

FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION

Budget Review Meeting/Work Session Agenda
March 25, 2025
4:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

- ITEM 1 Action Items – *Recommended for Approval*
- a. Revised 2025 Notice of Annual Meeting, Budget Vote, and Election
 - b. RESOLUTION – Revised Resolution: *The Fire Island UFSD to grant a tax exemption to eligible Volunteer Firefighters/Ambulance Workers as provided for by Real Property Tax Law § 466-a (Attachment "A") - previously adopted on January 28, 2025.*
 - c. FINANCIAL:
 - Claims Auditor Report
 - Warrant
 - Cash Transfer
- ITEM 2 Proposed 2025-2026 Budget Presentation
- ITEM 3 Executive Session – *it is anticipated that the Board will enter executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person.*
- ITEM 4 Adjournment

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, BUDGET VOTE AND ELECTION
FIRE ISLAND UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
TOWNS OF ISLIP AND BROOKHAVEN, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a public hearing of the qualified voters of the Fire Island Union Free School District, Corneille Estates, Suffolk County, New York, will be held in the gymnasium of the Woodhull School building in said District on Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time, for the transaction of business as authorized by the Education Law, including the following items:

1. Presentation of the budget document.
2. To discuss all of the items herein set forth, to be voted upon by ballot, at the election to be held on **Tuesday, May 20, 2025** as hereinafter set forth.
3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of the Fire Island Union Free School District of the Towns of Islip and Brookhaven, Suffolk County, New York, will be held at the Woodhull School in said District on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, between the hours of 3:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m., prevailing time, in the gymnasium of the Woodhull School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting by ballot upon the following items:

1. To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the fiscal year 2025-2026 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the District.
2. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education, each for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2025, and expiring on June 30, 2028, to succeed Jay Lippert and Linda Nowachek whose terms expire June 30, 2025.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that petitions nominating candidates for the office of Member of the Board of Education of the Fire Island Union Free School District shall be filed with the District Clerk of said School District at the District Clerk's office, Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, New York, between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM on each day other than a Saturday, Sunday or School Breaks/Holidays, but by no later than April 21, 2025 between the hours of 8:00 AM and 3:00 PM, prevailing time. All nominating petitions shall be directed to the District Clerk and must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or 2% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); must state the name and residence of each signer, and must state the name and residence of the candidate. Candidates run at large and vacancies on the Fire Island UFSD Board of Education are not considered separate, specific offices. The two candidates with the greatest number of votes shall each receive a three (3) year term, commencing on July 1, 2025, and ending on June 30, 2028.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that qualified voters with disabilities who seek information about access to polling places may, in advance of the day of the vote, contact the District Clerk at 631-583-5626 for information about accessibility.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that beginning May 6, 2025 any resident in the District may request to review a copy of the proposed budget by appearing at the Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, New York, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., prevailing time,

except Saturdays, Sundays and School Breaks/Holidays. Additionally, a statement of the estimated expenses for the ensuing year may be obtained on the school district website: www.fi.k12.ny.us.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that pursuant to Real Property Tax Law Section 495, the School District is required to attach to its proposed budget an exemption report. Said exemption report, which will also become part of the final budget, will show how much of the total assessed value on the final assessment roll used in the budgetary process is exempt from taxation, list every type of exemption granted, identified by statutory authority, and show: (a) the cumulative impact of each type of exemption expressed either as a dollar amount of assessed value or as a percentage of the total assessed value on the roll; (b) the cumulative amount expected to be received from recipients of each type of exemption as payments in lieu of taxes or other payments for municipal services; and (c) the cumulative impact of all exemptions granted. The exemption report shall be posted on any bulletin board maintained by the District for public notices and on any website maintained by the District.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that applications for absentee and early mail ballots will be obtainable during school business hours at the office of the District Clerk beginning April 21, 2025. In accordance with Education Law §§ 2018-a and 2018-e, completed absentee and early mail ballot applications may not be received by the District Clerk earlier than thirty (30) days prior to the election, and must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter or to the agent named in the absentee or early mail ballot application. Absentee and early mail ballots must be received by the District Clerk not later than 5:00 p.m., prevailing time, on Tuesday, May 20, 2025.

A list of persons to whom absentee ballots, early mail voter's ballots, and military ballots shall have been issued will be available for inspection to qualified voters of the District in the office of the District Clerk on and after Thursday, May 15, 2025, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. on weekdays prior to the day set for the annual election and on Tuesday, May 20, 2025, the day set for the election. Any qualified voter may, upon examination of such lists, file a written challenge of the qualifications as a voter of any person whose name appears on such lists, stating the reasons for such challenge. Any such written challenge shall be transmitted by the District Clerk or a designee of the Board of Education to the inspectors of election on election day.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military voters who are qualified voters of the Fire Island UFSD may request an application for a military ballot from the District Clerk in person, by mail to District Clerk, P.O. Box 428, Ocean Beach, NY 11770, by email to tmurphy@fi.k12.ny.us or fax sent to (631) 583-5167. In such request, the military voter may indicate their preference for receiving the application by mail, fax or email. A military voter must return the original military ballot application in person or by mail to the office of the District Clerk at P.O. Box 428, Ocean Beach, NY 11770. In order for a military voter to be issued a military ballot, a valid military ballot application must be received in the office of the District Clerk no later than 3:00 P.M., on April 24, 2025. Military ballot applications received in accordance with the foregoing will be processed in the same manner as a non-military ballot application under Sections 2018-b and 2018-f of the Education Law. The application for a military ballot may include the military voter's preference for receipt of the military ballot by mail, fax, or email.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that military ballots shall be canvassed if they are received by the District Clerk before the close of polls on May 20, 2025 showing a cancellation mark of the United States Postal Service or a foreign country's postal service, or showing a dated endorsement of receipt by another agency of the United States Government; or received not later than 5:00 p.m. on May 20, 2025 and signed and dated by the military voter and one witness thereto, with a date which is ascertained to be not later than the day before the election.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that pursuant to a rule adopted by the Board of Education in accordance with New York Education Law §2035, any referenda or propositions to change the number of Board of Education members, or a bond issue for capital improvements, or any other petition required by law to be stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election must be filed with the District Clerk, not later than 3:00 p.m., prevailing time, on March 22, 2025. Any other petition, except those petitions required by law to be stated in the Notice of Annual Meeting and Election, must be filed with the District Clerk of the Fire Island Union Free School District Board of Education at the Woodhull School, 75 Surf Road, Corneille Estates, Fire Island, New York. All such petitions must be typed or printed in the English language; must be directed to the Clerk of the School District; must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the District (representing the greater of 25 or 5% of the number of voters who voted in the previous annual election); and must legibly state the name of each signer. However, the Board of Education will not entertain any petition to place before the voters any proposition the purpose of which is not within the powers of the voters to determine, nor any proposition or amendment which is contrary to law.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the qualified voters of the School District shall be entitled to vote at said annual vote and election. A qualified voter is one who is (1) a citizen of the United States of America, (2) eighteen years of age or older, and (3) a resident within the School District for a period of thirty (30) days preceding the annual vote and election. The School District may require all persons offering to vote at the budget vote and election to provide one form of proof of residency pursuant to Education Law 2018-c. Such form may include a driver's license, a non-driver identification card, a utility bill, or a voter registration card. Upon offer of proof of residency, the School District may also require all persons offering to vote to provide their signature, printed name and address.

AND FURTHER NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that those voters seeking information regarding this Budget Vote and Election in Spanish should contact the Office of the District Clerk at 631-583-5626.

Traci Murphy, District Clerk
Fire Island Union Free School District
Towns of Islip and Brookhaven, County of Suffolk, New York
Dated: April 3, April 17, May 1, May 15, 2025

**RESOLUTION OF THE FIRE ISLAND UFSD
TO GRANT A TAX EXEMPTION TO ELIGIBLE VOLUNTEER
FIREFIGHTERS/AMBULANCE WORKERS AS PROVIDED FOR BY REAL
PROPERTY TAX LAW § 466-a**

WHEREAS, New York State Real Property Tax Law (RPTL) Section 466-a was enacted to provide eligible volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers with a partial real property tax exemption for school district taxation purposes on real property owned by the eligible volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker so long as the School District in which the real property is located, after public hearing, adopts a resolution authorizing the exemption under RPTL Section 466-a; and

WHEREAS, RPTL Section 466-a also allows the School District to provide certain additional benefits applicable to this partial real property exemption for school district taxation purposes so long as the School District, which has authorized the exemption under RPTL Section 466-a, adopts a resolution authorizing such additional benefits; and

WHEREAS, RPTL Section 466-a repeals RPTL Section 466-c as of December 9, 2025, and any local options adopted under RPTL Section 466-c will automatically sunset at that time, unless earlier repealed by the adoption of a partial exemption authorized under RPTL Section 466-a; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education previously adopted a partial exemption for a primary residence owned by volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers pursuant to RPTL Section 466-c; and

WHEREAS, the District has conducted the public hearing required by RPTL Section 466-a and elicited public comment on said topic; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education has determined that the granting of a partial exemption under RPTL Section 466-a should provide at least the same exemption benefits previously granted by the Board of Education under RPTL Section 466-c; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Fire Island UFSD, pursuant to RPTL Section 466-a, hereby authorizes a 10% real property tax exemption for school district taxation purposes of a primary residence owned by an enrolled volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker who meets the eligibility requirements established in this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the enrolled volunteer member must meet all of the following requirements to be eligible for the tax exemption:

1. The enrolled member must reside in the territory served by such incorporated volunteer fire company or incorporated volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service.

2. The property must be the primary residence of the enrolled member.
3. The property is used exclusively for residential purposes, provided however, that in the event any portion of such property is not used exclusively for the applicant's residence but is used for other purposes, such portion shall be subject to taxation and the remaining portion only shall be entitled to the exemption provided by this section.
4. The enrolled member has been certified by the authority having jurisdiction over the volunteer as an enrolled member with at least five years of active service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the exemption granted under this Resolution shall continue for the un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of the incorporated volunteer fire company, incorporated volunteer fire department or incorporated voluntary ambulance service, who is killed in the line of duty upon all of the following conditions:

1. The un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction over the deceased enrolled member as the un-remarried spouse of the volunteer firefighter or volunteer ambulance worker killed in the line of duty.
2. The deceased enrolled member had been an enrolled member for at least five years, or a shorter minimum period of active service authorized by Section 466-a of the RPTL.
3. The deceased enrolled member had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an enrolled member of an incorporated volunteer fire company, incorporated volunteer fire department, or incorporated volunteer ambulance service who accrues more than twenty years of active service, and is so certified by the authority having jurisdiction over the enrolled member, shall be granted the 10 percent exemption as authorized by this Resolution for the remainder of his or her life as long as the property for which the exemption is sought under this Resolution is the primary residence of the enrolled member.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that such exemption granted under this Resolution shall continue for the un-remarried spouse of a deceased enrolled member of the incorporated volunteer fire company, incorporated volunteer fire department or incorporated volunteer ambulance service under the following conditions:

1. The un-remarried spouse is certified by the authority having jurisdiction over the deceased enrolled member as the un-remarried spouse of the deceased enrolled member.
2. The deceased enrolled member had been an enrolled member for at least twenty years.

3. The deceased enrolled member had been receiving the exemption prior to his or her death.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any exemption granted under this Resolution shall be filed with the Town of Islip on the forms designated by the Town; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Clerk of the School District is directed to provide the Town of Islip with a certified Resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be governed by and applied in accordance with Real Property Tax Law Section 466-a.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall be effective as of the date of its adoption.

Adopted: January 28, 2025

Revised: March 25, 2025

March 19, 2025

VIA EMAIL

Board of Education
Fire Island Union Free School District

***Re: Claims Audit Report for the Month of
March 8, 2025 through March 19, 2025.***

Board of Education:

I have completed my claims auditing services to the Fire Island Union Free School District covering the time period of ***March 8, 2025 through March 19, 2025***. The services I performed, as outlined within my proposal, include reviewing all claims against the district. The purpose of this report is to update the Board of Education on work performed to date, my findings, and recommendations.

For ease of reference, I have categorized the remainder of this report as follow:

Claims Audit Services

Exhibits

CLAIMS AUDIT SERVICES

The claims audit services performed on each claim against the district consisted of:

1. Verification of the accuracy of invoices and claim forms.
2. Ensuring proper approval of all purchases; checking that purchases constitute legal expenses of the school district.
3. Determining that purchase orders have been issued in accordance with Board of Education policy, and applicable state law.

Board of Education
Fire Island Union Free School District
March 19, 2025
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Re: *Claims Audit Report for the Month of*
March 8, 2025 through March 19, 2025

4. Comparison of invoices or claims with previously approved contracts.
5. Reviewing price extensions, claiming of applicable discounts, inclusion of shipping and freight charges.
6. Approving all charges that are presented for payment which are supported with documentary evidence indicating compliance with all pertinent laws, policies and regulations.

Over the time period of **March 8, 2025 through March 19, 2025** I have reviewed 27 claims against the District in the amount of **\$ 153,654.98** (See attached Exhibit I) I made inquiries and/or observations into 0 claims. It should be noted that currently, there are no outstanding inquiries in regard to the audit of claims made against the district for the period of July 1, 2024 through March 19, 2025. I have summarized the inquiries and/or observations as well as the resolutions within Exhibit II.

Please note:

For comparative purposes, I have attached Exhibit II – “Summary of Inquiries/Resolutions” for each of the prior months.

I trust that the foregoing comments are clear. If you have any questions or you would like to discuss this matter further, please contact me at Jofilipkowski@outlook.com or (631)662-2779.

Very truly yours,

Jo-Anne Filipkowski

Claims Audit By Fund

Fire Island Union Free School District

Exhibit I

Legend:	
A - General	H - Capital
C - Cafeteria	T - Trust & Agency
F - Federal	WC - Workers Compensation

Mar-25

Warrant Date	Audit Date	Warrant #	Fund	# of Checks	\$ Value of Checks	# of Inquiries	\$ Value of Inquiries	# of Resolved Inquiries	# of Outstanding Inquiries	Check Sequence
03/18/25	03/18/25	23	A	44	\$153,654.98	-	-	-	-	2945-2971
TOTAL				44	\$ 153,654.98	0	\$ -	0	-	
GRAND TOTAL				44	\$ 153,654.98	0	\$ -	0	-	

FIRE ISLAND UFSD

Check Warrant Report For A - 23: Cash Disbursement March #2 For Dates 3/1/2025 - 3/31/2025



Check #	Check Date	Vendor ID	Vendor Name	PO Number	Check Amount
2945	03/11/2025	1119	NYS EMP. HEALTH INS PENDING A/	8009	75,769.63
2946	03/25/2025	2947	Baldwin Automotive	8030	7,330.86
2947	03/25/2025	1029	BARNWELL HOUSE OF TIRES	8047	450.76
2948	03/25/2025	3832	Benetech, Inc.	8115	111.00
2949	03/25/2025	1835	EASTERN SUFFOLK BOCES	8018	45,701.51
2950	03/25/2025	3061	Fevola Reporting & Transcripti	8363	1,237.20
2951	03/25/2025	1115	FIRE ISLAND BOTTLE GAS CORP.	8056	1,930.50
2952	03/25/2025	3074	GovConnection	8351	956.06
2953	03/25/2025	1718	GRAINGER	8059	222.21
2954	03/25/2025	3914	Heinemann	8352	24.61
2955	03/25/2025	3981	James W. Ferguson	8110	1,000.00
2956	03/25/2025	4075	Joanne Filipkowski	8052	450.00
2957	03/25/2025	1020	KING KULLEN GROCERY CO., INC.	8038	72.88
2958	03/25/2025	3066	MakeMusic, Inc.	8371	149.00
2959	03/25/2025	2840	MUSIC And ARTS CENTER	8359	50.77
2960	03/25/2025	2314	NCS Pearson, Inc	8360	168.30
2961	03/25/2025	4024	Neptune's Nurseries Inc	8032	4,050.00
2962	03/25/2025	1449	NYSSMA	8101	306.00
2963	03/25/2025	4107	Reading Writing Project Network LLC	8295	240.00
2964	03/25/2025	4046	Sabrina Calli Yoga	8328	840.00
2965	03/25/2025	3351	Suffolk County Comm., Inc.	8324	192.38
2966	03/25/2025	4048	Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum	8344	64.00
2967	03/25/2025	4054	The Estate of Loretta Cannon	8169	2,096.40
2968	03/25/2025	2485	TOWN OF ISLIP	8045	2,632.08
2969	03/25/2025	2111	Verizon Communication	8024	25.98
2970	03/25/2025	2611	WEST ISLIP SCHOOL DISTRICT	8028	3,422.85
2971	03/25/2025	1750	Young men's Christian Association of Long Island	8334	4,160.00
Number of Transactions: 27				Warrant Total:	153,654.98
				Vendor Portion:	153,654.98

Certification of Warrant

To The District Treasurer: I hereby certify that I have verified the above claims, 27 in number, in the total amount of \$153,654.98. You are hereby authorized and directed to pay to the claimants certified above the amount of each claim allowed and charge each to the proper fund.

Date

Signature

Title

FM BT		General Ledger		
Date	Account and Description	To:	From:	Reason
3/31/2025	General Fund Checking (A204) ***3958	150,000.00		
3/31/2025	General Fund Money Market (A205) ***0539		150,000.00	
3/31/2025	Capital checking (H204) ***3982	-		
3/31/2025	Capital Reserve 2 (A207)***0554		-	
3/31/2025	General Fund Checking (A204-1) Payroll ***3966	-		
3/31/2025	General Fund Money Market (A205) ***0539		0.00	
		150,000.00	150,000.00	-
		-	Difference	-

Fire Island Union Free School District

2025-2026 Proposed Budget

March 25, 2025





Fire Island UFSD Mission Statement

The Fire Island School District believes in a collaborative approach to instruction that is designed to meet the individual needs of the students. Our mission is to create a safe, supportive, student-centered environment. We are committed to helping all children achieve academic excellence through creative challenges within our unique island setting.

Our goal is to prepare the students to be dynamic citizens of our ever-changing society.

The Property Tax Cap



Does the tax cap mean my annual property tax can't increase more than 2 percent?

Not necessarily.

New York's property tax cap law establishes a tax levy limit for each school district. The tax levy limit allows school districts to increase their property tax levy from one year to the next by 2% or the rate of inflation, whichever is less, based on a multi-step formula. School districts are then allowed to take certain exemptions that may boost their tax levy limits to more than 2% or the inflation rate.

If a school district's proposed tax levy increase is within its limit, a simple majority of voters is needed for budget approval. If a school district's proposed tax levy increase exceeds the tax levy limit, a supermajority of voters – 60% or more – would be required for budget passage.

Does the tax levy indicate how much my taxes will rise?

No.

The tax levy is the amount of money the school district can raise through property taxes. The amount an individual will pay to contribute to the levied amount is the tax rate. Tax rates paid by individual taxpayers may differ greatly from one household to another, based on such things as equalization rates and assessed property values, and may exceed 2 percent.

Property Tax Cap Calculation

Prior year Tax Levy	\$5,258,255	
Growth Factor	x 1.0061	
Addition to taxing authority	\$5,290,330	
Less: Capital Tax Levy	- \$2,526	
Allowable Levy Growth Factor	x 1.02	
Tax Levy Limit	\$5,393,560	
Plus: BOCES Capital Expenditure		
Available Carryover from 2024 SY	+ \$66,489	
2025-2026 Allowable Tax Levy	\$5,460,049	
Less: 2024-2025 Levy	- \$5,258,255	
Allowable increase	\$201,794	3.84%
Proposed 2025-2026 Tax Levy	\$5,317,335	1.12%

Fire Island UFSD

2025-2026 Proposed Budget

OVERVIEW

- ▶ Total 2025-2026 Budget : **\$6,728,125**
- ▶ Less: Total 2025-2026 Revenue Other Than Property Tax : **(\$1,260,790)**
- ▶ Less: Fund Balance to Reduce 2024-2025 Tax Levy: **(\$150,000)**
- ▶ 2025-2026 Tax Levy: **\$5,317,335**

***Below the
allowable
tax levy
limit!***

1.124% Tax Levy Increase

2024-2025 Tax Bill	2025-2026 Tax Bill
If my bill was \$600...	It would be \$607.
If my bill was \$800...	It would be \$809.
If my bill was \$1000...	It would be \$1,011.

How does a 1.124% increase in the tax levy impact my school taxes?

2025-2026 Revenues

Account	Description	2025-2026	2024 - 25 Budget	Change
A 1001	Real Property Tax	5,317,335.56	5,258,254.73	59,080.83
				-
A 1040	Appropriation Of Planned Balance	150,000.00	150,000.00	-
				-
A 1041	Special Taxes - Suffolk County	630,000.00	630,000.00	-
A 1085	School Tax Relief " Star "	5,300.00	6,500.00	(1,200.00)
A 1311	Day School Tuition From individuals	69,619.80	50,672.00	18,947.80
A 1315	Adult Education	3,500.00	3,500.00	-
A 1335	Student Fees & Charges	1,500.00	1,500.00	-
A 2401	Interest & Earnings	125,830.00	156,000.00	(30,170.00)
A 2665	Sale Of Equipment	1,000.00	3,000.00	(2,000.00)
A 2666	Sale Of Transportation Equipment	5,000.00	10,000.00	(5,000.00)
A 2701	Refund Of Prior Year Expense			-
				-
A 3101	Basic State Aid	290,386.00	184,768.00	105,618.00
A 3101.EX	Excess Cost Aid	50,000.00	50,000.00	-
A 3102	Lottery Aid	10,000.00	17,000.00	(7,000.00)
A 3103	Boces Aid	66,265.00	57,989.00	8,276.00
A 3260	Textbook Aid	1,714.00	1,806.00	(92.00)
A 3262	Computer Software Aid	450.00	539.00	(89.00)
A 3263	Library Aid	225.00	225.00	-
				-
Grand Totals:		0.00	6,728,125.36	6,581,753.73
				146,371.63

3 Areas	Amount	% of Budget
General Support	\$1,466,662	24%
Instructional	\$2,246,481	37%
Districtwide	\$2,384,982	39%

2025-2026
Proposed
Budget
Expenditures
Support Areas

EXPENDITURES

General Support

+6.858% of
change

Description	Type of expenditures
Board of Education A1000	BOE Professional Organizations, Policy Book, District Studies, Equipment, District Clerk Salary, Legal Advertisements, Professional Organizations, Costs Associated with Election, Equipment
Central Administration A1200	Superintendent Salary, Administrative Assistant Salary, Professional Organizations, Equipment
Finance A1300	Assistant Superintendent for Business & Operations Salary, Treasurer, Professional Organizations, Accounting Services, Communication Costs; External Auditor, Accounting Software, Purchasing, Equipment
Staff A1400	Legal fees, Personnel, Records Management, Public Information and Services
Central Services A1600	Operation of Plant – Maintenance Salaries, Equipment, Gas, Electric, Freight, Contracted Services – Village of Ocean Beach for water, Refuse collection, Sewer, Phone, Maintenance of Plant, Supplies, Central Data Processing, Copiers, State Reporting, Student Data Software/ Programs
Unallocated Insurance (Special Items) A1900	NYSIR, American Bankers- Flood, Student Accident Insurance, BOCES Administrative

EXPENDITURES

Instruction

-1.453% of
change

Description	Type of expenditures
Administration	Professional Development, In-service Training, Student Management Programs, Professional Organization
Regular School/ Programs for students with disabilities A2000-2300	Teacher Salaries, Secondary Students, Textbooks, BOCES Services, Instrument Rentals, Programs, Textbooks for Non- Public Students, Exploratory Education, Special Education Teacher Salaries, ESL, BOCES Teachers – OT, Speech, Special Programs, Tuition for Special Education Students, Equipment, Adult Education
Instructional Media A2600	School Librarian Salary, Library Books, Library Software and Databases, Computer Hardware, Computer Software, Technology Administrator/ Support Salary, Internet Fees/ T1 Line, Website, BOCES- Model Schools, Equipment
Pupil Services A2800	Director of Health Services Salary, Health Programs, Health Services, BOCES- Psychologist, Co-Curricular Activities, Equipment

EXPENDITURES

Districtwide Support

+3.712% of
change

Description	Type of expenditures
District Transportation Services A5000	Bus Driver Salaries: 7 Full time, Extra Runs and Overtime, Gas, Miscellaneous Services – Drug and Alcohol Testing, School Bus Safety Program, Equipment
Garage Building	LIPA, Transportation Software and Programs, Equipment
Community Services A7000	Community Recreation – Summer library, Basketball monitors, Adult education monitors
Employee Benefits A9000	State Retirement, Teacher Retirement, Social Security, Worker Compensation, Life Insurance, Unemployment, Insurance, Disability Insurance, Hospital & Dental Insurance



Proposition #1: School Budget

	Summary of General Fund Appropriations	% of Change from 2024-2025 Budget
General Support	\$1,466,662.35	+6.858%
Instruction	\$2,246,480.54	-1.453%
Districtwide Support	\$2,384,982.47	+3.712%
Total General Fund Appropriation	\$6,098,125.36	+2.459%
Suffolk County Contingent Fund	\$630,000.00	0.00%
Total Authorized Amount	\$6,728,125.36	

Highlights of Proposed 2025-2026 Proposed Budget

1. Enhancing Educational Resources and Programs

➤ Curriculum and Instruction

- ✓ Updated curricular materials to support teaching and learning, including expanded classroom libraries.
- ✓ Support for the implementation and updating of the district's collaboratively developed Strategic Plan.
- ✓ Funding for teacher involvement in curriculum development and enhancements through summer work and partnerships with leading experts in instruction.

➤ Comprehensive Instructional Programs

- ✓ Art, Library, and Spanish.
- ✓ Music programs, including Ukulele, Band, Customized Lessons, & Performing Arts.
- ✓ Daily Physical Education.
- ✓ Integration of instructional technology.
- ✓ Environmental Education initiatives.

➤ Student Support Services

- ✓ Maintaining staffing levels to ensure current student-to-teacher ratios.
- ✓ Increasing support for students by adding more days with a school psychologist at Woodhull.

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2. Expanding Extracurricular and Enrichment Opportunities

➤ After-School Programs

- ✓ Introduction of new after-school clubs and enrichment activities, with more off-Island opportunities.

➤ Music and Arts

- ✓ Procurement of new instruments to replace old equipment and to enhance the band.
- ✓ Increased opportunities for participation in county and state music festivals.

➤ Field Trips

- ✓ Sustained funding for trips to destinations such as the Statue of Liberty, NYC, Broadway, & museums as well as local sites of historical, scientific, or natural significance.

3. Advancing Technology and Communication

➤ Technology Integration

- ✓ Maintenance of 1:1 computing device program for students and staff.

➤ Communication Enhancements

- ✓ Refreshed website for greater accessibility and enhanced presence in media and social media platforms.

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4. Safety, Security, & Transportation Enhancements

➤ Crisis Alert System

- ✓ **Instant Emergency Response:** Credit card-sized badges that, with a simple button press, instantly alerts appropriate personnel or initiates a full-campus lockdown, reducing response time in critical situations.
- ✓ **Comprehensive Alert System:** Badges signal a staff alert for medical emergencies or disturbances or trigger a lockdown, activating flashing strobes, screen takeovers, and PA announcements while notifying first responders of the exact location.
- ✓ **Campus-Wide Coverage:** Protection provided across all school areas, including classrooms, hallways, and outdoor areas ensuring immediate access to help anywhere on campus.

➤ Updated Transportation

- ✓ New single-axle bus
- ✓ New four-wheel drive suburban

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5. Buildings and Grounds

- Sustains **our new outdoor learning classroom & garden**, a vision brought to life by the Shared Decision-Making Team
- Invests in **ongoing building upkeep & landscape enhancements** to ensure a welcoming, well-maintained school environment



BUDGET VOTE & ELECTION

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

Woodhull School
3:00 – 9:00 p.m.

