

MAY 2015

BUDGET ISSUE

TIDINGS
FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
"THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS"
SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER VOLUME 30.3
www.sayville.k12.ny.us

Positive *NEWS* about Sayville's 2015-2016 Proposed Budget

- We are WELL UNDER Cap and have an Efficiency Plan in place — **taxpayers will get a rebate for the school tax increase.**
- We have reduced spending;
- We have lowered the Tax Rate with additional State Aid;
- We are able to restore/enhance programs that will benefit our students.

During this fiscal year, the Sayville School District has continued to work diligently to keep spending costs down and still ensure that our students will be career- and college-ready.

HERE ARE THE FACTS:

- **The \$89,405,025 Proposed Budget represents a spending decrease: -0.72%;**
- **This translates into a 1.76% Proposed Tax-Rate increase;**
- **This increase is well under the 2.70% Tax Levy Cap;**
- **For the average home assessed at \$40,000, before S.T.A.R. Exemptions, there will be an estimated increase of \$11/month or \$132/year;**
- **Since the Proposed Budget is under the Tax Levy Cap, a simple majority is required to pass.**

We urge you to review this *Budget Issue of Tidings* carefully and encourage you to attend the Public Hearing on May 12th, held in the Administration Building.

Also note that the May 19th School Budget Vote will be in the Gymnasium located at the back of 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 that benefit and prepare our students for the future.

SINCERELY YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION:

PRESIDENT John Verdone, VICE PRESIDENT Thomas Cooley, TRUSTEES: Carl Cangelosi, Norman deVenau, Maureen Dolan, Keith Kolar, and Deborah Van Essendelft

PUBLIC HEARING

on the 2015-2016
Proposed School Budget

7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, May 12th

Sayville
Administration Building

VOTE!

MAY 19th

LOCATION:

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

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

PROPOSED 2015-2016 BUDGET: \$89,405,025

2015-2016 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET				2015-2016 PROGRAM BUDGET			
	<i>Current 2014-2015</i>	<i>Proposed 2015-2016</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>		<i>Current 2014-2015</i>	<i>Proposed 2015-2016</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Board of Education	\$23,895	\$23,895	\$0	LEGAL SERVICES TOTAL	\$190,167	\$190,167	\$0
District Clerk	11,009	11,313	304	In-service Training	91,036	92,900	1,864
District Meetings	28,336	27,236	(1,100)	Teaching-Day School	2,111,042	2,107,481	(3,561)
Superintendent's Office	337,647	346,272	8,625	General Instruction, K-5	6,612,931	6,855,761	242,830
Business Office	931,742	968,975	37,233	General Instruction, 6	1,158,768	1,211,356	52,588
Auditing Services	87,513	89,531	2,018	Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,681,822	1,696,560	14,738
Treasurer	11,787	11,886	99	Mathematics, 7-12	1,556,790	1,597,211	40,421
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0	Science, 7-12	2,129,695	2,207,350	77,655
Legal Services	62,930	62,930	0	Social Studies, 7-12	1,820,799	1,903,014	82,215
Personnel Office	347,990	348,463	473	Business Education, 6-12	222,415	234,940	12,525
Records Management	36,437	36,774	337	Technology Education, 6-12	764,946	792,219	27,273
Public Information	55,882	62,543	6,661	Home & Career Skills, 6-12	181,690	189,780	8,090
Printing Office	232,777	233,148	371	Health, 6-12	357,527	243,348	(114,179)
General Insurance	420,285	441,414	21,129	Alternative School, 10-12	113,217	115,804	2,587
School Association Dues	23,590	24,000	410	Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	98,359	93,840	(4,519)
BOCES Services Admin	263,827	263,900	73	General Instruction, K-12	9,000	10,000	1,000
BOCES Rental Costs	162,117	162,200	83	Music, K-12	1,546,337	1,591,276	44,939
Curriculum Office	267,989	277,123	9,134	Art, K-12	839,539	864,728	25,189
Pupil Services Office	76,778	78,266	1,488	Physical Education, K-12	1,175,489	1,338,269	162,780
Special Education Office	520,665	535,730	15,065	Foreign Language, 6-12	1,352,559	1,247,065	(105,494)
Principals' Offices	2,770,023	2,754,117	(15,906)	Gifted & Talented, 4-12	122,408	125,761	3,353
Plant Operation & Custodial	116,920	121,159	4,239	Handicapped Pupils, K-12	9,529,443	9,481,395	(48,048)
Computer Instruction K-12	173,731	177,458	3,727	Speech Instruction, K-12	672,660	706,345	33,685
Adult Ed	72,997	76,767	3,770	Non-English Speaking, K-12	36,099	154,556	118,457
Summer School	0	5,000	5,000	Corrective Reading, K-12	921,440	953,306	31,866
Admin Benefits/Contractual Total	2,931,056	2,660,706	(270,350)	Occupational Education, 11-12	672,450	560,000	(112,450)
ADMINISTRATIVE TOTALS	\$9,970,423	\$9,803,306	(\$167,117)	Instructional Materials AV	251,770	250,901	(869)
				Library	694,366	748,009	53,643
				Computer Instruction, K-12	2,441,696	2,483,722	42,026
				Attendance, K-12	172,977	176,317	3,340
				Guidance, 6-12	839,219	920,126	80,907
				Health Services, K-12	517,297	529,196	11,899
				Diagnostic Screening, K-12	14,760	14,760	0
				Psychological Services, K-12	639,917	663,422	23,505
				Social Work Services, K-12	489,394	508,983	19,589
				Co-Curricular Activities	381,360	420,888	39,528
				Interscholastic Athletics	966,569	1,112,780	146,211
				Intramurals	11,000	4,800	(6,200)
				Teaching-Adult Ed.	71,182	71,508	326
				Teaching- Summer School	4,666	30,736	26,070
				District Transportation Service	77,574	80,769	3,195
				Contract Transportation	3,535,656	3,572,692	37,036
				Public Transportation	2,300	2,300	0
				BOCES Transportation Service	33,166	37,641	4,475
				Community Recreation (Pool)	115,437	115,618	181
				Program benefits Total	17,704,132	15,927,814	(1,776,318)
CAPITAL TOTALS	\$15,147,736	\$15,364,305	\$216,569	PROGRAM TOTALS	\$64,933,066	\$64,237,414	(\$695,652)

THE 2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX RATE: 1.76%

WHICH IS **UNDER** THE CALCULATED TAX LEVY CAP of 2.7% AND REQUIRES A **SIMPLE** MAJORITY

THREE-PART BUDGET	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2014-2015</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2015-2016</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$9,970,423	\$9,803,306	(\$167,117)
CAPITAL BUDGET	15,147,736	15,364,305	216,569
PROGRAM BUDGET	64,933,066	64,237,414	(695,652)
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$90,051,225	\$89,405,025	(\$646,200)

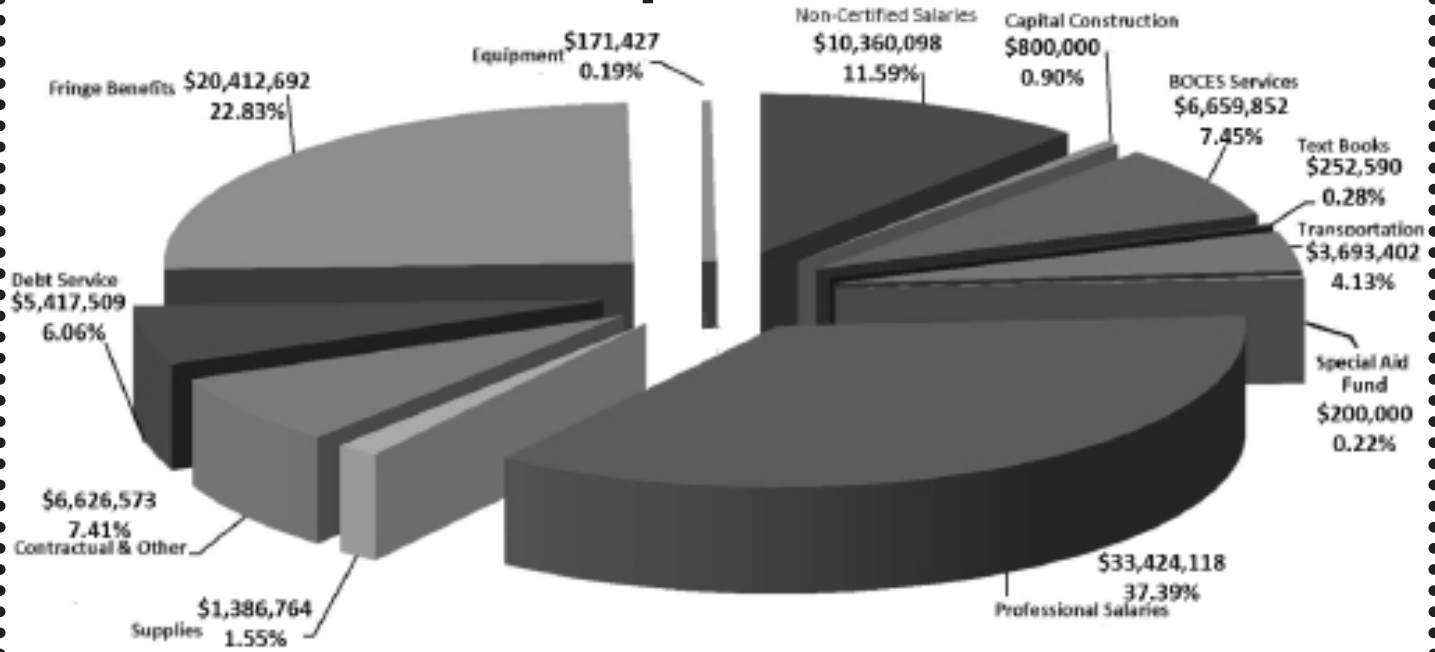
PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: -0.72%

BUDGET REVENUES	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2014-2015</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2015-2016</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
STATE AID	\$23,325,517	\$24,513,500	\$1,187,983
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	101,064	166,268	65,204
OTHER INCOME	2,544,675	2,352,324	(192,351)
INVESTMENT INCOME	60,000	60,000	0
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	6,083,342	3,354,288	(2,729,054)
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	57,936,627	58,958,645	1,022,018
TOTAL REVENUE	\$90,051,225	\$89,405,025	(\$646,200)

ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2014-2015</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2015-2016</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)	18.722	19.052	0.33

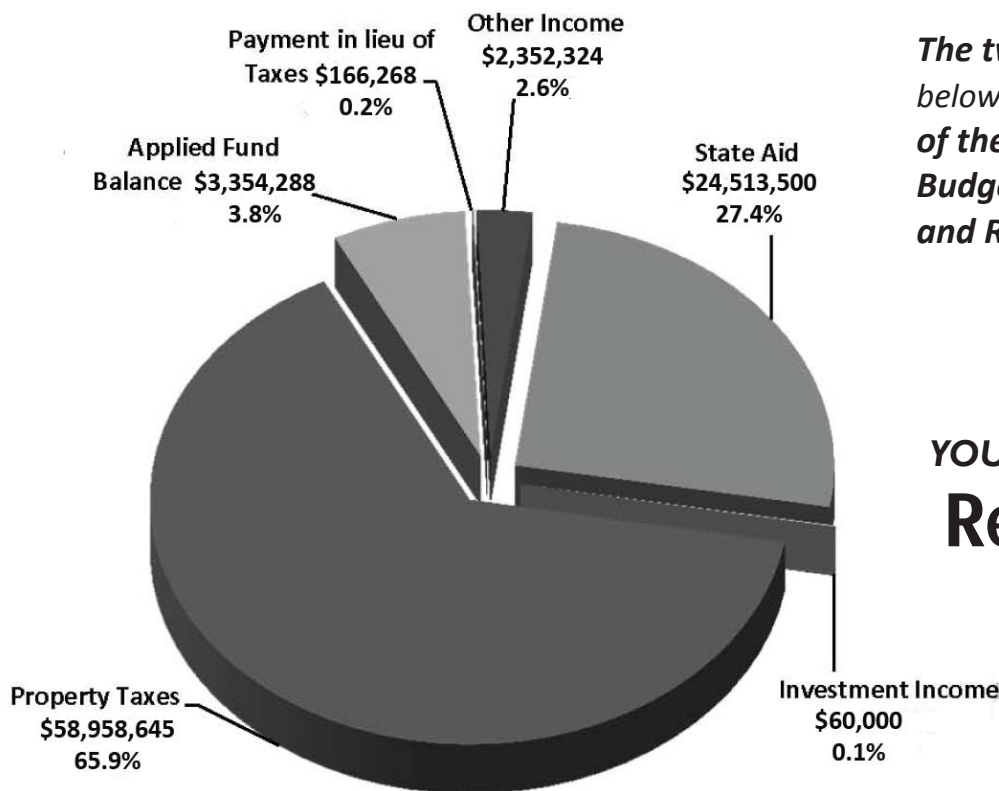
2015-2016 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

YOUR TAX DOLLAR Expenditures



The two Pie Charts (above and below) show the breakdown of the 2015-2016 Proposed Budget's Expenditures and Revenues.

YOUR TAX DOLLAR Revenues



NEW YORK STATE RULES REGARDING THE CONTINGENCY BUDGET

Should the Proposed Budget fail 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*****

The most drastic change affects budgets that fail twice because 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 2014-15 or the defeated 2015-16 Budget. (See chart below.)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET CAPS		
ACTUAL 2014-2015	PROPOSED 2015-16	CONTINGENT BUDGET
15.35%	15.26%	15.25%

2. ZERO PERCENT TAX LEVY CAP

On a Contingency Budget, Sayville School District would have to cut \$1,022,018 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 -**\$30,332**

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

PROGRAM Budget..... -**\$167,971**

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

CAPITAL Budget -**\$823,715**

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

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.

About the BOND REFERENDUM

The Board of Education is seeking voter approval for *both* the **2015-2016 Proposed School Budget** and a separate **\$19.2 Million Bond Referendum** on May 19, 2015. Simply put, while the annual School Budget funds instructional programs and some capital improvements, the Bond will fund maintenance upgrades at our facilities that would otherwise be cost prohibitive if included in the Budget. In addition, the Bond *will* better serve to align the annual debt service with building-aid payments over the useful life of each project. **Many items, such as boilers, Middle School roof, obsolete HVAC system replacements, and upgraded fire alarm and emergency light systems MUST be done.**

WHAT TYPES OF PROJECTS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE BOND?

The following is a partial list of the items to be included in the Capital Bond Improvement Plan (see our District website for a complete list with estimated costs):

- Roof replacement at Middle School
- Boiler replacement
- Auditorium air conditioning at High School
- Update Sayville High School Library-Media Center
- Upgrade security intrusion alarm systems districtwide
- New bus loop at High School
- Parking lot paving and storm pool refurbishment districtwide
- Upgraded fire alarm systems and emergency lighting systems
- ADA upgrades in Nurses Offices
- Replacement of gym folding doors
- Cafeteria equipment upgrades
- Playground upgrades at Elementary Schools
- Upgrade of electrical service at Sunrise Drive
- Standby generator for District's Technology offices
- Turf field, lights & bathrooms at the Depot Street and Greeley property
- MS Pool infrastructure and ventilation system.

..... If we don't BOND, will our SCHOOL taxes go down?

NO. Even when the outstanding debt service decreases by \$2,046,750, in the 2016-17 school year, Sayville taxpayers will not see a \$2 million savings because the District *will still have to fund* many, high-cost capital items (Middle School roof replacement, boilers, infrastructure upgrades, etc.). Not Bonded, the funding for these capital improvements would have to be included in the budget, and taxpayers will shoulder the fiscal burden at **100%** of the project costs in *one* budget year. Unfortunately, New York State Aid of 68 cents on every capital-approved dollar is **reimbursed** over the *life* (how long the project takes to complete) *of the project*. Using the annual School Budget, therefore, is not a prudent fiscal approach to funding major capital improvements:

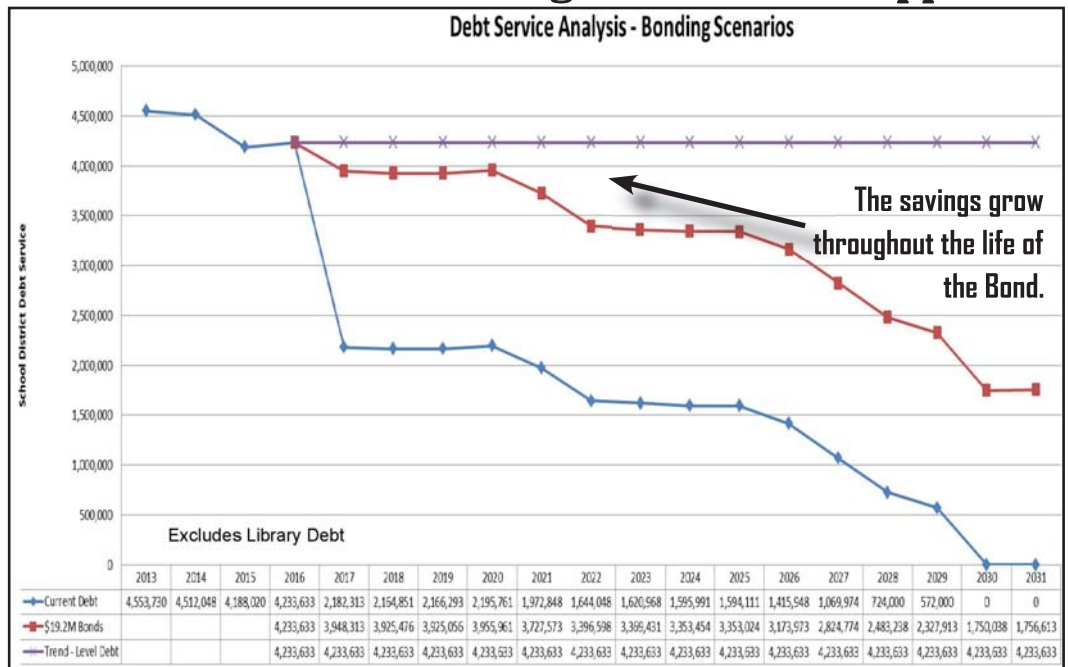
For example: including only the cost (\$3.5M) of replacing the Middle School roof in the annual budget would increase the tax rate by 6.16% in ONE school year. Additional improvements would raise it even more! By utilizing a Bond, the same Middle School roof expense would increase the tax rate by approximately 0.11% or \$14 per year.

What is the effect on the 2015-2016 School Budget if the voters approve a \$19.2 million Bond Referendum?

NO EFFECT on the 2015-2016 School Budget!

We are strategically timing this Bond Referendum with Sayville's Debt Service reduction in the 2016-2017 school year (see chart right).

Even with the Proposed BOND REFERENDUM, Sayville's Debt Service will have a net *decrease* of \$300,000 annually for several years and will continue decreasing thereafter.



ALSO ON THE BALLOT

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2014-2015 • \$56,400	2014-2015 • \$0.018
2015-2016 • \$56,536	2015-2016 • \$0.018

SAYVILLE LIBRARY*

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2014-2015 • \$3,692,405	2014-2015 • \$1.1932
2015-2016 • \$3,752,580	2015-2016 • \$1.2127

*based on Public Library's projections

(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 19, 2015. 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 244-6510) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

CANDIDATES FOR...

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES

Seats (3-year Term)

CARL CANGELOSI | **DEBRA BURNS**

The successful candidate for this seat will serve 3 years and 43 days

KEITH KOLAR | **TEAL RIZZO**

JOHN VERDONE | **UNOPPOSED**

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Seat (5-year Term)

LINDA HALLIDAY | **UNOPPOSED**

The 2015-2016 Proposed Spending Plan of \$89,405,025 represents a 0.72% DECREASE in the current school year, and a projected tax-rate increase of 1.76%, which is UNDER the 2.7% Calculated Tax Levy Cap therefore requiring a simple majority.

We are under Cap and have an Efficiency Plan in place—Taxpayers WILL GET a rebate for the school tax increase.

TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT


DR. WALTER F. SCHATNER
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
99 GREELEY AVENUE
SAYVILLE, NEW YORK 11782

NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Tax Code 566

LINDA A. MITTIGA, SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER & DISTRICT WEBSITE EDITOR

****ECRWSS****

Postal Customer

 **VOTE!**
MAY 19th

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

Polls open 7^{AM}
Polls close 9^{PM}

PUBLIC HEARING
on the 2015-2016
Proposed School Budget

7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, May 12th
Sayville Administration
Building

**SUMMARY OF THE
2015-2016
PROPOSED BUDGET**

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

- Is **UNDER** the 2.7% Tax Levy Cap;
- Has a **DECREASE** in spending of -0.72%;
- Has a Proposed Tax-Rate increase of 1.76%; (Since we are under Cap and have an Efficiency Plan in place, taxpayers **WILL GET** a rebate for the school tax increase.)
- **Continues to provide our students with educational opportunities and challenges that will help them succeed.**

VOTING REQUIREMENTS
TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON
TUESDAY, MAY 19TH
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.

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, 2010 can register either:

1. Until Thursday, May 14th, 2015 at the Administration Building on 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.
OR
2. On Tuesday, May 12th 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

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.