



## ***Message from the Assistant Superintendent for Business***

### **2017-18 Proposed Budget**

For the last several months, your Board of Education and Administration have been developing the Proposed 2017-18 Budget. At their March 9, 2017 meeting, the Board approved a \$90,594,753 spending plan to be presented to the community on May 16, 2017 at the Annual Meeting, Budget Vote and Election of Trustees.

This is another fiscally responsible budget that enhances instructional opportunities for students, provides for a small spending increase of 0.53%, and carries a proposed homestead tax-rate increase of 0.25%.

These are just some of the program enhancements that were highlighted during our public budget development meetings:

- ✓ **Continuation of the 1:1 Chrome Book Initiative**
- ✓ **Addition of Foreign Language Explorations at the Elementary level**
- ✓ **Possible addition of 2<sup>nd</sup> PALS Special Education Class at Lincoln Avenue**
- ✓ **Addition of two new Co-curricular Clubs**
- ✓ **Continuation with year two of the HS *Accuplacer Exam Program* in partnership with Suffolk County Community College**
- ✓ **Continued implementation of a new reading series in grades K -5**
- ✓ **Addition of AP Summer Support**
- ✓ **Addition of an AP Elective Research Course**

In addition to the above enhancements, we will continue with the excellent programs and initiatives that have made our Sayville students so successful.

The District remains in a good fiscal position and the fiscal health of the District remains strong. We continue to use our Fund Balance and Reserves Funds modestly which has greatly assisted us in stabilizing tax rates and avoiding spikes from year to year.

To learn more about the 2017-18 Proposed Budget, please review the presentations on the District's web site that were presented in detail at each meeting.

#### **The following are some important dates to remember:**

##### **May 9, 2017:**

- **Budget Informational Meeting & Public Hearing at the Administration Building 7:30 P.M.**

##### **May 16, 2017:**

- **Budget Vote, Annual Meeting and Election of Trustees: 7:00 AM – 9:00 P.M. at the Gym in the Old Junior High School.**

As always, we thank for your continue support and look forward to seeing you at the Budget Vote.

Sincerely,

*John J. Belmonte*

Assistant Superintendent for Business