

BUDGET ISSUE

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2008

VOTE!
MAY 20TH
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

3.99%

before 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 below the March CPI of 3.8%.
(New York/Metropolitan)

Public Hearing

on the PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET

Tuesday, May 13th
7:30 p.m.

NOTE: new location
ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

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 **two exemptions** 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 Process 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 mean 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
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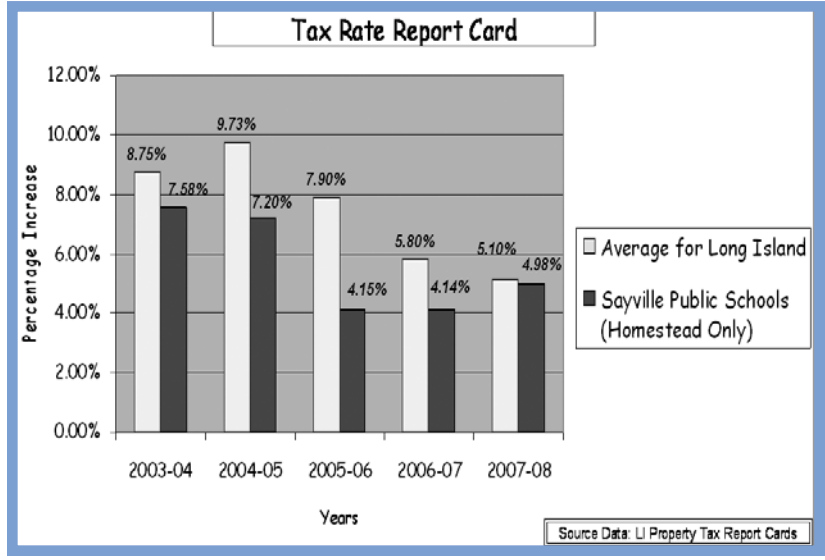
2008-2009 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET			
	Current 2007-2008	Proposed 2008-2009	Budget Change
Board of Education	\$23,546	\$20,181	(\$3,365)
District Clerk	9,200	9,928	728
District Meetings	26,920	20,893	(6,027)
Superintendent's Office	306,123	322,098	15,975
Business Office	790,943	816,556	25,613
Auditing Services	63,000	96,790	33,790
Treasurer	12,750	12,800	50
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0
Legal Services	42,465	51,256	8,791
Personnel Office	282,322	285,663	3,341
Records Management	30,770	32,263	1,493
Public Information	80,280	85,241	4,961
Printing Office	226,542	222,526	(4,016)
General Insurance	339,000	341,160	2,160
School Association Dues	22,040	23,040	1,000
BOCES Services Admin	235,423	244,840	9,417
BOCES Rental Costs	130,387	146,962	16,575
Curriculum Office	226,190	232,221	6,031
Pupil Services Office	210,494	220,796	10,302
Special Education Office	388,596	401,591	12,995
Principals' Offices	2,326,457	2,455,128	128,671
Computer Instruction K-12	119,011	125,386	6,375
Administrative			
• Adult Ed	63,273	66,993	3,720
• Summer	18,445	11,854	(6,591)
Admin Benefits Total	1,979,688	1,793,598	(186,090)
BUDGET TOTALS (ADMINISTRATIVE)	\$7,956,365	\$8,042,264	\$85,899

2008-2009 CAPITAL BUDGET			
	Current 2007-2008	Proposed 2008-2009	Budget Change
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$4,687,451	\$4,938,843	\$251,392
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	1,570,031	1,605,344	35,313
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	14,000	14,000	0
Judgements and Claims	10,000	5,000	(5,000)
Capital Benefits Total	1,631,042	1,437,251	(193,791)
Library Bonds	0	1,176,637	1,176,637
Bonds School Construction	3,199,649	3,191,005	(8,644)
Bond Anticipation Notes	118,750	160,000	41,250
Tax Anticipation Notes	340,000	340,000	0
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	196,425	100,000	(96,425)
Transfer to Capital Fund	334,000	100,000	(234,000)
BUDGET TOTALS (CAPITAL)	\$12,101,348	\$13,068,080	\$966,762

2008-2009 PROGRAM BUDGET			
	Current 2007-2008	Proposed 2008-2009	Budget Change
LEGAL SERVICES TOTAL	\$192,900	\$184,109	\$(8,791)
Inservice Training	\$90,000	78,225	\$(11,775)
Teaching-Day School	1,726,680	1,847,606	120,926
General Instruction, K-5	6,382,070	6,578,904	196,834
General Instruction, 6	1,037,406	1,110,923	73,517
Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,594,537	1,708,182	113,645
Mathematics, 7-12	1,457,021	1,477,694	20,673
Science, 7-12	1,989,716	2,143,772	154,056
Social Studies, 7-12	1,470,864	1,570,821	99,957
Business Education, 6-12	211,234	279,334	68,100
Technology Education, 6-12	792,327	762,645	(29,682)
Home & Career Skills, 6-12	203,037	221,593	18,556
Health, 6-12	282,573	304,988	22,415
Alternative School, 10-12	90,855	97,076	6,221
Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	114,310	122,270	7,960
General Instruction, K-12	8,500	10,000	1,500
Music, K-12	1,663,914	1,703,381	39,467
Art, K-12	913,198	981,420	68,222
Physical Education, K-12	1,163,601	1,268,305	104,704
Foreign Language, 6-12	1,234,444	1,329,404	94,960
Gifted & Talented, 4-12	115,709	64,831	(50,878)
Handicapped Pupils, K-12	6,526,169	6,687,482	161,313
Speech Instruction, K-12	578,363	557,300	(21,063)
NonEnglish Speaking, K-12	108,255	379	(107,876)
Corrective Reading, K-12	679,575	741,408	61,833
Occupational Education, 11-12	572,165	604,286	32,121
Instructional Materials AV	251,583	266,470	14,887
Library	630,965	638,426	7,461
Computer Instruction, K-12	1,838,878	1,961,043	122,165
Attendance, K-12	187,295	196,024	8,729
Guidance, 6-12	880,899	931,972	51,073
Health Services, K-12	409,303	442,751	33,448
Diagnostic Screening, K-12	17,600	16,400	(1,200)
Psychological Services, K-12	614,708	584,250	(30,458)
Social Work Services, K-12	375,652	420,597	44,945
Co-Curricular Activities	348,851	378,018	29,167
Interscholastic Athletics	890,690	931,677	40,987
Intra-murals	11,440	11,840	400
Teaching - Adult Ed.	56,780	39,270	(17,510)
Teaching - Summer School	49,700	55,189	5,489
District Transportation Service	116,248	114,539	(1,709)
Contract Transportation	1,837,393	2,061,005	223,612
Public Transportation	2,300	2,300	0
BOCES Transportation Service	789,776	778,165	(11,611)
Community Recreation (Pool)	90,263	93,979	3,716
Program Benefits Total	11,684,644	12,518,993	834,349
BUDGET TOTALS (PROGRAM)	\$52,284,391	\$54,879,246	\$2,594,855

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 2008-2009 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

THREE-PART BUDGET	Adopted Budget 2007-2008	Proposed Budget 2008-2009	Increase/ Decrease
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$7,956,365	\$8,042,264	\$85,899
CAPITAL BUDGET	12,101,348	13,068,080	966,732
PROGRAM BUDGET	52,284,391	54,879,246	2,594,855
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	47,176,174	1,812,176
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 TAX RATE—HOMESTEAD (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)	14.898	15.493	0.595 cents

PERCENT INCREASE IN TAX RATE: 3.99%

**PROPOSED BUDGET AND REVENUES:
\$75,989,590**

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

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 3.99% Tax Rate increase **does not** pass, the calculated Contingency Budget will result in a **higher** Contingency Tax Rate of 5.93%. This is because the Contingency Budget uses less fund balance revenues.

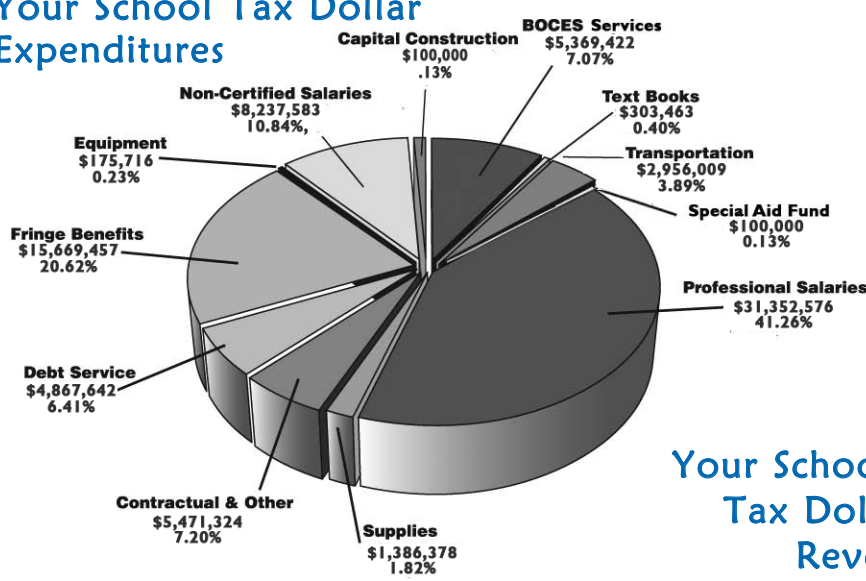
- A CONTINGENCY BUDGET**
1. Contains various expenditures that are:
 - legal;
 - specifically authorized by mandates or statutes, and that
 - maintain educational programs, preserve property, & maintain the health & safety of students & staff;
 2. Reductions in Noncontingent Items: Nonessential supplies, equipment, travel, etc.;
 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 3.36% Total Spending Cap
 2. Will yield a 5.93% Projected Tax Rate increase that is **HIGHER** than the 3.99% Proposed Budget Tax Rate 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

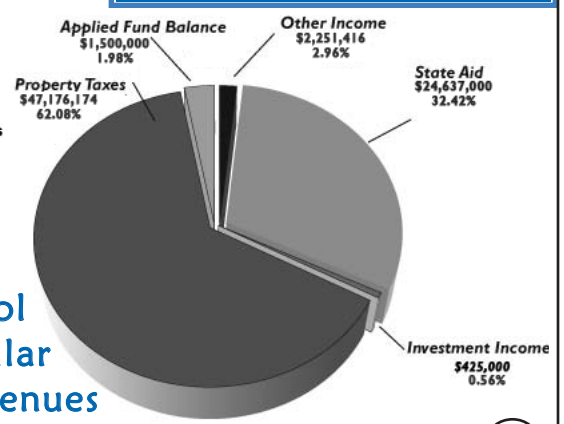
Attend the Public Hearing, May 13, at the Administration Building, for details.

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

Your School Tax Dollar Expenditures



Your School Tax Dollar Revenues



Highlights

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VOTING REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to vote on May 20th, 2008 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, 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
2. 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 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 LIBRARY BUDGET		ESTIMATED HOMESTEAD TAX	
Tax Levy		Rate Per \$100	
2007-2008	\$2,476,598	2007-2008	\$0.806
2008-2009	\$3,664,995	2008-2009	\$1.204

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY BUDGET		ESTIMATED HOMESTEAD TAX	
Tax Levy		Rate Per \$100	
2007-2008	\$55,426	2007-2008	\$0.018
2008-2009	\$56,130	2008-2009	\$0.018

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

CANDIDATES FOR...

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE

SEATS (3-YEAR TERM)	CANDIDATES
Deborah Van Essendelft	<i>unopposed</i>
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.