

# Highlights

**VOTE!**  
**MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>**

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

2006

of the Sayville School District

## BUDGET ISSUE

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### THE 2006-2007 PROPOSED

### SPENDING PLAN

of **\$68,256,228**  
represents  
a **6% increase**  
over the current  
school year and  
will yield a  
projected tax rate  
increase of  
**5.46% before any**  
**Basic or Enhanced**  
**STAR Exemptions.**

Please attend the  
**Public Hearing**  
on the **PROPOSED**  
**SCHOOL BUDGET**  
**Tuesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**  
7:30 p.m.  
Sayville High School  
Cafeteria C

Dear Neighbors:

It's all in the numbers.

In this final phase of the Budget Process, we are proposing to you the best school budget we can offer: a budget that both maintains and grows our excellent educational programs for our children, as well as offers financial stability to our School District and community.

It's in the numbers when our Sayville community attends our schools' art shows, drama presentations, musical productions, or athletic events, and can see our tax dollars at work. Often we read the "good news" about our students volunteering time and talents, raising funds for assorted charities. We hear of them achieving outstanding things in the sciences, arts, humanities, and sports. We can be especially proud that our students have been given wonderful educational opportunities to achieve this greatness, thanks to the steadfast support of our Sayville community.

When, in late March, the New York State Legislature passed a School Aid package offering an additional \$600,000 to Sayville School District, our Board of Education agreed to give back this entire amount to the taxpayers. **We are fortunate to say that Sayville School District can still maintain and moderately grow our excellent programs with a 6% increase to the school budget, and yet reduce the proposed tax rate's increase to 5.46%.**

Please take the time to review "the numbers" in this Budget Issue of *Highlights* and understand how our tax dollars do work in Sayville. Check the District website, ([sayville.k12.ny.us](http://sayville.k12.ny.us)), click on the **Business Office** updates that link you to the detailed presentations that were presented at the Board Meetings during budget season. *See the chart that compares Sayville School's tax rate with the average for all districts on Long Island.*

Then, come out in numbers to vote on May 16<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

**Your Board of Education:**



Kevin L. Spelman, President • Deborah Van Essendelft, Vice President  
Allison J. Cruz • Norm deVenau • Maureen Dolan • Raymond J. Nelson • John Verdone

## Our Tax Dollars Do Work in Sayville

### Program Enhancements

- Enhanced our special education inclusion model
- Added instructional staff to many subject areas due to increased student enrollment at High School
- Added additional social worker for elementary schools
- Added cocurricular clubs
- Added two new Middle School athletic teams
- Added varsity assistant coaches
- Continued funding for districtwide special projects
- Provided for building needs throughout the District

...the Board voted to use the **additional State Aid revenues to reduce the tax rate once again, which brought the final proposed tax rate increase down to 5.46%.**

## THE PROCESS

How we  
achieved a  
low tax rate

	Budget	% change	% change on Tax Rate
Phase 1: First draft	\$69,284,341	7.6%	9.4%
Phase 2: Budget reductions	- 1,028,113	-1.6%	- 2.5%
<b>Final Proposed Budget</b>	<b>\$68,256,228</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>5.46%</b>

*In March, the NYS legislature passed a School Aid package that will give Sayville approximately \$600,000 additional state aid. Sayville BOE members agreed to apply the \$600,000 to **reduce** the tax rate to 5.46%!*

**2006-2007 ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET**

General Support	Current 2005-2006	Proposed 2006-2007	Budget Change
Board of Education	\$22,390	\$22,798	\$408
District Clerk	7,558	9,075	1,517
District Meetings	14,195	15,350	1,155
Superintendent's Office	270,719	290,825	20,106
Business Office	716,204	746,071	29,867
Auditing Services	24,000	46,400	22,400
Treasurer	12,135	12,750	615
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0
Legal Services	30,750	37,500	6,750
Personnel Office	218,293	229,046	10,753
Records Management	26,947	28,717	1,770
Public Information	79,290	79,250	-40
Printing Office	197,041	204,706	7,665
General Insurance	300,700	339,900	39,200
School Association Dues	19,990	20,990	1,000
BOCES Services Admin	204,940	221,000	16,060
BOCES Rental Costs	124,150	127,800	3,650
BOCES Debt Service	0	0	0
Contribution to NYS	0	0	0
<b>GENERAL SUPPORT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,271,802</b>	<b>\$2,434,678</b>	<b>\$162,876</b>
<b>Instruction • Regular School</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
Curriculum Office	\$196,189	\$211,213	\$15,024
Pupil Services Office	185,651	192,108	6,457
Special Education Office	362,025	387,542	25,517
Principals' Offices	2,127,264	2,251,687	124,423
Research and Planning	0	0	0
<b>REGULAR SCHOOL • INSTRUCTION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,871,129</b>	<b>\$3,042,550</b>	<b>\$171,421</b>
<b>Instruction • Special Schools</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
Principal's Offices • Adult Ed	\$0	\$36,696	\$36,696
• Summer	22,451	18,389	-4,062
<b>SPECIAL SCHOOLS • INSTRUCTION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$40,126</b>	<b>\$73,264</b>	<b>\$33,138</b>
<b>BUDGET TOTALS (ADMINISTRATIVE)</b>	<b>\$6,809,431</b>	<b>\$7,482,758</b>	<b>\$673,327</b>



**2006-2007 CAPITAL BUDGET**

General Support	Current 2005-2006	Proposed 2006-2007	Budget Change
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$3,941,463	\$4,332,171	\$390,708
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	1,394,931	1,504,771	109,840
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	12,000	13,000	1,000
Judgements and Claims	15,000	15,000	0
<b>GENERAL SUPPORT TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,363,394</b>	<b>\$5,864,942</b>	<b>\$501,548</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
Employee Benefits	\$1,365,373	\$1,485,600	\$120,227
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,626,374</b>	<b>\$1,932,266</b>	<b>\$305,892</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
Bonds: School Construction	\$3,165,718	\$3,292,362	\$126,000
Tax Anticipation Notes	600,000	344,555	-255,445
<b>Transfer to Capital Fund</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND TOTAL	\$600,000	\$550,000	-\$50,000
<b>BUDGET TOTALS (CAPITAL)</b>	<b>\$11,094,485</b>	<b>\$11,537,459</b>	<b>\$442,974</b>

**2006-2007 PROGRAM BUDGET**

General Support	Current 2005-2006	Proposed 2006-2007	Budget Change
<b>LEGAL SERVICES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$174,250</b>	<b>\$172,750</b>	<b>-\$1,500</b>
<b>Instruction • Regular School</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
Inservice Training	\$61,860	\$83,200	\$21,340
Teaching-Day School	1,652,371	1,549,922	-102,449
General Instruction, K-5	5,602,229	5,823,084	220,855
General Instruction, 6	1,035,489	1,041,139	5,650
Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,544,594	1,588,847	44,253
Mathematics, 7-12	1,235,645	1,327,376	91,731
Science, 7-12	1,741,477	1,811,775	70,298
Social Studies, 7-12	1,224,582	1,353,640	129,058
Business Education, 6-12	302,784	260,600	-42,184
Technology Education, 6-12	735,759	741,627	5,868
Home & Career Skills, 6-12	182,206	188,643	6,437
Health, 6-12	246,960	265,656	18,696
Alternative School, 10-12	0	100,687	100,687
Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	117,869	111,710	-6,159
General Instruction, K-12	6,250	8,000	1,750
Music, K-12	1,480,367	1,612,370	132,003
Art, K-12	764,074	899,655	135,581
Physical Education, K-12	1,036,017	1,112,409	76,392
Foreign Language, 6-12	1,075,787	1,156,099	80,312
Gifted & Talented, 4-12	105,636	111,207	5,571
Handicapped Pupils, K-12	6,079,131	6,642,407	563,276
Speech Instruction, K-12	521,758	540,208	18,450
Non-English Speaking, K-12	101,065	105,304	4,239
Corrective Reading, K-12	651,334	600,142	-51,192
Occupational Education, 11-12	404,680	520,150	115,470
Instructional Materials AV	197,511	203,880	6,369
Library	541,128	568,722	27,594
Computer Instruction, K-12	1,821,944	1,868,362	46,418
Attendance, K-12	171,737	168,230	-3,507
Guidance, 6-12	789,377	822,119	32,742
Health Services, K-12	392,949	427,932	34,983
Diagnostic Screening, K-12	18,565	25,100	6,535
Psychological Services, K-12	435,907	459,200	23,293
Social Work Services, K-12	78,075	74,912	-3,163
Co-Curricular Activities	292,079	315,500	23,421
Interscholastic Athletics	721,598	823,423	101,825
Intra-murals	10,000	11,000	1,000
<b>REGULAR SCHOOL • INSTRUCTION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,380,794</b>	<b>\$35,324,237</b>	<b>\$1,943,443</b>
<b>Instruction • Special Schools</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
Teaching - Adult Ed.	\$30,120	\$36,600	\$6,480
Teaching - Summer School	56,330	53,140	-3,190
<b>SPECIAL SCHOOLS • INSTRUCTION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$86,450</b>	<b>\$89,740</b>	<b>3,290</b>
<b>Transportation</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
District Transportation Service	\$104,070	\$104,900	\$830
Contract Transportation	1,710,926	1,707,043	-3,883
Public Transportation	2,200	2,300	100
BOCES Transportation Service	779,800	809,645	29,845
<b>TRANSPORTATION TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,596,996</b>	<b>\$2,623,888</b>	<b>\$26,892</b>
<b>Community Service</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
Community Recreation (Pool)	\$82,995	\$86,525	\$3,530
<b>COMMUNITY SERVICES TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,995</b>	<b>\$86,525</b>	<b>\$3,530</b>
<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS TOTAL</b>	<b>\$10,167,347</b>	<b>\$10,938,871</b>	<b>\$771,524</b>
<b>BUDGET TOTALS (PROGRAM)</b>	<b>Current 2005-2006</b>	<b>Proposed 2006-2007</b>	<b>Budget Change</b>
<b>BUDGET TOTALS (PROGRAM)</b>	<b>\$46,488,832</b>	<b>\$49,236,011</b>	<b>\$2,747,179</b>

**THE 2006-2007 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY**

<b>THREE-PART BUDGET</b>	Adopted Budget 2005-2006	Proposed Budget 2006-2007	Increase/ Decrease
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$6,809,431	<b>\$7,482,758</b>	673,327
CAPITAL BUDGET	11,094,485	<b>11,537,459</b>	442,972
PROGRAM BUDGET	<u>46,488,832</u>	<b><u>49,236,011</u></b>	<u>2,747,179</u>
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$64,392,748</b>	<b>\$68,256,228</b>	<b>\$3,863,480</b>

**PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 6%**

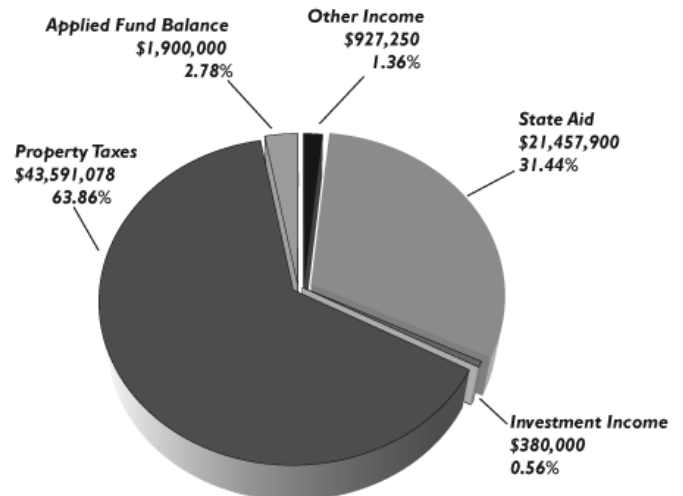
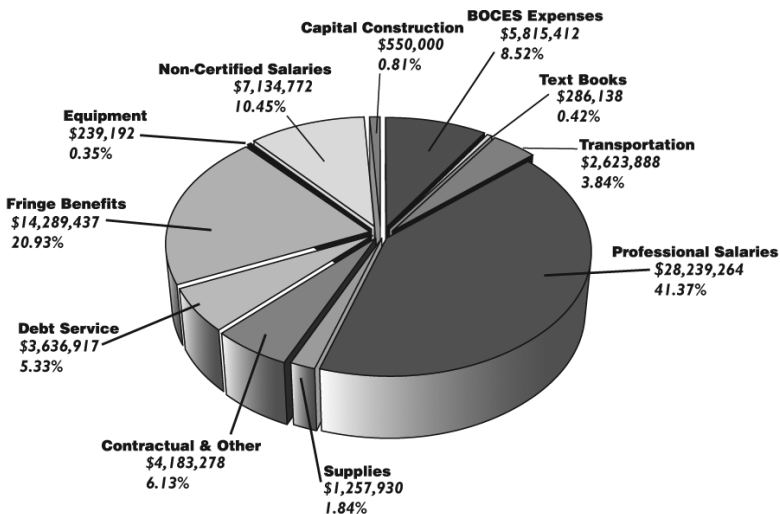
<b>BUDGET REVENUES</b>	Adopted Budget 2005-2006	Proposed Budget 2006-2007	Increase/ Decrease
STATE AID	\$19,707,900	<b>21,457,900</b>	\$1,750,000
OTHER INCOME	1,072,350	<b>927,250</b>	-145,100
INVESTMENT INCOME	380,000	<b>380,000</b>	0
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	1,900,000	<b>1,900,000</b>	0
PROPERTY TAX LEVY	<u>41,332,498</u>	<b><u>43,591,078</u></b>	<u>2,258,580</u>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$64,392,748</b>	<b>\$68,256,228</b>	<b>\$3,863,480</b>

<b>ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE</b>	Adopted Budget 2005-2006	Proposed Budget 2006-2007	Increase/ Decrease
<b>ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)</b>	13.626	<b>14.370</b>	0.744cents

**PERCENT INCREASE IN TAX RATE: 5.46%**

**PROPOSED BUDGET AND REVENUES:  
\$68,256,228**

(left to right) The two Pie Charts below show the breakdown of the 2006-2007 Proposed Budget's Expenditures and Revenues.



If the Budget Fails, \$1.1 Million in Cuts are required by law.

**Q** "What programs and services are affected if the taxpayers do not approve the budget?"

**A** If the Proposed Budget does not pass, a state-mandated Contingency Budget is enforced.

**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. Affects programs: Elimination of all Middle School Interscholastics and elimination of enhanced special education inclusion model.
3. Includes reductions in staffing, student supplies, equipment, Instructional Support, and community use of Buildings & Grounds.
4. Causes Increased Class Sizes.

**A CONTINGENCY BUDGET**

1. Equals a Total Spending Cap of 4%
2. The 5.09% Projected Tax Rate for the contingency budget is **NO REAL GAIN** to the Taxpayer. The 0.37% difference would:

- Lose over a million dollars in school programs
- Have long-term effects on the recovery of District's programs
- Drastically affect Sayville's fiscal stability and credit rating.

Attend the May 9<sup>th</sup> Public Hearing to learn more.

Your School Tax Dollar Expenditures

Your School Tax Dollar Revenues

# Highlights

## 2006 BUDGET ISSUE

99 Greeley Avenue  
 Sayville, New York 11782  
 Dr. Rosemary F. Jones, Superintendent of Schools

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### VOTING REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible to vote on May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2006 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>, 2001 can register either:

1. Any time through Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2006 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 9<sup>th</sup>, between the  
 hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., Cafeteria C in  
 SAYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL,  
 BROOK STREET, WEST SAYVILLE, NY.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Community residents who will be out of the district during voting hours on May 16<sup>th</sup> may apply for absentee ballots by contacting District Clerk Maribeth Demetres at 244-6510.

Residents should complete the required form and return it either by mail seven days prior to the vote or in person no later than the day before the vote.

## ALSO ON THE BALLOT...

Sayville Library Budget		Estimated Homestead Tax	
Tax Levy		Rate Per \$100	
2005-2006	\$2,366,216	2005-2006	\$0.780
2006-2007	\$2,410,692	2006-2007	\$0.795

Sayville Historical Society Budget		Estimated Homestead Tax	
Tax Levy		Rate Per \$100	
2005-2006	\$56,910	2005-2006	\$0.019
2006-2007	\$56,762	2006-2007	\$0.019

## CANDIDATES FOR...

### BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE

SEATS (3-YEAR TERM)	CANDIDATES
Raymond J. Nelson	Raymond J. Nelson Thomas W. Cooley
Kevin L. Spelman	Kevin L. Spelman Keith Kolar
John Verdone	John Verdone

### SAYVILLE LIBRARY TRUSTEE

SEAT (5-YEAR TERM)	CANDIDATES
Sharon Lippman	Sharon Lippman Dr. Philip R. Peters

## 2006-2007

### PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

- A complete budget package
- Increased instructional and support staffing positions
- Maintains and grows existing instructional or support programs
- Program enhancements that provide new opportunities for our students
- Directed resources where needed
- Fiscally responsible plan

## 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.