of the Sayville School District

UDGET ISSUE

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

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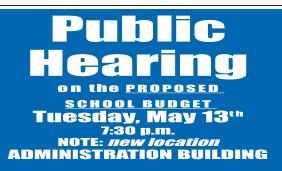
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<u>before</u> any Basic or Enhanced STAR Exemptions.

THE 2008-2009 PROPOSED SPENDING PLAN OF \$75,989,590 represents a 5.04%*** increase over the current school year.

***This 5.04% is a combination of the School District Budget and the Library Debt Service. After removing the Library Debt Service from this amount, the School's spending equals 3.4%, which is <u>below</u> the March CPI of 3.8%. (New York/Metropolitan)



What You Should Know About This Year's Budget

DEAR NEIGHBORS:

As your Sayville Board of Education, we have worked with our School District Administrators to review every budget-line item in planning for a final Proposed Budget.

Responding to "Tax Payer Fatigue," we reached a consensus to manage spending by making some reductions that should have the least impact on our students and essential programs. Additionally, we recently approved <u>two exemptions</u> for property taxes that will be a tremendous help both for our **Senior Citizens** as well as for **Persons with Disabilities and Limited Incomes**. Once New York State approved its budget and restored additional aid to Long Island schools, we voted to use this revenue to further reduce the tax-rate increase, yet maintain the fiscal integrity of the School District.

You should know that, this year, our Budget Processs has:

- Reduced the draft budget by \$1,789,278, arriving at a 2008-2009 Proposed Budget of \$75,989,590;
- Brought the Proposed Tax-Rate increase down to 3.99%.

What does this means for the average home assessed at \$40,000?

It means that the 3.99% projected tax-rate increase would be less than \$20/month before any STAR exemptions.

Although the finalized Proposed Budget represents a 5.04% *** (see side box) increase on the spending plan, applying the additional State Aid helped us further lower the tax-rate increase to 3.99%.

So, please review this Budget Issue of Highlights. Attend the Public Hearing on May 13th—at the Administration Building—to get a better understanding of how our tax dollars work in Sayville. Then, come out on May 20th to vote.

Your Board of Education,



John Verdone, President • Norm deVenau, Vice President Allison J. Cruz • Maureen Dolan • Keith Kolar • Raymond J. Nelson Deborah Van Essendelft

<u>Highlights</u> of the Sayville School District

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Source Data: LI Property Tax Report Cards

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<u>Highlights</u> of the Sayville School District

BUDGET ISSUE

THE 2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

THREE-PART BUDGET	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	Increase/
	2007-2008	2008-2009	Decrease
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$7,956,365	\$8,042,264	\$85,899
CAPITAL BUDGET	12,101,348	13,068,080	966,732
PROGRAM BUDGET	<u>52,284,391</u>	<u>54,879,246</u>	<u>2,594,855</u>
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$72,342,104	\$75,989,590	\$3,647,486

PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 5.04%

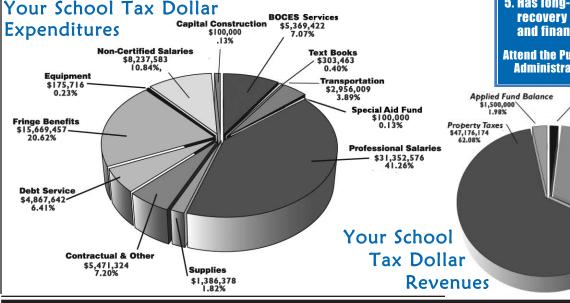
BUDGET REVENUES	Adopted Budget 2007-2008	Proposed Budget 2008-2009	Increase/ Decrease
STATE AID	\$23,067,000	24,637,000	\$1,570,000
OTHER INCOME	988,550	2,251,416	1,262,866
INVESTMENT INCOME	425,000	425,000	0
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	2,497,556	1,500,000	(997,556)
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	45,363,998	<u>47,176,174</u>	<u>1,812,176</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$72,342,104	\$ 75,989,590	\$3,647,486
ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE	Adopted Budget 2007-2008	Proposed Budget 2008-2009	Increase/ Decrease

ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE	2007-2008	2008-2009	Decrease
ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD	14.898	15.493	0.595 cents
(PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)			

PERCENT INCREASE IN TAX RATE: 3.99%

proposed budget and revenues: \$75,989,590

(left to right) The two Pie Charts below show the breakdown of the 2008-2009 Proposed Budget's Expenditures and Revenues.



If the Budget Fails, \$171,700 in Cuts are Required by Law.

"Will my taxes be lower on a Contingency Budget if the Proposed Budget isn't approved?"

A NO. If the Proposed Budget with a 3.99% Tax Rate increase <u>does not</u> pass, the calculated Contingency Budget will result in a <u>higher</u> Contingency Tax Rate of 5.93%. This is because the Contingency Budget uses less fund balance revenues.

A CONTINGENCY BUDGET

- I. 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;
- Reductions in Noncontingent Items: Nonessential supplies, equipment, travel, etc.:
- 3. Reductions in Program Budget: staffing, student supplies, new equipment, athletics, cocurricular, summer school;
- 4. Increased class size;
- Affects Community Use of Buildings & Grounds.

A CONTINGENCY BUDGET

- 1. Sets a 3.36% Total Spending Cap
- 2. Will yield a 5.93% Projected Tax Rate increase that is <u>HIGHER</u> <u>than</u> the <u>3.99%</u> <u>Proposed</u> <u>Budget</u> <u>Tax</u> <u>Rate</u> increase.
- 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

Attend the Public Hearing, May 13, at the Administration Building, for details.

> Other Income \$2,251,416 2.96%

> > State Aid \$24,637,000

32.42%

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\$425,000 0.56%

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

o be eligible to vote on May 20th, 2008 one must meet the following requirements:

- I. 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, 2003 can register either:

1. Any time through Thursday, May 15th, 2008 in the Administration Building,

99 GREELEY AVENUE, SAYVILLE, NY,

between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

or at

 Evening registration on Tuesday, May 13th, between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., at the **ADMINISTRATION BUILDING** (NEW LOCATION)
 99 GREELEY AVENUE, SAYVILLE, NY.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Community residents who will be out of the district during voting hours on May 20th may apply for absentee ballots by contacting District Clerk Maribeth Demetres at 244-6510.

Residents must complete the required application form and return it to the District Clerk before a ballot is issued. To ensure timely delivery, the District Clerk must receive the completed "Application for Absentee Ballot" from residents by the deadline of May 13th. Absentee ballots—for in-person delivery—will be available until May 19th.

Transportation Polic

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 I mile
6-12	Beyond 1 1/2 miles
transportation is	provided for students to travel to a

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

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Tax	Levy	Rate Per \$100	
2007-2008	\$2,476,598	2007-2008	\$0.806
2008-2009	\$3,664,995	2008-2009	\$1.204
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(All Tax Rates are expressed per \$100 of Assessed Valuation.)

CANDIDATES FOR...

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE

SEATS (3-year Term)	Candidates
Deborah Van Essendelft	unopposed
Allison J. Cruz (not running)	Marian Farese Edward Boughal Thomas Cooley

2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

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

- Maintains existing instructional and support programs,
- Continues investments in instructional technologies,
- Directs resources where needed and required.