



VOTE!

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

6:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Whiporwil School

495 Hoffman Lane, Hauppauge

HAUPPAUGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dear Community Residents,

On Tuesday, May 15, 2018, you will be asked to vote on the proposed 2018-2019 budget. Through the process of carefully developing this budget, the Board of Education and administration worked collaboratively and diligently to formulate a spending plan that continues its focus on improving academic achievement and providing all students with the best possible experience while being responsible to and respectful of our community residents in these challenging economic times.

The proposed 2018-2019 budget reflects our continued efforts to consider the needs of our residents by limiting tax increases, while at the same time providing the best preparation for our students. This year's budget increase of 2.46% enables us to sustain strong programs and support for our students (the tax levy increase of 2.88% falls within the state tax levy cap). In addition to retaining all current student programs, this budget makes it possible for us to continue to support learners across a full spectrum of needs, and reduce class sizes at the Bretton Woods and Pines elementary schools. Through this budget, we are also able to expand summer support opportunities, introduce coding and engineering courses, sustain professional development programs that enhance teaching, continue to expand our 1:1 iPad initiative as well as add additional Chromebooks, offer an in-school ACT to all juniors, strengthen the college awareness program, and provide additional security personnel and enhancements.

As we continually endeavor to maintain and upgrade the District's buildings and facilities, funds for capital projects are regularly included in the budget. This year we propose the renovation of a science lab in the middle school, which completes our goal of updating all science labs in the middle school. In addition, the gymnasium floor in Bretton Woods will be refinished, and new bleachers will be installed.

The community will also be asked to vote on Proposition 2 which seeks approval to utilize capital reserve funds to begin renovating restrooms in our school buildings, as well as install a new roof at Forest Brook. Voter approval for Proposition 2 will **NOT** increase taxes.

Remember your vote is important - every vote counts! Please read these pages carefully so you are able to make an informed decision when casting your vote on May 15, 2018. Please also visit our website at www.hauppauge.k12.ny.us for additional information and details about the proposed 2018-2019 budget.

Thank you for your support of our District and your continued partnership as we work together to change students' life trajectories.

Respectfully,

David M. Barshay, Esq.

President, Board of Education

Dr. Dennis P. O'Hara

Superintendent of Schools



Bretton Woods honors Veterans with love and gratitude for their service to our country



The High School's production of the musical comedy *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* was a big success.

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How Would a Contingency Budget Affect Our District?

If the budget is rejected by voters, the Board of Education will have the option to place the same or a revised budget before voters on June 19, 2018. In the event that the second budget fails to pass, New York State law will require Hauppauge School District to adopt a budget with **no increase** in the tax levy from the prior year.

A contingency budget under this law could lead to significant program and staff reductions.

A contingency budget also *cannot* include the following expenditures:

- » New equipment,
- » Free community use of school buildings and grounds, and
- » Capital improvements to District facilities.

Voting Information Voter Eligibility

Please contact the District Clerk, Lori DeGeorge, at 631-761-8207 or email her at districtclerk@hauppauge.k12.ny.us for information.

Voter Registration

The Hauppauge Board of Education has adopted permanent personal registration procedures in accordance with New York State law. This means anyone who registered and voted in a school election or general (local, county, state or federal) election during the four years prior to a school vote or election can vote without registering.

Residents who previously have not registered, or who have moved into the District, may register to vote in school district elections, Monday through Friday, at the District Clerk's Office, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., any day school is in session and following regularly scheduled Board of Education meetings during April and May (not less than five days before any District vote or election).

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots must be submitted at least seven days prior to the vote or up to one day before if a voter picks up the ballot. Completed ballots must be returned to the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2018. Voter registration and absentee voting information is available on the District website at www.hauppauge.k12.ny.us.

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Pines' Peaceful Bus Program builds relationships and teaches respect as students mentor younger students.



Forest Brook had the top reader in the nation and every one of the classes placed in the top 15 in the country in the LightSail Reading Challenge.



Homecoming's impressive half-time show featured crowd pleasing performances by Hauppauge's marching band and nationally ranked kickline and cheerleading teams.

The Proposed 2018-2019 Budget Will Continue to Advance Opportunities for Excellence in Our District

Hauppauge students continued to thrive and excel in academics, athletics, the arts and community service in the 2017-2018 academic year, highlighted by:

- ▶ Senior Jade Carvalho earned the highest possible ACT score. Less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students who take the ACT earn a top score.
- ▶ Erin Fan was a semi-finalist in the 63rd National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- ▶ Dr. O'Hara was honored as a "Champion for Equity" with a Humanitarian Award by the American Association of School Administrators.
- ▶ Forest Brook fifth-grader Katie Cimato was the top reader in the nation in the LightSail Reading Challenge.
- ▶ Boys' Varsity Soccer Team are Suffolk County Champions.
- ▶ Grant Faber, Luke Jata, Saharsh Peddireddy, Nicholas Barshay, and Abhiram Mariseti won awards at the Long Island Science and Engineering MASTERS Middle School Science Fair.
- ▶ Boys' Varsity Volleyball Team are Suffolk County Champions.
- ▶ HHS Cheerleaders won 1st Place at UCA Regional Championship in New Jersey, and 2nd Place at UCA Nationals in Florida.
- ▶ Track Team Senior Nick Crociata finished 4th at the New York State Track & Field Championships taking home All-State Honors.
- ▶ Hamza Syed, Andrew Crecca, Justin Rutley, and Jade Carvalho are commended students for the 63rd National Merit Scholarship.
- ▶ The Girls Varsity Basketball Team won the Class A Suffolk County Championship.
- ▶ Jake Silverstein is a New York State Champion Wrestler. Jake is Hauppauge's first three-time Suffolk County Champion and three-time New York State Place winner.
- ▶ HHS Wrestler, Luke Smith, took 3rd place at the NYS Wrestling Championships.
- ▶ Sophomore Danny Mauriello won the League V title.
- ▶ Trenton Burr, Jack Casey, Aidan McMenamy and Jordan Nielsen placed 6th and took home All-State Honors at the New York State Swimming & Diving Championships in the 200- Medley Relay.
- ▶ Junior Jack Casey placed 2nd in 100-yard Breaststroke and was named All-State. Jack's time of 55.34 is a new Hauppauge High School record and is an All-American time.
- ▶ Junior Trenton Burr is the Suffolk County Champion in the 100-yard Backstroke and earned All-State Honors.
- ▶ Sophomore Sean Rorke broke two Hauppauge High School records. He now holds the new HHS 11 dive record with a score of 394.65 and the school record for 6 dives with a score of 257.99.
- ▶ Devin Capece, Thomas Martinez, Sindhu Padaga, David Pennino, Carter Rogan, John Spateri, Haylee Lanfranco, Lexie Leuci, Dylan Mahoney, Jessica Spiers, Hamza Syed, and Madison Wahl did very well at the Annual Long Island High School Ethics Bowl Competition.

- ▶ Hauppauge School District raised more than \$300,000 to date with the 10th Annual Kicks for Cancer - the largest amount raised since the event's launch!
- ▶ Kate Tacca, Daniel George, Patrick Caffrey, Chris Arcoleo, Rene Kozlowski, Jillian Stern, Evelyn Beltrani, and Emily Caminiti were 2017 All-State Musicians and Alternates.
- ▶ Frank Hufnagel is a Long Island Scholar Artist judged to be "the best of the best" on Long Island in both academics and in the arts by the Long Island Arts Alliance (LIAA).
- ▶ Caroline Fortmeyer, Aidan Ilinitzki, Melody Cheng, Andrew Crecca, David Fresolone, Lucas Field, Vincent Gerardi, and Francesco DiFlora qualified for the New York State History Day (NYSHD) competition.
- ▶ HHS students received medals at the Regional Science Olympiad Competition. Congratulations to Owen Kells, Jalaj Metha, Rebecca Klayman, Alex Vasilakopoulos, Francesca Paduano, Brandon Sandow, Noah Schwartzapfel, Sai Mauagavalasa, Tyler Xu, Danielle Liu, Lexi Leuci, Hamza Syed, and Xavier Cheng.
- ▶ Middle School Students placed 10th in the Eastern Long Island Regional Science Olympiad competition. They were Snehal Adabala, Dharmik Namineni, Pranav Lanka, Rachel Ma, and Snehal Adabala.
- ▶ HHS Librarian Dr. Timothy Horan had his second book published.
- ▶ From food and monetary donations, to creating coloring books for children with cancer, to raising funds for a local toddler with an incurable disease, to making cards for memory care residents and beyond, the Hauppauge School District community showed its caring, generous spirit to Long Islanders in need.

These and other exemplary student accomplishments are distinctly correlated to the dedication of our concerned families, talented staff and overall community support. We are proud of our students' accomplishments and greatly look forward to many more wonderful successes this year and every year!



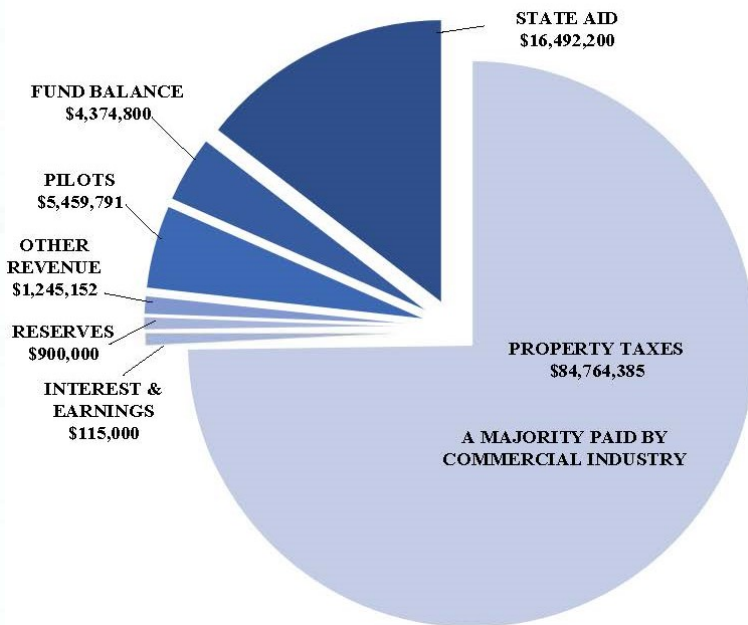
Character building and compassion are hallmarks of the educational program in the Hauppauge Public Schools. The Forest Brook Veterans' Voices Club constructed biographical booklets individually crafted from the memories of residents of The Arbors.

School Budget

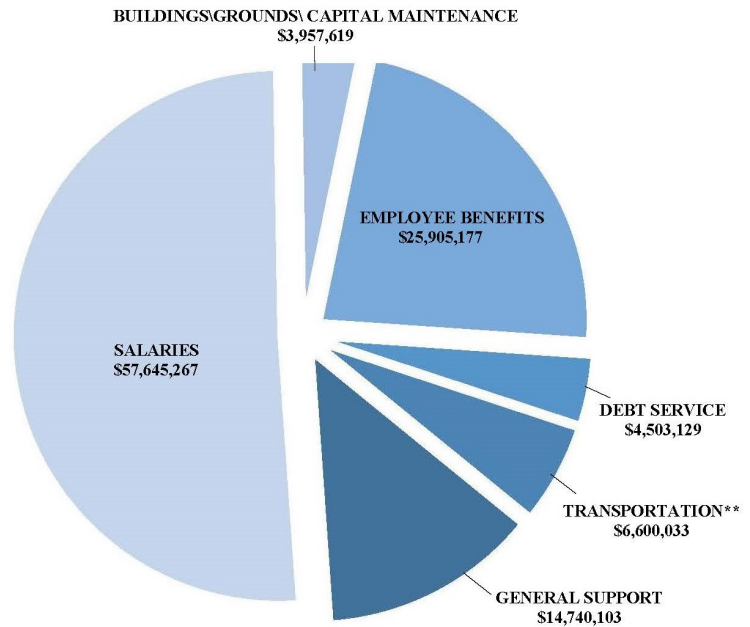
Proposition 1

2018-2019 Proposed School Budget Summary* Compliant with the New York State Tax Cap

Proposed Revenues \$113,351,328



Proposed Expenditures \$113,351,328



Budget Summary

	2017-2018	2018-2019
Total Budget	\$ 110,626,357	113,351,328
Dollar Increase	\$2,660,500	\$ 2,724,971
Percent Increase	2.46%	2.46%
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Total Tax Levy		\$ 84,764,385
Dollar Increase		\$ 2,373,045
Percent Increase		2.88%

Note: Tax rates are set by the Towns of Smithtown and Islip based upon assessed valuation and equalization rates.

*An annual budget is a specific spending plan of revenues and expenditures where the actual financial results may differ from the planned budget. In the event that any surplus funds are available at the end of the fiscal year, the Board of Education will determine the best use of these funds, which may include using these funds to reduce taxes, maintain programs and/or fund reserves.

**The transportation component includes the 2018-19 expenses related to three multi-year transportation contracts:

1. Fourth year of a five-year contract, the total estimated cumulative cost is \$15,359,632.
2. Fourth year of a five-year contract, the total estimated cumulative cost is \$922,518.
3. Fourth year of a five-year contract, the total estimated cumulative cost is \$380,163.

Capital Projects Funded Through the Proposed Budget

- ▶ Middle School Science Lab Reconstruction
 - ▶ New Gym Bleachers and Refinished Wood Floors at Bretton Woods Elementary School
- Total \$573,362**

Proposition 2

Expenditures from Capital Reserve for Repair and Rehabilitation I and II

Facts about Proposition 2

What are the capital reserve funds?

The capital reserve funds were authorized by the voters to save money to pay for future construction projects by avoiding increases to the operating budget from incurring costs by borrowing money. In order to expend funds already reserved/saved, the District must obtain voter approval for a specifically advertised project within the original approved project scope.

What are the projects that will be funded?

If approved by the voters, the capital reserve funds will be used to complete the following projects:

- ▶ Installation of a new roof at Forest Brook using an amount not to exceed \$2,210,000 from the District's Capital Reserve for Repair and Rehabilitation I and II
- ▶ Bathroom replacements district wide in an amount not to exceed \$1,600,000 from the District's Capital Reserve for Repair and Rehabilitation II

Will Proposition 2 increase my taxes?

NO! A voter-approved PROPOSITION 2 WILL NOT INCREASE TAXES. The funds have already been saved in the Capital Reserves.

Will we receive State building aid on the projects?

Yes, both projects funded by the capital reserve funds are still eligible for State building aid. Currently, the State reimburses the District approximately 55 percent of the total eligible project costs over a 15-year period.



Pines students sing the National Anthem on opening weekend of the best season start in Mets' history



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The number of College applications sent out from HHS students this year is over one thousand. In the past five years, the number of applications submitted to colleges by the November 1st deadline increased 244%. This indicates a culture shift in students' awareness about college applications and being savvy about the process and the advantage to applying early.



Innovative Middle School teachers make learning fun and relevant with 'Percent Town,' an authentic learning lesson where math students participate in a real-life experience involving percentages.

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School Board Election

There are two vacancies to be filled on the Board of Education. Voting is at large, which means the two candidates with the highest number of votes will be elected. The terms for these positions are three years, starting July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021. Information about the Board of Education candidates will be provided in a separate District mailing.

Our Financial Integrity

- ▶ Hauppauge School District has received an unqualified opinion from their independent auditor - the highest level that may be obtained for financial statements.
- ▶ The District is rated Aa2 by Moody's Investors Service. This is a reflection of our strong financial position marked by healthy general fund reserves and good financial planning.

2018-2019 Budget Proposal

Total Budget	\$113,351,328
Budget-to-Budget	2.46%
Projected Tax Levy	2.88%



Bretton Woods turned 50 with a community celebration.



Pines annual Kids' Choice Talent Show was a huge success raising more than \$8,000 for a Hauppauge community family in need.