Shelter Island UFSD 2025-2026 Proposed Budget:



Board of Education Meeting of June 9, 2025
Revote Budget Hearing
Presentation #3

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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Shelter Island UFSD 2025-2026 Revised Proposed Expenditure Budget

	2024-2025	2025-2026	
	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Board of Education	\$138,494	\$133,450	-3.64%
Central & Business Administration	\$801,647	\$750,599	-6.37%
Facilities	\$977,941	\$932,752	-4.62%
Property Insurance and BOCES Administration	\$208,010	\$224,044	7.71%
Academic Administration and General Instruction	\$3,790,649	\$3,841,197	1.33%
Special Education and Other Instruction	\$1,974,265	\$2,134,965	8.14%
Clubs and Athletics	\$323,219	\$297,904	-7.60%
Transportation	\$531,777	\$448,382	-15.68%
Benefits	\$3,792,856	\$3,936,766	3.79%
Debt Service	\$432,563	\$428,782	-0.87%
Transfer to Other Funds	\$128,375	\$169,290	36.11%
Total	\$13,099,796	\$13,298,131	1.55%

Full details on reductions in each section of the budget can be found in the May 28 Budget Presentation.

All figures subject to adjustment.



Shelter Island UFSD 2025-2026 Proposed Revenue Budget

	2024-2025 Adopted	2025-2026 Anticipated	Difference	Percent Change
Property Taxes	\$11,496,884	\$11,742,232	\$245,348	2.13%
State Aid	\$694,128	\$708,725	\$14,597	2.10%
Reserves	\$210,824	\$211,000	\$176	0.08%
Interest Income	\$107,750	\$141,000	\$33,250	30.86%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$590,210	\$495,174	-\$95,036	-16.10%
Total	\$13,099,796	\$13,298,131	\$198,335	1.51%

The budget is Property Tax Cap compliant. The budget also continues to reduce the use of the Appropriated Fund Balance to ensure long-term financial stability for the District.



What is at stake on June 17?

- Under NYS Law, the voters are given two opportunities to approve a budget.
- After two failures, the law requires the District to move to a contingency budget.
- A contingency budget:
 - Carries a tax levy increase of 0% over the current year
 - Prohibits the purchase of equipment for any reason
 - Prohibits the use of the school by community groups unless that group carries 100% of the costs
- 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.

What would be cut in a Contingency Budget at Shelter Island UFSD?

- The District would need to cut an additional \$244,523 from the proposed budget.
- Or, in other terms, the District would have to cut \$46,188 from this year's budget while still meeting all contractual obligations to employees, insurance, utilities, BOCES, and all other entities.
- The Board of Education would have no choice but to cut large programs, possibly including athletics, clubs and activities, and electives.



Next Time...

- 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
 - Absentee Applications must be received by June 11 if the ballot is to be mailed. Absentee ballots can be picked up in person until June 16. All Absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, June 17.

