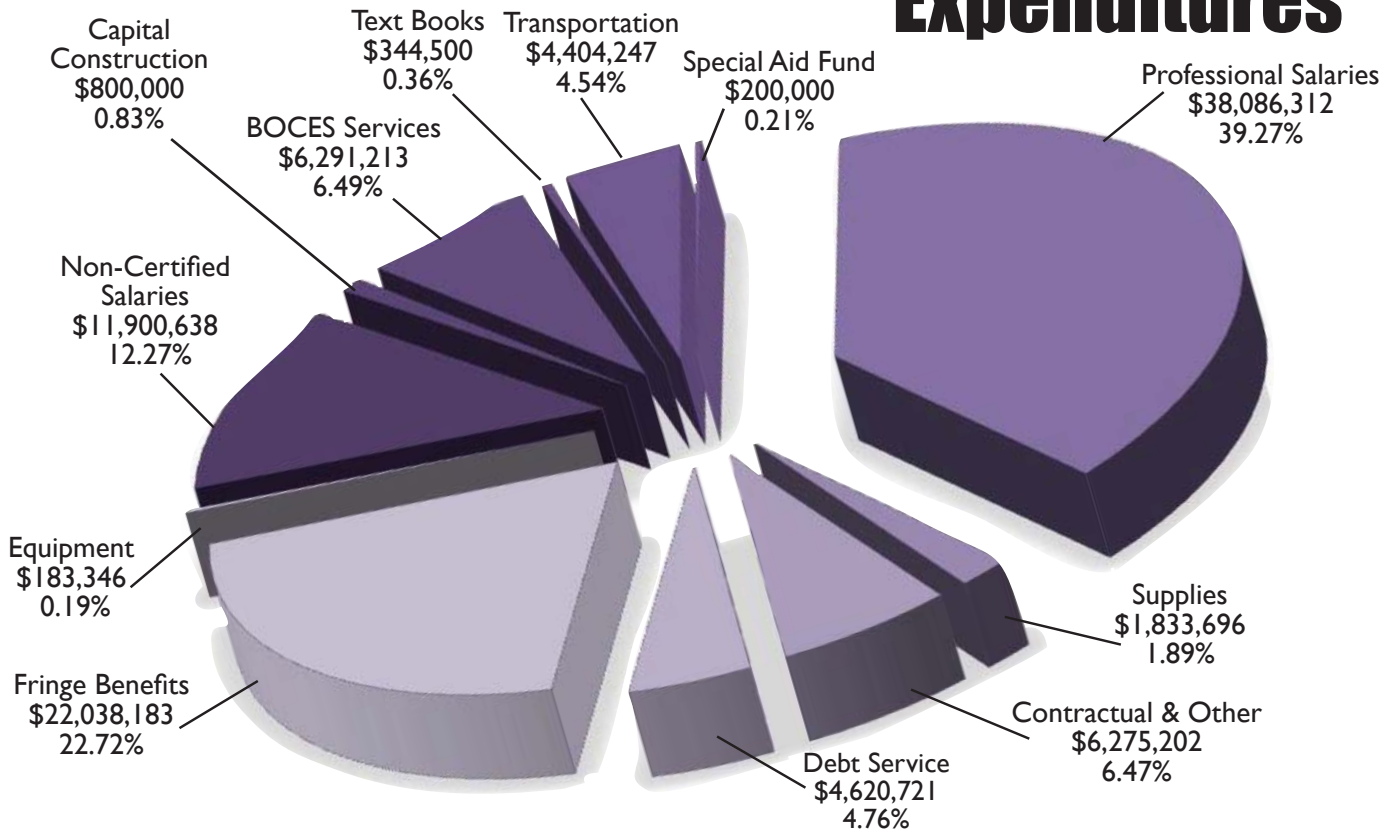
<b>ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE</b>	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2020-2021</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2021-2022</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
<b>ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)</b>	<b>19.923</b>	<b>20.044</b>	<b>0.121</b>
	<i>has a tax-rate increase before S.T.A.R. Exemptions.</i>		
	<i>(HOME ASSESSED AT \$40,000=APPROXIMATELY \$4/MONTH)</i>		

# 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

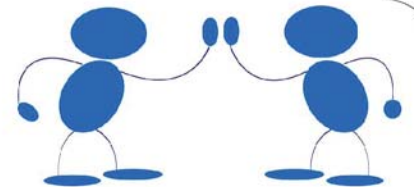
# EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

The two Pie Charts (below and opposite page) show the breakdown of the 2021-2022 Proposed Budget's Expenditures and Revenues.

## YOUR TAX-DOLLAR Expenditures



## PROPOSED 2021-22 BUDGET

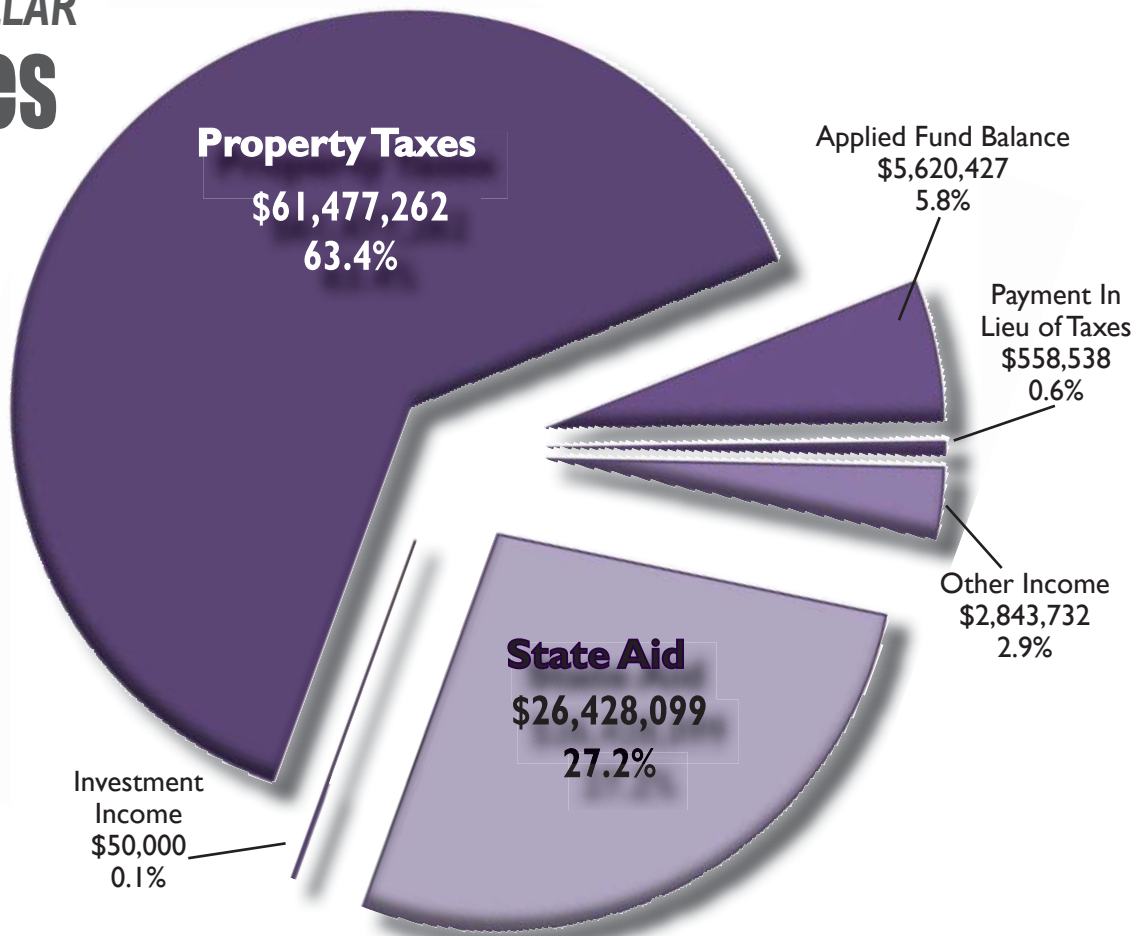


	BUDGET	BUDGET PERCENTAGE	PROPOSED TAX RATE
2021-22 Proposed Budget	\$96,978,058	0.80%	0.61%

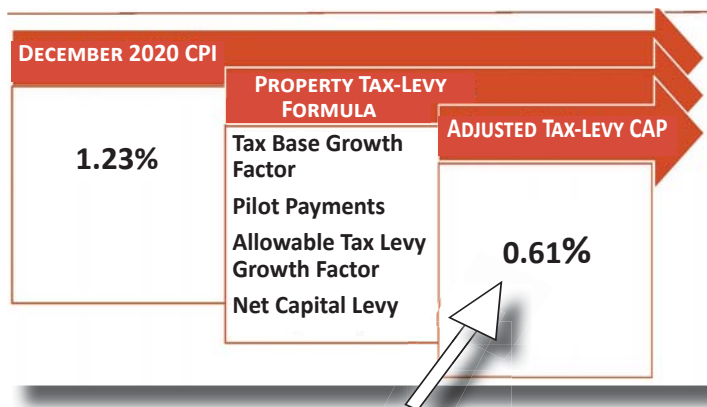
2021-22 Proposed Budget is a spending increase of \$769,750, or 0.80%

# 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 0.61% tax levy increase at the cap.



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



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

The Projected Tax-Levy increase of 0.61% 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 Sayville School District and the 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 2020-2021 or the defeated 2021-22 Budget. (See chart below.)

### ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET CAPS

ACTUAL 2020-2021	PROPOSED 2021-2022	CONTINGENT BUDGET
12.96%	12.60%	<b>12.58%</b>

## 2. ZERO PERCENT TAX LEVY CAP

On a Contingency Budget, Sayville School District would have to cut \$916,040 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** ..... –\$25,387
  - Staffing, nonessential supplies, equipment, travel, etc.
- PROGRAM Budget**..... –\$74,193
  - Staffing, student supplies, new equipment, athletics, cocurricular, summer school, increased class size, etc.
- CAPITAL Budget** ..... –\$816,460
  - 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
2021-22 Final Proposed Budget	\$96,978,058	0.80%	0.61%
Contingent Budget	\$96,062,018	-0.15%	0.00%

Under a Contingency Budget the District must REDUCE Spending by \$916,040. Therefore, in addition to reducing the tax levy by \$370,702 to achieve a 0% increase, Fund Balance and Reserves applied would also be reduced from the defeated budget by \$545,338.

## ALSO ON THE BUDGET...

## CANDIDATES FOR...

### SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2020-2021 • \$54,100	2020-2021 • \$0.018
2021-2022 • \$54,100	2021-2022 • \$0.018

### SAYVILLE LIBRARY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2020-2021 • \$3,952,992	2020-2021 • \$1.289
2021-2022 • \$4,068,222	2021-2022 • \$1.326

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

## BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES

### Seats (3-year Term)

CARL CANGELOSI | UNOPPOSED

KEITH KOLAR | UNOPPOSED

JOHN VERDONE | UNOPPOSED

## LIBRARY TRUSTEE

### Seat (5-year Term)

DEBRA MITCHELL | UNOPPOSED

## The Fiscal Impact of COVID-19 on Sayville School District

Sayville School District redirected funds from other sources in the Budget to ensure the health and safety of our students, staff, and community, to build upon our technology infrastructure during the Spring of 2020 lockdown, and to prepare the buildings for reopening. See the chart to understand how funds were allocated for the pandemic.

# PANDEMIC

## The Fiscal Impact

<b>PPE Supplies:</b> (face masks/gloves/gowns/thermometers/alcohol wipes/hand sanitizer, etc...)	\$134,298
<b>Equipment/Supplies:</b> (partitions/disinfectant fogging devices/HVAC & air filters/signage, /polycarbonate panels/portable sinks with faucets, etc...)	\$262,841
<b>Technology:</b> (software/hardware/chrome books & tablets/protective covers/camera's/doc cams/increase fire wall in support larger bandwidth, see following slide)	\$1,496,596
<b>Services:</b> (emergency meal program/mandated child care program/providing internet services for families without service, etc...)	\$38,103
<b>Transportation:</b> (additional buses necessary to accommodate social distancing when transporting students)	\$81,900

Period: March 2020 – February 2021

Total: \$2,013,738

# TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DR. JOHN E. STIMMEL  
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS  
99 GREELEY AVENUE  
SAYVILLE, NEW YORK 11782  
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LINDA A. MITTIGA, SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER & DISTRICT WEBSITE EDITOR

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## VOTING REQUIREMENTS\*

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON **TUESDAY, MAY 18<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 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
**PUBLIC HEARING** ON THE  
2021-2022 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET  
7:30 p.m. SAYVILLE ADMIN. BLDG.

• **TUESDAY, MAY 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**BUDGET VOTE** ON THE  
2021-2022 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>, 2016 can register either:

1. Until Thursday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 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.  
**OR**
2. On Tuesday, May 11<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

## SUMMARY OF THE 2021-2022 PROPOSED BUDGET

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

- Has an increase in spending of 0.80%;
- Has a Proposed Tax-Rate increase of 0.61%;
- Is AT the 0.61% Tax-Levy Cap;
- **MAINTAINS** educational opportunities for our students with challenging programs that will help them 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 18, 2021. 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.