

Highlights of the Sayville School District

BUDGET ISSUE

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2010

VOTE!

MAY 18TH

SAYVILLE
HIGH SCHOOL
7 A.M. – 9 P.M.

The 2010-2011 Proposed Budget IN BLACK AND WHITE

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

The Sayville Board of Education and Administrators have worked very hard to develop a budget in light of a cut of \$2.2 million in State Aid. This reduced aid has had a significant impact on our planning for the next school year. After listening to your input at the Superintendent's Roundtable and the Budget Forum, we believe that we are presenting a budget that takes into account your desire for a program that is instructionally sound and fiscally responsible.

This year, our budget process brought the draft proposed tax-rate increase down from 13.48% to 5.9%. This was accomplished through:

- a careful review of all our programs and staffing,
- strategic reductions where possible,
- the willingness of all administrators, teachers, and unaffiliated staff to accept half-year pay freezes.

We are grateful for the spirit of cooperation among our staff members who supported our efforts to economize spending.

**WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE AVERAGE HOME ASSESSED AT \$40,000
BEFORE ANY BASIC OR ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTIONS?
*The projected increase would be \$369 per year or \$31 per month.***

As Sayville residents and volunteers elected by you to serve as BOE Trustees, our priority has always been to deliver a competitive public education that benefits all of our students and prepares them for the future. This budget will allow us to keep the quality programs that we have built.

Please review the Budget Issue of Highlights. Plan to attend the Public Hearing on May 11th at the Administration Building so you may gain a better understanding of the budget and how your tax dollars support education. And don't forget to vote on May 18th!

**Public
Hearing**
on the 2010-2011
Proposed School Budget
Tuesday, May 11th
7:30 p.m.
NOTE NEW LOCATION
ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING



YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION,
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Maureen Dolan, Vice President
Thomas Cooley • Norm deVenau • Keith Kolar
Raymond J. Nelson • John Verdone

2010-2011 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET				2010-2011 PROGRAM BUDGET			
	Current 2009-2010	Proposed 2010-2011	Budget Change in \$		Current 2009-2010	Proposed 2010-2011	Budget Change in \$
Board of Education	\$20,350	\$23,721	\$3,371	LEGAL SERVICES TOTAL	\$164,109	\$188,300	\$24,191
District Clerk	9,770	10,051	281	Inservice Training	69,435	70,650	1,215
District Meetings	25,818	27,201	1,383	Teaching-Day School	1,842,075	1,580,180	(261,895)
Superintendent's Office	332,722	322,688	(10,034)	General Instruction, K-5	6,609,414	6,439,172	(170,242)
Business Office	831,639	811,209	(20,430)	General Instruction, 6	1,134,913	1,156,321	21,408
Auditing Services	81,500	79,700	(1,800)	Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,673,639	1,696,503	22,864
Treasurer	12,135	55,111	42,976	Mathematics, 7-12	1,478,849	1,539,977	61,128
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0	Science, 7-12	2,107,746	2,027,764	(79,982)
Legal Services	49,000	53,680	4,680	Social Studies, 7-12	1,615,703	1,564,715	(50,988)
Personnel Office	274,538	281,334	6,796	Business Education, 6-12	230,835	104,527	(126,308)
Records Management	32,510	34,117	1,607	Technology Education, 6-12	733,048	750,359	17,311
Public Information	86,975	87,975	1,000	Home & Career Skills, 6-12	223,256	227,119	3,863
Printing Office	219,207	245,122	25,915	Health, 6-12	319,460	325,578	6,118
General Insurance	369,353	374,252	4,899	Alternative School, 10-12	101,755	105,791	4,036
School Association Dues	23,040	23,040	0	Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	104,859	99,959	(4,900)
MTA Payroll Tax	132,500	142,828	10,328	General Instruction, K-12	10,000	10,000	0
BOCES Services Admin	248,320	250,053	1,733	Music, K-12	1,635,645	1,401,601	(234,044)
BOCES Rental Costs	149,050	153,785	4,735	Art, K-12	954,928	915,905	(39,023)
Curriculum Office	234,614	245,336	10,722	Physical Education, K-12	1,216,733	1,211,610	(5,123)
Pupil Services Office	229,147	238,922	9,775	Foreign Language, 6-12	1,258,346	1,281,000	22,654
Special Education Office	435,511	463,820	28,309	Gifted & Talented, 4-12	104,935	108,975	4,040
Principals' Offices	2,516,201	2,409,679	(106,522)	Handicapped Pupils, K-12	7,307,266	7,681,869	374,603
Plant Operation & Custodial	120,166	123,113	2,947	Speech Instruction, K-12	571,769	574,972	3,203
District Transportation Service	47,145	0	(47,145)	NonEnglish Speaking, K-12	650	550	(100)
Computer Instruction K-12	131,107	149,907	18,800	Corrective Reading, K-12	808,446	827,021	18,575
Adult Ed	67,459	70,592	3,133	Occupational Education, 11-12	581,800	583,255	1,455
Summer School	12,113	12,229	116	Instructional Materials AV	251,746	252,765	1,019
Admin Benefits/Contractual Total	1,747,791	2,014,242	266,451	Library	673,323	692,286	18,963
(ADMINISTRATIVE TOTALS)	\$8,442,181	\$8,706,207	\$264,026	Computer Instruction, K-12	1,803,082	1,788,352	(14,730)
				Attendance, K-12	201,318	161,040	(40,278)
				Guidance, 6-12	993,091	818,864	(174,227)
				Health Services, K-12	461,885	488,023	26,138
				Diagnostic Screening, K-12	14,760	14,760	0
				Psychological Services, K-12	620,286	633,761	13,475
				Social Work Services, K-12	454,474	367,612	(86,862)
				Co-Curricular Activities	386,464	316,586	(69,878)
				Interscholastic Athletics	953,037	945,645	(7,392)
				Intra-murals	9,500	11,000	1,500
				Teaching - Adult Ed.	51,350	54,350	3,000
				Teaching - Summer School	59,749	59,749	0
				District Transportation Service	68,653	72,175	3,522
				Contract Transportation	3,032,894	3,086,896	54,002
				Public Transportation	2,300	2,300	0
				BOCES Transportation Service	0	14,000	14,000
				Community Recreation (Pool)	96,884	98,078	1,194
				Program Benefits Total	11,927,357	13,707,245	1,779,888
(CAPITAL TOTALS)	\$13,982,597	\$13,970,086	(\$12,511)	(PROGRAM TOTALS)	\$54,921,767	\$56,059,160	\$1,137,393

THE 2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

THREE-PART BUDGET	Adopted Budget 2009-2010	Proposed Budget 2010-2011	Increase/ Decrease
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$8,442,181	\$8,706,207	\$264,026
CAPITAL BUDGET	13,982,597	13,970,086	-12,511
PROGRAM BUDGET	<u>54,921,767</u>	<u>56,059,160</u>	<u>1,137,393</u>
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$77,346,545	\$78,735,453	\$1,388,908

PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 1.8%

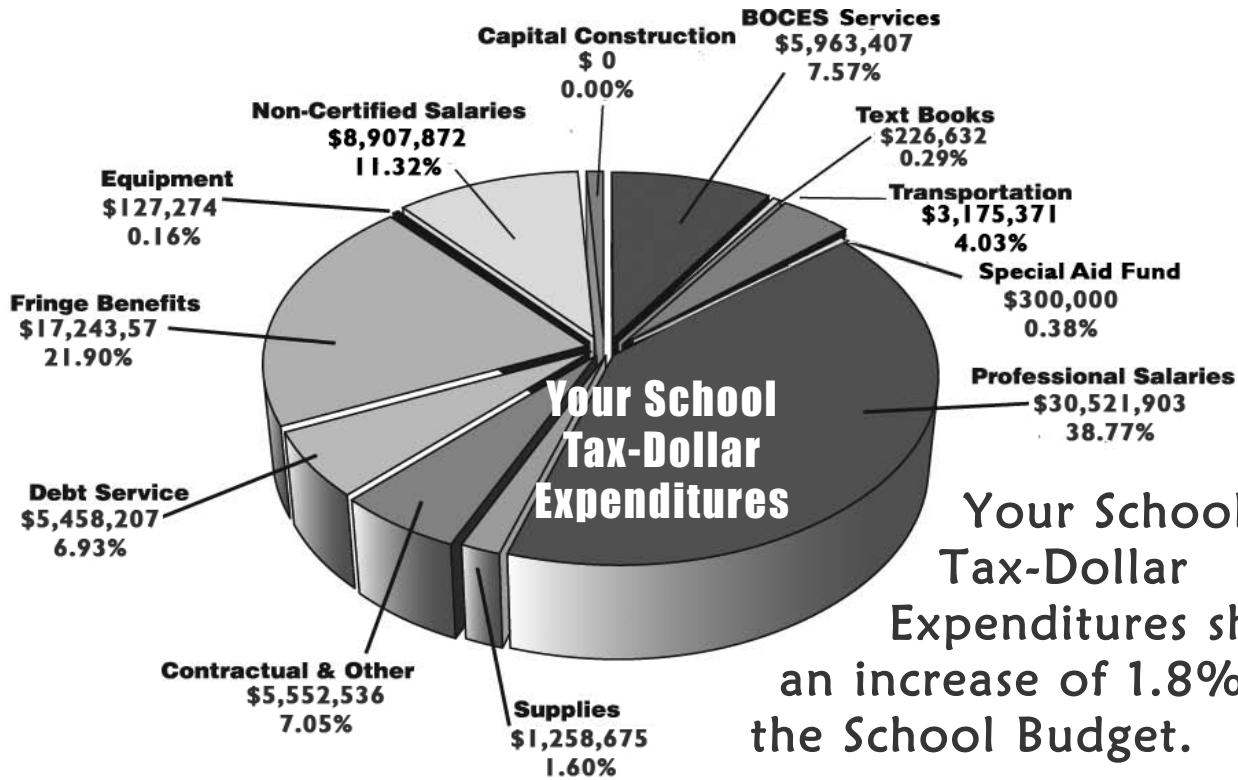
BUDGET REVENUES	Adopted Budget 2009-2010	Proposed Budget 2010-2011	Increase/ Decrease
STATE AID	\$24,790,644	\$22,906,999	-\$1,883,645
OTHER INCOME	\$2,310,312	2,378,728	68,416
INVESTMENT INCOME	225,000	175,000	(50,000)
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,156,977	2,585,000	428,023
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	<u>47,863,612</u>	<u>50,689,726</u>	<u>2,826,114</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$77,346,545	\$78,735,453	\$1,388,908
ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE	Adopted Budget 2009-2010	Proposed Budget 2010-2011	Increase/ Decrease
ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)	15.626	16.549	0.923 cents

**BY CONTROLLING SPENDING, THIS YEAR'S
SCHOOL BUDGET INCREASE IS ONLY 1.8%.**

**PROPOSED BUDGET &
REVENUES: \$78,735,453**

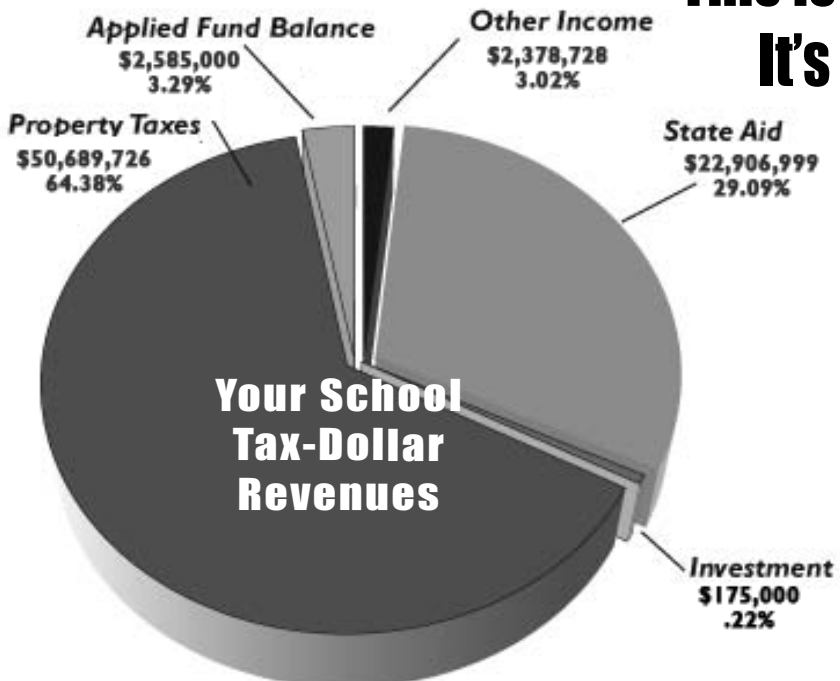
2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES

The two pie charts below show the breakdown of the **2010-2011 Proposed Budget Expenditures** (top) & **Revenues** (bottom).



Your School Tax-Dollar Expenditures show an increase of 1.8% in the School Budget.

“This is not a spending problem. It’s a revenue problem!”



Diminishing State-Aid Revenues by \$2.2 million have forced the tax levy to rise to 5.9% before any STAR Exemptions.

THE DEVELOPMENT-PROCESS CHART

Where we started...

		BUDGET % INCREASE	TAX-RATE INCREASE	AVERAGE INCREASE PER HOME VALUED AT \$40,000
<i>1st Draft</i>	\$82,360,700	6.48%	13.48%	\$842/yr or \$70/m
<i>Phases 1 & 2 Reductions</i>	\$80,160,453	3.64%	8.88%	\$555/yr or \$46/m

Where we are now:



PROPOSED BUDGET

	BUDGET % INCREASE	TAX-RATE INCREASE	AVERAGE INCREASE PER HOME VALUED AT \$40,000	
Reduced by another \$1,425,000			YEARLY	MONTHLY
\$78,735,453	1.8%	5.9%	\$369	\$31
Effects of Basic STAR Exemption <i>(which has increased by \$470 to \$6,520 per household)</i>		4.65%	\$291	\$24
Effects of Enhanced STAR Exemption <i>(Enhanced has increased by \$940 to \$13,060 per household)</i>		3.41%	\$213	\$18

The 2010-2011 Proposed Spending Plan of \$78,735,453 represents a 1.8% increase over the current school year and a 5.9% projected Tax-Rate increase before any STAR Basic or Enhanced Exemptions.

FOR THE AVERAGE HOME ASSESSED AT \$40,000
WITH THE INCREASED BASIC STAR EXEMPTION
 THE PROJECTED TAX RATE WOULD BE:
4.65%, which is \$291 yearly or \$24 monthly.
WITH THE INCREASED ENHANCED STAR EXEMPTION
 THE PROJECTED TAX RATE WOULD BE:
3.41%, which is \$213 yearly or \$18 monthly.
(See above The Development-Process Chart.)

IF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FAILS...

Q “Will my taxes be lower on a Contingency Budget if the Proposed Budget isn’t approved?”

A **NO.** If the Proposed Budget with a **5.9%** Tax-Rate increase **does not** pass, the calculated Contingency Budget will result in a **higher Contingency Tax Rate of 7.48%**. This is because the Contingency Budget uses less fund balance revenues.

A CONTINGENCY BUDGET CONTAINS...

1. Various expenditures that are:
 - legal;
 - specifically authorized by mandates or statutes, and that
 - 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.

THIS YEAR’S CONTINGENCY BUDGET

1. Sets a 0% Total Spending Cap (which is **\$1,746,193 LOWER THAN** the Proposed Budget)
2. Will yield a **7.48% Projected Tax-Rate increase** that is **HIGHER** than the **5.9% Proposed Budget Tax Rate increase**.

A home assessed at \$40,000 has a projected increase of \$468/year or \$39.80/month.

3. Reduces the use of fund balance revenues, resulting in higher proposed tax rate.
4. Significantly affects Sayville’s fiscal stability and credit rating.
5. Has long-term effects on the recovery of District’s programs and finances.

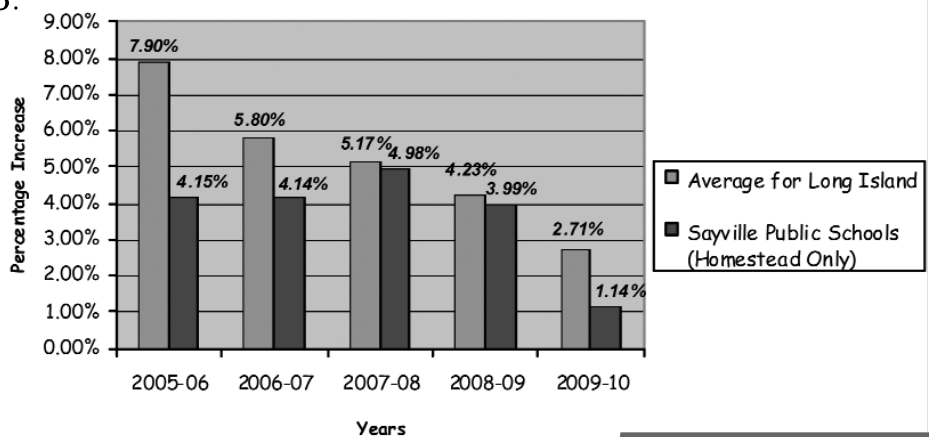
TAX-RATE REPORT CARD

FOR LONG ISLAND SINCE 2005-06.

You can see from this illustration that Sayville District has kept the Tax-Rate increases lower than the average for Long Island even to the present academic year.

Sayville Public Schools

Tax-Rate Report Card



Source Data: LI Property Tax Report Cards

Transportation Policy

The Proposed Budget reflects the current Board of Education policy on transportation for students. Students in the following grades, as indicated, are eligible to receive transportation.

GRADE	DISTANCE
K-2	Beyond 1/2 mile
3-5	Beyond 1 mile
6-12	Beyond 1 1/2 miles

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

ALSO ON THE BALLOT...

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUDGET	ESTIMATED HOMESTEAD TAX
Tax Levy	Rate Per \$100
2009-2010 \$54,310	2009-2010 \$0.018
2010-2011 \$55,147	2010-2011 \$0.018

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

CANDIDATES FOR...

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE

SEATS (3-YEAR TERM) CANDIDATES	
Norm deVenau	<i>unopposed</i>
Maureen Dolan	<i>unopposed</i>

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

SEAT (5-YEAR TERM) CANDIDATES	
Linda Halliday	Nandini Charles

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Dr. Rosemary F. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to vote on May 18th, 2010 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.

2010-2011

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

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

- Maintains existing instructional and support programs,
- Has brought the Proposed Tax-Rate increase down from 13.48% to 5.9%,
- Continues to provide our students with educational opportunities and challenges that will help them succeed.

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, 2005 can register either:

1. Any time through Thursday, May 13th, 2010 in the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 99 GREELEY AVENUE, SAYVILLE, NY, between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. or at
2. Evening registration on Tuesday, May 11th, between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 99 GREELEY AVENUE.

••••• ABSENTEE BALLOTS •••••

An application form for an absentee ballot is required and may be obtained from the Office of the School District Clerk, Administration Building, 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, New York, at any time after April 5, 2010, and must be completed and received by the District Clerk no later than:

- May 11, 2010 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or
- May 17, 2010 if the absentee ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

An absentee voter's ballot must be received in the Office of the School District Clerk no later than 5 p.m. on May 18, 2010, in order for it to be canvassed.