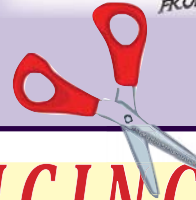


MAY 2019

SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER VOLUME 34.3
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TIDINGS
FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT



"THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS"

BUDGET ISSUE

THE 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET **REDUCING COSTS** Without Impacting **PROGRAMS & ENHANCEMENTS**

The Sayville Board of Education and Administrators have been working diligently throughout the budget process to control costs and to compensate for the shortfalls caused by diminished State Aid. Cognizant of taxpayer fatigue and with an eye towards sustainability, Sayville Administrators and the Board of Education have reduced the first draft of the Proposed Budget by approximately \$800,000. These cost reductions were partly the result of retirements along with the reallocation of several administrative positions. Most importantly, these spending reductions will not directly impact student programs.

SUMMATION:

At the March 14th, 2019 meeting, the Sayville Board of Education adopted the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget which will be presented for voter approval on Tuesday, May 21st, 2019. This fiscally responsible budget has a \$94,353,656 spending plan with a budget increase of 0.85% and a proposed increase on the tax rate of 2.34% which is **AT** the calculated Tax Cap requiring a **simple majority** to pass.

- For the average home assessed at \$40,000 **before S.T.A.R. Exemptions** there will be an estimated increase of \$180/year or \$15 per month.

VOTE!

 **MAY 21st**
LOCATION:

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

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

The District encourages you to review this **Budget Issue of Tidings** carefully, check out all the Budget presentations posted to the Sayville School District website under the Business Office Section for details, and to attend the Public Hearing on May 14th at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Administration Building. The May 21st School Budget Vote will be in the Gymnasium—where it has been for the past five years—located **behind** the Suffolk County Community College, Sayville Center at 30 Greene Avenue. Polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 9 p.m.

As your Board of Education, we hope you will support our excellent public education programs.



SINCERELY YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION:

President John Verdone
Vice President Keith Kolar

TRUSTEES:

Carl Cangelosi, Thomas Cooley, Norman deVenau, and Maureen Dolan

PUBLIC HEARING

on the 2019-2020
Proposed School Budget

7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, May 14th

Sayville
Administration Building

PROPOSED 2019-2020 BUDGET: \$94,353,656

2019-2020 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2019-2020 PROGRAM BUDGET

	<i>Current 2018-2019</i>	<i>Proposed 2019-2020</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Board of Education	\$22,800	\$22,800	\$0
District Clerk	11,984	12,205	221
District Meetings	26,000	36,660	10,660
Superintendent's Office	379,019	327,589	(51,430)
Business Office	1,092,601	1,140,792	48,191
Auditing Services	99,378	101,985	2,607
Treasurer	12,613	12,865	252
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0
Legal Services	80,950	89,295	8,345
Personnel Office	371,657	401,797	30,140
Records Management	38,398	38,904	506
Public Information	72,314	73,886	1,572
Printing Office	242,736	238,921	(3,815)
General Insurance	438,700	438,700	0
School Association Dues	24,100	24,100	0
BOCES Services Admin	282,540	293,062	10,522
BOCES Rental Costs	145,000	140,000	(5,000)
Curriculum Office	259,609	267,226	7,617
Pupil Services Office	82,051	193,474	111,423
Principals' Offices	2,737,164	2,605,369	(131,795)
Plant Operation & Custodial	133,739	126,250	(7,489)
Computer Instruction K-12	187,179	3,225	(183,954)
Adult Ed-Principal's Office	14,961	15,102	141
Summer School-Principal's Office	8,388	8,462	74
Unemploy./WC Contractual TPA	130,668	133,134	2,466
Admin Benefits Total	2,266,800	2,196,596	(70,204)

ADMINISTRATIVE TOTALS \$9,163,849 \$8,944,899 (\$218,950)

2019-2020 CAPITAL BUDGET

	<i>Current 2018-2019</i>	<i>Proposed 2019-2020</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$5,317,673	\$5,603,505	\$285,832
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	1,848,551	1,988,072	139,521
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	17,500	19,500	2,000
Judgements and Claims	3,000	3,000	0
Capital Benefits Total	3,510,949	3,575,530	64,581
Library Bonds	856,600	827,600	(29,000)
Bonds School Construction	2,696,370	3,039,213	342,843
Bond School Const.-EPC	1,177,905	843,008	(334,897)
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0
Tax Anticipation Notes	175,000	210,000	35,000
Transfer to Capital Fund	800,000	800,000	0

CAPITAL TOTALS \$16,403,548 \$16,909,428 \$505,880

	<i>Current 2018-2019</i>	<i>Proposed 2019-2020</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Legal Services	\$205,125	\$208,355	\$3,230
Inservice Training	119,500	139,500	20,000
Teaching-Day School	2,304,552	2,101,426	(203,126)
General Instruction, K-5	7,336,567	7,211,630	(124,937)
General Instruction, 6	1,150,289	1,338,355	188,066
Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,719,891	1,730,019	10,128
Mathematics, 7-12	1,697,334	1,709,781	12,447
Science, 7-12	2,298,950	2,308,300	9,350
Social Studies, 7-12	1,904,422	1,944,962	40,540
Business Education, 6-12	236,112	253,103	16,991
Technology Education, 6-12	823,445	849,314	25,869
Home & Career Skills, 6-12	219,834	229,483	9,649
Health, 6-12	261,630	270,030	8,400
Alternative School, 10-12	124,984	129,760	4,776
Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	117,840	119,200	1,360
General Instruction, K-12	10,000	10,000	0
Music, K-12	1,613,075	1,670,384	57,309
Art, K-12	935,722	988,509	52,787
Physical Education, K-12	1,406,558	1,460,266	53,708
Foreign Language, 6-12	1,318,161	1,383,947	65,786
Gifted & Talented, 4-12	135,154	135,876	722
Handicapped Pupils, K-12	9,827,724	9,887,162	59,438
Speech Instruction, K-12	636,957	660,407	23,450
Non-English Speaking, K-12	320,853	174,087	(146,766)
Corrective Reading, K-12	928,964	980,329	51,365
Occupational Education, 11-12	394,179	484,645	90,466
Instructional Materials AV	278,798	295,811	17,013
Library	766,971	783,069	16,098
Computer Instruction, K-12	2,545,958	2,566,651	20,693
Attendance, K-12	139,036	153,309	14,273
Guidance, 6-12	989,127	1,024,962	35,835
Health Services, K-12	562,156	584,477	22,321
Diagnostic Screening, K-12	14,760	14,760	0
Psychological Services, K-12	591,626	746,213	154,587
Social Work Services, K-12	689,408	737,521	48,113
Co-Curricular Activities	470,863	482,524	11,661
Interscholastic Athletics	1,230,690	1,250,805	20,115
Intra-murals	4,800	4,800	0
Teaching-Adult Ed.	125,300	117,995	(7,305)
Teaching- Summer School	83,900	99,000	15,100
District Transportation Service	90,227	93,454	3,227
Contract Transportation	3,918,628	4,038,187	119,559
Public Transportation	2,600	2,600	0
BOCES Transportation Service	21,598	22,013	415
Community Recreation (Pool)	115,703	114,441	(1,262)
Special Education Office	550,688	618,059	67,371
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	200,000	200,000	0
Program Benefits Total	16,547,224	16,169,848	(377,376)

PROGRAM TOTALS \$67,987,883 \$68,499,329 \$511,446

THE 2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

An INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX RATE: 2.34%

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

THREE-PART BUDGET	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2018-2019</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$9,163,849	\$8,944,899	(\$218,950)
CAPITAL BUDGET	16,403,548	16,909,428	505,880
PROGRAM BUDGET	67,987,883	68,499,329	511,446
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$93,555,280	\$94,353,656	\$798,376

PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 0.85%

BUDGET REVENUES	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2018-2019</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
STATE AID	\$26,742,582	\$26,509,284	(\$233,298)
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	356,711	415,837	59,126
OTHER INCOME	3,472,591	2,583,892	(888,699)
INVESTMENT INCOME	75,000	175,000	100,000
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	3,730,000	4,552,327	822,327
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	59,178,396	60,117,316	938,920
TOTAL REVENUE	\$93,555,280	\$94,353,656	\$798,376

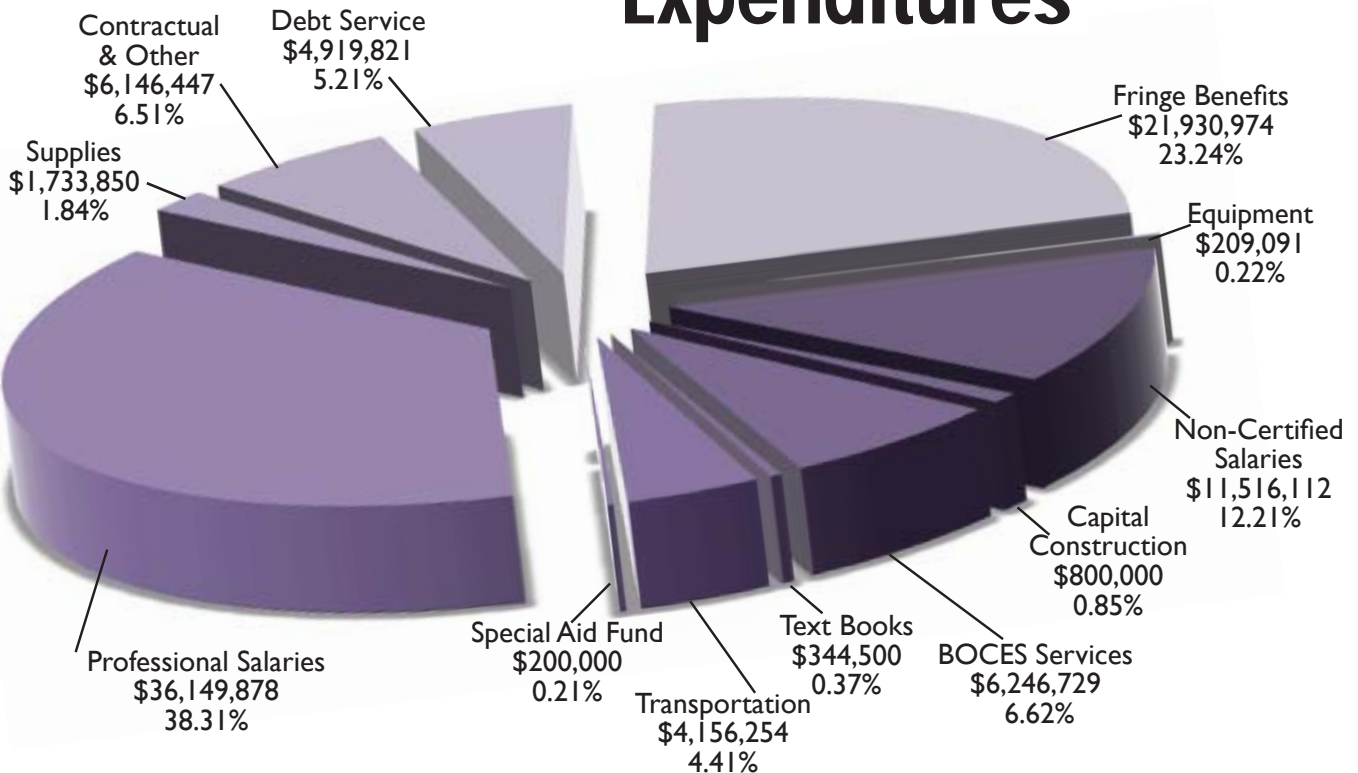
ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2018-2019</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD	19.231	19.681	0.450
(PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)	has a tax-rate increase before S.T.A.R. Exemptions.		

2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET

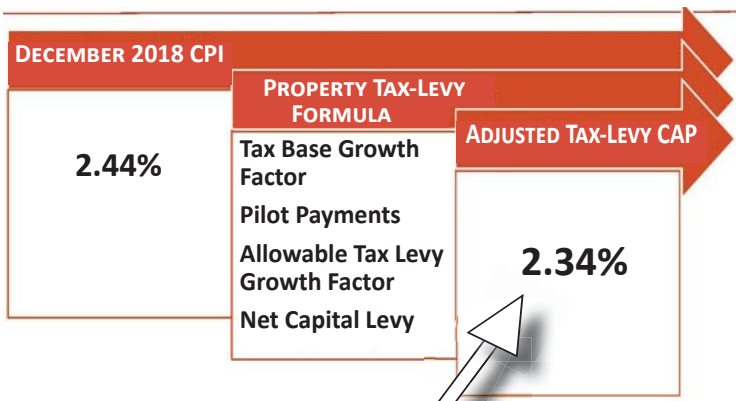
EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

The two Pie Charts (below and opposite page) show the breakdown of the 2019-2020 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).

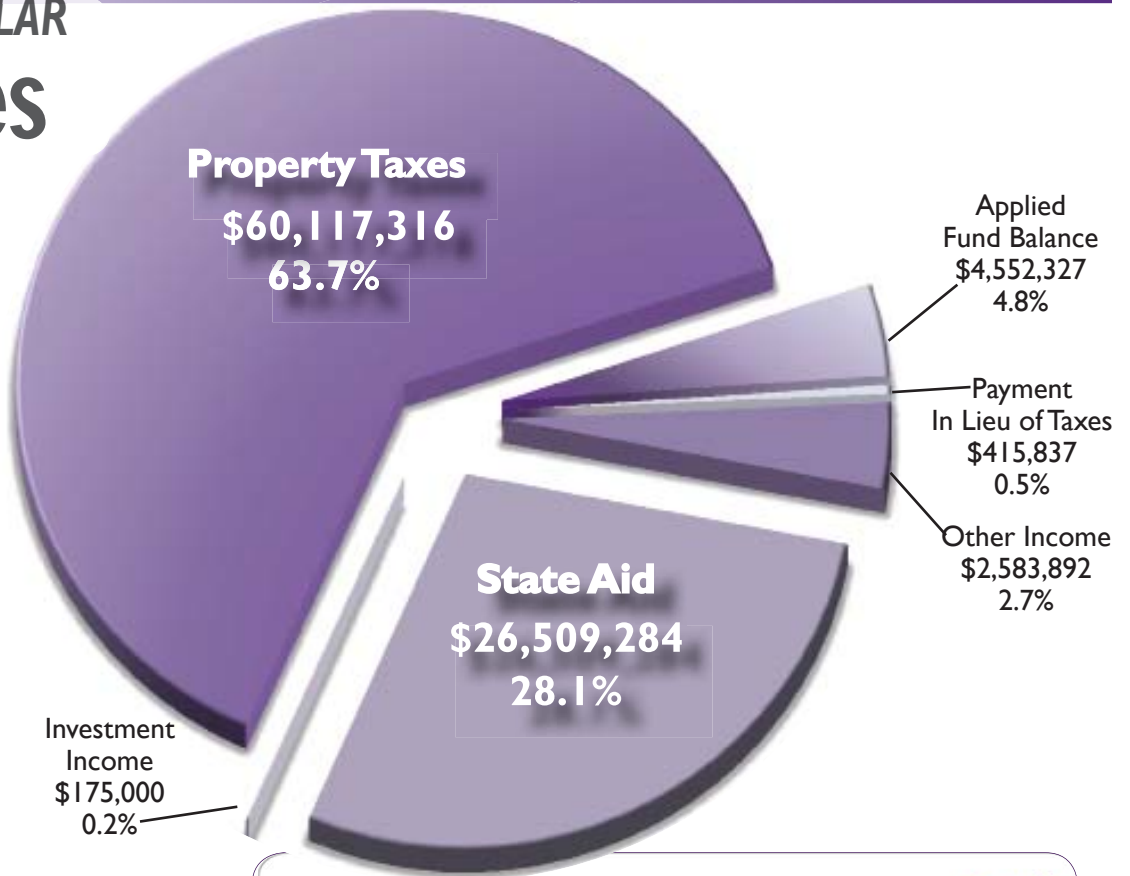
The Projected Tax-Levy increase of 2.34% is AT the calculated Tax Cap requiring a simple majority to pass.

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

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 2.34% tax increase at the cap.



Spending Reductions:

\$793,348

PROPOSED 2019-20 BUDGET

	BUDGET	BUDGET PERCENTAGE INCREASE	PROPOSED INCREASE ON TAX RATE
2019-20 Proposed Budget (Draft I)	\$95,147,004	1.70%	2.34%
Revised Budget (Draft II: Reduced \$793,348)	\$94,353,656	0.85%	2.34% <small>(At the Calculated Tax Cap of 2.34%)</small>

DRAFT I BUDGET
\$95,147,004

DRAFT II BUDGET
\$94,353,656

- Draft I Budget was basically a roll over budget, plus new staffing to accommodate the changing needs of our instructional program.
- Our priority focus is to maintain existing program levels and further enhance & provide for the social, emotional and mental health needs of our students.
- Draft I Budget used excessive Fund Balance, which would have resulted in a significant challenge in sustaining current program levels.

- Draft II Budget reduces costs by better aligning existing District resources with program needs.
- Reduces spending increase from 1.7% to .85%.
- Uses less Fund Balance which will provide future resources to sustain programs in an environment of decreasing student enrollment and limited new revenue resources.

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 2018-19 or the defeated 2019-20 Budget.

(See chart below.)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET CAPS

ACTUAL 2018-2019	PROPOSED 2019-20	CONTINGENT BUDGET
13.48%	13.06%	13.06%

2. ZERO PERCENT TAX LEVY CAP

On a Contingency Budget, Sayville School District would have to cut \$2,173,483 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 -**\$232,561**

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

PROGRAM Budget..... -**\$914,683**

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

CAPITAL Budget -**1,026,239**

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



	BUDGET	BUDGET PERCENTAGE INCREASE	PROPOSED INCREASE ON TAX Levy
2019-20 Final Proposed Budget	\$94,353,656	0.85%	2.34%
Contingent Budget	\$92,180,173	-1.47%	0.00%

Under a Contingency Budget the District must REDUCE Spending by \$2,173,483. Therefore, in addition to reducing the tax levy by \$1,372,920 to achieve a 0% increase, Fund Balance and Reserves applied would also be reduced from the defeated budget by \$800,563.

ALSO ON THE BALLOT

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2018-2019 • \$54,690	2018-2019 • \$0.018
2019-2020 • \$54,100	2019-2020 • \$0.018

SAYVILLE LIBRARY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2018-2019 • \$3,876,454	2018-2019 • \$1.269
2019-2020 • \$3,952,992	2019-2020 • \$1.294

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

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 14, 2019. 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.

CANDIDATES FOR...

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES Seats (3-year Term)

NORM DEVENAU	UNOPPOSED
MAUREEN DOLAN	UNOPPOSED
OPEN SEAT	JAMES J. BERTSCH, JR.
	JAIME HECHTMAN-ULLOA
	KYLE VALENTINE

LIBRARY TRUSTEE Seat (5-year Term)

PREVIOUSLY HELD BY

JOHN WHITBREAD	LOUISA KIEFFER
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The 2019-2020 Proposed Spending Plan of \$94,353,656 represents a 0.85% increase in the current school year, and a projected tax-rate increase of 2.34%, which is **AT** the Calculated Tax-Levy Cap of 2.34% therefore requiring a simple majority.

TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

DR. JOHN E. STIMMEL
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LINDA A. MITTIGA, SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER & DISTRICT WEBSITE EDITOR

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KEEPING UP WITH THE DIGITAL AGE

Sayville School's TIMELY News is Just a Click Away

It's no secret. Sayville School District's NEWS & VIDEO tab on the website—along with the District's Facebook page—is a source for breaking news about District events and activities. A simple click on the TIDINGS ONLINE section opens up options for newsworthy stories. Click on the PHOTO & VIDEO tab for hundreds of edited photos and video.

Keeping with the times, Sayville School District aims to continue making the shift from printed to digital formats for distributing information. This will include phasing out the quarterly printed *Tidings* newsletters, the contents of which had been previously posted on the website and is either redundant or out of date by the time it arrives in the mail. Instead, Sayville will utilize faster ways of communicating with the website and a variety of social media outlets. Sayville will continue sending fresh story content to local print media that produces either a weekly or monthly printed publication and which are timelier than the district's quarterly newsletters.

So going forward, residents are encouraged to view all the breaking news that is TIMELY and always AVAILABLE at TIDINGS ONLINE on our Website, along with our Facebook page that directly links to the Website. Here the news is immediate, and best of all, you'll never miss a mailed delivery again!

VOTING REQUIREMENTS*

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON **TUESDAY, MAY 21ST**

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, you can call 852-4500 for the Suffolk County Board of Elections or the Sayville School district clerk at 244-6510.

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 1st, 2014 can register either:

1. Until Thursday, May 16th, 2019 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 14th 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

IMPORTANT DATES

• **TUESDAY, MAY 14TH**
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
2019-2020 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
7:30 p.m. SAYVILLE ADMIN. BLDG.

• **TUESDAY, MAY 21ST**
BUDGET VOTE ON THE
2019-2020 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

SUMMARY OF THE 2019-2020

PROPOSED BUDGET

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

- Has an increase in spending of 0.85%;
- Has a Proposed Tax-Rate increase of 2.34%;
- Is AT the 2.34% 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 mile
6-12	Beyond 1 1/2 miles

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