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SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT
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TIDINGS
FROM THE SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET ISSUE

THE 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

A UNIQUE BUDGET SEASON

Dear Neighbors,

As a resident and taxpayer, your unwavering support is appreciated.

This year, we faced a significant challenge when Governor Hochul’s Executive Budget proposed a \$3.4 million cut in Foundation Aid to the Sayville School District. A cut of this magnitude would have been extremely detrimental to our district. The Sayville Board of Education instructed administration to meticulously examine this year’s Proposed Budget. The goal was to maintain programs as much as possible and minimize the aid reduction’s impact on students and staff.

The district and community united, advocating vigorously through letters and calls to reverse the proposed cuts, and we are thankful to the teachers, families, and residents who made their voices heard and spoke out.

Thanks to these efforts, the NYS Legislature passed a revised budget restoring the \$3.4 million cut. This enabled the Board of Education to adopt a revised budget that includes restoring eleven teaching positions, reducing tax burdens, and implementing local control strategies for future aid cuts. This budget is responsible and focused on the future and aims to serve students in the best possible way.

Please examine this Budget Issue of Tidings carefully, attend the Public Hearing on May 14, at the Administration Building and remember to vote on May 21.

SUMMATION: The Sayville Board of Education adopted the **2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET** at its April 23rd, 2024 meeting. This Proposed Budget represents a **\$106,028,631** spending plan, resulting in a spending increase of **\$3,979,740** or **3.900%**. This translates to a proposed increase on the tax levy of **3.700%**—requiring a simple majority to pass. For the average home assessed at **\$40,000** there will be an *estimated* increase of **\$375/year** or **\$31.25/month** [see *Tidings* p.3] (*before any STAR reimbursements*). Carefully read through this *Budget Issue of Tidings*. Under the Business Office Section of the website, you may review all the Budget presentations.

Your continued support is invaluable as we strive to provide the best possible education for our students.

SINCERELY YOUR BOARD OF EDUCATION:



President Thomas Cooley
Vice President Kelly Sack

TRUSTEES: Dr. James J. Bertsch, Jr., Carl Cangelosi, Christine Sarni, and Maureen Dolan

PUBLIC HEARING

on the 2024-2025
Proposed School Budget

7:30 P.M.

Tuesday, May 14th

**Sayville
Administration Building**

VOTE!

TUESDAY, MAY 21ST

7 A.M. - 9 P.M.

**GYMNASIUM IN THE SUFFOLK
COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE
SAYVILLE CENTER
30 GREENE AVENUE**

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PROPOSED 2024-2025 BUDGET: \$106,028,631

	<i>Current 2023-2024</i>	<i>Proposed 2024-2025</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>		<i>Current 2023-2024</i>	<i>Proposed 2024-2025</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Board of Education	\$31,800	\$25,050	(\$6,750)	Legal Services	\$210,000	\$175,000	(\$35,000)
District Clerk	15,695	16,322	627	Inservice Training	138,500	129,200	(9,300)
District Meetings	44,262	50,750	6,488	Teaching-Day School	2,463,117	2,527,036	63,919
Superintendent's Office	389,952	397,708	7,756	General Instruction, K-5	7,660,376	7,886,105	225,729
Business Office	1,180,067	1,244,256	64,189	General Instruction, 6	1,507,514	1,363,032	(144,482)
Auditing Services	95,000	95,261	261	Language Arts-English, 7-12	1,827,390	1,477,589	(349,801)
Treasurer	14,406	15,091	685	Mathematics, 7-12	1,918,652	1,775,257	(143,395)
Admin Fees for Debt Service	2,500	2,500	0	Science, 7-12	2,309,978	2,234,837	(75,141)
Legal Services	90,000	75,000	(15,000)	Social Studies, 7-12	2,096,710	1,941,166	(155,544)
Personnel Office	436,983	453,038	16,055	Business Education, 6-12	458,327	401,640	(56,687)
Records Management	34,672	35,331	659	Technology Education, 6-12	722,920	730,793	7,873
Public Information	58,060	53,168	(4,892)	Family & Consumer Sci. 6-12	122,976	127,377	4,401
Printing Office	199,369	183,855	(15,514)	Health, 6-12	296,440	157,930	(138,510)
General Insurance	521,819	632,479	110,660	Alternative School, 10-12	144,678	0	(144,678)
School Association Dues	24,100	24,100	0	Schoolwide Instruction, 6-12	116,000	103,275	(12,725)
BOCES Services Admin	326,422	336,215	9,793	General Instruction, K-12	10,000	10,000	0
BOCES Rental Costs	129,954	133,900	3,946	Music, K-12	1,655,995	1,653,927	(2,068)
Curriculum Office	287,589	292,138	4,549	Art, K-12	1,166,130	1,194,590	28,460
Pupil Services Office	230,103	190,988	(39,115)	Physical Education, K-12	1,590,806	1,368,939	(221,867)
Principals' Offices	2,778,095	2,959,649	181,554	World Languages	1,415,373	1,550,643	135,270
Plant Operation & Custodial	123,786	154,392	30,606	Enrichment Program, 4-12	247,662	151,739	(95,923)
Adult Ed-Principal's Office	16,667	17,771	1,104	Handicapped Pupils, K-12	9,497,040	9,675,770	178,730
Summer School-Principal's Office	9,145	10,094	949	Speech Instruction, K-12	866,494	951,734	85,240
Unemploy./WC Contractual TPA	139,082	140,000	918	English Lang. Learners, K-12	239,987	231,704	(8,283)
Admin Benefits Total	2,199,294	2,441,971	242,677	Corrective Reading, K-12	1,120,183	1,038,138	(82,045)

ADMINISTRATIVE TOTALS \$9,378,822 \$9,981,027 \$602,205

2024-2025 CAPITAL BUDGET

	<i>Current 2023-2024</i>	<i>Proposed 2024-2025</i>	<i>Budget Change</i>
Plant Operation & Custodial	\$6,127,054	\$6,239,507	\$112,453
Plant Maintenance & Grounds	2,157,504	2,579,574	422,070
Plant Maintenance Old JHS	24,000	29,500	5,500
Capital Benefits Total	2,842,631	3,241,367	398,736
Library Bonds	762,000	781,800	19,800
Bonds School Construction	2,655,926	3,104,825	448,899
Bond School Const.-EPC	1,172,848	1,172,845	(3)
Bond Anticipation Notes	0	870,000	870,000
Tax Anticipation Notes	330,000	330,000	0
Transfer to Capital Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	0

CAPITAL TOTALS \$17,071,963 \$19,349,418 \$2,277,455

Occupational Education, 11-12	786,396	826,000	39,604
Instructional Materials AV	306,266	309,824	3,558
Library	786,990	787,639	649
Computer Instruction, K-12	3,011,169	3,237,552	226,383
Attendance, K-12	158,699	154,544	(4,155)
Guidance, 6-12	1,245,341	1,026,752	(218,589)
Health Services, K-12	715,912	799,744	83,832
Diagnostic Screening, K-12	14,760	52,000	37,240
Psychological Services, K-12	707,159	896,284	189,125
Social Work Services, K-12	733,407	775,748	42,341
Co-Curricular Activities	514,144	533,600	19,456
Interscholastic Athletics	1,366,230	1,431,424	65,194
Intra-murals	14,800	14,800	0
Teaching-Adult Ed.	96,162	97,346	1,184
Teaching- Summer School	101,000	99,900	(1,100)
District Transportation Service	103,593	105,298	1,705
Contract Transportation	4,603,086	4,612,907	9,821
Public Transportation	2,600	7,100	4,500
BOCES Transportation Service	22,000	22,000	0
Community Recreation (Pool)	115,508	115,632	124
Special Education Office	607,257	644,069	36,812
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	200,000	160,000	(40,000)
Program Benefits Total	19,582,379	21,130,602	1,548,223

PROGRAM TOTALS \$75,598,106 \$76,698,186 \$1,100,080

THE 2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

An INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX LEVY: 3.700%

BELOW THE CALCULATED TAX-LEVY CAP, REQUIRING A SIMPLE MAJORITY.

THREE-PART BUDGET	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2023-2024</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-2025</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ADMINISTRATION BUDGET	\$9,378,822	\$9,981,027	\$602,205
CAPITAL BUDGET	17,071,963	19,349,418	2,277,455
PROGRAM BUDGET	75,598,106	76,698,186	1,100,080
TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$102,048,891	\$106,028,631	\$3,979,740

PERCENT INCREASE IN SCHOOL BUDGET: 3.900%

BUDGET REVENUES	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2023-2024</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-2025</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
STATE AID	\$28,043,974	\$29,126,346	\$1,082,372
PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	727,280	786,600	59,320
LOCAL REVENUE	3,684,729	4,127,649	442,920
APPROPRIATED RESERVES	2,984,078	3,088,182	104,104
PROPERTY TAXES	63,644,989	65,999,854	2,354,865
FUND BALANCE	2,963,841	2,900,000	(63,841)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$102,048,891	\$106,028,631	\$3,979,740

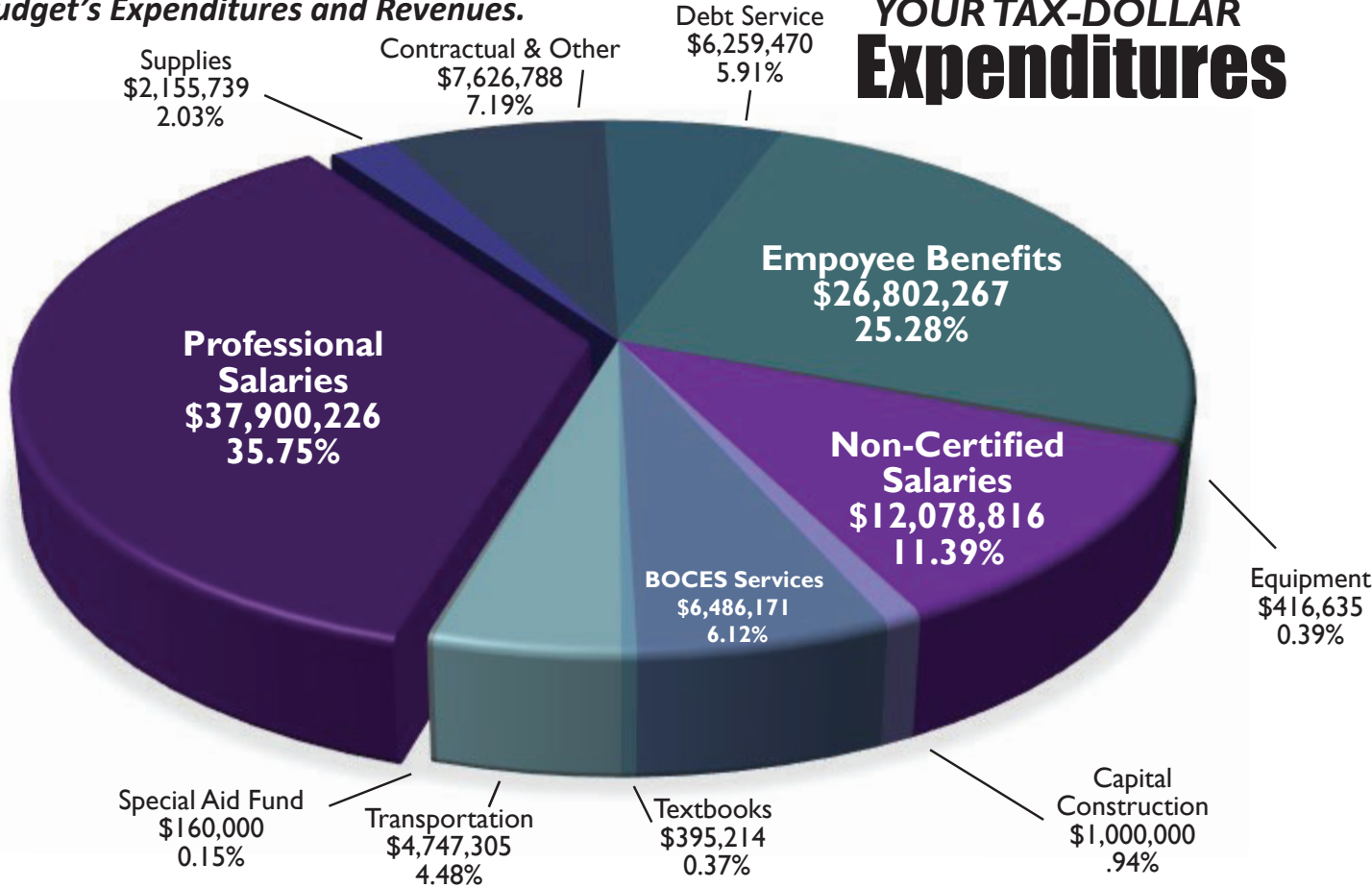
ESTIMATED SCHOOL TAX RATE	<i>ADOPTED BUDGET 2023-2024</i>	<i>PROPOSED BUDGET 2024-2025</i>	<i>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</i>
ESTIMATED TAX RATE-HOMESTEAD (PER \$100 OF ASSESSED VALUE)	20.590	21.529	0.938
	<i>has a tax-rate increase before S.T.A.R. Exemptions.</i>		
	<i>(HOME ASSESSED AT \$40,000=APPROXIMATELY \$31.25 PER MONTH)</i>		

2024-2025 PROPOSED BUDGET

EXPENDITURES & REVENUES

The two Pie Charts (below and opposite page) show the breakdown of the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget's Expenditures and Revenues.

YOUR TAX-DOLLAR Expenditures

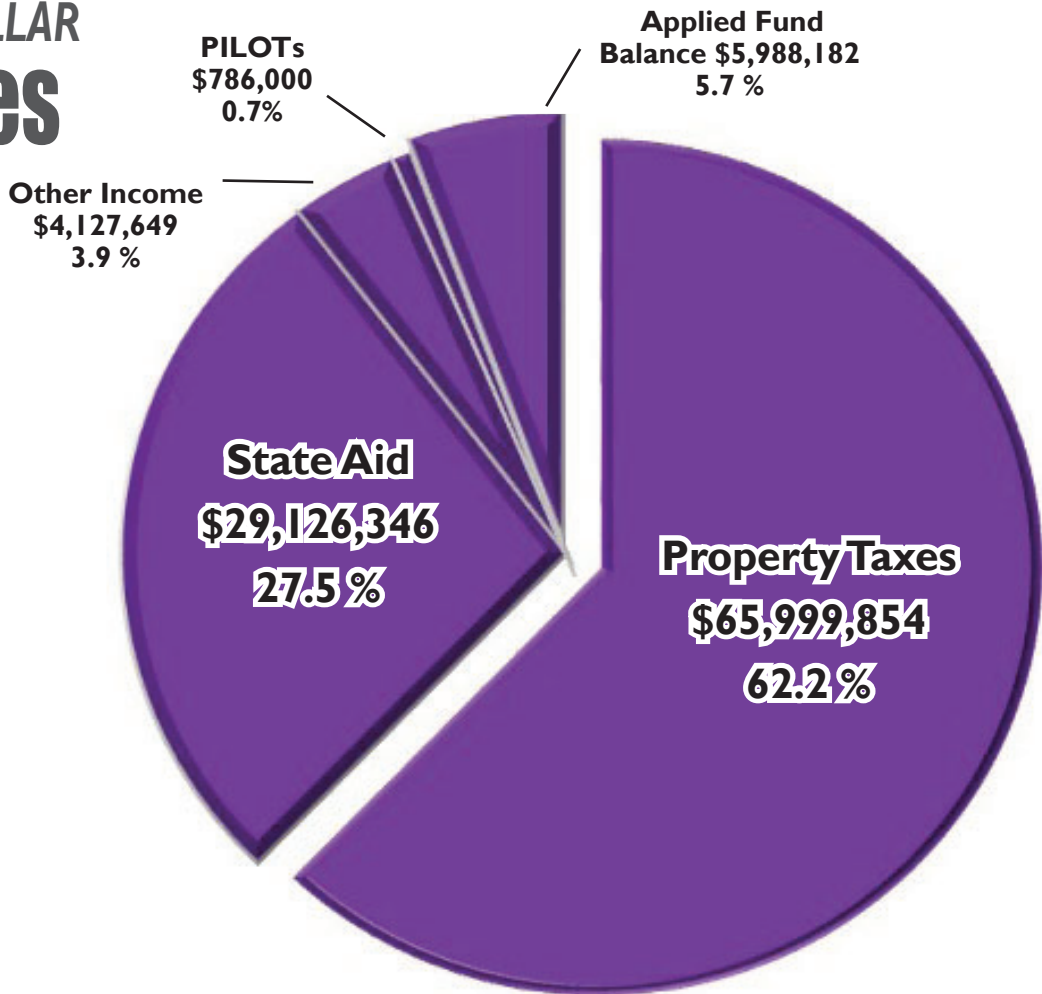


TRANSPORTATION

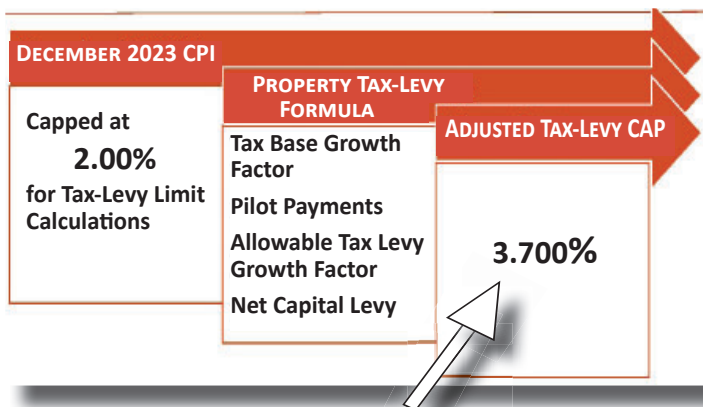
- ✦ Sayville contracts with Suffolk Transportation all student bus services
- ✦ The District obtained Requests for Proposals (RFP's) for our Large Buses, Vans, and Field Trips, and Athletic Transportation Contracts during the 2020-21 school year;
- ✦ A five-year Contract was awarded to Suffolk Transportation;
- ✦ For the 2024-25 school year, we would be in year 5 of 5;
- ✦ Benefits of a five-year Contract provide the District with cost predictability and continuity of service.

YOUR TAX-DOLLAR Revenues

On the Revenue side this year, Sayville School District has reduced costs by better aligning existing District resources with program needs. Sayville has kept the 3.700% tax levy increase BELOW the cap.



NYS “Two Percent” Tax Cap Formula...



...IS NOT “TWO PERCENT” AT ALL, SINCE THE FORMULA IS BASED UPON SEVERAL FACTORS (see chart at left).

The Projected Tax-Levy increase of 3.700% is BELOW the calculated Tax Cap requiring a simple majority to pass.

Keeping the Tax Cap Levy Calculation **BELOW** the Maximum Allowed is a further demonstration that the Sayville School District and Board of Education are presenting a **fiscally responsible budget** to taxpayers and are aware of this year’s challenging budget process.

- An increase in the District’s Debt Service drives the Tax-Levy Cap Percentage up;
- An increase from prior-year Building Aid drives down the Tax-Levy Cap Percentage.

NEW YORK STATE RULES REGARDING THE CONTINGENCY BUDGET

The Contingency Budget contains various expenditures that are: legal, specifically authorized by mandates or statutes, and maintain educational programs, preserve property, maintain the health and safety of students and staff. If the Proposed Budget fails the first time...

New York school boards may decide to: put up the *SAME* budget for revote, put up a *REVISED* budget for revote; or adopt a Contingency Budget.

*****IMPORTANT INFORMATION*****

If the Proposed Budget fails twice, school districts must adopt a Contingency Budget with a ZERO percent increase on the current tax levy. Under a Contingency Budget there are TWO spending cap limitations:

1. ADMINISTRATIVE CAP

ADMINISTRATIVE CAPS are determined by taking the ratio between the Administrative and Program Budgets, plus determining the 'lesser' of the calculated Administrative Caps for 2023-2024 or the defeated 2024-2025 Budget. (See chart below.)

ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET CAPS

ACTUAL 2023-2024	PROPOSED 2024-2025	CONTINGENT BUDGET
11.03%	11.51%	11.03%


2. ZERO PERCENT TAX LEVY CAP

On a Contingency Budget, Sayville School District would have to cut \$2,354,865 from instructional/support programs, and staffing to achieve a ZERO PERCENT TAX LEVY INCREASE (See below).

To Achieve 0% Increase What Would Be Cut? Non-contingent Items

- ADMINISTRATIVE Budget** –\$506,149
 - Staffing, nonessential supplies, equipment, travel, etc.
- PROGRAM Budget**..... –\$272,081
 - Staffing, student supplies, new equipment, athletics, cocurricular, summer school, increased class size, etc.
- CAPITAL Budget** –\$1,576,635
 - NO Community-Use of Buildings and Grounds (unless paid), staffing reductions, capital projects, etc.

Contingent Budget



	BUDGET	BUDGET PERCENTAGE INCREASE	PROPOSED INCREASE ON TAX Levy
2023 - 2024 Final Proposed Budget	\$102,048,891	2.77%	2.85%
2024 - 2025 Contingent Budget	\$103,673,766	1.59%	0.00%

Under a Contingency Budget the District must **REDUCE** spending by \$2,354,865.



ALSO ON THE BUDGET...

CANDIDATES FOR...

SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2024-2025 • \$56,000	2024-2025 • \$0.018
2023-2024 • \$55,000	2023-2024 • \$0.018

SAYVILLE LIBRARY

Budget: Tax Levy	Estimated Homestead Tax RATE PER \$100
2024-2025 • \$4,600,886	2024-2025 • \$1.501
2023-2024 • \$4,330,474	2023-2024 • \$1.343

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

BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES

Seats (3-year Term)

SEAT PREVIOUSLY HELD BY
CARL CANGELOSI

KATHERINE VAN DORN
UNOPPOSED

KELLY SACK

TEAL RIZZO
KELLY SACK

JOHN VERDONE

KYLE VALENTINE
DESMOND MEGNA

LIBRARY TRUSTEE

Seat (5-year Term)

LOUISA KIEFFER

UNOPPOSED

ABSENTEE/EARLY MAIL BALLOT INFORMATION

Absentee/Early Mail Ballot applications can be found on the district website. Navigate to the Board of Education tab and then click *Board Election Info & Advocacy.*

You may use the application if you are a qualified voter who resides in the school district.

You may only apply for an absentee/early mail ballot on your own behalf. If you have any questions, please contact the District Clerk at 631-244-6516.

Per the District's legal notice and in accordance with Education Law §2018-a, completed applications may not be received by the District Clerk earlier than **Monday, April 22, 2024**, and such applications must be received by the District Clerk **at least seven (7) days** before the election if the ballot is to be mailed by the voter, **May 14, 2024** or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or the agent named in the absentee ballot application.

Absentee/Early Mail ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk no later than **4:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Monday, May 20, 2024. Receipt of Absentee/Early Mail Ballots must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.**

VOTING REQUIREMENTS*

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE ON **TUESDAY, MAY 21ST**

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.

IMPORTANT DATES

• **TUESDAY, MAY 14TH**
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE
2024-2025 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
7:30 p.m. SAYVILLE ADMIN. BLDG.

• **TUESDAY, MAY 21ST**
BUDGET VOTE ON THE
2024-2025 PROPOSED SCHOOL BUDGET
7:00 A.M. POLLS OPEN—9 P.M. POLLS CLOSE
**GYMNASIUM in the Suffolk County
Community College**
SAYVILLE CENTER
30 Green Avenue, Sayville

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, 2019 can register either:

1. In-person on Tuesday, May 14th for Evening Registration which is between the hours of 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. in the SAYVILLE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782.

Please Note: May 14th is also the last day to request an absentee/early voting ballot by mail.

AND

2. In-person until Wednesday, May 15th, 2024 at the SAYVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, NY 11782 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Please Note: Monday May 16th is the last day to request an absentee/early voting ballot (in person).

SUMMARY OF THE 2024-2025

PROPOSED BUDGET

This fiscally responsible spending plan is a complete budget package that:

- Has an increase in spending of 3.900%;
- Has a Proposed Tax-Levy increase of 3.700%;
- Is BELOW the calculated Tax-Levy cap, requiring a simple majority;
- MAINTAINS educational opportunities with engaging programs that will help students.

PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING REGISTER INSPECTION

Any person shall be entitled to have his/her name placed upon the register of the School District, provided that at the time he/she is known or proven to the satisfaction of the District Clerk to be then or thereafter entitled to vote at said Annual School District Meeting to be held on May 21, 2024. Said Register will be filed in the Office of the School District Clerk, 99 Greeley Avenue, Sayville, New York, and will be open for inspection on each of the five days prior to and the day set for the meeting or election, (except Sunday, and on Saturday by appointment only, by calling 631 244-6510) between the hours of 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION POLICY

The Proposed Budget reflects the revised Board of Education transportation policy for elementary students which was passed by Referendum in May of 2012.



Students in the following grades, as indicated, are eligible to receive transportation.

GRADE	DISTANCE
K-5	Beyond 1/2 mile
6-12	Beyond 1 1/2 miles

No transportation is provided for students traveling to any school beyond 15 miles.