



FREEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

2017-18 Budget Highlights

- Additional staff to support students and programs
- Introduction of new course offerings
- Additional support services for students with special needs including BOCES services
- Addition of substantial capital improvement projects
- Increase districtwide technology, visual, lighting, sound, and other equipment allocations
- Increase in special maintenance projects districtwide
- Includes summer arts academy and after-school programs and clubs including Robotics

**Tax Levy
DECREASE**
**for 2017-18
Third
Consecutive Year**

Financial Management

- The tax levy has been decreased for three consecutive years.
- Freeport's Standard and Poor's bond rating is AA, a rating earned by only a few of the 300 districts in New York State.
- Freeport spends approximately \$5,900 less per pupil and collects approximately \$9,900 less in tax levy per student 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 current Capital Reserve Fund 2009, the district completed \$8.5 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, saving taxpayers approximately \$1.4 million in interest costs.

Proposed 2017-18 Capital Reserve Fund

The district is seeking voter approval to authorize the establishment of a new Capital Reserve Fund known as the Facilities Improvement Plan 2017 – Freeport Public Schools, for the purpose of funding future facility repairs and renovations. There will be no additional impact to the tax rate and no additional cost to taxpayers. This fund will replace an existing Capital Reserve Fund, which is scheduled to expire in June, 2018.

The maximum amount of the fund will be \$25 million plus investment income. The funds are to be transferred from potential surplus monies remaining in the general fund, in a sum not to exceed \$2.5 million annually over ten years. Following the establishment of a new Capital Reserve Fund, annual spending will also require voter approval.

- It will enable the district to maintain facilities while deferring proposing a bond referendum, which would increase cost to taxpayers.
- There will be no additional cost to taxpayers.
- The money will be used to fund repairs and renovations too costly to include in the annual budget without significantly increasing taxes.
- Once the fund is established, voter approval is required to approve projects and expend the funds.

For budget updates, voter registration, absentee ballot information and polling places, visit our website at: www.freeportschools.org, or on Facebook or call 516-867-5209

Where to Register:

Register by May 11 at The Freeport Schools Administration Building, corner of Seaman Avenue and Ocean Avenue, 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Call Denise Elmore at 516-867-5209 for additional information.

Where to Vote:

Archer Street, Caroline G. Atkinson, Bayview, Columbus Avenue, Leo F. Giblyn and the Field House (Cleveland Avenue) across from the Freeport Family Community Center.

Please Remember to Vote Tuesday, May 16, 2017

Information About the Current Capital Reserve Fund

The current Capital Reserve Fund is scheduled to expire in June, 2018. Following voter approval, this fund supported numerous districtwide repairs and renovations at no additional cost to the taxpayers. The district is proud to continue to provide a safe and supportive instructional environment in which students can learn and succeed.



Major Projects Funded by the Current Capital Reserve Fund

DISTRICTWIDE

- Boiler replacement
- Locker replacement
- Masonry work
- Ceiling tile replacement
- Window replacement
- Security system upgrades

FREEPORT HIGH SCHOOL

- Renovation of Performing Arts Center
- Installation of turf field, track and lighting
- Installation of cafeteria air conditioning

JOHN W. DODD MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Science room renovations (3) (summer 2017)

BAYVIEW AVENUE SCHOOL

- Bathroom renovations (2) (summer 2017)

- Installation of new irrigation system (spring 2017)

CAROLINE G. ATKINSON INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

- Auditorium lighting upgrade
- Casework – 12 classrooms and flooring (summer 2017)
- Bathroom renovations (3) (summer 2017)

NEW VISIONS SCHOOL

- Playground upgrade (summer 2017)

COLUMBUS AVENUE SCHOOL

- Bathroom renovations (2) (summer 2017)

LEO F. GIBLYN SCHOOL

- Bathroom renovation (1) (summer 2017)



PLANNING AHEAD

Potential Projects as Needed per the District's Long-Term Plan

- Bathroom renovations
- Installation of new, more efficient generators
- Installation of air conditioning starting with common areas
- Ceiling tile, floor and window replacements
- Classroom and casework renovations
- Interior and exterior lighting upgrades
- Masonry and plumbing repairs
- Replacement of roofs
- Renovate cafeterias
- Add entry vestibules
- Science lab renovations

- Provide accessibility to various areas including classroom and office door replacements in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- Freeport High School – replace bleachers, field renovations and new scoreboard
- J. W. Dodd – exterior improvements
- Caroline G. Atkinson – auditorium renovation and reconstruct athletic fields
- Bayview – auditorium renovation and replace safety surfacing at playground and fencing



Proposed Dodd rendering



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