

# BUDGET ISSUE

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2009

VOTE!

MAY 19<sup>TH</sup>

SAYVILLE  
HIGH SCHOOL  
7 A.M. – 9 P.M.

Using the additional  
State Aid Revenues,  
the Sayville  
Board of Education  
has brought the proposed  
tax-rate increase down to

**2.77%**

*before* any Basic or  
Enhanced STAR  
Exemptions.

THE 2009-2010  
PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN  
OF \$77,214,045  
REPRESENTS A  
1.61% INCREASE  
OVER THE CURRENT  
SCHOOL YEAR.

**Public  
Hearing**  
on the 2009-2010  
Proposed School Budget  
**Tuesday,  
May 12<sup>th</sup>  
7:30 p.m.**  
Cafeteria C  
SAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

## Accepting the Challenge of The 2009-2010 Proposed Budget

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

This year, we addressed new challenges that threatened to reduce our School District revenue. During the months of the Budget Process, when neither the State nor the Federal stimulus plan could assure funding, we carefully scrutinized and deliberated over every budget-line item.

We are grateful for the spirit of cooperation that supported districtwide efforts to economize spending. We are also glad to report that we have preserved programs, while making reductions in areas that have the least impact on our students, such as out-of-district conferences, professional development, technology purchases, supplies, and equipment. Now, with the promise of Federal stimulus money that could restore some funding, we have reached a consensus on a Budget we hope you'll find fiscally responsible.

THIS YEAR, OUR BUDGET PROCESS HAS:

- Brought the Proposed Tax-Rate increase down from 10.3% to 2.77%, through strategic reductions and the restoration of State Aid monies. *(The Federal Stimulus will be used to restore programs and staff.)*

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE AVERAGE HOME ASSESSED AT \$40,000?

- The projected increase would be \$172/year or \$14.34/month.

As Sayville residents and volunteers elected by you to serve as BOE trustees, we want to assure you that we will continue to work closely with our School District Administrators on a variety of matters that include the School Budget. It is our goal to deliver public education that the community can support and afford.

So, please review this Budget Issue of Highlights. Attend the Public Hearing on May 12th (at the High School, Cafeteria C) to get a better understanding of how our tax dollars work in Sayville. Then, come out on May 19th to vote.



**YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION,**  
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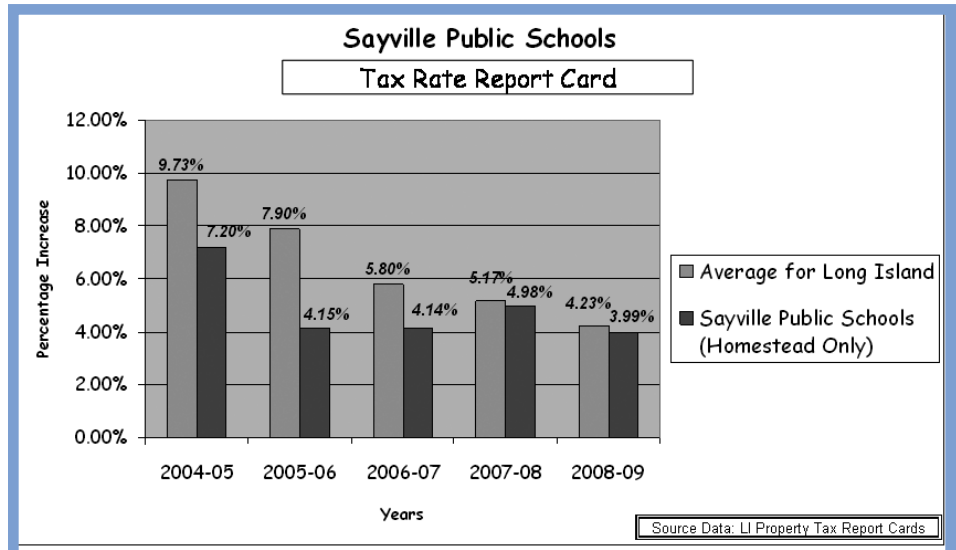
<b>2009-2010 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</b>			
	Current 2008-2009	Proposed 2009-2010	Budget Change
Board of Education	\$20,181	\$20,350	\$169
District Clerk	9,928	9,770	(158)
District Meetings	20,893	25,818	4,925
Superintendent's Office	322,098	332,722	10,624
Business Office	816,556	831,639	15,083
Auditing Services	96,790	81,500	(15,290)
Treasurer	12,800	12,135	(665)
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0
Legal Services	51,256	49,000	(2,256)
Personnel Office	285,663	274,538	(11,125)
Records Management	32,263	32,510	247
Public Information	85,241	86,975	1,734
Printing Office	222,526	219,207	(3,319)
General Insurance	341,160	369,353	28,193
School Association Dues	23,040	23,040	0
BOCES Services Admin	244,840	248,320	3,480
BOCES Rental Costs	146,962	149,050	2,088
Curriculum Office	232,221	234,614	2,393
Pupil Services Office	220,796	229,147	8,351
Special Education Office	401,591	435,511	33,920
Principals' Offices	2,455,128	2,516,201	61,073
Plant Operation & Custodial	115,197	120,166	4,969
District Transportation Service	46,432	47,145	713
Computer Instruction K-12	125,386	131,107	5,721
Adult Ed	66,993	67,459	466
Summer School	11,854	12,113	259
Admin Benefits/Contractual Total	1,793,598	1,747,791	(45,807)
<b>BUDGET TOTALS (ADMINISTRATIVE)</b>	<b>\$8,203,893</b>	<b>\$8,309,681</b>	<b>\$105,788</b>

<b>2009-2010 CAPITAL BUDGET</b>			
	Current 2008-2009	Proposed 2009-2010	Budget Change
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$4,823,646	\$4,931,899	\$108,253
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	1,605,344	1,556,128	(49,216)
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	14,000	12,900	(1,100)
Judgements and Claims	5,000	5,000	0
Capital Benefits Total	1,437,251	1,535,158	97,907
Library Bonds	1,176,637	1,048,375	(128,262)
Bonds School Construction	3,191,005	3,177,637	(13,368)
Bond Anticipation Notes	160,000	187,500	27,500
Tax Anticipation Notes	340,000	320,000	(20,000)
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	100,000	100,000	0
Transfer to Capital Fund	100,000	1,108,000	1,008,000
<b>BUDGET TOTALS (CAPITAL)</b>	<b>\$12,952,883</b>	<b>\$13,982,597</b>	<b>\$1,029,714</b>

<b>2009-2010 PROGRAM BUDGET</b>			
	Current 2008-2009	Proposed 2009-2010	Budget Change
<b>LEGAL SERVICES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$184,109</b>	<b>\$164,109</b>	<b>(\$20,000)</b>
Inservice Training	78,225	69,435	(8,790)
Teaching-Day School	1,847,606	1,842,075	(5,531)
General Instruction, K-5	6,578,904	6,609,414	30,510
General Instruction, 6	1,110,923	1,134,913	23,990
Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,708,182	1,673,639	(34,543)
Mathematics, 7-12	1,477,694	1,478,849	1,155
Science, 7-12	2,143,772	2,107,746	(36,026)
Social Studies, 7-12	1,570,821	1,615,703	44,882
Business Education, 6-12	279,334	230,835	(48,499)
Technology Education, 6-12	762,645	733,048	(29,597)
Home & Career Skills, 6-12	221,593	223,256	1,663
Health, 6-12	304,988	319,460	14,472
Alternative School, 10-12	97,076	101,755	4,679
Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	122,270	104,859	(17,411)
General Instruction, K-12	10,000	10,000	0
Music, K-12	1,703,381	1,635,645	(67,736)
Art, K-12	981,420	954,928	(26,492)
Physical Education, K-12	1,268,305	1,216,733	(51,572)
Foreign Language, 6-12	1,329,404	1,258,346	(71,058)
Gifted & Talented, 4-12	64,831	104,935	40,104
Handicapped Pupils, K-12	6,687,482	7,307,266	619,784
Speech Instruction, K-12	557,300	571,769	14,469
NonEnglish Speaking, K-12	379	650	271
Corrective Reading, K-12	741,408	808,446	67,038
Occupational Education, 11-12	604,286	581,800	(22,486)
Instructional Materials AV	266,470	251,746	(14,724)
Library	638,426	673,323	34,897
Computer Instruction, K-12	1,961,043	1,803,082	(157,961)
Attendance, K-12	196,024	201,318	5,294
Guidance, 6-12	931,972	993,091	61,119
Health Services, K-12	442,751	461,885	19,134
Diagnostic Screening, K-12	16,400	14,760	(1,640)
Psychological Services, K-12	584,250	620,286	36,036
Social Work Services, K-12	420,597	454,474	33,877
Co-Curricular Activities	378,018	386,464	8,446
Interscholastic Athletics	931,677	953,037	21,360
Intra-murals	11,840	9,500	(2,340)
Teaching - Adult Ed.	39,270	51,350	12,080
Teaching - Summer School	55,189	59,749	4,560
District Transportation Service	68,107	68,653	546
Contract Transportation	2,061,005	3,032,894	971,889
Public Transportation	2,300	2,300	0
BOCES Transportation Service	778,165	0	(778,165)
Community Recreation (Pool)	93,979	96,884	2,905
Program Benefits Total	12,518,993	11,927,357	(591,636)
<b>BUDGET TOTALS (PROGRAM)</b>	<b>\$54,832,814</b>	<b>\$54,921,767</b>	<b>\$88,953</b>

The illustration on the right shows the Tax-Rate Report Card for Long Island.

Continuing this trend into the present, Sayville District remains committed to keeping the tax-rate increases lower than the average for Long Island.



**THE 2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>THREE-PART BUDGET</b>	Adopted Budget 2008-2009	Proposed Budget 2009-2010	Increase/ Decrease
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$8,203,893	\$8,309,681	\$105,788
CAPITAL BUDGET	12,952,883	13,982,597	1,029,714
PROGRAM BUDGET	54,832,814	54,921,767	88,953
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$75,989,590</b>	<b>\$77,214,045</b>	<b>\$1,224,455</b>

**PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 1.61%**

<b>BUDGET REVENUES</b>	Adopted Budget 2008-2009	Proposed Budget 2009-2010	Increase/ Decrease
STATE AID	\$24,095,398	\$24,658,144	\$562,746
OTHER INCOME	2,251,416	\$2,310,312	58,896
INVESTMENT INCOME	425,000	225,000	(200,000)
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,604,000	2,156,977	(447,023)
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	46,613,776	47,863,612	1,249,836
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$75,989,590</b>	<b>\$77,214,045</b>	<b>\$1,224,455</b>

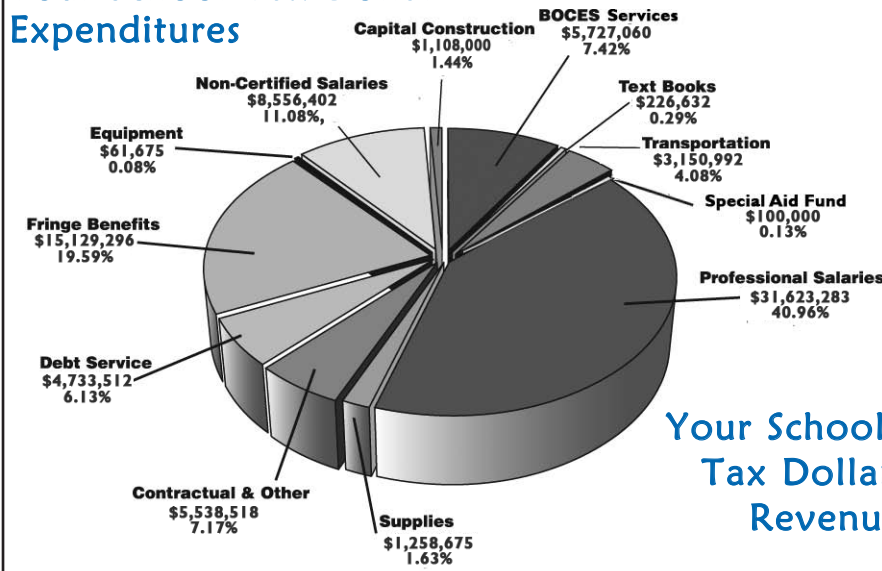
<b>ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE</b>	Adopted Budget 2008-2009	Proposed Budget 2009-2010	Increase/ Decrease
ESTIMATED TAX RATE—HOMESTEAD (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)	15.492	15.921	0.43cents

**PERCENT INCREASE IN TAX RATE: 2.77%**

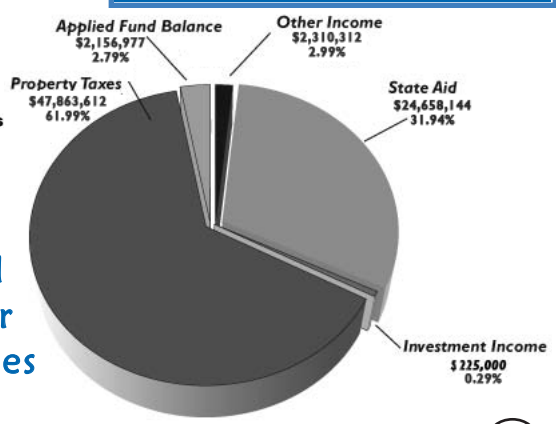
**PROPOSED BUDGET AND REVENUES:  
\$77,214,045**

(left to right) The two Pie Charts below show the breakdown of the 2009-2010 Proposed Budget's Expenditures and Revenues.

**Your School Tax Dollar Expenditures**



**Your School Tax Dollar Revenues**



**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 2.77% Tax Rate increase **does not** pass, the calculated Contingency Budget will result in a **higher Contingency Tax Rate of 4.61%**. This is because the Contingency Budget uses less fund balance revenues.

**A CONTINGENCY BUDGET**

1. Contains 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. Affects Community Use of Buildings & Grounds.

**A CONTINGENCY BUDGET**

1. Sets a 4% Total Spending Cap (which is \$2,482,213 HIGHER THAN the Proposed Budget!)
2. Will yield a 4.61% Projected Tax Rate increase that is HIGHER than the 2.77% Proposed Budget Tax Rate increase. A home assessed at \$40,000 has a projected increase of \$285/year or \$23.75/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.



# Highlights

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### VOTING REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to vote on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2004 can register either:

1. Any time through Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009 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 12<sup>th</sup>, between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at **Sayville High School, Cafeteria C**

### 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 6, 2009, and must be completed and received by the District Clerk no later than:

- May 12, 2009 if the absentee ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or
- May 18, 2009 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 19, 2009, in order for it to be canvassed.

## ALSO ON THE BALLOT...

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUDGET		ESTIMATED HOMESTEAD TAX	
Tax Levy		Rate Per \$100	
2008-2009	\$56,130	2008-2009	\$0.019
2009-2010	\$54,310	2009-2010	\$0.019

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

## CANDIDATES FOR...

### BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE

SEATS (3-YEAR TERM)	CANDIDATES
John Verdone	<i>unopposed</i>
Keith Kolar	<i>unopposed</i>
Raymon J. Nelson	<i>unopposed</i>

### 2009-2010

### 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 10.3% to 2.77%,
- Continues to provide our students with educational opportunities and challenges that will help them succeed.

## 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.