



2020-21 BUDGET FACT SHEET



Key Points

- Proposed budget features 0.00% tax increase
- Includes technology upgrades for future distance learning if needed
- Complete state-of-the-art security cameras throughout the district and linked to SCPD
- Bond voted on two years ago is \$1 million under budget and six months ahead of schedule

PROGRAMS, CLASSROOMS AND FACILITIES ENHANCED AND ADDED

- 1:1 Chromebook initiative
- Smart Boards in every classroom
- Highest AP participation rate ever
- Robotics programs renewed
- BOCES restored
- Cosmetology room built
- Elementary theater clubs added
- FTK internet studio ready to be unveiled
- New roofs in every building
- Using maximum amount of needed solar power
- Additional new construction: fitness center, innovation lab, locker rooms, music suite

As a district, we have great respect for the past and those who walked before us, but we believe it is our responsibility to make wise choices – both academically and financially – for the long-term health and success of East Islip’s schools. In spite of the pandemic, we believe we can continue to be fiscally responsible and allow our programs to evolve to meet the changing needs of our students.

Through the ongoing budget and bond processes, schools are meant to evolve every 20 years, and students in 2020 need different programs than were needed in the year 2000. We have enhanced our academic programs for all students, enhanced our extracurricular and cocurricular offerings, and completely renovated our facilities while maintaining a responsible budget process. The 2020-2021 allowable tax levy supporting the second draft of the appropriation budget is \$71,910,497. In the face of a pandemic, proposing a budget with a 0% increase and using reserves to protect against any cuts in state education aid is the right thing to do for the community.

We believe in long-range budget planning, rather than year-to-year reactive budgeting. Over the past five years, we taxed for need, not to the cap, and we replenished our reserves so we could weather a storm such as this pandemic. Our 1:1 device initiative ensures that we have enough resources to support proper distance learning next year, if necessary. Because we had a five-year plan, we were prepared for a rainy day, and we will continue this fiscally responsible path as we build our next equally enriching five-year plan.

Tax Levy Increase vs. Allowable Tax Levy Increase



Budget Drivers:

- Salaries and benefits increase by only \$104,310, a change of 0.12%
- Total expenditures increase by only 170,266, or 0.14%

State Aid:

\$38,628,875 including Pandemic Adjustment and Federal Cares Restoration, an increase of 1.81%

Important Budget Initiatives Include:

- Buildings & Grounds Maintenance \$100,000
- 1-1 Chromebooks (5 Grade Levels) \$840,375
- Furniture \$350,000
- Shot Put Area \$30,000
- Cafeteria Tables \$80,000
- Wireless Initiative \$200,000
- Bleachers \$159,900
- Mandatory Lead Testing \$67,000
- Auditorium Lighting Upgrade \$110,000
- Tree Removal \$50,000
- Financial Accounting Software \$245,405
- HS Air Handler Unit \$200,000
- Turf Grounds Vehicles \$30,000
- Grounds Vehicle \$75,000



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School Budget & Board Election
June 9, 2020

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