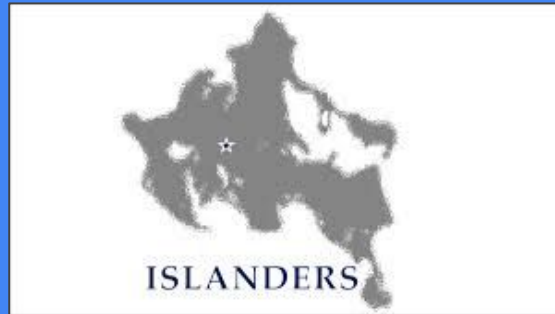


# Shelter Island UFSD

## 2025-2026 Proposed Budget:

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



Board of Education Meeting of May 28, 2025  
Revote Presentation  
Presentation #1

# The Proposed Budget Failed. What Comes Next?

- State Law permits a second vote on the budget. That vote must occur on June 17 and has only one question: The Budget. There is no revote permitted on any other matter.
- The Board of Education has three choices:
  - Go back to the voters with a budget that attempts to pierce the property tax cap.
  - Go back to the voters with a budget that is at or below the property tax cap.
  - Decline the second vote and go directly to a contingency budget, which would keep the tax levy at the exact same level as it is in 2024-2025.
- If the voters turn down the budget a second vote, the District will be mandated to operate on a contingency budget.



# What is a Contingency Budget?

- In a Contingency Budget:
  - There is no purchase of equipment for any reason.
  - The tax levy in 2025-2026 must be the same as the levy in 2024-2025
  - There is no use of the school by community groups.
- A Contingency Budget has long-term financial implications for the District that will carry into future years.
  - Future levies will be misaligned with future expenses.
  - Programs will have to be cut and students will be negatively impacted.
  - Wall Street ratings agencies may seek to downgrade the District's economic outlook, which will negatively impact borrowing rates and other debt costs.

# Administrative Recommendation:

Go back to the voters with a budget that is at the property tax cap.

- The budget rejected by the voters on May 20 called for a levy increase of \$801,716, or 6.97%.
- The 2025-2026 property tax cap allows the levy to rise \$245,348, or 2.13%.
- Therefore, the District must develop a spending plan that removes at least \$556,368 from the plan that was rejected on May 20.
- The maximum expenditure budget cannot exceed \$13,298,957.

# Budget Reduction Goals

- Make reductions that affect the fewest number of students possible.
  - Lightly subscribed electives vs. School-wide programs
- Make reductions that eliminate portions of programs rather than entire programs, when possible.
  - Eliminate some field trips vs. Wholesale elimination of all field trips
- Make reductions to expenses related to staff rather than students.
  - Staff development costs vs. Clubs and athletics

# Recommended Adjustments - Slide 1

	2024-2025 Adopted Budget	May 20 Appropriation	Recommended Reductions	What Is Cut?	June 17 Appropriation
Board of Education	\$138,494	\$140,371	\$6,921	CE, TC, MS	<b>\$133,450</b>
Central & Business Administration	\$801,647	\$789,824	\$39,225	Salary reduction due to retirement	<b>\$750,599</b>
Facilities	\$977,941	\$988,003	\$55,251	Reduction in staff shuttle costs, CE, Certain aspects of the security project will be redesigned	<b>\$932,752</b>
Property Insurance and BOCES Administration	\$208,010	\$224,044	\$0	None	<b>\$224,044</b>
Academic Administration and General Instruction	\$3,790,649	\$3,973,782	\$132,585	Elimination of Pre-K3 Program, 50% Reduction to field trips, CE, TC, MS	<b>\$3,841,197</b>
Special Education and Other Instruction	\$1,974,265	\$2,262,723	\$127,758	Partial reduction in School Social Worker, Computer Technician and Special Education teaching positions, CE, TC, MS	<b>\$2,134,965</b>

CE = Contractual Expenses  
TC = Travel and Conference  
MS = Materials and Supplies

All figures subject to adjustment.



# Recommended Adjustments - Slide 2

	2024-2025 Adopted Budget	May 20 Appropriation	Recommended Reductions	What Is Cut?	June 17 Appropriation
Clubs and Athletics	\$323,219	\$332,274	\$33,622	Reduction in chaperone costs, Elimination of Winter Track Program, CE, MS	<b>\$298,652</b>
Transportation	\$531,777	\$600,822	\$152,440	Intermunicipal agreement yields savings - The District will partner with East Hampton UFSD on a shared transportation program to generate budget savings	<b>\$448,382</b>
Benefits	\$3,792,856	\$3,942,407	\$5,641	Adjustments due to staffing reductions elsewhere in budget	<b>\$3,936,766</b>
Debt Service	\$432,563	\$431,782	\$3,000	TAN interest costs	<b>\$428,782</b>
Transfer to Other Funds	\$124,374	\$169,290	\$0	None	<b>\$169,290</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,095,795</b>	<b>\$13,855,325</b>	<b>\$556,443</b>		<b>\$13,298,882</b>

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# Next Steps...

- Over the next week, the Administration, in conjunction with the Board of Education and the Shelter Island community, will evaluate these recommendations to determine if other choices are more advantageous to the students of the District.
- None of these reductions are welcomed, but reductions are needed to deliver a budget that is property tax cap compliant.



# Next Time...

- June 2 - Budget Adoption at 5:00 pm by the Board of Education
- June 9 - Public Budget Hearing at 6:00 pm
- June 17 - Budget Vote - 12:00 pm until 9:00 pm in the School Conference Room
  - Absentee ballots can be obtained by contacting the District Clerk:
    - (631) 749-0302 x101, or
    - Download the absentee ballot application by visiting the District's website and clicking on For Public Use under Resources