

# WESTBURY UFSD

## BUDGET 2018-2019 NEWSLETTER

### STRATEGIC BUDGETING MAINTAINS CHILDREN-FOCUSED EDUCATION AND DELIVERS A 0% TAX LEVY INCREASE

Developing a budget that is both fiscally responsible and best serves the educational needs of Westbury students is a challenge every year. This year, it was especially difficult, particularly in light of the inadequate state foundation aid the District will receive for the 2018-2019 school year (see page four for more details on this topic). New York State's own formula for foundation aid says Westbury should be receiving more than \$74 million. In contrast, the District will receive only \$36.3 million in foundation aid. This is unfair to Westbury students and taxpayers, and it presents great challenges to the District's on-going ability to deliver a high-quality education to your children.

Between the state's inadequate funding and keeping the tax levy increase to zero percent, the District was faced with a budget gap of over \$7.2 million. Tough decisions and compromises had to be made. What was most important was to find savings wherever possible that did not negatively impact the core educational program offered to Westbury students. It was critical that the budget support the District's five instructional focus areas (see box at bottom left of this page). As a result of a meticulous review of every budget line item and strategic financial planning, the District has been able to accomplish these objectives and **put forth a proposed budget with NO INCREASE in the tax levy.**

#### COMMUNITY-FAMILY ENGAGEMENT IS KEY

An effective and open school-family-community partnership is essential to student learning and achievement. Cultivating a positive, cohesive and collaborative relationship among all stakeholders is vital to the success of our students, our schools and community. These partnerships will enable the Westbury School District to provide the innovation needed to help ensure we are successful in developing a future-ready District. In order to strengthen this collaboration, it is important that all parents, families, school community representatives, members of the Board of Education and the Westbury community join together.

Please review this newsletter carefully. It contains all the pertinent information you need to make an informed decision when you go to the polls on May 15. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Superintendent's office at 516-876-5016.



#### WESTBURY UFSD FIVE INSTRUCTIONAL FOCUS AREAS

- Unpacked Student Learning Targets
- Continual Checks for Understanding with Targeted Feedback
- High Student Engagement
- Higher-Order Thinking Questions
- Differentiated Teacher Strategies and Student Practice



# 2018-2019 EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION AND COMPONENT

Component Budget by Percentage	Budget Approved 2017-18	Budget Adopted 2018-19
Board of Education:		
Meetings	\$ 47,000	\$ 52,500
District Clerk/District Meetings	81,157	92,180
Superintendent's Office	475,347	440,743
Finance & Business Administration	1,238,920	1,307,980
Staff & Personnel	730,367	803,049
Central Services	7,872,963	8,445,642
Special Items	2,245,870	2,314,292
Administration & Improvement	4,904,466	5,002,400
Teaching - Regular School	46,705,617	46,967,372
Teaching - Children with Disabilities	27,327,100	29,374,740
Teaching - Special Schools	1,001,973	1,102,854
Instructional Media	4,812,818	4,001,627
Pupil Personnel Services	5,647,037	5,859,591
Pupil Transportation Services	9,220,685	9,571,196
Community Services	5,000	5,500
Employee Benefits	29,168,287	32,306,733
Debt Service & Interfund Transfers	3,811,193	3,712,340
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ 145,295,800</b>	<b>\$ 151,360,739</b>
<b>Budget-to-Budget Increase</b>		<b>4.17%</b>

## WESTBURY UFSD GRANT FUNDS

*The District makes every effort to maximize revenue to help alleviate the tax burden on residents. Through diligent planning and careful, constant efforts from the Board of Education and the administration, the District is expecting additional funding in the form of entitlement grants, competitive grants and flow-through grants.*

NAME OF GRANT	2018-19 PROJECTED
<b>ENTITLEMENT GRANTS</b>	
Title I A&D Improvement	\$ 1,043,230
Title I - School Improvement	140,000
Title IIA Teacher/Principal Training	167,772
Title III Part A-LEP Funds	273,206
Title III - LEP Immigrant	60,040
Universal Pre-K	1,492,138
WIA Title II, Adult Basic Education	170,651
E-rate	50,000
IDEA Sect 611 PL99-458	1,196,243
IDEA Sect 619 PL99-457	37,392
Summer Handicapped Program 4408	1,474,134
State Supported Education Expense 4201	400,000
<b>Total Entitlement Grants</b>	<b>\$ 6,504,806</b>

NAME OF GRANT	2018-19 PROJECTED
<b>COMPETITIVE GRANTS</b>	
EPE (Adult Education)	\$ 651,399
My Brother's Keeper	150,000
<b>Total Competitive Grants</b>	<b>\$ 801,399</b>
<b>FLOW-THROUGH GRANTS</b>	
DOD - NJROTC	\$ 85,680
Nassau County Drug and Alcohol	37,437
SUNY Old Westbury STEP	193,440
<b>Total Flow-through Grants</b>	<b>\$ 316,557</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL GRANTS</b>	<b>\$ 7,622,762</b>

# PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	2017-18 BUDGET	2018-19 PROJECTED	PERCENT CHANGE
Total Budgeted Amount, not Including Separate Propositions	\$145, 295, 800	\$151,360,739	4.17%
A. Proposed Tax Levy to Support the Total Budget Amount	\$77,223,323	\$77,223,323	
B. Tax Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Tax Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy, if Applicable			
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	\$77,223,323	\$77,223,323	0.00%
F. Permissible Exclusions to the School Tax Levy Limit	\$0	\$123,702	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$77,476,205	\$78,698,021	
H. Total Proposed Tax Levy for School Purposes, Excluding Permissible Exclusions and Levy for Library Debt, Plus Prior Year Tax Cap Reserve (E - B - F + D)	\$77,223,323	\$77,099,621	
I. Difference: (G -H); (negative value requires 60.0% voter approval)	\$252,882	\$1,598,400	
Public School Enrollment	5,363	5,262	
Consumer Price Index			2.13%
Adjusted Restricted Fund Balance	\$22,969,330	\$21,214,752	
Assigned Appropriated Fund Balance	\$10,062,723	\$12,862,723	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance	\$4,835,063	\$400,000	
Adjusted Unrestricted Fund Balance as a Percent of the Total Budget	3.33%	.26%	

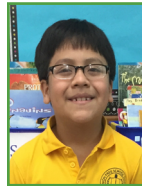
## WHAT I LOVE ABOUT WESTBURY SCHOOLS

The most important voices in the District belong to our students.  
We asked them to share with us what they love most about their school experience.



"I feel supported by the staff on an academic and an emotional level."

~ Jessica Ellis, Grade 11, WHS



"I love the hard work my teacher gives me because it makes me excel more."

~ Mark Guevara, Grade 3, Drexel Avenue

"Being involved in programs that support my future pursuits."

~ Jahshua Taylor, Grade 11, WHS



"I LOVE Westbury schools because we have a lot of great trips and really nice teachers."

~ Jayden Fenelon, Grade 5, Park Avenue



"The teachers. They're really cool. I learn with them. It's a really welcoming environment and no one judges you."

~ Debora Sorto, Grade 8, WMS

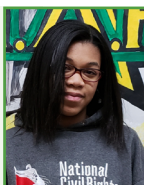


"I LOVE Westbury schools because of the libraries. You can learn new things and teach your friend and then you both can be smart and get older and go to college."

~ Maleeqa Pruitt, Grade 3, Park Avenue

"I love the teachers because they push you to do your best and they are always nice and helpful."

~ Ashley Farnum, Grade 7, WMS



"I love that the schools are always trying to do better for us and they encourage us to ask for help when we need it."

~ Eli Hunt, Grade 4, Powells Lane School



"I love that we help and support each other."

~ Ana Caal De Leon,  
Grade 5, Drexel Avenue



"I love that I can be with my friends and I learn a lot."

~ Jimmy Del Rosario,  
Grade 1, Powells Lane School



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## POSTAL CUSTOMER

### IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION

#### SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

**TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018  
6 AM – 9 PM**

**Dryden Street School,  
Park Avenue School,  
Drexel Avenue School and  
Westbury Middle School**

#### **Voter Requirements:**

- Must be 18 years of age or older and a U.S. citizen.
- Must live in the District for more than 30 days prior to the vote and be registered to vote with the Westbury School District or the Nassau County Board of Elections, or must have voted in any political or general election within the past four years.

**Absentee Ballots:** Applications for absentee ballots for eligible voters who are incapacitated or out of town on May 15, 2018, may be obtained by calling the District Clerk's office at 516-874-1828.

**PLEASE REMEMBER  
TO VOTE ON  
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018**

For more information,  
visit [www.westburyschools.org](http://www.westburyschools.org)

## With Students Leading the Way, Westbury Fights for Equal State Aid



In March, ahead of the finalization of the New York State budget, the Westbury School District held a press conference for faculty, students and parents to demand a fair share of foundation aid funding in order to maintain the same comprehensive education enjoyed by neighboring districts. Dozens of passionate students, many whom had just attended the March for Our Lives in Washington, D.C. the weekend prior, admirably joined the fight for equality. Unfortunately, the State ultimately decided to continue with its inexplicable plan to deny the Westbury School District equal treatment.

The State's budget allocated 48.7 percent of foundation aid to the District, markedly less than the minimum 55 percent needed to provide ongoing quality education to its students and far less than what the state's own formula says the District should receive.

According to the foundation aid calculation created by the State—which considers wealth, number of students, the needs of the students and other factors—Westbury should receive \$74.5 million for the 2018-2019 school year. However, the State's budget only allocated \$36.3 million to the Westbury School District. The fight is not over, of course. The Westbury School District urges you to make your voices heard by writing to your representatives and by exercising your right to vote on May 15.

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE ON THE  
BOND PLAN — MAY 15, 2018**