

Sayville Public Schools

2020-21

Budget Summary Update

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2020 Annual Budget Vote and School Board Election - Update

Governor Cuomo has issued Executive Order 202.39 concerning the receipt of absentee ballots in the 2020 budget vote and election.



- The Executive Order 202.39 states any absentee ballot received **by mail** in the office of the District Clerk, or designee of the trustees or school board, **by June 16, 2020 at 5:00 pm** shall be canvassed and counted for the budget vote and election held on June 9, 2020. **No hand-delivered absentee ballots shall be accepted after 5:00 pm on June 9, 2020, except those absentee ballots received by mail.**
- While Sayville School District was using a receptacle for receipt of hand-delivered absentee ballots, this receptacle **was removed after 5:00 pm on June 9, 2020.**

FAQ's - Annual Election & Budget Vote

Q. Why are we using absentee ballots this year?

A. It is mandated by Executive Order 202.26 by Governor Cuomo.

Q. Why is my name and address on the return envelope?

A. It is the law. Just as in the regular voting process, you are required to state your name and address to verify that you are a registered voter and eligible to vote.

Q. Why do I have to sign the affidavit on the ballot envelope?

A. This takes the place of signing the voting book when you usually come in to vote.

FAQ's - Annual Election & Budget Vote

Q. How will the District protect the privacy of the voters and how they vote?

Answer:

- A. The process to be followed by the District is fully in accordance with NYS Law.
- B. Ballots are returned to the District folded inside a sealed “affidavit envelope”.
- C. Beginning June 9, 2020 after 5:00 p.m., an election inspector will determine if the envelope containing a returned “absentee ballot” is complete and sufficient for acceptance and opening.
- D. When the “affidavit ballot” is opened, the folded ballot is removed by an election inspector and then handed to another election worker who will place the ballot in a ballot box.
- E. **The “affidavit envelopes” and “ballots” are separated at the time of opening and will NOT be matched up at any further point in the process.**
- F. The ballots will be taken from the ballot box and handed to a team of two (2) other election workers where they will be unfolded and tallied.
- G. Individual tally sheets and ballots will be then secured by the District Clerk and a final tally completed.
- H. The Board of Education will hold a Special Meeting on Wednesday, June 10, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. to announce and certify the official results of the vote. The official annual election and budget results will be posted on the District website at www.sayvilleschools.org.

In Summary.....



- The 2020-21 Draft I Proposed Budget is \$96,208,308,
- Represents a spending increase of \$1,854,652, or 1.97%,
- Carries a proposed tax rate increase of 1.99%,
- **Estimated annual \$ increase of \$157, or \$13/month (before STAR),**
- Is under the Property Tax Levy Cap of 2.01% by \$11,866.



UNDER THE TAX LEVY LIMIT

The Projected Tax Levy increase for the 2020-21 budget is currently 1.99%, which is 'under' the Tax Levy Limit by \$11,866.



Doing Things Right: Both Fiscally and Instructionally

- Average Homestead Tax Rate last four (5) years:

2016-17 school year: -0.80%

2017-18 school year: -0.47%

2018-19 school year: +2.24%

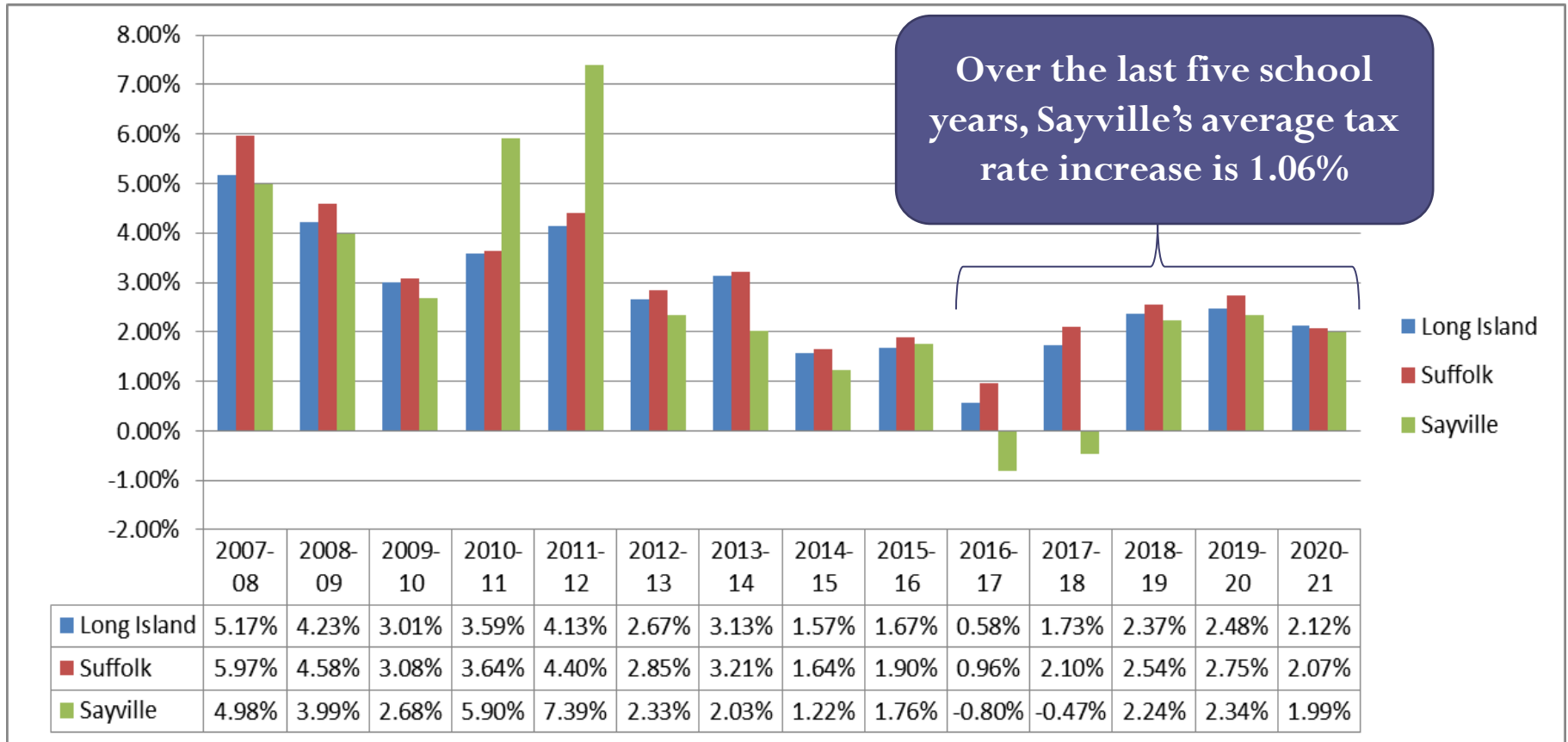
2019-20 school year: +2.34%

2020-21 Proposed: +1.99%

5-year Average Tax Rate: 1.06%

- No Fiscal Stress – Reports the Office of the State Comptroller for (6) consecutive years,
- Well-managed Fund Balance and Reserve Funds, that greatly helped to stabilize Tax Rates, provide needed relief to the community and creates ‘sustainability’ of our instructional program opportunities.

Tax Levy Analysis - LI School Districts



- ✓ In 11 out of 14 school years shown, Sayville's tax levy was less than LI & Suffolk County
- ✓ For 2015-16, Sayville's Tax Levy was below other Suffolk County Districts, but slightly above LI Districts



Important Date



UPDATE

**JUNE 16, 2020 – ALL ABSENTEE BALLOTS
MUST BE RECEIVED, BY MAIL, BY THE
DISTRICT CLERK BY 5:00 P.M. TO BE
COUNTED.**