

# **Great Neck Public Schools**

**Where Discovery Leads to Greatness**



## **Official Public Hearing & Adoption 2018-19 School Budget**

**Board of Education Meeting  
April 17, 2018**

# GNPS Mission Statement



The Great Neck Public School District provides an innovative and collaborative educational environment that supports academic excellence and the social and emotional growth of all students so that they may become life-long learners and compassionate, productive members of a diverse, global society.

# What is a School District Budget?



*School Budget = School Program = Opportunities for Children*

Goal: To ensure that current and future students enjoy, to the greatest extent possible, the same opportunities that former students have enjoyed



# Maintaining Fiscal Strength



- Keep a multiyear perspective on the budget
- Maintain and renovate facilities
- Ensure that reserves and fund balance are adequate
- Continue strong financial controls and oversight as evidenced by;
  - Aaa Credit Rating
  - Unqualified External Audit Opinion  
(Independent auditor's judgment that a district's financial records and statements are fairly and appropriately presented)
  - Favorable reports from the Internal and Internal Claims Auditors
  - No Designation under the Controller's Fiscal Stress Management System

# Budget Development Process

The budget adopted tonight by the Board of Education and then presented for approval on May 15th reflects input from the school community.



March 5,  
2018

- Informal Public Budget Hearing
- North High School

March  
24, 2018

- Saturday Preliminary Working Budget
- South High School

April 9,  
2018

- Informal Public Budget Hearing
- South High School

April 17,  
2018

- Official Public Hearing & Adoption
- North Middle School

May 7,  
2018

- Annual Budget Hearing
- South Middle School

May 15,  
2018

- BUDGET VOTE 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.

# 2018-19 Proposed Budget

Proposed Overall Budget:  
\$229,845,028

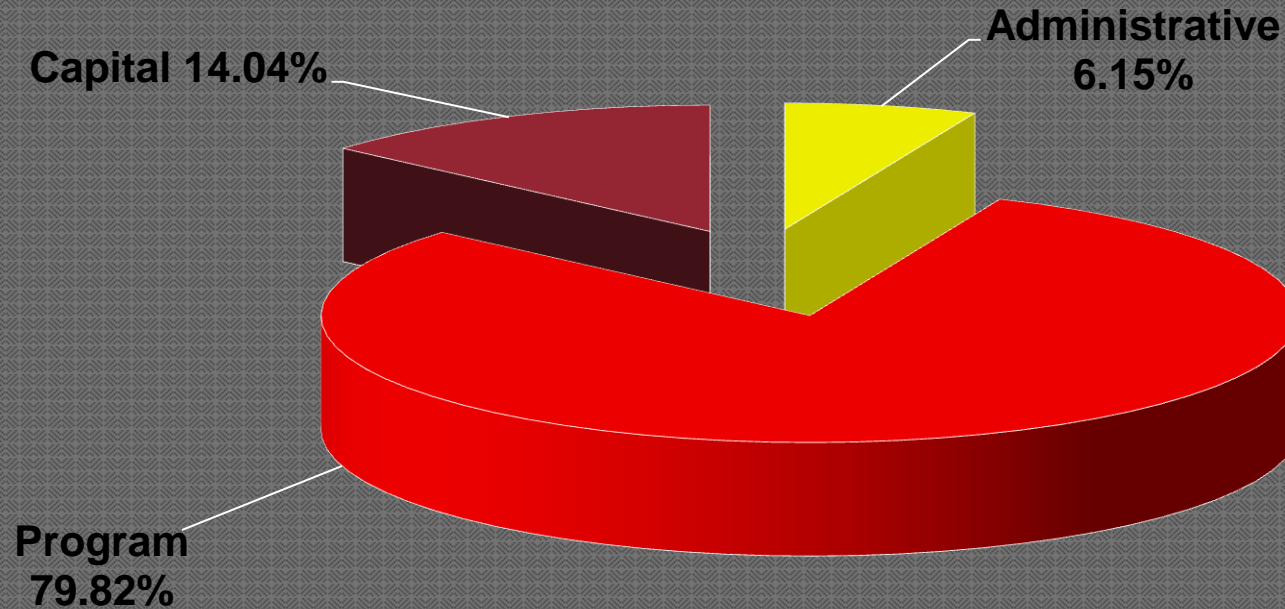
Budget to Budget Increase:  
\$6,533,863 or 2.93%

Projected Tax Levy Increase:  
\$5,006,535 or **2.52%**

**Proposed tax  
levy increase is  
under the  
allowable tax  
levy limit**



# 2018-19 Proposed Budget Expenditures: Three Part Budget



■ Administrative ■ Program ■ Capital

# Budget Impact of Legislative Changes



	Tax Base Growth Factor %	Allowable Levy Growth Factor %	Tax Levy Limit %	% Increase
<b>2018-2019</b>	<b>1.27</b>	<b>2.00</b>	<b>2.85</b>	<b>2.52</b>
2017-2018	0.00	1.26	1.26	1.26
2016-2017	0.36	0.12	0.17	0.17
2015-2016	0.08	1.52	1.56	1.56
2014-2015	0.68	1.45	2.39	1.97
2013-2014	0.00	2.00	3.14	3.14
2012-2013	0.41	2.00	2.49	2.49

Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011 established a tax levy limit on all school districts in New York State effective for the 2012-2013 school year.



# Budget Expenditure Revisions



**2018-2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET AS OF MARCH 2018**

**\$227,809,842**

**CHANGES MADE TO PRELIMINARY BUDGET:**

**INCREASE**

1620-4060-000 Contract Security Services	380,000
2825-1580-495 Social Worker	73,494
9010-8020-000 Contribution- NYS TRS	7,812
9030-8030-000 Contribution - Social Security	5,622
9060-8060-000 Group Health Insurance	23,738
9070-8070-000 Insurance Trust Fund -GNTA	1,435
9040-8040-000 Workers Compensation	745
9050-8050-000 Unemployment Insurance	25
9950-9001-000 Capital Projects	1,542,315

**TOTAL ADDITIONS TO BUDGET:**

**2,035,186**

**REVISED 2018-2019 PRELIMINARY BUDGET:**

**\$229,845,028**

# Amendments to the Initial Budget Proposal



- 15% increase associated with existing contract security costs
- 5.0 FTE increase in security guard positions
- 1.0 FTE additional social worker position
- Fringe benefits associated with these new hires
- \$1,542,315 capital project main entrance security vestibules (covered by reserves and fund balance)

# Budget Revenue Revisions



**2018-2019 PRELIMINARY REVENUE BUDGET**

**\$227,809,842**

**CHANGES MADE TO PRELIMINARY  
REVENUE BUDGET:**

**INCREASE**

Real Property Tax

\$101,983

State Aid

390,888

Fund Balance

376,824

Retirement Contributions

1,165,491

**TOTAL ADDITIONS TO REVENUE BUDGET:**

**\$2,035,186**

**REVISED 2018-2019 PRELIMINARY  
REVENUE BUDGET:**

**\$229,845,028**

# Determination of Tax Levy



	BUDGET	PROPOSED BUDGET	Percent Increase
	2017-2018	2018-2019	
GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION	\$223,311,165	\$229,845,028	2.93%
Less: Estimated Revenue			
State Aid	8,900,970	9,609,825	
Miscellaneous	13,649,977	14,335,184	
Appropriated Fund Balance	690,000	690,000	
Appropriated Reserves:			
Retirement Contribution	963,437	1,265,491	
Workers Compensation	451,612	59,859	
Unemployment Insurance	90,322	25,000	
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability		288,287	
Total Estimated Revenue	24,746,318	26,273,646	
Amount Raised by Real Property Tax	\$198,564,847	\$203,571,382	<b>2.52%</b>

# Main Entrance Security Capital Project



Construction of main entrance security vestibules or ‘man traps’ at all district facilities.

- Secure double door lock barrier entrances
- Additional security camera at each entrance
- Electronic locks on both sets of interior/exterior doors
- Intercom buzzer system
- Secure pass through for drop off items
- Interior entrance doors will have bullet resistant glazing
- Bullet resistant film installed on all exterior doors and adjacent glass near main entrances

**This \$1,542,315 project will be funded through district reserves and fund balance. There is no additional cost to the taxpayer.**

# Future Security Initiatives



## Awaiting results from two external security audits

- Nassau County Police Department (along with village police departments) are in the process of conducting security assessments for all district facilities.
- An RFP (Request for Proposal) for an independent security audit by a private firm has also been issued to conduct a similar assessment.

Once received, findings and recommendations will be shared with the community at a future Board of Education meeting.

# 2018-19 Budget Highlights



- Below the tax levy cap
- Maintains all current programs at the elementary and secondary levels.
- Maintains Board of Education elementary class size guidelines
- Maintains funding for extracurricular programs, music, arts and athletics
- Maintains AIS services, English as a New Language (ENL) programs, the continuum of special education programs, and opportunities of support for all learners



# 2018-19 Budget Highlights: Academic Enhancements



- Add 1.0 FTE school psychologist position
- Add 1.0 FTE social worker position
- Add 1.0 FTE special education TA position (secondary level)
- 1.0 FTE contingency elementary position
- 2.0 FTE contingency secondary level positions
- Funding for Next Generation Science Standards textbooks, curriculum writing, supplies and materials



# 2018-19 Budget Highlights: Academic Enhancements (cont'd)



- Funding for professional development and curriculum writing to address revised NYS Social Studies Framework
- Provide ongoing professional development training for teachers including Next Generation Science Standards and Elementary/Middle School Responsive Classroom Curriculum initiatives
- Funding for mental health curriculum writing projects
- Provide resources for technology upgrades in support of the 1:1 iPad initiative in grades 3-12 and maintaining inventory of classroom computers

# 2018-19 Budget Highlights: Operations & Facilities



- Funding for replacement security cameras at North and South High Schools
- Five (5) additional full-time security guards
- New filtration drinking fountains
- Redesign of school websites
- Building condition/health & safety capital projects identified for each school (see budget book)

# 2018-19 Budget Highlights:

## Ongoing Health and Safety Capital Projects



- Replace HVAC in south building at Village School
- Renovate athletic field bathrooms at NHS and SHS
- Replace water heater at NHS and Parkville School
- Upgrade auditorium stage lighting at NHS and SHS
- Repave fire road, walkways on South Complex and NMS
- Replace curved concrete staircase on Polo Road at NMS
- Ceiling replacement & lighting upgrade SMS lobby
- Repave upper Saddle Rock parking lot and assess drainage
- Replace flooring at NMS, Lakeville, JFK, EMB, Lakeville and SMS
- Convert storage areas into educational spaces at JFK
- Resurface, replace equipment and fencing around NMS tennis and basketball courts
- Replace exterior doors at EMB
- Window replacement & HVAC restoration at Grace Avenue
- Replace roof and siding at Beach Road Maintenance Garage
- District- exterior masonry repair; remove, replace and illuminate flagpoles

# GNPS: A Tradition of Excellence



- A history of sound fiscal management
- A long tradition of high achievement
- Excellent “return on investment”
- A commitment to continuous improvement
- GNPS ranked #2 on Niche.com’s *Best School Districts in New York State* and #12 *Best School District in America*

Our school district is a key element in making Great Neck a “destination location”

# Fast Facts



- In the last five years, over \$3 million has been reduced from the annual operating budget-- without sacrificing educational excellence.
- Since the introduction of the NYS Tax Cap Legislation, the average Great Neck Public School tax levy increase in Great Neck has been less than 1.87%
- Unlike most Long Island public school districts, student enrollment in Great Neck has steadily increased.
- The Great Neck Public Schools receives only 4% of its revenue funding from state aid.



# Fast Facts



- The annual operating budget allocates over \$5 million to provide services to non-public school students, including bus transportation, textbooks, health services, special education services, school library materials and computer software loan programs.
- The quality and educational excellence of the Great Neck Public School District has always been one of the community's greatest assets.
- The 2018-19 proposed budget will continue to preserve and enhance the educational opportunities for our next generation of learners.
- Additional school budget information is available via the district website and upcoming mailings

[www.greatneck.k12.ny.us](http://www.greatneck.k12.ny.us)



# Contingent (Austerity) Budget



If the budget vote fails, the BOE would be required to adopt a contingent “austerity” budget.

Under the new tax levy cap law, the district would must revert to last year’s 1.26% tax levy cap. This means the school district could not collect any more revenue through property taxes than it collected this year.

This would require a reduction of more than **\$5.9 million** from the property tax levy impacting class size, staffing, academic programs, non mandated study skills, reading, math and special education services, after school clubs and athletic programs, early morning drop off, capital purchases and transportation services.

All contractual and debt service obligations for 2018-19 would remain in effect.

# 2017-18 Class I Tax Rates

1	Hewlett- Woodmere	1424.627	32	East Williston	952.962
2	Hempstead	1369.99	33	Roosevelt	948.1
3	Westbury	1367.37	34	Valley Stream-24	946.004
4	Levittown	1308.16	35	Island Trees	945.692
5	Plainedge	1303.273	36	Bethpage	935.541
6	Baldwin	1205.351	37	<b>Jericho</b>	<b>934.265</b>
7	Lynbrook	1188.578	38	Valley Stream-30	928.944
8	Amityville	1177.812	39	Herricks	903.949
9	Merrick	1167.973	40	Carle Place	903.597
10	Freeport	1167.619	41	Franklin Square	843.074
11	Malverne	1164.924	42	New Hyde Pk-GC Pk	842.758
12	East Rockaway	1149.316	43	Mineola	839.597
13	<b>Syosset</b>	<b>1135.356</b>	44	Floral Park-Bellerose	836.35
14	Woodbury	1135.356	45	Uniondale	814.646
15	Locust Grove	1135.356	46	Cold Spring Harbor	771.486
16	Seaford	1127.516	47	Glenwood Landing	769.778
17	Rockville Centre	1110.448	48	Glen Head	769.778
18	Farmingdale	1108.083	49	Sea Cliff	769.778
19	North Merrick	1107.775	50	Port Washington	758.997
20	Plainview	1107.155	51	Brookville	754.843
21	Old Bethpage	1107.155	52	Locust Valley	754.843
22	North Bellmore	1105.178	53	Bayville	754.843
23	Bellmore	1089.892	54	Hicksville	747.276
24	Wantagh	1083.213	55	Garden City	710.154
25	Valley Stream	1023.075	56	Long Beach	678.753
26	West Hempstead	1021.718	57	Island Park	661.132
27	Massapequa	998.144	<b>58</b>	<b>Great Neck</b>	<b>645.818</b>
28	Oceanside	997.982	59	Lawrence	618.614
29	East Meadow	976.656	60	East Norwich	614.711
30	Elmont	967.745	61	Oyster Bay	614.711
31	<b>Roslyn</b>	<b>963.494</b>	62	Manhasset	535.655

Actual 2018-19 figures will be available in September



# Property Tax Calculator



Coming Soon:

Estimate Your  
School District  
Taxes with the  
Property Tax  
Calculator



# NYS Election Law & Rules for Voter Registration



- In order to vote, you must be 18 years of age or older, a citizen of the U.S. and have lived in the district for at least 30 days.
- Register to vote at Phipps Administration Building on school days, 9AM – 4PM.
- You must register by Thursday, May 10 to vote on Tuesday, May 15.
- Qualified voters can obtain applications for absentee ballots from the district website. Completed ballots must be received by 5PM on Tuesday, May 15.

# School Budget Vote- May 15th



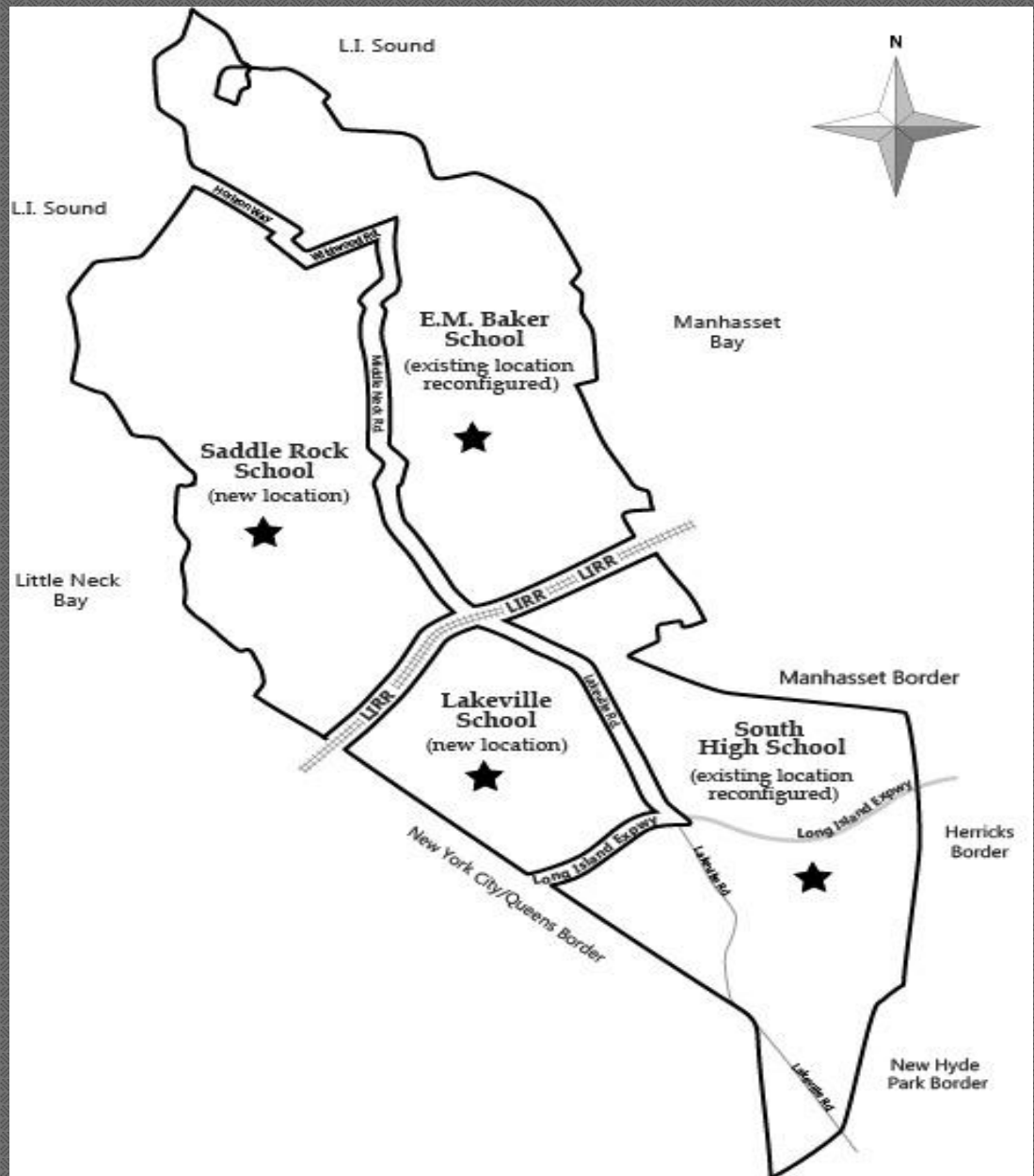
Polls are open 7 a.m. – 10 p.m.

- Baker School – Multipurpose Room
- Saddle Rock School- Multipurpose Room
- Lakeville School- Auxiliary Gym
- South High School – West Gym



# GNPS

## Four Voting Zones



# Great Neck Poll Place Finder



Link may be found on GNPS home page

<https://nb.findmypollplace.com/greatneckufsd/>

## Where To Vote

- Select Town Name
- Select Street Name

## Am I Registered

- Enter Last Name
- Enter First Name
- Enter Zip Code
- Enter DOB (mm/dd/yyyy)

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REGISTER TO  
**VOTE**

# PLEASE DON'T FORGET TO VOTE



Tuesday, May 15th

**your VOTE  
is your VOICE**





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