



FREEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 6 a.m.–9 p.m.

Budget Highlights

- Supports programs to prepare students for college, career and life readiness.
- Continued focus on STEAM initiatives.
- Continued support to improve student safety.
- Expansion of new course offerings, including AP and dual-enrollment courses.
- Continued expansion of instructional technology and enhanced digital library (e-books and apps).
- Additional support services for ENL students and students with special needs, including BOCES services.
- Substantial capital improvement projects – at no additional cost to taxpayers.
- Continued Summer Arts Academy, STEM summer program, and after-school programs and clubs, including robotics.

**No Tax Levy
Increase
for Fifth
Consecutive Year**

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Financial Management

- The tax levy has been decreased for five consecutive years with a decrease of 0.12% for the 2019-20 school year.
- Freeport's Standard & Poor's bond rating is AA, a rating earned by only a few of the 300 districts rated in New York State.
- Freeport spends approximately \$5,200 less per pupil and collects approximately \$10,000 less in tax levy per pupil than the average school district in Nassau County.
- By refinancing outstanding bond payments, the district saved taxpayers \$6.5 million in interest costs and also shortened the payback period by three years for one of the outstanding bond issuances.
- Through the first capital reserve fund established in 2009, as well as the second capital reserve fund established in 2017, the district has completed \$12.9 million in capital reserve projects at no additional cost to taxpayers.
- In the past few years, through an energy performance contract and an EXCEL bond, the district has implemented more than \$25 million in capital improvement projects at no cost to taxpayers.
- Using the interest-free Quality School Construction Bond program, the district completed \$5 million of additional capital improvement projects, saving taxpayers approximately \$1.4 million in interest costs.

Where to Register:

Register by May 17 at the Freeport Schools Administration Building, corner of Seaman Avenue and Ocean Avenue, 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Call 516-867-5209 for additional information.

Where and When to Vote:

Archer Street, Caroline G. Atkinson, Bayview Avenue, Columbus Avenue and Leo F. Giblyn schools and the Albany Avenue Field House, 55 Albany Ave., Freeport, on Tuesday, May 21, from 6 a.m.–9 p.m.

Fiscal Summary

Tax Levy Decrease – Fifth Consecutive Year



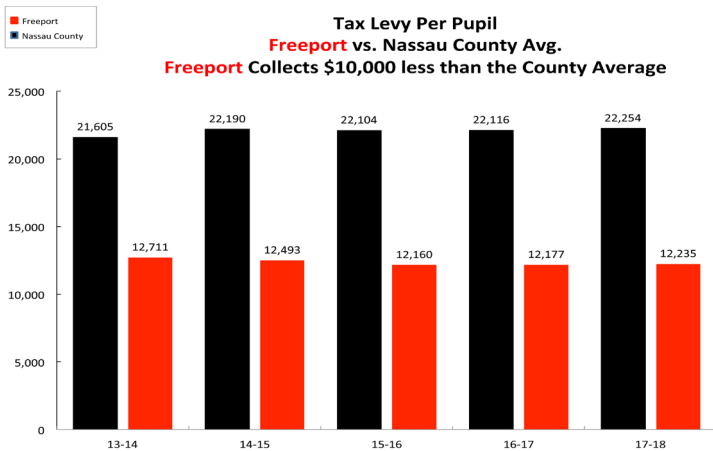
Tax Levy History



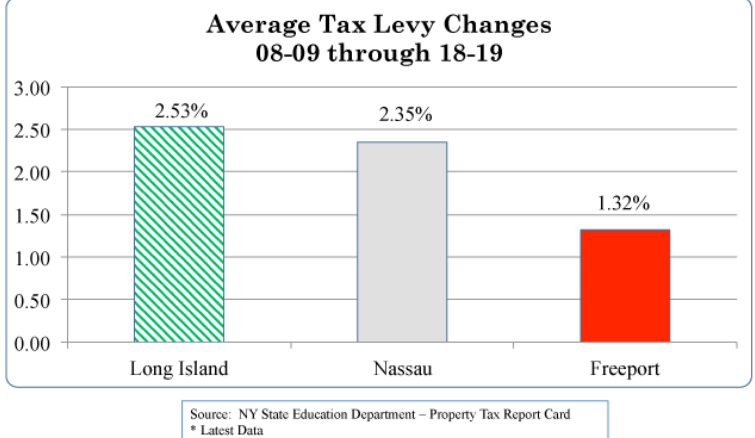
- The Tax Levy Has Been Decreased for Five Consecutive Years With a Decrease of 0.12% for the 2019-20 School Year.
- The Tax Levy Has Been Decreased in Seven of the Last 12 Years.
- The Average Tax Levy Increase for the Past 12 Years Is Only 1.15%.
- The District's Tax Levy Per Pupil Is Lower Than the Nassau County Average.



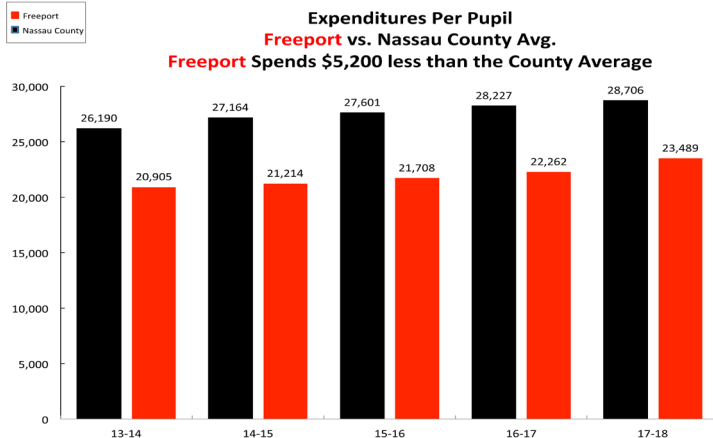
Tax Levy Per Pupil



Tax Levy Comparison



Expenditures Per Pupil



Per Pupil Expenditure Comparison

