

JUNE 2020

SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TIDINGS
FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET ISSUE

"THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS"

This has certainly been the most difficult School Budget process we have ever experienced. The COVID-19 pandemic has impacted every facet of society, and we must adapt to this *new normal* to persevere. We have already taken measures to cut costs that can sustain our students, staff, and excellent educational programs and will continue to be proactive as we deal with the unknowns ahead.

Regarding the Proposed Budget, we are mindful that New York State projections warn of an additional 20% shortfall in State Aid in the upcoming academic year. The Governor has also proposed a month-to-month roll-out of State Aid—depending on the economy's recovery rate—that affects current budgets. However, despite these uncertain times, Sayville is presenting a fiscally responsible plan that supports our instructional opportunities and preserves programs for our students.

SUMMATION: At the March 12th, 2020 meeting, the Sayville Board of Education adopted the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget. This budget represents a \$96,208,308 spending plan with a budget increase of 1.97% and a proposed increase on the tax rate of 1.99% which is BELOW the calculated Tax Cap of 2.01%, requiring a simple majority to pass. For the average home assessed at \$40,000 there will be an estimated increase of \$157/year or \$13 per month.

Please review this *Budget Issue of Tidings* carefully and check out the website under the Business Office Section for details in all the Budget presentations. As your Board of Education, we know that the entire Sayville community is facing unprecedented times, but we are here, working for you and your children to make the best of it.



SINCERELY YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION:

President Keith Kolar; Vice President Carl Cangelosi; *TRUSTEES:* Dr. James Bertsch, Jr., Thomas Cooley, Norman deVenau, Maureen Dolan, John Verdone

PUBLIC HEARING

on the 2020-2021
Proposed School Budget
will be held as a

REMOTE MEETING

scheduled for
JUNE 2ND

Check the School District
Website for details

VOTING WILL NOT TAKE PLACE AT THE POLLS THIS YEAR:

- Executive Order has clearly stated that each school district must send absentee ballots—along with postage-paid return envelopes—by Tuesday, May 26, 2020 to “all qualified voters.”
- All absentee ballots must be received in the office of the District Clerk (99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville) by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020 in order to be counted.

VOTING BY ABSENTEE BALLOT ONLY

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JUNE 9th

PROPOSED 2020-2021 BUDGET: \$96,208,308

2020-2021 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2020-2021 PROGRAM BUDGET

	<i>Current 2019-2020</i>	<i>Proposed 2020-2021</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Board of Education	\$22,800	\$31,300	\$8,500
District Clerk	12,205	12,430	225
District Meetings	36,660	39,168	2,508
Superintendent's Office	327,589	381,726	54,137
Business Office	1,140,792	1,149,389	8,597
Auditing Services	101,985	95,000	(6,985)
Treasurer	12,865	13,122	257
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0
Legal Services	89,295	94,500	5,205
Personnel Office	401,797	417,094	15,297
Records Management	38,904	41,733	2,829
Public Information	73,886	75,903	2,017
Printing Office	238,921	214,100	(24,821)
General Insurance	438,700	472,500	33,800
School Association Dues	24,100	24,100	0
BOCES Services Admin	293,062	298,923	5,861
BOCES Rental Costs	140,000	140,000	0
Curriculum Office	267,226	243,761	(23,465)
Pupil Services Office	193,474	203,971	10,497
Principals' Offices	2,605,369	2,666,009	60,640
Plant Operation & Custodial	126,250	128,775	2,525
Computer Instruction K-12	3,225	0	(3,225)
Adult Ed-Principal's Office	15,102	15,374	272
Summer School-Principal's Office	8,462	8,616	154
Unemploy./WC Contractual TPA	133,134	136,265	3,131
Admin Benefits Total	2,196,596	2,203,181	6,585

ADMINISTRATIVE TOTALS \$8,944,899 \$9,109,440 \$164,541

2020-2021 CAPITAL BUDGET

	<i>Current 2019-2020</i>	<i>Proposed 2020-2021</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$5,603,505	\$5,738,346	\$134,841
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	1,988,072	2,045,913	57,841
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	19,500	24,000	4,500
Judgements and Claims	3,000	0	(3,000)
Capital Benefits Total	3,575,530	3,166,739	(408,791)
Library Bonds	827,600	853,800	26,200
Bonds School Construction	3,039,213	2,782,025	(257,188)
Bond School Const.-EPC	843,008	1,172,845	329,837
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0
Tax Anticipation Notes	210,000	210,000	0
Transfer to Capital Fund	800,000	800,000	0

CAPITAL TOTALS \$16,909,428 \$16,793,668 (\$115,760)

	<i>Current 2019-2020</i>	<i>Proposed 2020-2021</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Legal Services	\$208,355	\$220,500	\$12,145
Inservice Training	139,500	139,500	0
Teaching-Day School	2,101,426	2,013,185	(88,241)
General Instruction, K-5	7,211,630	7,339,741	128,111
General Instruction, 6	1,338,355	1,251,574	(86,781)
Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,730,019	1,653,616	(76,403)
Mathematics, 7-12	1,709,781	1,801,563	91,782
Science, 7-12	2,308,300	2,382,533	74,233
Social Studies, 7-12	1,944,962	2,037,236	92,274
Business Education, 6-12	253,103	341,191	88,088
Technology Education, 6-12	849,314	804,880	(44,434)
Home & Career Skills, 6-12	229,483	238,456	8,973
Health, 6-12	270,030	278,282	8,252
Alternative School, 10-12	129,760	133,794	4,034
Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	119,200	119,500	300
General Instruction, K-12	10,000	10,000	0
Music, K-12	1,670,384	1,731,688	61,304
Art, K-12	988,509	1,035,721	47,212
Physical Education, K-12	1,460,266	1,518,025	57,759
Foreign Language, 6-12	1,383,947	1,436,200	52,253
Gifted & Talented, 4-12	135,876	140,252	4,376
Handicapped Pupils, K-12	9,887,162	10,347,408	460,246
Speech Instruction, K-12	660,407	699,516	39,109
Non-English Speaking, K-12	174,087	186,465	12,378
Corrective Reading, K-12	980,329	950,664	(29,665)
Occupational Education, 11-12	484,645	593,082	108,437
Instructional Materials AV	295,811	310,347	14,536
Library	783,069	752,600	(30,469)
Computer Instruction, K-12	2,566,651	2,654,609	87,958
Attendance, K-12	153,309	149,804	(3,505)
Guidance, 6-12	1,024,962	1,131,784	106,822
Health Services, K-12	584,477	622,781	38,304
Diagnostic Screening, K-12	14,760	14,760	0
Psychological Services, K-12	746,213	789,567	43,354
Social Work Services, K-12	737,521	699,016	(38,505)
Co-Curricular Activities	482,524	497,960	15,436
Interscholastic Athletics	1,250,805	1,255,454	4,649
Intra-murals	4,800	4,800	0
Teaching-Adult Ed.	117,995	126,297	8,302
Teaching- Summer School	99,000	99,000	0
District Transportation Service	93,454	96,026	2,572
Contract Transportation	4,038,187	4,198,413	160,226
Public Transportation	2,600	2,600	0
BOCES Transportation Service	22,013	22,269	256
Community Recreation (Pool)	114,441	114,675	234
Special Education Office	618,059	577,969	(40,090)
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	200,000	200,000	0
Program Benefits Total	16,169,848	16,579,897	410,049

PROGRAM TOTALS \$68,499,329 \$70,305,200 \$1,805,871

THE 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

An INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX RATE: 1.99%

REQUIRING A SIMPLE MAJORITY AS IT IS **BELOW** THE CALCULATED TAX-LEVY CAP of 2.01%.

THREE-PART BUDGET	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2019-2020</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-2021</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$8,944,899	\$9,109,440	\$164,541
CAPITAL BUDGET	16,909,428	16,793,668	(115,760)
PROGRAM BUDGET	68,499,329	70,305,200	1,805,871
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$94,353,656	\$96,208,308	\$1,854,652

PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 1.97%

BUDGET REVENUES	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2019-2020</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-2021</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
STATE AID	\$26,509,284	\$26,394,558	(\$114,726)
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	415,837	474,250	58,413
OTHER INCOME	2,583,892	2,771,313	187,421
INVESTMENT INCOME	175,000	400,000	225,000
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	4,757,327	5,061,627	304,300
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	59,912,316	61,106,560	1,194,244
TOTAL REVENUE	\$94,353,656	\$96,208,308	\$1,854,652

ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2019-2020</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-2021</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)	19.682	20.074	0.392
	has a tax-rate increase before S.T.A.R. Exemptions. (HOME ASSESSED AT \$40,000=APPROXIMATELY \$13/MONTH)		

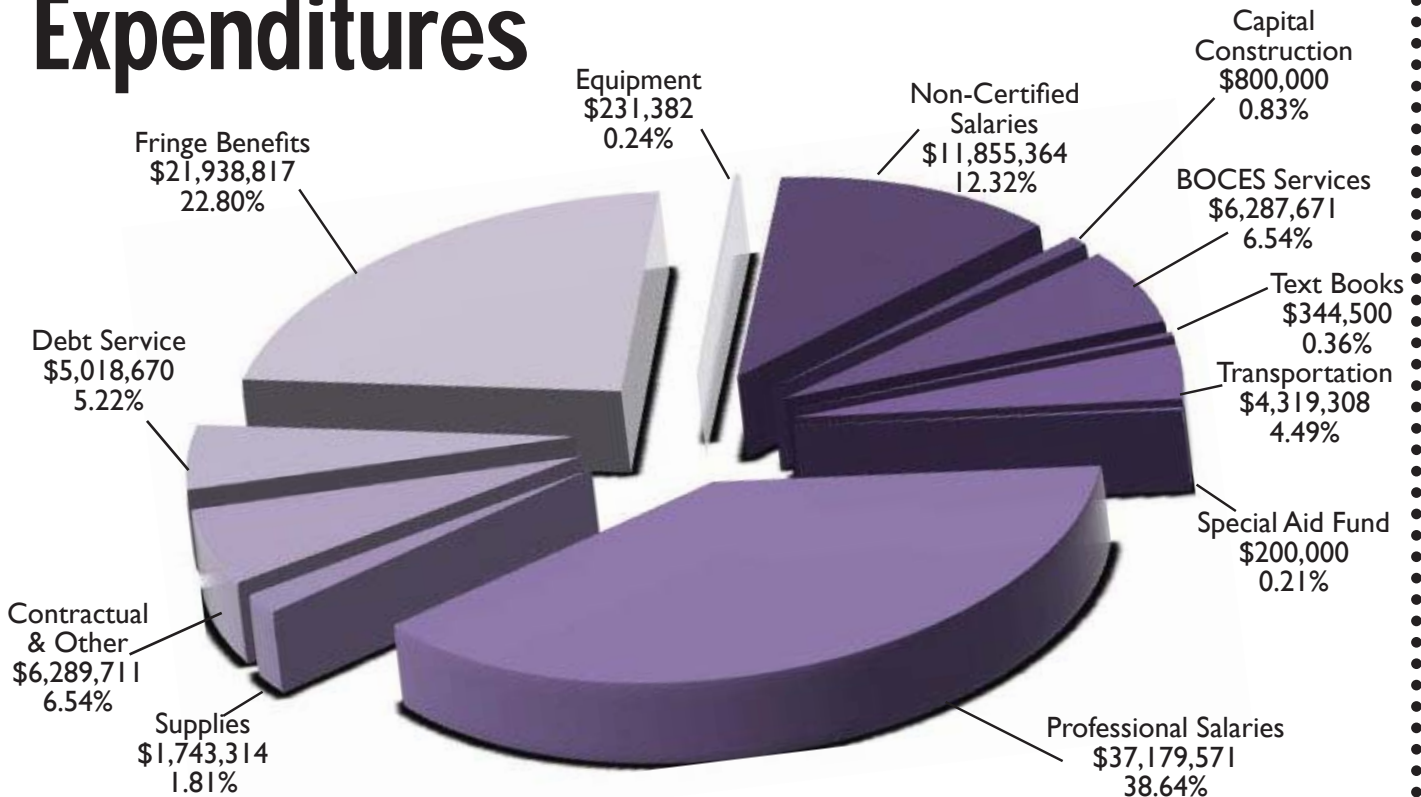
2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

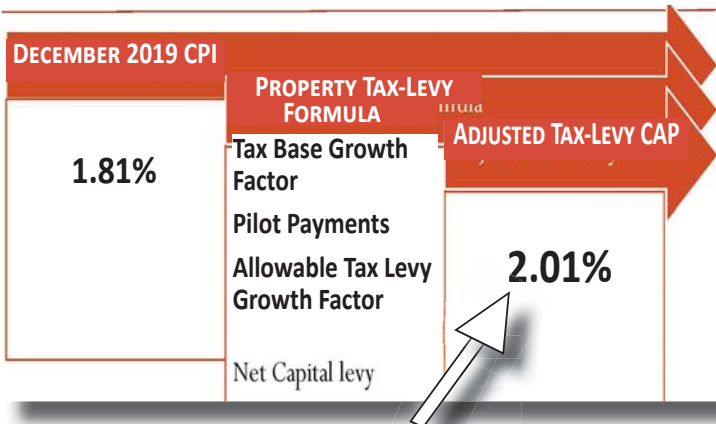
The two Pie Charts (below and opposite page) show the breakdown of the 2020-2021 Proposed Budget's Expenditures and Revenues.

YOUR TAX-DOLLAR

Expenditures



NYS "Two Percent" Tax Cap Formula...



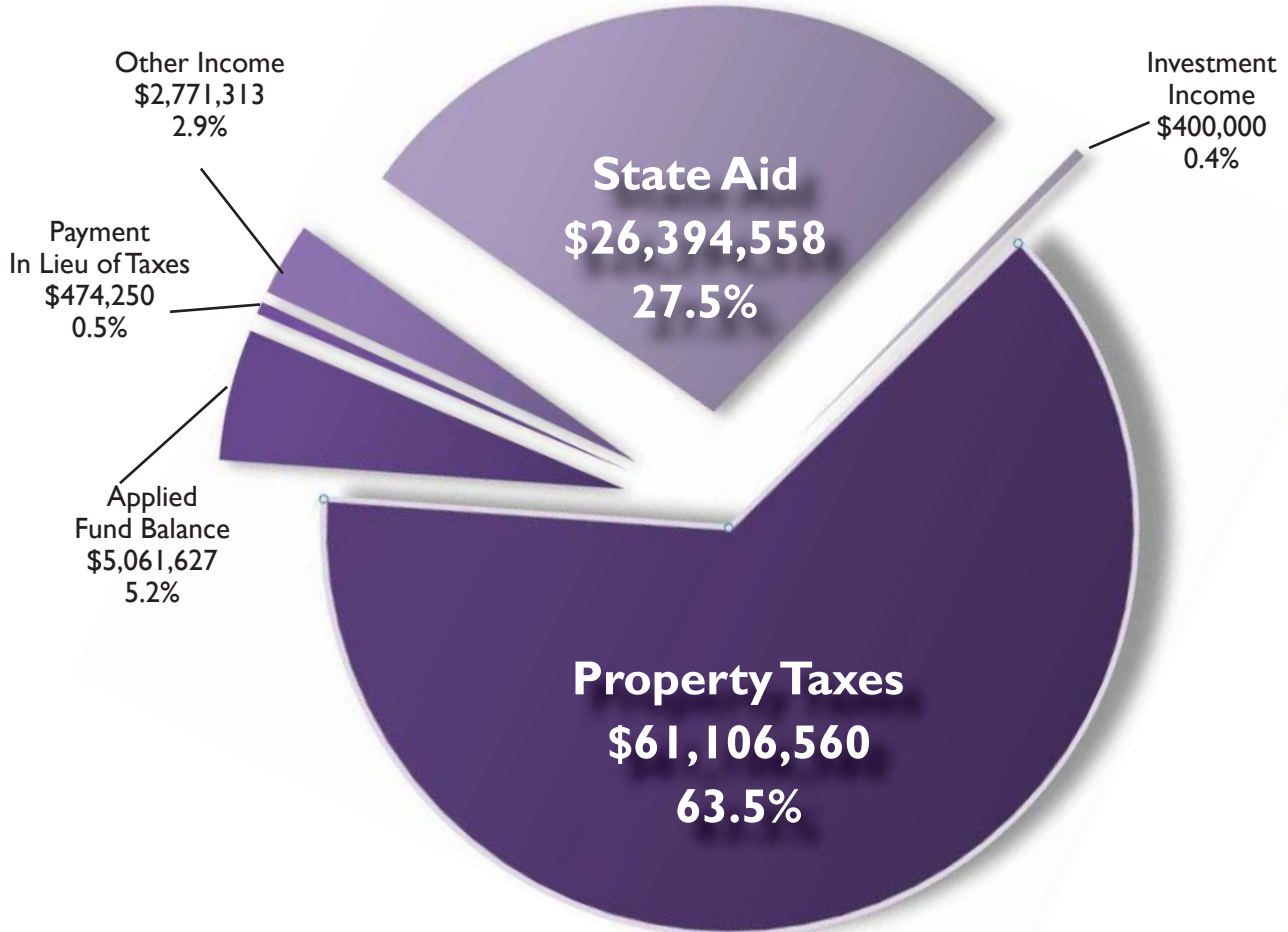
...IS NOT "TWO PERCENT" AT ALL, SINCE THE FORMULA IS BASED UPON THE FACTORS (see chart at left).

The Projected Tax-Levy increase of 1.99% is below the calculated Tax Cap requiring a simple majority to pass. Keeping costs *below* 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.

- BOCES Capital Expenses (less BOCES Aid) can now be an adjustment within the Cap formula;
- BOCES recently provided the District with our 2019-20 and 2020-21 numbers to be included in the formula;
- The end result did slightly change our tax cap percentage to 2.01% from the original projection of 2.00%.

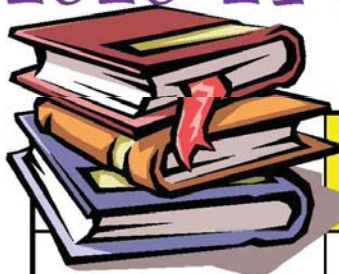
YOUR TAX-DOLLAR Revenues

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 1.99% tax increase below the 2.01% cap.



2020-21 Proposed Budget is a spending increase of \$1,854,652, or 1.97%

PROPOSED 2020-21 BUDGET



	BUDGET	BUDGET PERCENTAGE	PROPOSED TAX RATE
2020-21 Proposed Budget	\$96,208,308	1.97%	1.99%

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 2019-20 or the defeated 2020-21 Budget.

(See chart below.)

2. ZERO PERCENT TAX LEVY CAP

On a Contingency Budget, Sayville School District would have to cut \$2,104,224 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 - \$129,570

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

PROGRAM Budget..... - \$1,016,882

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

CAPITAL Budget - \$957,772

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

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET CAPS

ACTUAL 2019-2020	PROPOSED 2020-2021	CONTINGENT BUDGET
13.06%	12.96%	12.96

Under a Contingency Budget the District must REDUCE Spending by \$2,104,224. Therefore, in addition to reducing the tax levy by \$1,194,244 to achieve a 0% increase, Fund Balance and Reserves applied would also be reduced from the defeated budget by \$910,000.

ALSO ON THE BALLOT

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2019-2020 • \$54,100	2019-2020 • \$0.018
2020-2021 • \$54,100	2020-2021 • \$0.018

SAYVILLE LIBRARY

The Sayville Library Board voted unanimously to cancel the 2020-2021 Budget Vote and will keep the current Tax Appropriation at the same level for the upcoming 2020-2021 fiscal year.

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

CANDIDATES FOR... BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES Seats (3-year Term)

JAMES J. BERTSCH, JR. | TEAL RIZZO

THOMAS COOLEY | UNOPPOSED

LIBRARY TRUSTEE Seat (5-year Term)

LINDA HALLIDAY | UNOPPOSED

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 202.26, the annual budget vote and school board election has been scheduled for June 9, 2020, and will be held by absentee ballot only.

The public hearing on this year's proposed budget will be held remotely on June 2, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. Information on how to access the hearing will be posted on the District website at www.sayvilleschools.org

All qualified voters of the Sayville Union Free School District will be sent an absentee ballot together with a postage-paid return envelope and instructions for completing the same. To be counted, all completed absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on June 9, 2020.

A qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election, and who is not otherwise ineligible to vote under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law (e.g. a person who has been adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court).

In light of the limitations posed by COVID-19, *there will be no in-person voter registration* held at school district offices prior to the June 9, 2020 vote. *If you are not currently registered to vote, registration with the County Board of Elections is available online through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website at <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.*

Those wishing to register online, must do so by May 26, 2020.

The 2020-2021 Proposed Spending Plan of \$96,208,308 represents a 1.97% increase in the current school year, and a projected tax-rate increase of 1.99%, which is BELOW the Calculated Tax-Levy Cap of 2.01% therefore requiring a simple majority.

TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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IMPORTANT DATES

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SUMMARY OF THE 2020-2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

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

- Has an increase in spending of 1.97%;
- Has a Proposed Tax-Rate increase of 1.99%;
- Is **BELOW** the 2.01% Tax-Levy Cap;
- **MAINTAINS** educational opportunities for our students with challenging programs that will help them succeed.



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 mi

6-12 Beyond 1 1/2 miles

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

MULTI-YEAR CONTRACT

The District recently solicited bids for its contractual transportation, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year. We received a favorable bid from our current carrier and will be proceeding with a recommended 5-year bid award to provide our large bus, vans, athletic, and field-trip transportation.

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING REGISTER INSPECTION

Please email the District Clerk jvaccaro@sayvilleschools.org to set up a day and time if you wish to view the voter registration in a safe area. All social-distancing restrictions apply, including protective face masks.