



EAST ISLIP

UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET AND BOND NEWSLETTER 2018

PROPOSED BUDGET LESS THAN 50% OF THE CAP FOR THE PAST 4 YEARS

Dear East Islip Community:

This is a historic year for the East Islip School District. On Tuesday, May 15, residents will head to the polls and cast their vote on the proposed budget and capital improvement bond that will lay the foundation for the next 20 years for our schools, students and community.

The proposed 2018-19 budget of \$117,081,377 represents an increase of 1.80 percent over the current year and carries a **tax levy increase of 0.70 percent**. The proposed tax levy increase is well below the allowable tax cap of 3.42 percent, bringing the five-year average to only 0.64 percent for our residents. The district and Board of Education were committed to remaining fiscally responsible when preparing the spending plan.

As you will see from the information enclosed, we continue to enhance our programs for the 21st-century learner, as evidenced by our smartboard purchases and investment in AP Capstone, cosmetology, modern construction programs, peer leadership initiatives, musical instruments and athletic apparel.

The capital improvement bond – Proposition 2 – will allow us to repair and upgrade our aging facilities. The proposed projects include roof replacements, bathroom replacements, and upgrades to electrical systems, windows, STEAM rooms, the music suite at the high school

and athletic fields. Just like your own home, we need to make these upgrades, as our facilities are now 50 years old.

If you haven't already done so, please attend one of our bond forums or budget/board meetings and most importantly, please make it a priority to attend one of our remaining facilities tours. By the time of the vote on May 15, we will have hosted approximately 35 tours. As we encourage our children to do their homework so they will make good choices, we hope everyone in the district will take a tour before they cast their vote in May. If you are unable to make one of our remaining tours, please call the superintendent's office to schedule a personal tour or visit our website and click on "Capital Improvement Bond Information" and watch our informational videos.

Our facilities are over 50 years old and most of our bathrooms are original to the buildings. It is time for an upgrade; this is our children's home away from home. On May 15, the community will speak and let us know what their hopes, dreams and visions are for the future. We hope to see you at the polls.

Sincerely,

Jessica Carney,
Board of Education President
John V. Dolan,
Superintendent of Schools



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET

- **Security Enhancements**
 - Additional Security Guards
 - New Security Vehicle
- **Additional Technology Support**
- **Program Support**
 - Cosmetology Room Conversion
 - Expanding AP Capstone
 - Elementary Clubs
 - Technology Room Equipment/ Furniture
 - Student Furniture Upgrades
 - Enhance Robotics
 - Increased STEAM Opportunities and Enhance Facilities
 - Equipment and Supplies for Athletics and Music Programs
- **BOCES Summer School and Enrichment Programs**
- **Cafeteria Equipment (Walk-in Freezer)**
- **Buildings and Grounds Equipment**
 - Field Equipment
 - Commercial Washer
 - HS Auditorium – Air Handler Units



Scan this code to go directly to the budget page on our website.

See bond information on page 4.



BUDGET AND BOND VOTE
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 • ECC • 6 A.M.-9 P.M.



2018-2019 Proposed Budget

Expenditures

Description	2017-2018 Final Budget	2018-2019 Adopted Budget	Difference
Board of Education Includes operational expenses, district clerk, district meetings, etc.	\$82,301	\$82,733	\$432
Central Administration Includes operational expenses and salaries for all staff in the office of the superintendent.	\$344,407	\$353,840	\$9,433
Finance Includes expenses for accounting, treasurer, purchasing and fiscal advisers. Also includes lease for mail machine.	\$851,824	\$963,495	\$111,671
Staff Includes expenses for legal costs, personnel, public information and administration.	\$739,308	\$830,414	\$91,106
Central Services (Operations and Maintenance) Includes expenses and salaries related to the operation and maintenance of district buildings. In addition, the following equipment/furniture is budgeted for the Buildings and Grounds Department: Commercial Washing Machine \$20,000, classroom furniture \$80,000, lobby mats \$30,000, ride on floor scrubber \$20,000, security vehicle \$30,000, tractor \$50,000 and multi-purpose groomer \$56,000.	\$7,770,372	\$7,868,401	\$98,029
Special Items Includes costs for insurance, dues and BOCES.	\$1,219,542	\$1,676,537	\$456,995
Total GENERAL SUPPORT	\$11,007,754	\$11,775,420	\$767,666
Administration and Improvement: Building Includes the lease of a folder/sealer machine. Also includes the first year of a three year agreement for the provision of a 100 mb Ethernet line with 300 mb dedicated internet access, at an estimated annual cost of \$35,205. The total amount of this three year agreement is approximately \$105,615. The second year of a three year agreement for the provision of redundant 300 mb dedicated internet access is also included, at an estimated annual cost of \$27,914. The total amount of this three year agreement is approximately \$83,742.	\$5,462,057	\$5,782,688	\$320,631
Teaching Expenses: Regular School	\$38,091,684	\$37,767,400	(\$324,284)
Special Education	\$13,621,805	\$13,664,145	\$42,340
Special School Services	\$164,805	\$171,344	\$6,539
Computer and Media Services Includes expenditures of approximately \$311,000 for instructional technology, \$152,800 for replacement computers/printers, \$33,000 for document cameras/speakers and \$19,900 for districtwide computers.	\$1,679,097	\$700,262	(\$978,835)
Pupil Personnel	\$4,004,680	\$4,137,065	\$132,385
Total INSTRUCTION Includes estimated expenses associated with the four-year lease of photocopiers through Eastern Suffolk BOCES. The total amount of the lease over the four years is \$422,611, of which \$111,347.12 is budgeted in 2018/19.	\$63,024,128	\$62,222,904	(\$801,224)
Total TRANSPORTATION Includes one year extension at 1.75% or CPI for 2018/19, whichever is lower. Estimated cost for this contract is \$5,057,642.	\$6,083,863	\$5,985,680	(\$98,183)
Total COMMUNITY SERVICES (RECREATION)	\$432,067	\$435,467	\$3,400
Fringe Benefits	\$27,694,110	\$29,117,382	\$1,423,272
Debt Service (TANS)	\$743,910	\$978,484	\$234,574
Interfund Transfers (Spec. Aid, Debt Svc, H/C, Capital, Cafeteria) Includes \$84,500 for network upgrades and switch replacement, \$20,000 for the replacement of the walk-in freezer at the High School cafeteria and miscellaneous cafeteria equipment, \$250,000 for the establishment of an occupational education space and \$320,000 for the replacement High School auditorium cooling system.	\$6,029,450	\$6,566,040	\$536,590
Total UNDISTRIBUTED	\$34,467,470	\$36,661,906	\$2,194,436
TOTAL BUDGET	\$115,015,282	\$117,081,377	\$2,066,095
Percent Increase			1.80%

2018-2019 Proposed Budget

Revenues

Description	2017-2018	2018-2019	Difference
	Final Budget	Adopted Budget	
State Aid	\$38,157,771	\$38,842,252	\$684,481
Other Revenues	\$3,688,499	\$3,094,311	(\$594,188)
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$1,521,723	\$3,675,035	\$2,153,312
Appropriated Benefits Accrued Liability	\$0	\$0	\$0
Appropriated Retirement Contrib. Reserve	\$443,712	\$0	(\$443,712)
Appropriated Unemployment Reserves	\$159,705	\$130,000	(\$29,705)
Appropriated Workers' Comp. Reserve	\$200,000	\$0	(\$200,000)
Transfer from Debt Service Fund	\$0	\$0	\$0
Tax Levy	\$70,843,872	\$71,339,779	\$495,907
TOTAL REVENUES/RESERVES	\$115,015,282	\$117,081,377	\$2,066,095
Tax Rate per \$100 Assessed Value	\$19.871	\$20.010	
Tax Levy Increase	0.59%	0.70%	
Tax Rate Increase	0.59%	0.70%	
Total Assessed Value	\$356,520,515	\$356,520,515	
Homestead Assessed Value	\$314,365,850	\$314,365,850	
Non-Homestead Assessed Value	\$42,154,665	\$42,154,665	

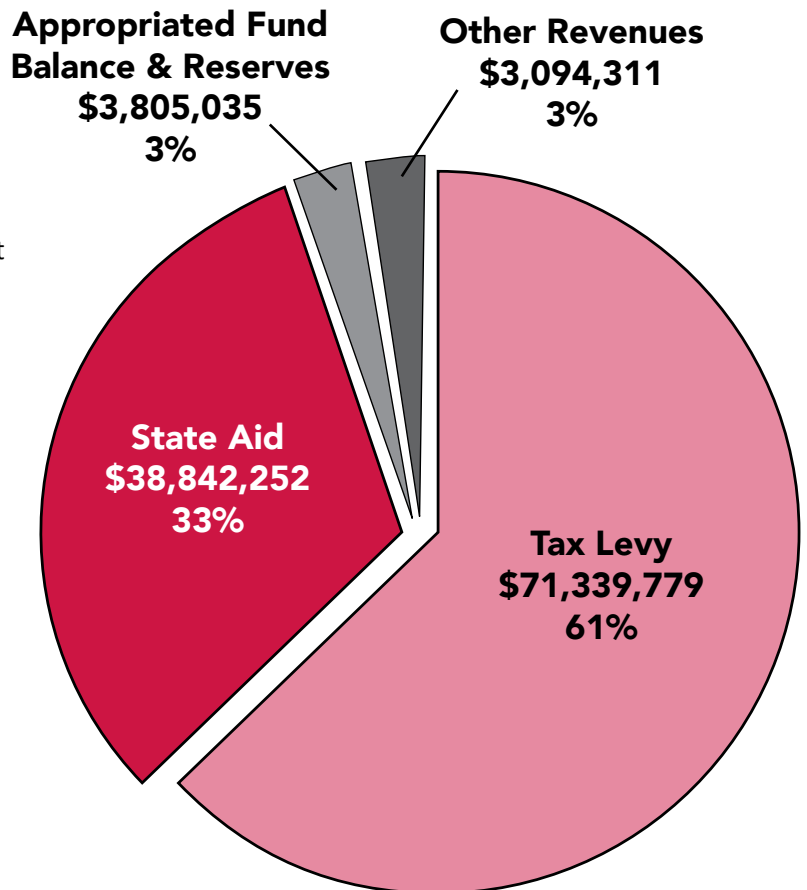
PROPOSITION NO. 1

School District Budget Vote

PROPOSITION NO. 2

Capital Improvement Bond

Shall the proposition set forth in the Notice of Annual District Meeting and Budget Vote authorizing the construction of improvements to school facilities, including site improvements, at a maximum cost of \$59,996,334, and providing that \$2,000,000 of capital reserve funds together with \$57,996,334 to be raised by the levy of a tax to be collected annually with District obligations to be issued in anticipation thereof, be approved?



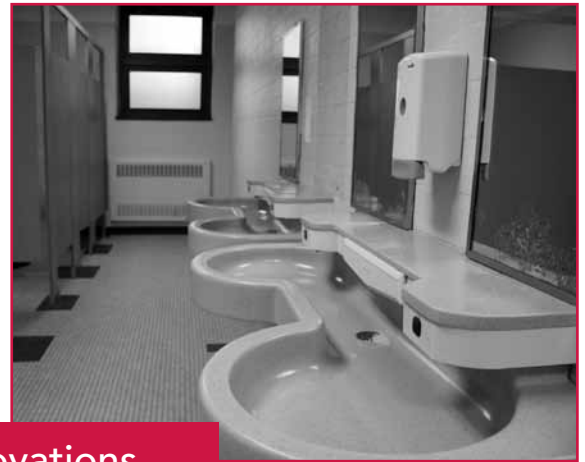
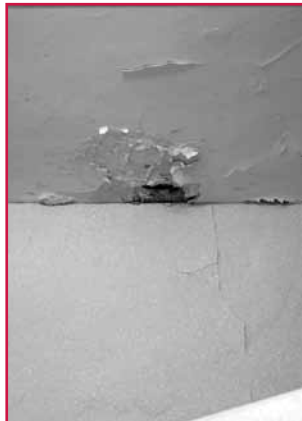
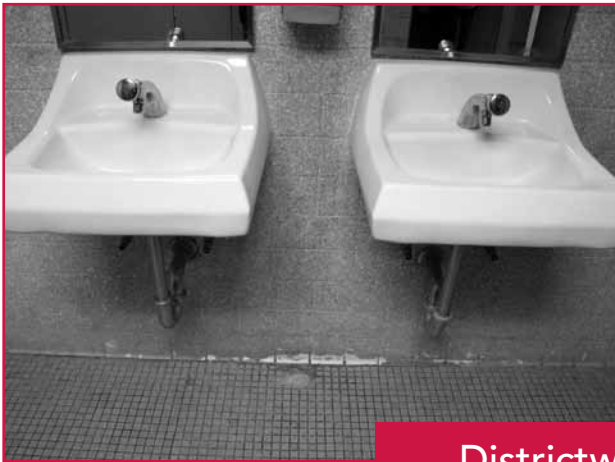
A Look at the Proposed Projects:



Replace Exterior Doors and Hardware Districtwide

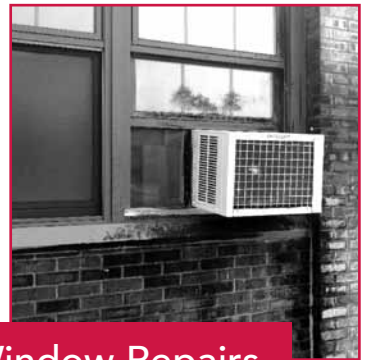
- Secure Main Entrance Vestibules
- Security System Upgrades

Roof Repairs and Replacements Districtwide



Districtwide Bathroom Renovations

Boys and Girls Locker Room Renovations



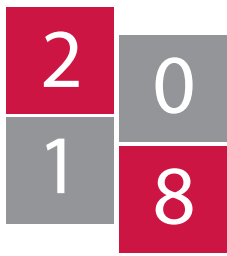
Various Classroom Exterior Window Repairs

Asphalt and Sidewalk Repairs Districtwide



To see a full listing of projects as well as additional information, please scan the QR code above or visit www.eischools.org/board_of_education/capital_improvement_bond_information.





BOND INFORMATION

Breaking Down the Proposed Bond

Safety \$10,745,690

- Security Enhancements Districtwide
- Various Electrical Box Replacements
- Secure Main Entrances
- Renovate High School Front and Back Lobbies
- Asphalt and Sidewalk Repairs Districtwide
- Asbestos Removal
- ADA Accessibility

Students \$21,147,166

- STEAM Room and Instructional Area Enhancements
- Complete WiFi Accessibility
- Bathroom Renovations Districtwide
- Boys and Girls Locker Room Renovations
- Gymnasium Upgrades
- Multipurpose Synthetic Turf Fields (one to include lighting)

- New Track to Include Bleachers, Press Box
- Replace High School Tennis Court and Fence

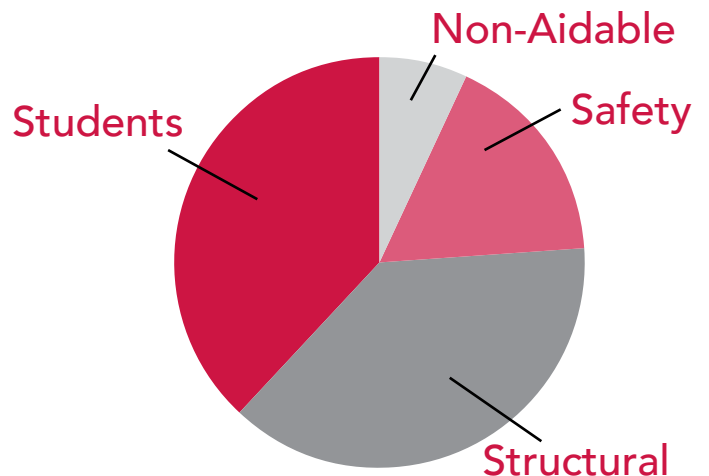
Structural..... \$21,447,084

- Roof Repairs and Replacements Districtwide
- Masonry Repairs Districtwide
- Replace Exterior Doors and Hardware Districtwide
- Various Classroom Exterior Window Repairs
- Various Classroom Door and Hardware Replacement
- Classroom and Office Flooring Replacement
- Renovate High School Cafeteria and Kitchen

Non-Aidable \$6,656,394

Total Bond Package: \$59,996,334

The total amount of the proposed bond is approximately \$59.9 million to be funded through a bond and the district's existing capital reserve fund balance. The proposed plan is tax-neutral, meaning the district will not need to raise additional tax revenue to support it. This is due to expiring debt from an earlier bond, which will retire in 2020-21. Additionally, we anticipate receiving state aid of approximately 70 percent of the total aidable projects to help offset the total cost.



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Q: What is the difference between the tax levy and the tax rate?

A: The tax levy is the amount of money requested from the Town of Islip by the Board of Education to balance the budget after state aid and other revenues are considered. The Board does not set the tax rate, which is a function of the assessed value of properties and is determined by the town assessor through valuation of properties in the town. The state's tax levy limit does not apply to the tax rate or an individual tax bill, but solely to the tax levy of the school district.

Q: Will taxpayers be eligible for a Property Tax Rebate?

A: Yes. Under the New York State Property Tax Rebate program, taxpayers receive a STAR exemption.

Q: What happens if the proposed budget is defeated and a contingency budget results?

A: If voters reject the proposed budget on May 15, it can be presented for one more vote in June. If the Board of Education does not opt for a revote, it can immediately adopt a contingency budget, which by the New York State tax cap law would require the district to operate with a zero percent tax levy increase.

Q: Why is this an opportune time to borrow to finance the proposed capital improvement projects?

A: The retiring local share from the previous bond project presents an opportunity for this project to be considered without increasing the local tax burden. As the previous local share retires, the local share from this project will take its place.

Interest rates remain at low levels and estimates for borrowing bond anticipation notes are in the 1.0% and lower range, while bonds are in the 2.3-2.6% range.

This bond will enable the district to take advantage of the expected New York State reimbursement of 70% for the cost of aidable approved projects, which we estimate will result in 89% of the project receiving state building aid. State aid will vary because New York State aids districts according to the type of space that is being constructed or renovated.

Q: What has the district done to lessen the tax impact on residents?

A: The district and Board of Education is mindful of any tax impact to its community and is attempting to time the completion of the capital improvement projects with the retiring local share, so that there is no additional tax impact on the residents. Additionally, the district will use \$2 million from an existing capital reserve fund to offset the total cost.

To see a full listing of capital improvement bond questions and answers, please visit this link: www.eischools.org/board_of_education/FAQ_capital_improvement_bond_information.

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Early Childhood Center
1 Craig B. Gariepy Ave., Islip Terrace

Voter Registration Books Inspection

The register will be open for inspection at the district clerk's office upon completion and on the five days prior to the budget vote and election, during regular business hours and on Saturday, May 12, 2018 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

Qualifications for Voting

You must be 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States and...

- be registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections, or
- have voted in a school, library or general election in the East Islip School District within the past four years, or
- have registered with the school district by May 10, 2018.

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots may be made at the district clerk's office. Such applications must be received by the district clerk at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the district clerk's office on the five days prior to the day of the vote during business hours. In order to be canvassed, an absentee voter's ballot must be in the district clerk's office by 5 p.m. on May 15, 2018.

Questions? Please contact the district clerk at 631-224-2013.



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