



Special Budget Edition 2018

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PROPOSED 2018-2019 BUDGET

TAX LEVY DECREASES FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

*Continues to Support Outstanding
Programs and Services*



**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON
TUESDAY, MAY 15, 2018 • 6 A.M. – 9 P.M.**



(From left) Board of Education Trustee Vilma I. Lancaster, Vice President Anthony J. Miller, President Michael C. Pomerico, Trustee Ronald J. Ellerbe and Trustee Ernest J. Kight Jr.

2018-19 Budget Highlights

- **Additional staff to support students and programs**
- **Introduction of new course offerings and textbook adoptions**
- **Additional support services for students with special needs, including BOCES services**
- **Substantial capital improvement projects**
- **Continued support towards improving the safety of our students**
- **Continued expansion of instructional technology**
- **Includes summer arts academy, a new STEM summer program and after-school programs and clubs, including robotics**

Dear Neighbor,

Over the past several months, your Board of Education and the administration have been working diligently to develop the budget for the 2018-2019 school year. We are delighted that we are able to bring the community a fiscally responsible budget with a tax levy decrease of 0.12 percent while preserving and enhancing our educational programs. **This is the fourth year in a row we are pleased to present a budget with a tax levy decrease.**

The proposed budget both supports the current programs and provides enhancements to instruction and our learning environments. It is our goal to provide our students with the best learning opportunities available. There will be additional staff and programs to support students, and special maintenance and capital improvement projects are planned. The safety and security of our students and staff have always been a high priority and factored into this budget are additional security staff and safety measures. Complete details of the proposed budget and proposition to approve capital spending from the capital reserve fund are inside the newsletter.

Our accomplished students earn recognitions on the local, state and national levels. As the Class of 2018 actively plans their future, we are inspired by our students to provide them with an education that offers them every opportunity to be successful as they move forward in college, careers and life. We are proud of their successes and determined to continue providing our children with the quality education they need and deserve to ensure they are all on track to graduate, college and career ready. At the same time, we acknowledge and we honor our responsibility to taxpayers to be educationally and fiscally responsible.

We are pleased that we are able to again bring a tax levy **decrease** to our taxpayers this year – the sixth time in the past 11 years. We encourage all residents to learn more about the budget and proposition to approve spending from the capital reserve fund. Thank you for your support. Please remember to vote on May 15, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

Sincerely,

The Freeport Board of Education

Michael C. Pomerico, President; Anthony J. Miller, Vice President; Ronald J. Ellerbe, Trustee; Vilma I. Lancaster, Trustee and Ernest J. Kight Jr., Trustee

The Freeport Public Schools take great pride in sharing some of our outstanding achievements during the 2017-18 school year.

OUR ACADEMICS:

- The district was one of 13 nationwide and the only one in Nassau County to be chosen by NASA to establish a live interaction with the International Space Station and American astronaut Scott D. Tingle.
- Forty-eight members of the high school's Classes of 2017 and 2018 were named AP Scholars.
- The high school inducted 108 students into the National Honor Society.
- Dodd inducted 111 students into the National Junior Honor Society.
- As part of the district's standing as the first in Nassau County to have embraced the Speak Truth to Power program, which ties into the district's longstanding mission of global peace, the high school welcomed Kerry Kennedy, daughter of Robert F. Kennedy, for a special visit and discussion about raising awareness.
- The district had its proposal to introduce nanotechnology into the high school curriculum accepted by Brookhaven National Laboratory's Center for Functional Nanomaterials for the second consecutive year. Freeport is the only district on Long Island to have an approved user project at the CFN.
- The district was one of six on Long Island that was selected to take part in an interdisciplinary Science, Technology, Engineering, Math + Computing Partnership (STEM+C) program through Hofstra University.
- Students throughout the district experienced augmented reality by participating in the Google Expeditions Pioneer Program.
- Students at Dodd have been videoconferencing with several experts from various institutions and organizations to interact and speak with specialists who complement their classroom instruction.
- The high school hosted the district's fourth annual robotics tournament, featuring seven teams from Freeport: four from the high school, two from Dodd and one from Atkinson. The sixth-grade team from Atkinson won the Judges Award and advanced to the playoffs; based on their skills score, one of the two teams from Dodd placed fourth in the state competition among middle school teams; and two of the four high school teams advanced to the playoffs.
- Nineteen high school students were named winners in the 2018 DECA Regional competition; at the state competition, eight students placed.
- Atkinson teams placed second and third in their division in the Odyssey of the Mind regional competition; Dodd teams earned first and second place and earned the opportunity to compete at the state level.
- The Dodd Science Olympiad Team

CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2018 TOP TEN



(From left) Freeport High School Class of 2018 Top Ten seniors: Jordyn Smith (10), Zoie Gold (9), Roseanne Hylton (8), Hannah Cotter (7), Zoe Stetson (salutatorian), Joseph LaRocca (valedictorian), Kira Brizill (3), Kenny Martinez (4), Franco Ramirez (5) and James Hastings (6).

attended the Science Olympiad Regional Competition for the fifth consecutive year and won six medals and two honorable mentions against 40 teams in Nassau County.

- The Authentic Science Research Program at Freeport High School is a four-year program where students practice original scientific research independently and with scientists and professionals within their field of research.
- The P-Tech Program at Freeport High School is a six-year, high-intensity program that enables students to simultaneously earn a high school degree and an associate's degree in engineering through a partnership with Farmingdale State College.
- Through a partnership with Farmingdale State College, Freeport High School Dual-Enrollment Program students can earn college credits while attending high school.
- Through a partnership with Farmingdale State College, the Smart Scholars Program at Freeport High School continues to allow students to earn college credits at no cost while still in high school.

OUR SPORTS PROGRAMS:

- The varsity cheerleading team placed first at the Nassau County championships in the Small Varsity D1 Division to qualify for the New York State championships in Syracuse. The team went on to place fifth at the New York State Public High School Athletic Association State championships.
- Katherine Leon was selected by Newsday as a First Team All-Long Island Cheerleader.
- The varsity soccer team played in its first playoff game in more than 10 years.
- The varsity football team reached the Nassau County Class I finals.
- Robert Fitzsimmons was selected to

Newsday's All-Long Island Football First Team.

- The varsity wrestling team earned first place at the county tournament qualifier – its third first-place finish in a tournament this season. Sixteen students qualified for the county championships, where the team placed third. Seven of those students placed and one qualified for the state wrestling championship.

OUR MUSIC AND ARTS PROGRAMS:

- Designated 2018 Best Communities in Music Education by NAMM Foundation.
- The high school inducted 47 student-musicians to its first Tri-M (Modern Music Masters) Music Honor Society.
- High school musicians performed as All-State participants in the New York State School Music Association All-State Festival.
- The high school's Select Chorale performed at Radio City Music Hall for the first time in its history.
- The district hosted its annual Peace Concert and Black History Month celebration, featuring performances by students in each school.



Grant Funding: More Than \$7.5 Million

- To date, during the 2017-18 school year, the district has been awarded more than \$7.5 million in competitive and allocated grant funding. These grants enable the district to provide additional essential programs and services at no cost to taxpayers.

Expenditures

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	2017-18 BUDGET	2018-19 BUDGET	VARIANCE
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT			
Board of Education	73,441	73,441	-
Superintendent's Office	460,993	482,051	21,058
Finance – Business Administration	932,714	973,359	40,645
Staff (Personnel, Legal and Public Information)	859,461	884,680	25,219
Central Services	1,358,208	1,372,557	14,349
Special Items	1,726,808	1,726,808	-
Curriculum Development and Supervision of Schools	445,345	439,056	(6,289)
Supervision – Regular School	8,321,873	8,754,182	432,309
Research Evaluation and Planning	48,790	50,254	1,464
Employee Benefits	4,382,959	4,397,995	15,036
Total Administrative Component	18,610,592	19,154,383	543,791
PROGRAM COMPONENT			
Legal	21,632	21,632	-
In-service Training	330,000	330,000	-
Teaching – Regular School	60,300,633	60,659,008	358,375
Children with Disabilities and Special Needs	26,471,540	28,780,348	2,308,808
Teaching – Special Schools	939,936	997,456	57,520
Instructional Media	3,036,767	3,120,484	83,717
Pupil Personnel Services	7,974,887	8,330,900	356,013
Pupil Transportation	9,226,145	9,484,852	258,707
Employee Benefits	29,679,207	30,078,565	399,358
Total Program Component	137,980,747	141,803,245	3,822,498
CAPITAL COMPONENT			
Operations and Maintenance	8,713,549	9,055,197	341,648
Employee Benefits	2,886,539	2,900,873	14,334
Interfund Transfers (Including Transfer to Capital Projects)	6,837,382	7,012,382	175,000
Total Capital Component	18,437,470	18,968,452	530,982
Grand Total	\$175,028,809	\$179,926,080	\$4,897,271

Revenues

State Aid (Including Building Aid)	73,563,873	78,020,373	4,456,500
Charges for Services	500,000	450,000	(50,000)
Use of Money and Property	175,000	225,000	50,000
Sale of Property/Compensation for Loss	100,000	100,000	-
PILOT (including LIPA)	1,414,013	761,065	(652,948)
Miscellaneous	348,896	647,071	298,175
Transfers from Reserves and Capital Fund	3,600,000	4,000,000	400,000
Fund Balance Usage	8,000,000	8,500,000	500,000
NYS Schools for the Deaf and Blind	280,000	280,000	-
Total Non-Tax Revenue	87,981,782	92,983,509	5,001,727
Tax Levy Revenue	87,047,027	86,942,571	(104,456)
Total Revenues	\$175,028,809	179,926,080	4,897,271

Expenditure Breakdown

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	2017-18 BUDGET	2018-19 BUDGET	VARIANCE
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT			
Board of Education Provides supplies for the five-member, unsalaried Board of Education; District Clerk expenses, including digitizing of district records; and district meetings and the annual budget and trustee vote, including voting machines, legal advertisements and fees for election inspectors.	73,441	73,441	-
Superintendent's Office Provides for the Superintendent of Schools, who is the district's chief executive officer; support staff; and supplies.	460,993	482,051	21,058
Finance — Business Administration Provides for the Executive Director for Business and support staff in payroll, purchasing, accounting and other business-related services; annual professional audit, internal auditor and internal claims auditor; some legal advertising; and bank and brokerage fees in connection with debt service.	932,714	973,359	40,645
Staff Provides for the Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and clerical staff. Includes legal services; negotiations services and public information services, plus printing and distributing <i>Freeport Pride</i> , school calendar and individual brochures.	859,461	884,680	25,219
Central Services Provides for central printing, mailing and switchboard staff; data processing staff; and equipment and supplies.	1,358,208	1,372,557	14,349
Special Items Provides for insurance — general liability, property and student accident insurance, as well as fire insurance. Also includes Freeport's mandated share of BOCES costs, distributed among all Nassau districts, and Board of Education membership dues to various professional organizations.	1,726,808	1,726,808	-
Curriculum Development and Supervision of Schools Costs for the overall supervision of educational programs at the district level; salaries for the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction and secretary; and the Executive Director and secretary.	445,345	439,056	(6,289)
Supervision — Regular School The direct costs for the overall administration and supervision of the educational programs at the building levels and salaries for the building principals, assistant principals, directors, coordinator and office staff are accounted for here.	8,321,873	8,754,182	432,309
Research, Planning, Assessment and Evaluation Covers research, planning, assessment, evaluation and community services.	48,790	50,254	1,464
Employee Benefits Cost of mandated and contractual employee benefits, including retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation and health insurance.	4,382,959	4,397,995	15,036
Total Administrative Component	18,610,592	19,154,383	543,791
PROGRAM COMPONENT			
Legal Costs cover retainer fees for counsel provided to the district; negotiation services; and the legal opinion required for tax anticipation note borrowing.	21,632	21,632	-
In-service Training This reflects the continued commitment to in-service training and staff development. Through these programs, the district maintains and improves the skill of its staff through specialized training.	330,000	330,000	-
Teaching — Regular School The major portion of the budget. Salaries of all teachers, substitute teachers and teacher assistants; textbooks for public, private and parochial students; supplies; equipment; service contracts; BOCES vocational programs; district music programs; repairs and other mandated expenses.	60,300,633	60,659,008	358,375
Children with Disabilities and Special Needs Cost associated with services and teaching of students with handicapping conditions, as per state and federal laws, and covers pupils placed out of the district as well as in the district. Includes salaries, out-of-district tuition, hearings and evaluations.	26,471,540	28,780,348	2,308,808
Teaching — Special Schools Teaching salaries and supplies connected with Adult Education, Summer School, Summer Arts Academy and elementary and secondary programs.	939,936	997,456	57,520
Instructional Media Costs of books, reference information and materials for the district libraries, audio, visual and media services to classrooms; and salaries of technicians and clerical staff. Includes videoconferencing and computer-assisted instruction.	3,036,767	3,120,484	83,717
Pupil Personnel Services Provides for student needs such as guidance services, school nurse/teachers and physicians, psychological counseling and social work assistance. Includes central registration and attendance monitoring to ensure education of only Freeport district residents, and associated legal fees. Covers salaries, fees, equipment and supplies related to interscholastic athletic programs and co-curricular activities.	7,974,887	8,330,900	356,013
Pupil Transportation Costs of contracted bus transportation to district schools, and to private, parochial and handicapped school sites. Includes transportation for field trips and athletic, music and academic competitions.	9,226,145	9,484,852	258,707
Employee Benefits Cost of mandated and contractual employee benefits, including retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation and health insurance.	29,679,207	30,078,565	399,358
Total Program Component	137,980,747	141,803,245	3,822,498
CAPITAL COMPONENT			
Operations and Maintenance Protects the district's investment in all school buildings and more than 40 acres of grounds, and salary for the director for buildings and grounds, custodial, grounds and maintenance staffs. Cartage, water, fuel and electricity are included.	8,713,549	9,055,197	341,648
Employee Benefits Cost of mandated and contractual employee benefits, including retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation and health insurance.	2,886,539	2,900,873	14,334
Interfund Transfers Cost of capital construction projects; transfer to debt service to pay current debt obligations, transfer to cafeteria to offset expenditures; and charges for district's share of summer special education programs	6,837,382	7,012,382	175,000
Total Capital Component	18,437,470	18,968,452	530,982
Grand Total	\$175,028,809	\$179,926,080	\$4,897,271

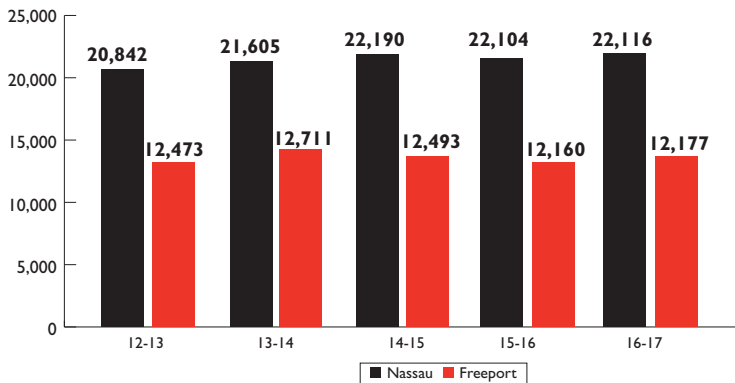
Tax Levy History

- Tax Levy Decreased for Four Consecutive Years With Decrease of 0.12% for the 2018-2019 School Year
- Tax Levy Has Been Decreased in Six of the Last 11 Years
- Average Tax Levy Increase for the Past 11 Years Is Only 1.27%

How Freeport Compares

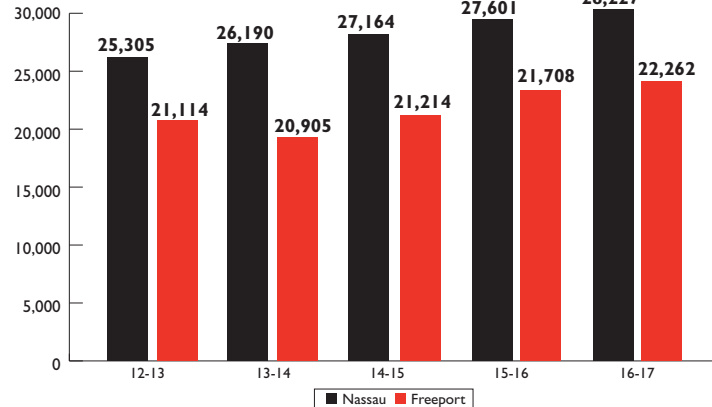
Tax Levy Per Pupil

Freeport Collects \$9,900 Less Tax Levy Per Pupil Than Nassau County Avg.



Expenditures Per Pupil

Freeport Spends \$6,000 Less Per Pupil Than Nassau County Avg.



Our Financial Integrity

- Freeport's Standard & Poor's bond rating of AA, a rating earned by only a few of the 300 districts rated in New York State.
- 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, the district has completed \$8.9 million of capital 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, savings taxpayers approximately \$1.4 million in interest costs.

Budget Message From the Freeport Memorial Library

The Freeport Memorial Library Board asks you to vote on May 15. The proposed budget will assure that the library can continue to provide books, magazines, ebooks, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, Nooks, Roku streaming sticks, concerts, lectures, tutoring, workshops, children's programs, computers, multifunction color copiers, mobile hot spots and much more.

Programs presented this past year included the seventh Annual Youth Services Fall Festival; the Summer Reading Clubs for adults, teens and children; and Outside the Lines, which brought programs into our community. In our Teen Resource Activity Center, students use our recently purchased Chromebooks and Kindle Fire HD tablets, as well as two 3-D printers, which can also be used by adults.

The Business Resource Information Center is continuing to provide to entrepreneurs and small-business owners free counseling from the government's Small Business Development Center. We participate in New York Heritage, a digitization project, which allows online access to historical materials. We cosponsored, with the Long Island Arts Council at Freeport, a concert on the Nautical Mile Esplanade.

The library is governed by a Board of Trustees, with guidance and support from the Friends of the Library, the Art and Music Advisory Committees, and a dedicated staff of librarians, paraprofessionals, student pages and volunteers. We are always offering new and exciting services and responding to community needs through our outreach programs and our recent community survey. We work diligently to bring the best possible

library experience to the entire community, and we welcome suggestions and active participation from library patrons.

We continue to hold down costs, but ongoing recurring expenses require us to request a modest increase of 3.23 percent. We continue to make improvements to the library and our services. We have installed new folding partitions in our meeting rooms to provide a better level of sound reduction between the rooms and recently refurbished Memorial Room.

Our facility is open 70 hours a week, and many of our services are available online 24/7, including databases such as Overdrive, a source to download e-books and audio books; Lynda.com, which provides comprehensive courses covering technical skills and business strategies; and RB Digital, which provides digital access to popular magazines.

2018-19 Library Proposal

	2017-18 Current Budget	2018-19 Proposed Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
Non-Tax Revenue	\$144,400	\$129,957	(\$14,443)
Taxes	\$5,984,200	\$6,177,313	\$193,113
TOTAL BUDGET	\$6,128,600	\$6,307,270	\$178,670

Copies of the proposed library budget are available at the library.

Q: What is included in the 2018-19 budget?

A: The district's highest priority continues to be the increase of student achievement and academic rigor. This budget maintains all existing academic programs and services, including the arts, athletics and all clubs. It meets the needs of increasing ENL and special education mandates as well as increases the course offerings at Freeport High School, restores and adds additional athletic programs to support increased participation and increases security districtwide. The budget includes 4.5 teaching positions, five teaching assistant positions, one speech therapist position, seven athletic coaching positions, five security aide positions and two cleaner positions.

Q: What is the budget increase and what are the major factors affecting the proposed budget?

A: This is the fourth consecutive year and the sixth time in the past 11 years that the district has proposed a budget that has resulted in a *tax levy decrease*. The proposed budget represents a budget-to-budget increase of 2.80 percent, which will support additional staffing needs, special education/BOCES tuition costs, contractual salary increases, safety and security enhancements, transportation, technology upgrades and other mandated costs. This is offset by additional increases in state aid and revenues.

Q: How will my school taxes be affected by this budget?

A: There should be no increase in your school taxes for next year. For the 2018-19 budget, the tax levy will decrease by 0.12 percent, a decrease for the fourth consecutive year. However, if individual homeowners do see an increase in their tax bill, it will not be because of the school budget. Factors not within the control of the school district could affect tax bills, including changes in home market

values, assessed valuations and shifts in the tax distribution from one class of taxpayer to another. Therefore, any increase in a homeowner's tax bill for the 2018-19 school year, as well as the past three years, would not be attributable to the school district budget.

Q: What's on the ballot?

A: There are three propositions on the ballot for 2018-19:

- Proposition One is the Freeport Union Free School District budget.
- Proposition Two is the Freeport Memorial Library budget.
- Proposition Three is for the capital reserve funds authorization. There is also the election of one school board trustee.

Q: What is the capital reserve proposition, and what effect will it have on my taxes?

A: The capital reserve proposition will have no effect on your taxes. In 2009, and again in 2017, Freeport voters approved the creation of capital reserve funds, which allow the district to set aside money in a reserve account specifically allocated for capital projects. It is important to note that with voter approval, at no additional cost to taxpayers, the district will expend \$1.5 million from the 2009 capital reserve fund and \$2.5 million from the 2017 capital reserve fund. This includes districtwide repairs and renovations, including window replacements; exterior improvements; air conditioning; security upgrades, building security and entry vestibules; classroom, flooring and lighting renovations; science room renovations; bathroom renovations; ceiling tile and lighting replacements; interior and exterior doors and hardware; roofs, grounds, steps, foundation, sidewalks and parking lots. Other projects include the band room, chorus room and display case renovation at Freeport High School and the classroom addition project at Atkinson Intermediate School.

In the past few years, the district has benefited from favorable market conditions and pricing when the projects have been published for bid. This has enabled the district to maximize the use of these reserves. The total scope of proposed projects will be determined when final bidding is received. In the past few years, the district has been able to accomplish significant infrastructure upgrades and repairs, at no additional cost to taxpayers, by utilizing the capital reserve fund.

Recent projects completed or close to completion by using these funds include the auditorium (Performing Arts Center) renovation at Freeport High School; a new fire alarm system at Archer Street School; new sidewalks, driveway and masonry work at Bayview Avenue School, Dodd Middle School, and Freeport High School; a new turf field and masonry work on the building exterior at Dodd Middle School; hallway ceiling tile and LED lighting replacements at Dodd Middle School and Freeport High School; renovations to science rooms at Dodd Middle School; classroom and casework renovations at Atkinson Intermediate School; LED lighting in the gymnasium at New Visions School; playground resurfacing and renovations at New Visions School; and irrigation, bathroom renovations and security upgrades districtwide. We continue to invest in our facilities, with no additional cost to taxpayers, through capital reserve funds.

Q: What happens if the proposed budget is not approved?

A: The proposed budget represents a 0.12 percent decrease in the tax levy. If voters do not approve the proposed budget, the Board of Education has the option of proposing the same budget or a revised budget for a revote in June. If the budget is defeated a second time, the Board is required by law to adopt a contingency budget, which cannot increase the tax levy above the current year's amount.

TAX LEVY DECREASES FOURTH CONSECUTIVE YEAR

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What's on the Ballot?

PROPOSITION ONE: SCHOOL BUDGET

Resolved, that the annual school budget of \$179,926,080 be adopted and the necessary amount be raised by a tax upon the taxable property located in the Freeport Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Freeport, New York, for the school year 2018-19.

PROPOSITION TWO: FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUDGET

Resolved, that the Freeport Memorial Library Budget in the amount of \$6,307,270 be adopted and the necessary amount be raised by a tax upon the taxable property located in the Freeport Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Freeport, New York, for the Freeport Memorial Library in 2018-19.

PROPOSITION THREE:

SHALL the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District be authorized to expend: (a) \$1,500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 19, 2009 and (b) \$2,500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 16, 2017 for the purpose of performing the following projects: Window Replacement – Dodd Middle School and Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School; Exterior Improvements/Renovations – Dodd Middle School and Districtwide; Air Conditioning – Archer Elementary School Gym, Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School Gym and Districtwide; Security Upgrades – Districtwide; Entry Vestibules – Archer Elementary School, Leo F. Giblyn Elementary School, Freeport High School, and Districtwide; Classroom Renovations including Flooring/Lighting – Districtwide; Science Room Renovations –

Atkinson Intermediate School, Dodd Middle School and Freeport High School; Bathroom Renovations – Districtwide; Hallway/Corridor/Stairwell Ceiling Tile, Lighting and Flooring Replacements – Districtwide; Band Room, Chorus Room and Display Case Renovation – Freeport High School; ADA Interior and Exterior Doors and Hardware – Districtwide; Roofs, Grounds, Steps, Foundations, Sidewalks, Parking Lots – Districtwide; Construction of Classroom Addition to Atkinson Intermediate School, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto.

ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES:

The election of one (1) trustee to the Board of Education will take place. The term shall be for a full term of three years beginning July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2021.

Who Can Vote?

Only registered voters can participate in the Freeport School District budget vote. A qualified voter must be:

- 18 years of age
- a U.S. citizen
- a resident of the Freeport School District for 30 days prior to the election
- a duly registered voter

When and Where to Vote

Voting will be held at 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 15, from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Absentee Ballots

Registered voters who require an absentee ballot may pick up an application at the district clerk's office or the Freeport Memorial Library. They may also call 516-867-5200 or 516-867-5209 to receive an application by mail.

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the district clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. If the ballot is to be filled out in the district clerk's office, voters have until the day before the election to pick up the ballots.

All ballots must be delivered to the district clerk by 5 p.m. on the day of the election.

Persons registered permanently disabled with the Nassau Board of Elections will automatically receive an absentee ballot.

Information about the budget is available in Spanish at the administration building and each school building.

This year, all voting will be done electronically. There will be people at the polling places to provide assistance as needed.

VOTE
Tuesday, May 15, 2018
from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

- **Tax levy decrease is 0.12 percent.** This is the fourth consecutive year and the sixth time in the past 11 years the proposed budget resulted in a tax levy decrease
- Capital reserve fund projects at no additional cost to taxpayers
- Maintains and enhances core existing programs and instruction
- Continues to support full-day kindergarten, summer school, science research, music, the arts, clubs and sports

If you have any questions regarding Freeport Public Schools polling sites, go to www.freeportschools.org to view the district voting sites and boundaries map, or call 516-867-5209.



BOARD OF EDUCATION

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