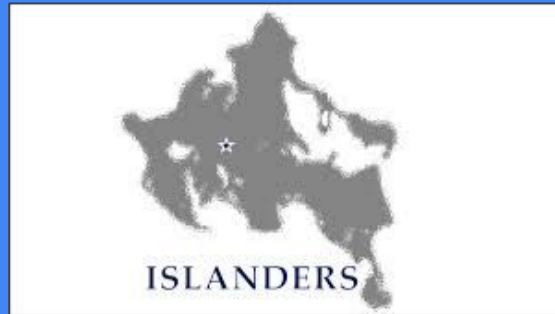


# Shelter Island UFSD

## 2025-2026 Proposed Budget:

“Safety First, Smart Spending, and Achieving Excellence: A Foundation for Success!”



Board of Education Meeting of April 7, 2025  
Budget Adoption  
Presentation #5

# Accomplishments

- **Ongoing Substantial Progress** – Recognized in **2024 US News & World Report** as one of the top **18%** of high schools nationally, and ranked among the **Top 15%** in **2025 Niche.com Best College Prep**.
- **AP Platinum Designation** – Proud to be one of the few districts in New York to earn this prestigious status, awarded to only **7%** of districts in 2025. \*\*
- **Sustained Continuous Improvement** – Consistently achieving growth in **State Exams** in **ELA** and **Mathematics**, reflecting our commitment to academic excellence.
- **Continuous Exceptional Performance** – Demonstrating outstanding results in **Regents Exams**, ensuring our students are well-prepared for success.
- **Ongoing Expansion of Offerings** – Increasing access to **College-Level Courses**, providing more opportunities for students to earn college credit while still in high school. (13 classes!)
- **Implementing Innovative ELA, Math, and Science Curriculum** – Entering **Year 3** of curriculum updates that emphasize cutting-edge teaching strategies.
- **Rolling Out Strategic Plan for the District** – Currently in **Year 2** of a comprehensive plan to shape the future of education and elevate student success.



# AP Platinum Designation

- **As seen in *Newsday*:**
- **Platinum Designation - 17/122 High Schools on Long Island**
  - · Garden City
  - · Great Neck
  - · Herricks
  - · Jericho
  - · Manhasset
  - · North Shore
  - · Plainview - Old Bethpage
  - · Roslyn
  - · Shelter Island
  - · Wheatley School

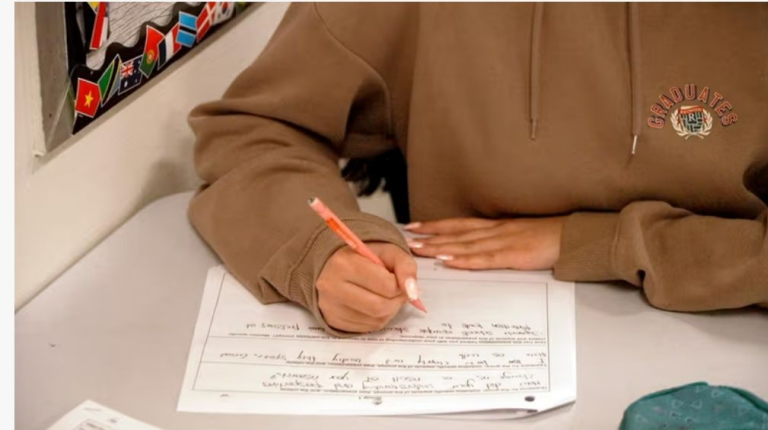
Platinum honors in the region went to 17 recipients, including Jericho High School, North Shore High School in Glen Head and Plainview-Old Bethpage High School. Also on the list were tiny Shelter Island High School on the East End; Chaminade High School, a Catholic academy in Mineola; and the Stony Brook School, a Christian academy.

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# Budget Formation Process

- **District Administration Collaborates with Teachers and Staff** to identify programmatic priorities and set ambitious goals for the **2025-2026 school year**.
- **Thorough Evaluation of Existing Programs** by district leadership to assess their effectiveness and determine if adjustments are necessary for the upcoming school year.
- **Comprehensive Financial Planning** – Administration compiles detailed pricing, contractual obligations, and cost estimates to create a sustainable spending plan for **2025-2026**.
- **Proactive Monitoring of State Aid Changes** to explore how potential shifts in funding can support the ideal budget and ensure continued program success.
- **Board of Education Review** – The Board evaluates the proposed strategies to ensure alignment with the District's goals, priorities, and fiscal responsibility toward taxpayers.



# District Administration Budget Goals

In crafting a proposed spending plan for Board of Education review, we have focused on:

- **Preserving and Strengthening District Programs**, ensuring that core offerings remain robust and impactful.
- **Building on Past Community Support**, while emphasizing **fiscal responsibility** and aligning with the values of our stakeholders.
- **Maximizing Educational Quality** by designing a budget that delivers the best possible education, while striving for **efficiency** in every expenditure.



# Why Does The District Need To Pierce The Cap?

- The District has not sought to pierce the property tax cap in a decade. However, as costs beyond the District's control have increased, there is an inability to stay within the cap and still offer the same programs and services to the District's students.
- Programs in the District are run in a lean and efficient manner. Cutting to stay within the property tax cap will require major changes to the character of the Shelter Island School.



# The Budget Recommended for Adoption is as follows...

	2023-2024 Adopted Budget	2024-2025 Adopted Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Board of Education	\$127,219	\$138,494	<b>\$140,371</b>	1.36%
Central & Business Administration	\$789,074	\$801,647	<b>\$789,824</b>	-1.47%
Facilities	\$965,938	\$977,941	<b>\$988,003</b>	1.03%
Property Insurance and BOCES Administration	\$195,113	\$208,010	<b>\$224,044</b>	7.71%
Academic Administration and General Instruction	\$3,685,904	\$3,790,649	<b>\$3,973,782</b>	4.83%
Special Education and Other Instruction	\$1,924,843	\$1,974,265	<b>\$2,262,723</b>	14.61%
Clubs and Athletics	\$350,773	\$323,219	<b>\$332,274</b>	2.80%
Transportation	\$447,356	\$531,777	<b>\$600,822</b>	12.98%
Benefits	\$3,620,061	\$3,792,856	<b>\$3,942,407</b>	3.94%
Debt Service	\$427,838	\$432,563	<b>\$431,782</b>	-0.18%
Transfer to Other Funds	\$129,974	\$124,374	<b>\$169,290</b>	36.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$12,664,093</b>	<b>\$13,099,796</b>	<b>\$13,855,325</b>	<b>5.77%</b>

All figures are subject to adjustment prior to Board adoption.



# Anticipated Revenue Budget

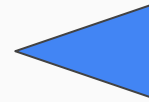
	2024-2025 Proposed	2025-2026 Anticipated	Difference	Percent Change
Property Taxes	\$11,496,884	<b>\$12,298,600</b>	\$801,716	6.97%
State Aid	\$694,128	<b>\$708,725</b>	\$14,597	2.10%
Reserves	\$210,824	<b>\$211,000</b>	\$176	0.08%
Interest Income	\$107,750	<b>\$141,000</b>	\$33,250	30.86%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$590,210	<b>\$496,000</b>	-\$94,210	-15.96%
Total	\$13,099,796	<b>\$13,855,325</b>	\$755,529	5.77%
Projected Expenditure Budget		<b>\$13,855,323</b>		

What happens if State Aid increases in the Legislature's Budget? The District will reduce the Appropriated Fund Balance as part of a long-term effort to bring the AFB down to not more than 3% of the expenditure budget amount.



# Impact Estimates

For A Home Assessed At:	Approximate Annual Tax Levy Increase Over 2024-2025 Taxes:	Approximate Annual Tax Levy Increase Over The Cap:
\$800,000	\$164.94	\$114.46
\$1,000,000	\$206.17	\$143.08
\$1,200,000	\$247.41	\$171.69
\$1,500,000	\$309.26	\$214.62



**All figures are subject to adjustment and are to be used as estimates only.**

**Final determinations as to an individual parcel's property tax assessment are solely made by the Town of Shelter Island, not the School District.**

# What Else Is On The Ballot?

- **Proposition #2 - FIT Center**
  - Voters will be asked to approve taking \$49,823.42 from reserves to replace the roof on the FIT Center. There is no tax impact for this project as the money is coming from a savings account established for that purpose.
- **Proposition #3 - Busing**
  - Voters will be asked to increase the transportation limits for private school busing from 15 miles to 19 miles.
- **Proposition #4 - History Museum**
  - Voters will be asked to agree to annually raise \$275,000 in taxes to fund a portion of the operations and maintenance cost of the Shelter Island History Museum. If approved, taxes will increase to cover the impact.

# Next Time....

- May 12 - Budget Hearing at Board of Education Meeting
- May 20 - Budget Vote - 12:00 pm until 9:00 pm at the School Gym

Need an absentee ballot? Call (631) 749-0302 x101.