

MAY 2013

BUDGET ISSUE

TIDINGS
FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
"THE FOUNDATION FOR SUCCESS"
SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
NEWSLETTER VOLUME 28.3
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FOR A 2ND
CONSECUTIVE YEAR

• **WE'RE UNDER THE TAX LEVY CAP!**

• **STAFF CONCESSIONS ARE KEEPING COSTS LOW!**

• **WE ARE PRESERVING/ADDING INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS!**

PUBLIC HEARING

on the 2013-2014

Proposed School Budget

7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, May 14th

ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

When the Governor first released his budget, school districts were losing significantly more State Aid than ever before. However, thanks to the persistent advocacy by school boards, superintendents associations, and school official groups, some State Aid was restored.

As a result of the \$735,000 restored State Aid and due to Sayville's prudent fiscal management, Sayville School District can present—for a second consecutive year—a budget that is UNDER THE CALCULATED TAX LEVY CAP and which requires a majority vote of 50%.

Economic challenges continue, but through our responsible spending plan, we are pleased to report that this Proposed Budget preserves and grows our excellent instructional programs for our students, while concessions made by our staff have kept our costs relatively low.

Our 2013-2014 Proposed Budget is projected to have a tax-rate increase of 2.75%, which means that the average home assessed at \$40,000, before S.T.A.R. Exemptions, will see an estimated increase of \$16.42/month or \$197/year.

The number one problem that impacts our budget process each year is that Long Island school districts are not getting their fair share of State Aid. The *Gap Elimination Adjustment*, an annual aid "take back" by New York State to balance the State Budget, has been significantly reducing the total amount of Sayville School's State Aid over the last four years—a loss of over \$12 million! (See chart on page 6.) This unfair distribution of aid has to stop. We also ask our community residents to contact our legislators and help us advocate for change that restores our lost aid (see information on page 7).

As fellow residents of Sayville, we are mindful of the financial balancing act faced by so many as we hope for better economic times; and as volunteers who represent you on the Board of Education, we remain committed to giving all our students a competitive, public education that benefits and prepares them for the future. We firmly believe that with this Proposed Budget, we are accomplishing both.

Please review this *Budget Issue of Tidings* carefully, attend the Public Hearing on May 14th at the Administration Building, and remember to vote on May 21st.

SINCERELY YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Raymond J. Nelson, PRESIDENT, John Verdone VICE PRESIDENT

TRUSTEES:

Thomas Cooley, Norman de Venau, Maureen Dolan, Keith Kolar, and Deborah Van Essendelft



2013-2014 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET

2013-2014 PROGRAM BUDGET

	<i>Current 2012-2013</i>	<i>Proposed 2013-2014</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>		<i>Current 2012-2013</i>	<i>Proposed 2013-2014</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Board of Education	\$23,695	\$23,895	\$200	LEGAL SERVICES TOTAL	\$181,900	\$187,357	\$5,457
District Clerk	10,421	10,809	388	Inservice Training	88,000	89,200	1,200
District Meetings	25,856	27,581	1,725	Teaching-Day School	1,906,694	2,017,375	110,681
Superintendent's Office	318,229	328,951	10,722	General Instruction, K-5	6,532,017	6,577,477	45,460
Business Office	889,814	882,775	(7,039)	General Instruction, 6	1,193,358	1,124,642	(68,716)
Auditing Services	82,700	83,312	612	Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,701,433	1,664,674	(36,759)
Treasurer	10,135	11,559	1,424	Mathematics, 7-12	1,570,042	1,577,729	7,687
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0	Science, 7-12	2,108,006	2,148,667	40,661
Legal Services	60,000	62,000	2,000	Social Studies, 7-12	1,677,339	1,757,132	79,793
Personnel Office	313,079	333,482	20,403	Business Education, 6-12	112,391	116,426	4,035
Records Management	34,895	35,261	366	Technology Education, 6-12	820,824	837,955	17,131
Public Information	96,600	95,600	(1,000)	Home & Career Skills, 6-12	240,896	173,937	(66,959)
Printing Office	229,863	225,983	(3,880)	Health, 6-12	344,775	348,997	4,222
General Insurance	397,544	408,044	10,500	Alternative School, 10-12	111,027	113,006	1,979
School Association Dues	23,125	23,125	0	Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	99,959	98,359	(1,600)
MTA Payroll Tax	0	0	0	General Instruction, K-12	10,000	10,000	0
BOCES Services Admin	260,155	258,654	(1,501)	Music, K-12	1,503,454	1,520,438	16,984
BOCES Rental Costs	159,900	158,938	(962)	Art, K-12	915,937	790,564	(125,373)
Curriculum Office	272,249	281,832	9,583	Physical Education, K-12	1,201,915	1,178,457	(23,458)
Pupil Services Office	73,118	74,412	1,294	Foreign Language, 6-12	1,267,733	1,286,712	18,979
Special Education Office	476,117	497,258	21,141	Gifted & Talented, 4-12	117,181	119,165	1,984
Principals' Offices	2,443,263	2,482,758	39,495	Handicapped Pupils, K-12	8,719,655	9,257,146	537,491
Plant Operation & Custodial	95,000	100,843	5,843	Speech Instruction, K-12	721,355	662,961	(58,394)
District Transportation Service	0	0	0	Non-English Speaking, K-12	74,258	47,642	(26,616)
Computer Instruction K-12	163,624	165,124	1,500	Corrective Reading, K-12	786,178	891,857	105,679
Adult Ed	73,039	72,528	(511)	Occupational Education, 11-12	723,840	738,320	14,480
Summer School	12,309	12,518	209	Instructional Materials AV	232,147	243,443	11,296
Admin Benefits/Contractual Total	2,205,904	2,562,237	356,333	Library	687,190	704,647	17,457

ADMINISTRATIVE TOTALS \$8,753,134 \$9,221,979 \$468,845

2013-2014 CAPITAL BUDGET

	<i>Current 2012-2013</i>	<i>Proposed 2013-2014</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>		<i>Current 2012-2013</i>	<i>Proposed 2013-2014</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$5,032,209	\$5,022,269	(\$9,940)	Computer Instruction, K-12	2,044,501	2,173,004	128,503
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	1,675,108	1,767,423	92,315	Attendance, K-12	163,525	167,860	4,335
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	14,200	14,200	0	Guidance, 6-12	865,153	885,662	20,509
Judgements and Claims	5,000	5,000	0	Health Services, K-12	551,918	511,909	(40,009)
Capital Benefits Total	1,897,482	2,093,519	196,037	Diagnostic Screening, K-12	14,760	14,760	0
Library Bonds	1,044,625	1,025,125	(19,500)	Psychological Services, K-12	609,102	621,960	12,858
Bonds School Construction	4,056,984	3,874,100	(182,884)	Social Work Services, K-12	486,937	469,357	(17,580)
Bonds School Constr - EPC	633,114	637,949	4,835	Co-Curricular Activities	408,651	410,916	2,265
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	0	0	Interscholastic Athletics	977,776	1,031,432	53,656
Tax Anticipation Notes	320,000	320,000	0	Intra-murals	11,000	11,000	0
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	150,000	150,000	0	Teaching-Adult Ed.	69,840	69,854	14
Transfer to Capital Fund	500,000	500,000	0	Teaching- Summer School	67,450	71,292	3,842
				District Transportation Service	76,803	77,624	821
				Contract Transportation	3,321,521	3,465,712	144,191
				Public Transportation	2,300	2,300	0
				BOCES Transportation Service	14,280	32,200	17,920
				Community Recreation (Pool)	114,237	115,260	1,023
				Program benefits Total	16,143,847	18,413,266	2,269,419

CAPITAL TOTALS \$15,328,722 \$15,409,585 \$80,863

PROGRAM TOTALS \$61,593,105 \$64,829,653 \$3,236,548

PROPOSED 2013-2014 BUDGET: \$89,461,217

THE 2013-2014 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX RATE: 2.75%

WHICH IS *UNDER* THE CALCULATED TAX LEVY CAP

THREE-PART BUDGET	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2012-2013</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2013-2014</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$8,753,134	\$9,221,979	\$468,845
CAPITAL BUDGET	15,328,722	15,409,585	80,863
PROGRAM BUDGET	61,593,105	64,829,653	3,236,548
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$85,674,961	\$89,461,217	\$3,786,256

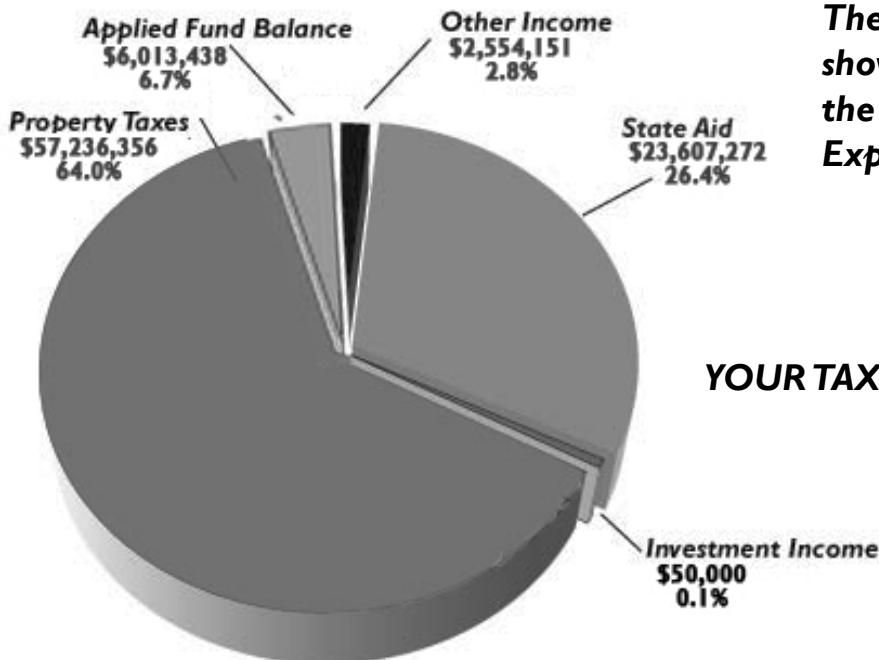
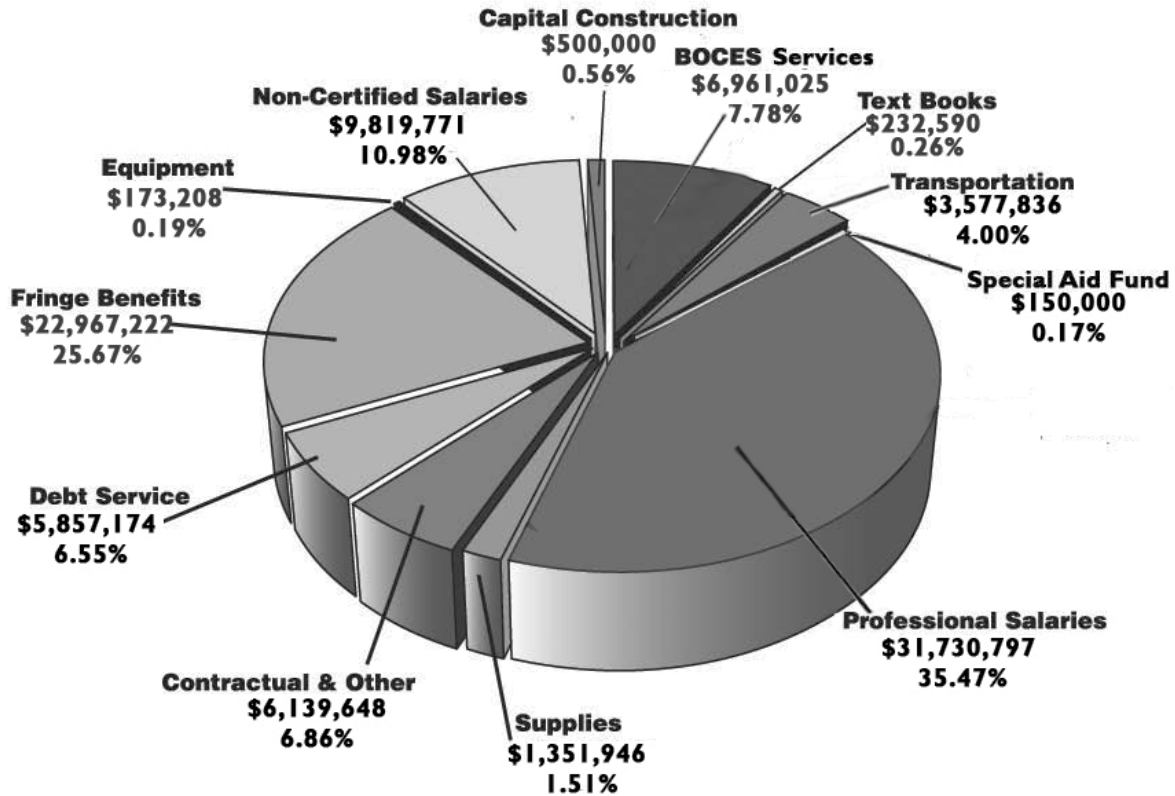
PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 4.42%

BUDGET REVENUES	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2012-2013</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2013-2014</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
STATE AID	\$22,867,286	\$23,607,272	\$739,986
OTHER INCOME	2,435,026	2,554,151	119,125
INVESTMENT INCOME	50,000	50,000	0
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	4,225,438	6,013,438	1,788,000
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	56,097,211	57,236,356	1,139,145
TOTAL REVENUE	\$85,674,961	\$89,461,217	\$3,786,256

ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2012-2013</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2013-2014</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)	17.877	18.369	0.49

2013-2014 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

YOUR TAX DOLLAR Expenditures



The two Pie Charts (above and below) show the breakdown of the 2013-2014 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...

The school boards may decide to:

- ♦ put up the same budget for revote;
- ♦ put up a revised budget for revote;
- ♦ or adopt a Contingency Budget.

The Contingency Budget would be \$87,040,482, a 1.59% increase over the 2012-2013 Budget.

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

and 2. ZERO PERCENT TAX LEVY 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 2012-13 or the defeated 2013-14 Budget.

(See chart at below.)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET CAPS		
ACTUAL 2012-2013	PROPOSED 2013-14	CONTINGENT BUDGET
14.21%	14.22%	14.21%

Therefore, under a Contingency Budget, the Administrative Cap can be no more than 14.21%

On a Contingency Budget, Sayville School District would have to cut \$2,420,735 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 -\$245,000
 - ♦ Staffing, nonessential supplies, equipment, travel, etc.
- PROGRAM Budget..... -\$1,675,745
 - ♦ Staffing, student supplies, new equipment, athletics, cocurricular, summer school, increased class size, etc.
- CAPITAL Budget -\$500,000
 - ♦ NO Community-Use of Buildings and Grounds (unless paid), staffing reductions, capital projects, etc.

CONTINGENCY BUDGET CONTAINS

1. Various expenditures that are:
 - legal,
 - specifically authorized by mandates or statutes, and
 - maintain educational programs, preserve property, & maintain the health & safety of students & staff;
2. Reductions in Noncontingent Items:
Nonessential supplies, equipment, travel
3. Reductions in Program Budget: staffing, student supplies, new equipment, athletics, cocurricular, summer school;
4. Increased class size;
5. Restrictions for Community use of Buildings & Grounds.

2013-14 Governor's School Aid Proposal

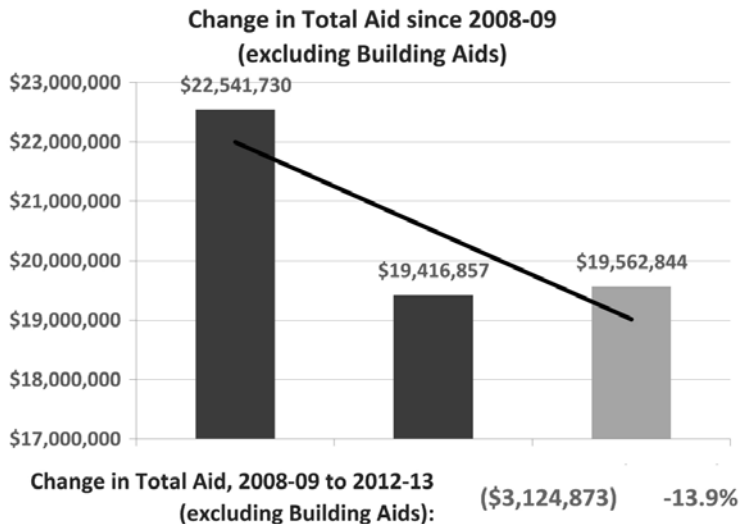


District: SAYVILLE UFSD

County: Suffolk

Aid Category	2012-13	2013-14	Change	% Change
General Purpose Aids	\$19,165,709	\$18,508,776	(\$656,933)	-3.4%
Foundation Aid	17,436,630	17,436,630	-	0.0%
Charter School Transition Aid	-	-	-	NA
High Tax Aid	1,729,079	1,072,146	(656,933)	-38.0%
Reorganization Incentive Operating Aid	-	-	-	NA
Academic Enhancement Aid	-	-	-	NA
Expense-Based Aids	\$6,629,058	\$7,318,552	\$689,494	10.4%
Building Aid	3,282,435	3,322,728	40,293	1.2%
Reorganization Incentive Building Aid	-	-	-	NA
Transportation Aid (including summer)	1,476,833	1,646,830	169,997	11.5%
BOCES Aid	1,274,036	1,407,898	133,862	10.5%
Non-BOCES Special Services Aid	-	-	-	NA
Private Excess Cost Aid	108,116	111,429	3,313	3.1%
Public Excess Cost High Cost Aid	476,872	818,901	342,029	71.7%
Supplemental Public Excess Cost Aid	10,766	10,766	-	0.0%
Other Aids	\$308,347	\$297,730	(\$10,617)	-3.4%
Computer Software Aid	51,876	48,460	(3,416)	-6.6%
Library Material Aid	21,643	20,218	(1,425)	-6.6%
Textbook Aid	196,361	190,769	(5,592)	-2.8%
Hardware and Technology Aid	38,467	38,283	(184)	-0.5%
Full Day-Kindergarten Conversion Aid	-	-	-	NA
Universal Prekindergarten Aid	-	-	-	NA
Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA)	(\$3,403,822)	(\$3,239,486)	\$164,336	---
TOTAL AID	\$22,699,292	\$22,885,572	\$186,280	0.8%
Total Aid without Building Aids	\$19,416,857	\$19,562,844	\$145,987	0.8%

NOTE: The Governor's budget would amend formulas only for the Gap Elimination Adjustment and High Tax Aid; all other aids would be funded according to formulas in current law.



History of aid lost to Gap Elimination Adjustments

2010-11:	(\$2,064,648)
2011-12:	(\$3,777,104)
2012-13:	(\$3,403,822)
Total To date:	(\$9,245,574)
2013-14	
(Proposed):	(\$3,239,486)

WATCH THE GAP!
NYS has taken over \$12 million in Aid from Sayville!

SOURCE: Compiled by the Council from NYS Education Department School Aid data; data for years prior to 2012-13 are as estimated at time state budget was enacted.

ALSO ON THE BALLOT

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2013-2014 • \$55,145	2013-2014 • \$0.018
2012-2013 • \$55,124	2012-2013 • \$0.018

SAYVILLE LIBRARY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2013-2014 • \$3,644,285	2013-2014 • \$1.1614*
2012-2013 • \$3,583,287	2012-2013 • \$1.1419

*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 21, 2013. 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.

WATCH THE GAP!

What is the GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT? The GEA is an annual aid "take back" by the state to balance the state budget and has significantly reduced the total amount of State Aid to Sayville Schools for the past four years: Look at how much the State has taken from the Sayville taxpayers over a four-year period. (See chart on opposite page.)

Write or call your State Senator (Zeldin or Boyle), Assemblyman Garbarino, and write Governor Cuomo! Demand that they *eliminate* the **GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT** (GEA).

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

NORMAN DEVENAU | UNOPPOSED

MAUREEN DOLAN | UNOPPOSED

LIBRARY TRUSTEES Seats (5-year Term)

MARIANNE BASTIAN* | UNOPPOSED

*Incumbent Mary Lou Centeri who completed her term is not running.

The 2013-2014
Proposed Spending Plan of
\$89,461,217 represents
a 4.42% increase over
the current school year, and
a projected tax-rate increase
of 2.75% ,
which is UNDER
the Calculated Tax Cap Levy.

CONTACT YOUR LEGISLATORS!

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TIDINGS

FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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SAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL
Polls open **7^{AM}** Polls close **9^{PM}**

PUBLIC HEARING
on the 2013-2014
Proposed School Budget
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Tuesday, May 14th
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

SUMMARY OF THE 2013-2014

PROPOSED BUDGET

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

- Maintains existing instructional and support programs;
- Has a Proposed Tax-Rate increase of 2.75%;
- 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 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.

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.

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, 2008 can register either:

1. Until Thursday, May 16th, 2013 at the Administration Building on 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

OR DURING

2. On Tuesday, May 14th for Evening Registration which is between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Building on 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY