



# BUDGET *Spotlight*

.....  
*Yesterday's traditions, today's achievements,  
tomorrow's goals*

## PROPOSED BUDGET PROVIDES DYNAMIC EDUCATION: *TAX LEVY INCREASE IS BELOW CAP*

The district is proposing a budget of \$85,092,751 for the 2025-26 school year, which reflects a 2.49% increase in the tax levy and is below the district's allowable limit of 2.68%.

### *Highlights of the proposed budget include:*

- Supporting all current academic programs including Elementary LIFT, Project Lead the Way courses, music and art, computer science, science research and our balanced literacy programs with Foundations and Heggerty enhancements.
- Continuing a robust selection of Advanced Placement and college-level courses while also offering our Electrical Training Center and EMT programs.
- Empowering students through innovative initiatives such as Manor Morning News, Harbor Leaders of Tomorrow Club, Mystery Science, therapy dog visits, middle school recess game room, Seal of Civic Readiness and Seal of Biliteracy.
- Continuing extensive social and emotional learning programs including Habits of Mind, Lions Quest, RULER and Seaford Scholars.
- Introducing a new inquiry-based math program for elementary grades.
- Adding full-time, Integrated Co-Teaching (ICT) at the elementary level.
- Expanding high school electives with broadcasting/podcasting and journalism/writing courses through LIU.
- Enhancing student support services through behavioral health consultation and crisis management training, secondary special class curriculum enhancements, expansion of diagnostic tools for assessing learners and increase of speech-language pathology services.
- Investing in facilities including renovations to high school underclassmen cafeteria, redesign of secondary CDP classrooms and playground upgrades.
- Ensuring a strong commitment to safety and security with enhancements to both.



*Seaford High School students met World War II veterans as part of the Gary Sinise Foundation's Soaring Valor Trip.*



*The arts are a vibrant part of a Seaford education.*



*The elementary LIFT program features a new robotics unit.*



*The 10 Seaford Scholar traits are part of everyday life in the schools.*

**VOTE! TUESDAY, MAY 20 – 7 A.M. TO 9 P.M.**

# BUDGETING FOR 2025-2026 AND THE FUTURE

## Approved Budget 2024-2025

## Proposed Budget 2025-2026

## Percent Change

### GENERAL SUPPORT

Board of Education .....	\$53,300	\$62,300	
Central Administration .....	393,138	405,590	
Finance .....	840,180	857,155	
Staff .....	617,750	647,965	
Central Services .....	5,356,212	5,340,998	
Special Items .....	980,000	1,003,500	
<b>Total General Support .....</b>	<b>\$8,240,580</b>	<b>\$8,317,508</b>	<b>0.93%</b>

### INSTRUCTION

Instruction Admin and Improvement .....	\$2,764,781	\$3,326,223	
Teaching Regular Day School .....	24,372,693	24,682,672	
Teaching Special Education .....	12,025,267	12,505,041	
Teaching Occupational Education .....	991,520	743,483	
Teaching Special Schools .....	74,597	75,335	
Instructional Media .....	3,649,218	3,374,995	
Pupil Personnel Services .....	4,412,949	4,490,404	
<b>Total Instruction .....</b>	<b>\$48,291,025</b>	<b>\$49,198,153</b>	<b>1.88%</b>

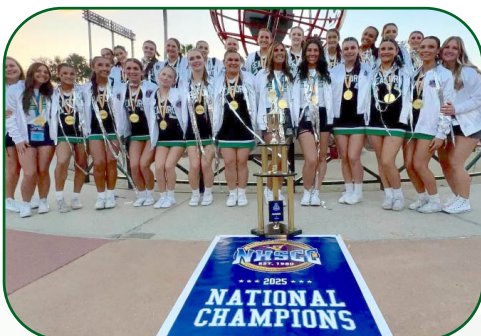
### TRANSPORTATION

District Transportation Services .....	\$202,028	\$209,995	
Contract Transportation .....	4,330,000	4,517,993	
Field Trips and Interscholastic .....	289,500	317,200	
<b>Total Transportation .....</b>	<b>\$4,821,528</b>	<b>\$5,045,188</b>	<b>4.64%</b>

### UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSES

Employee Benefits .....	\$19,780,000	\$20,183,000	
Debt Services .....	160,000	160,000	
Interfund Transfer to Capital Fund .....	800,000	800,000	
Interfund Transfer to Debt Service .....	1,319,622	1,318,902	
Interfund Transfer to Special Aid Fund .....	70,000	70,000	
<b>Total Undistributed Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$22,129,622</b>	<b>\$22,531,902</b>	<b>1.82%</b>

<b>Total Expenditures .....</b>	<b>\$83,482,755</b>	<b>\$85,092,751</b>	<b>1.93%</b>
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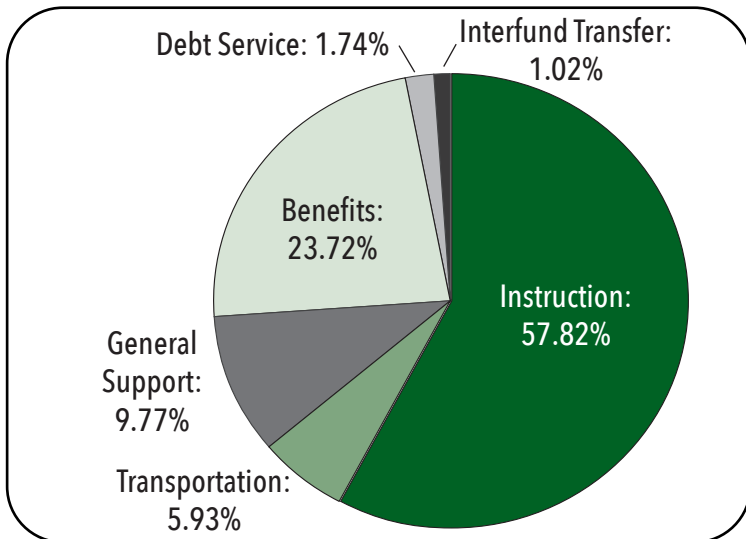




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	Approved Budget 2024-2025	Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Percent Change
<b>PROJECTED REVENUE</b>			
State Aid .....	\$19,286,231	\$19,427,553	
PILOT Payments (Nassau County, LIPA) .....	768,505	725,000	
Reserve for Tax Reduction .....	625,000	0	
Reserve for TRS .....	0	350,000	
Reserve for EBALR .....	0	275,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance .....	1,000,000	1,000,000	
Other Revenue			
<i>Interest on Investments</i> .....	\$465,000	\$550,000	
<i>Nonresident Tuition/Health Services</i> .....	975,000	875,000	
<i>Miscellaneous (Refunds, Interfund Transfers)</i> .....	432,488	465,000	
Other Revenue Subtotal .....	\$1,872,488	\$1,890,000	
Tax Levy .....	\$59,930,531	\$61,425,198	2.49%
<b>Total Budget</b> .....	<b>\$83,482,755</b>	<b>\$85,092,751</b>	<b>1.93%</b>

Expenditures	Dollar Amount	Percentage
General Support	\$8,317,508	9.77%
Instruction	49,198,153	57.82%
Transportation	5,045,188	5.93%
Benefits	20,183,000	23.72%
Debt Service	1,478,902	1.74%
Interfund Transfer	870,000	1.02%
	<b>\$85,092,751</b>	<b>100.00%</b>



## THREE-PART BUDGET

All schools in New York State are required, by law, to present a three-part budget consisting of administrative, instructional and capital components. The following is a breakdown of that budget by dollar amount. Copies of the complete 2025-2026 budget are available in each of the district's four schools, the Seaford Public Library and on the district website at [www.seaford.k12.ny.us](http://www.seaford.k12.ny.us).

Budget Component	Proposed Budget 2025-2026	Percentage of Budget
Administrative	\$7,574,274	8.9%
Program	\$68,672,596	80.7%
Capital	\$8,845,881	10.4%
Total Budget	\$85,092,751	100.00%
Total Budget Increase	\$1,609,996	



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**Superintendent of Schools**

# CAPITAL RESERVE PROPOSITIONS ADDRESS INFRASTRUCTURE, SECURITY

As part of the district's ongoing commitment to maintain clean, safe and secure facilities, the district is asking residents to vote on spending money from existing capital reserve funds for several projects. There would be no additional impact on the tax levy.

Proposition 2 would focus on safety and security upgrades. If approved, it would use up to \$1 million from the 2018 capital reserve fund. Projects would include the installation of door ajar systems at Seaford Middle School and Seaford High School, upgrading existing security cameras and adding new cameras at the secondary buildings, and refurbishing or installing a new cab for the high school elevator. The elevator is original from the school's construction in 1956.



*The new comfort station at the high school athletic fields was added as a result of previous capital reserve fund expenditures.*

Proposition 3 is focused on infrastructure upgrades. It would use up to \$6.5 million from the 2024 voter-approved capital reserve fund for roof replacements at Harbor and Manor elementary schools, and address drainage issues in the high school courtyard and wrestling room. The district is reviewing designs with its

architect to find the most effective and fiscally responsible solution.

"This is money that we have set aside specifically for these projects that we've been saving over the past several years," Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Andrew Casale said.

## SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION Tuesday, May 20, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

### BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

Tuesday, May 20, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. at Seaford Manor Elementary School and Seaford Harbor Elementary School.

### VOTER REGISTRATION

Qualified voters may register any day, Monday through Friday, now through May 13. You may obtain voting information by calling 516-592-4003. Registration will take place in the District Clerk's Office, 1600 Washington Ave., Seaford: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Registration will also take place in the evening during any of the district's public hearings or meetings and on Saturday, May 10, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. in the district offices at 1600 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York.

### VOTER REQUIREMENTS

To vote, you must be 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen and a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote. You must be registered to vote with the Seaford School District or the Nassau County Board of Elections or have voted in a political or general elections within the past four years.

### ABSENTEE/EARLY MAIL BALLOTS

Absentee and early mail ballots are available in the District Clerk's Office for registered voters who will be out of town or otherwise unable to vote in person on May 20. You may obtain an application for an absentee ballot by calling 516-592-4003, visiting the District Clerk's Office, or going on the district website, [www.seaford.k12.ny.us](http://www.seaford.k12.ny.us).

*In compliance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the United States Census Bureau has designated Nassau and Suffolk counties as "coverage jurisdictions" that must provide election information in BOTH English and Spanish.*