

SPECIAL EDITION

of the Sayville School District

Highlights

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Considering A Bond

Please review this Special Edition of *Highlights* for information regarding a Bond Referendum.

The Facility Planning Committee, which is a focus group, has been exploring the following factors and will make their recommendation to the Board for consideration at the March 8th Board of Education meeting.

- Facility needs assessment
- Priority of building needs, maintenance, and upgrades
- Relationship between the instructional program and the school environment
- Positive aspects of a bond referendum
- Sayville's Diminishing Debt Service
- Explanation of State aid (EXCEL Aid) that would be given to Sayville
- Impact of a bond on the tax rate
- Amount of the bond referendum
- Date for a bond vote

Check out the opposite cover page for more information on EXCEL Aid and State Aid, as well as reasons for considering a Bond.

Q. WHAT IS A FACILITIES PLANNING COMMITTEE?

Sayville School District regularly reviews both its short-term and long-term facilities needs and prepares a five-year needs assessment and facilities plan. As part of this Needs-Assessment Plan, the District invites input from the community members, parents, instructional and non-instructional staff, along with administrators.

Last November, an ad was placed in *Suffolk County News* and on the District Website calling for volunteers to form a Facility Planning Committee. From the responders, sixteen people were chosen both to represent the various groups and to provide input that would help determine the priority of facilities needs.

The goal of this advisory committee is to report its findings to the Sayville School Board of Education.

It is up to the Sayville Board of Education and the Sayville District Administrators to finalize and decide to go forward with these plans and present a proposed bond referendum for public vote.

Q. WHAT IS THIS COMMITTEE EXAMINING?

Our facilities needs do not just address the structure of the facilities, but also its relationship to the instructional program. How students are taught within each facility is

determined by educational program needs—which have changed considerably in the last ten years. Sayville's facilities must adjust to this constant change in educational programs and their delivery.

Because of this relationship between the instructional program and the school environment, the Facilities Planning Committee is examining the priorities of the needed upgrades that will most directly affect the wellbeing and academic/intellectual accomplishments of our students.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S
ROUNDTABLE
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7TH
7:00-9:00 P.M.
HIGH SCHOOL**

The next topic:

**SAYVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
PLANS A BOND FOR
FACILITIES
IMPROVEMENTS**

This informal gathering will give you an opportunity to learn more and share your thoughts. Refreshments will be served.