

# SEAFORD BUDGET *Spotlight*

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

**Budget 2019**  
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## *Points of Pride*

- ✓ In recognition of their outstanding performance on Advanced Placement exams, 72 students at Seaford High School received AP Scholar awards, which included 48 AP Scholars, eight AP Scholars with Honors and 15 AP Scholars with Distinction. One student was named a National AP Scholar.
- ✓ Ten student-athletes will continue their playing careers at colleges across Long Island and the country.
- ✓ Thirty-nine students from fifth through 12th grades were selected for the All-County Music Festival.
- ✓ Seven Seaford Middle School students were award recipients at the Nassau Community College Science Fair competition.
- ✓ Seaford's student-actors showcased their talents during the High School's production of "Legally Blonde" and the Middle School's production of "Beauty and the Beast."
- ✓ Students in the High School Research program successfully competed in several regional science competitions, including the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair and the Long Island Science Congress. They received various awards, including Future Scientist of the Year.
- ✓ Elementary students showed their generosity by collecting food, toys, winter accessories and pet supplies for various charitable organizations.
- ✓ A Seaford High School student was recognized by the New York Islanders for her charitable project and another student received the President's Volunteer Service Award for her community service efforts.
- ✓ Teachers have adopted the 16 Habits of Mind to help students develop a growth mindset and become good citizens.
- ✓ The boys and girls bowling teams and cheerleading squad won county championships and the wrestling team won the Dual Meet County Championship. Three individuals competed at the NYS Championship. One student placed sixth in the NYS Championship for 3200 meters in Winter Track.

## **BUDGET BOOSTS PROGRAMS AND IS BELOW TAX CAP**

Dear Seaford Residents,

We are pleased to present you with our 2019-2020 budget. With the taxpayers in mind, we are proposing a tax levy increase of 2.98%, which is below our allowable tax levy limit of 4.04%.

This budget supports the expansion of several educational initiatives that prepare students for success in the 21st century. Additional laptop devices will be added through the Personalized Digital Learning Initiative, under which next year every student in grades 6-11 will have a take-home device, and every fourth and fifth grader will have a classroom device. Students in grades K-3 will have access to grade-level iPad carts.

Other enhancements include implementing the Lions Quest mental health lessons, additional electives at Seaford High School, a new 6th grade math program, and an Enrichment/STEAM program at the elementary schools. The budget also includes new clubs in every school and seventh grade sports teams.

The facility improvements include finishing the ceiling-tile replacement project at our two elementary schools and security enhancements. On May 21, the community will be asked to vote on the replacement of the high school track and turf field which would be funded through an existing capital reserve fund, with no additional impact on the tax levy.

Voters are being asked to elect two Board of Education trustees for three-year terms and vote on the following two ballot propositions:

- Proposition 1: The 2019-2020 District operating budget.
- Proposition 2: Use of capital reserve funds for the replacement of the District's track and turf field.

Please take some time to review more details about our budget and propositions inside of this Budget Spotlight. As required under the Federal Voting Rights Act, all voting-related materials are being provided in both English and Spanish. We invite all residents to our annual budget hearing on Wednesday, May 8 in the high school auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 21 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Harbor and Manor elementary schools.

Yours in Seaford Pride,

Bruce A. Kahn, President  
 Stacie Stark, Vice President  
 Janice Baldwin, Trustee  
 Andrea Parisi, Trustee  
 Natalie Pedisich, Trustee

Dr. Adele V. Pecora, Superintendent  
 John A. Strifolino, Assistant Superintendent  
 Marie Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent



# **VOTE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019**  
**from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.**

# BUDGETING FOR 2019-2020 AND THE FUTURE

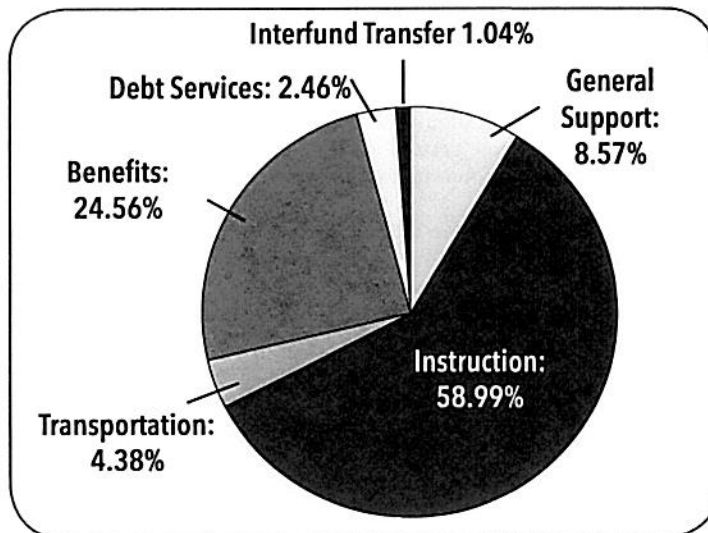
	Approved Budget 2018-2019	Proposed Budget 2019-2020	Percent Change
<b>GENERAL SUPPORT</b>			
Board of Education .....	\$43,845	\$47,339	
Central Administration .....	289,785	296,701	
Finance .....	660,983	719,158	
Staff.....	220,456	239,372	
Central Services.....	4,060,375	4,044,794	
Census and Textbook Services .....	21,784	22,066	
Special Items .....	682,864	683,242	
<b>Total General Support .....</b>	<b>\$5,980,092</b>	<b>\$6,052,672</b>	<b>1.21%</b>
<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			
Instruction Admin and Improvement.....	\$2,145,718	\$2,170,100	
Teaching Regular Day School.....	20,806,691	21,028,085	
Teaching Special Education .....	9,531,449	10,225,983	
Teaching Occupational Education.....	1,137,899	1,142,406	
Teaching Special Schools .....	80,403	128,983	
Instructional Media.....	3,582,466	3,675,203	
Pupil Personnel Services .....	3,166,127	3,312,916	
<b>Total Instruction.....</b>	<b>\$40,450,753</b>	<b>\$41,683,676</b>	<b>3.05%</b>
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>			
District Transportation Services.....	\$128,310	\$130,664	
Contract Transportation .....	2,688,266	2,784,163	
Field Trips and Interscholastic .....	175,000	183,300	
<b>Total Transportation .....</b>	<b>\$2,991,576</b>	<b>\$3,098,127</b>	<b>3.56%</b>
<b>UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSES</b>			
Employee Benefits .....	\$16,540,398	\$17,351,130	
Debt Services.....	40,000	43,025	
Interfund Transfer to Capital Fund.....	650,000	650,000	
Interfund Transfer to Debt Service .....	1,697,294	1,691,994	
Interfund Transfer to Special Aid Fund.....	86,325	86,325	
<b>Total Undistributed Expenses .....</b>	<b>\$19,014,017</b>	<b>\$19,822,474</b>	<b>4.25%</b>
<b>Total Expenditures.....</b>	<b>\$68,436,438</b>	<b>\$70,656,949</b>	<b>3.24%</b>



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	Approved Budget 2018/2019	Proposed Budget 2019/2020	Percent Change
<b>PROJECTED REVENUE</b>			
State Aid .....	\$12,908,758	\$13,687,444	
Interest on Investments .....	42,000	45,000	
Health Services.....	350,000	350,000	
Non-resident Tuition.....	1,000,000	1,000,000	
E-Rate Funding.....	15,000	15,000	
Miscellaneous (Refunds, Interfund Transfers) .....	342,000	358,500	
Driver Education.....	85,500	86,500	
PILOT Payments (Nassau County, LIPA).....	686,951	668,326	
Subtotal.....	\$15,430,209	\$16,210,770	
Reserve for Tax Reduction .....	750,000	650,000	
Appropriated Fund Balance.....	650,000	650,000	
<b>Total Revenues.....</b>	<b>16,830,209</b>	<b>17,510,770</b>	
<b>Final Tax Levy.....</b>	<b>\$51,606,229</b>	<b>\$53,146,179</b>	<b>2.98%</b>

Expenditures	Dollar Amount	Percentage
General Support	\$6,052,672	8.57%
Instruction	\$41,683,676	58.99%
Transportation	\$3,098,127	4.38%
Benefits	\$17,351,130	24.56%
Debt Services	\$1,735,019	2.46%
Interfund Transfer	\$736,325	1.04%
	<b>\$70,656,949</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 2019-2020 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 2019/2020	Percentage of Budget
Administrative	\$5,967,616	8.45%
Program	\$57,444,059	81.30%
Capital	\$7,245,274	10.25%
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b>\$70,656,949</b>	<b>100.00%</b>
<b>Total Budget Increase</b>	<b>\$2,220,551</b>	

The 2019-2020 budget includes the following lease/purchase information for technology:

Vendor	Item	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
Nassau BOCES	Instructional Laptops for HS, MS, Manor, Harbor	\$171,996	\$171,996	\$171,996	\$171,996	\$171,996

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Board of Education: Bruce A. Kahn, *President* • Stacie Stark, *Vice President*  
Janice Baldwin, *Trustee* • Andrea Parisi, *Trustee* • Natalie Pedisich, *Trustee*

Dr. Adele V. Pecora,  
Superintendent of Schools

## SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

### Tuesday, May 21 from 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

#### BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

Tuesday, May 21, 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 14. Registration will take place in the District Clerk's Office, 1600 Washington Avenue, Seaford, New York:

Monday-Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Friday, 8 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Registration will also take place in the evening during any of the District's public hearings or meetings and on Saturday, May 11 from 9 - 11 a.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 election within the past four years.

#### Absentee ballots

Absentee 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 21. 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 recently designated Nassau and Suffolk Counties as "coverage jurisdictions" that must provide election information in BOTH English and Spanish.*

## QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

#### Q. What is on the ballot?

A. The following propositions are on the ballot:

• **Proposition 1 – 2019-2020 School Budget**

A budget of \$70,656,949. This represents a tax levy increase of 2.98%, which is significantly below the state tax levy limit for Seaford of 4.04%.

• **Proposition 2 – Capital Reserve Fund Expenditure**

To authorize the expenditure of funds from the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of replacing the Seaford High School turf field and track, which has come to the end of its expected lifespan, at no additional cost to the taxpayer.

• **Election of two (2) School Board trustees for three-year terms**

#### Q. What is the proposed budget?

A. The proposed expenditure budget for the 2019-2020 school year is \$70,656,949. This represents a budget-to-budget increase of \$2,220,511, or 3.24%.

#### Q. What is the tax levy increase?

A. The tax levy is \$53,146,179, an increase of \$1,539,950, or 2.98%, over last year.

#### Q. If the tax levy increases, does that mean my property taxes will go up?

A. Not necessarily. The tax levy does not raise everyone's property taxes by the same amount. It is possible that a homeowner's property taxes will be higher, or even lower, than the tax levy limit. The increase depends on the assessed valuation of the property, which the District does not control. For questions about your property's assessment, contact the Nassau County Assessor's office.

#### Q. What happens if the budget is not approved?

A. If the budget vote is unsuccessful on May 21, the Board of Education may decide to go immediately to a contingency budget or call for a second vote on the same or an adjusted budget on June 18. A second failure leads to a contingency budget reverting to the tax levy limit from the prior year. A contingency budget for Seaford would force the Board and administration to seek \$1,539,950 in cuts.

This would translate to cuts to academic, extracurricular and athletic programs across the District as well as reductions in transportation (late buses for Seaford District and private students). The contingency budget would prevent the District from purchasing any new equipment.

