



Special Budget Edition 2016

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PROPOSED 2016-2017 BUDGET

***TAX LEVY DECREASE AGAIN***

*Continues to Support Outstanding  
Programs and Services*



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REMEMBER TO VOTE ON  
**TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016 • 6 A.M. – 9 P.M.**



Dear Neighbors,

We consider our responsibility to develop the annual proposed budget one of our highest priorities. For months, we worked diligently with Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kishore Kuncham and our administration to analyze our budget needs, advocate for our fair share of state and federal aid, explore all possible revenue sources and ultimately develop a budget that will support the educational program that's best for our children.

For the second year in a row, we are pleased to present a budget that carries a tax levy decrease of .09 percent while preserving and enhancing our educational programs. The budget provides for instructional equipment in science and technology, supports additional Advanced Placement classes, increases elective offerings as well as greater opportunities for college credit-bearing courses, and staffing for our increased enrollment and compliance. The complete details of the proposed budget can be found inside this newsletter.

Our school district is the center of our community. We can all take great pride in knowing that our students are recognized on the state, regional and national levels for their outstanding achievements in academics, the arts and athletics. As you read this, the members of the Class of 2016 are busy finalizing their plans. We are also planning for the future to ensure that our children continue to receive the education they need to remain confident, competitive and successful after graduation.

While we are proud of all we have accomplished, we must continue to work together to provide all students with a quality education that includes a rigorous curriculum, an appreciation of the arts, participation in athletics, and the opportunity to explore their passions through after-school clubs and activities.



*(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.*

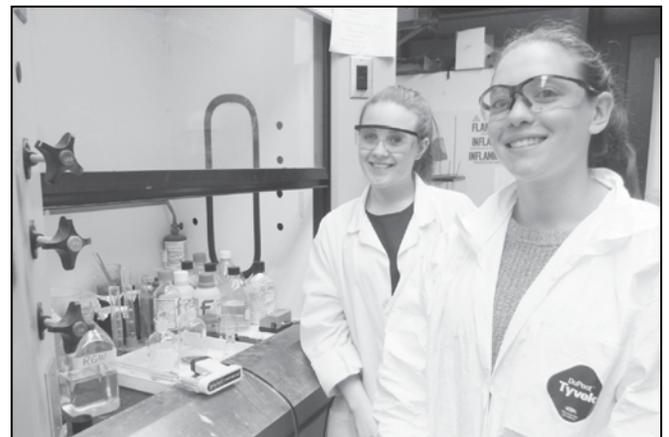
We gratefully acknowledge the ongoing support of the community members, parents, staff and students who join us in advocating for our schools and support our vision for success. Our advocacy efforts have resulted in some increases in Foundation Aid, which is crucial for ensuring that Freeport receives its fair share of aid. Advocacy has also accomplished the total elimination of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA). Although the final state aid for 2016-17 is less than our expectations, we have made adjustments to the budget and are still able to bring you a tax levy decrease.

We are proud to note that this is the fourth time the tax levy has decreased in the past nine years. Again, we thank you for your ongoing support and encourage all residents to learn more about the budget and remember to vote on Tuesday, May 17.

Sincerely,

The Freeport Board of Education

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



The Freeport Public Schools take great pride in sharing some of the awards and recognitions that were achieved during the 2015-2016 school year.

### Our Academics:

- A record-breaking 129 students at Freeport High School were inducted into the prestigious National Honor Society.
- Thirty-seven students in Freeport High School's Classes of 2015 and 2016 were named Advanced Placement Scholars by the College Board.
- Dodd Middle School eighth-grader Valeria Ventura is the only student in New York State and one of 20 students in the nation to be accepted to the Physicists Inspiring the Next Generation 2016: Exploring the Cosmos with the National Radio Telescope Observatory summer program started by President Obama.
- In 2015-16, 287 Freeport High School students were enrolled in dual enrollment courses, which provide both college credit and traditional high school credit.
- In partnership with Brookhaven National Laboratory, Freeport High School and Dodd Middle School students worked together in a science computing class that complements the district's advanced science curriculum.
- Freeport is the first school district in Nassau County to teach scientific computing in partnership with Brookhaven National Laboratory.
- In partnership with Adelphi University, Archer, Bayview, Giblyn and New Visions students complemented their STEM studies with designated Science Nights.
- Freeport became the first school district on Long Island to have its "Introducing Nanotechnology into the High School Curriculum" proposal approved by the Center of Functional Nanomaterials at Brookhaven National Laboratory.
- Several Freeport High School students placed in the Distributive Education Clubs of America Regional Competition. Some competed at the state level in Rochester, and five students will compete at the national level in Tennessee.
- For the first time, Dodd students competed in the Science Olympiad Invitational against 41 Long Island schools, and returned with four medals. The team went on to compete in the state tournament at Binghamton University.
- All three Atkinson teams that participated in the annual Odyssey of the Mind competition placed second, with the sixth-grade team qualifying to compete at the state tournament at Binghamton University.
- At the Future Problem Solving competition, the Freeport High School senior team won first place and

## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2016 TOP TEN



(From left) Freeport High School Class of 2016 Top 10 seniors: Joanna Caravantes (3), Rebecca Robles (5), Luis Lopez Cardona (4), Amanda Roque-Tobar (6), valedictorian Christopher Meszaros-Rodriguez, salutatorian Claire Goremusandu, Sarah Heins (7), George Magloire (8), Jessica Vargas Cruz (9) and Cameryn Miller (10).

represented New York State at the national championship in Michigan. A sophomore team placed first, while another sophomore team placed third. The seventh-grade team from Dodd earned first place and second place. The eighth-grade team from Dodd earned first place and participated in the International Future Problem Solving Conference at Michigan State University.

- Freeport High School hosted and competed in the annual robotics competition, competing against teams from across Long Island. The Freeport team qualified to compete at the national level in Iowa.

### Our Sports Programs:

- Freeport High School varsity football coach Russ Cellan earned his landmark 200th victory, making him the ninth coach on Long Island to achieve this milestone.
- Freeport High School's varsity cheerleaders placed fourth out of 25 teams in the Small Varsity Division at the Pocono Regional. They earned a bid to the National Championships at Walt Disney World.
- Freeport High School freshman Shannon Welcome qualified for the New York State Swimming Championships in the 500-yard freestyle event held at Ithaca College. Welcome set new school records in the 500-yard freestyle, 200-individual medley and 100-yard butterfly events. She also earned All-County and All-Conference honors.

- The Freeport High School swimming relay team earned All-Conference honors in both the 200-medley relay and 200-yard freestyle relay, as well as in their individual events.
- Freeport High School hosted the Anyone Can Save a Life Program, providing instruction on hands-only CPR and AED. Twenty-four student-athletes and seven coaches participated in the training.
- The Freeport High School NJROTC's 256 student members demonstrated their discipline and received praise from NJROTC Area Four Manager and Retired United States Navy Commander Jimmie Miller at the annual Inspection and Battalion Parade.

### Our Music and Arts Programs:

- Freeport High School art student Moriah Morales-Lopez received an Award of Merit from the Long Island Arts Alliance.
- Freeport High School Select Chorale members performed at the New York State School Music Association Winter Conference in Rochester.
- Freeport High School's Select Chorale performed at several prestigious venues, including Carnegie Hall for the seventh consecutive year.
- Atkinson student Ryan Retzlaff was accepted into the Junior Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C., this summer.
- Bayview student Ashley Retzlaff was nominated by the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra Treble Choir director to perform with the Elementary Children's Honor Choir at the NYSSMA Summer Music Conference in Albany.

## Grant Funding: More Than \$8 Million

- To date, during the 2015-2016 school year, the district has been awarded more than \$8 million in competitive and allocated grant funding. These grants enable the district to provide crucial programs and services at no additional cost to taxpayers.
- The 2016-2017 budget includes funds for electronic signage at Archer Street, Bayview, Columbus, Giblyn and New Visions schools that will be completely reimbursed by Nassau County grants.

# Expenditures

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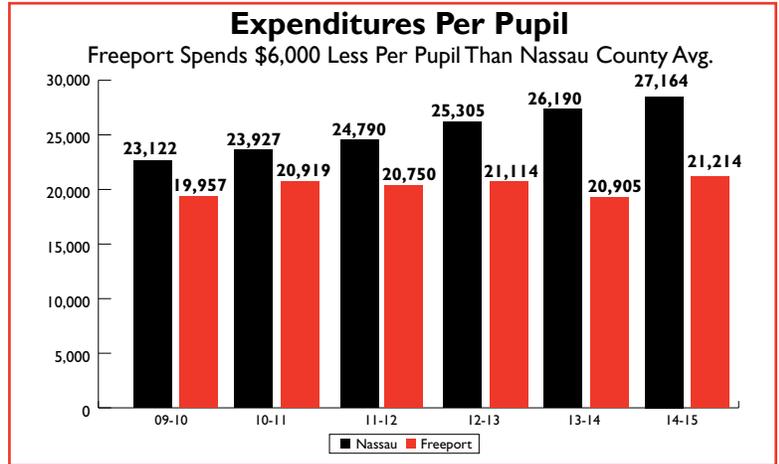
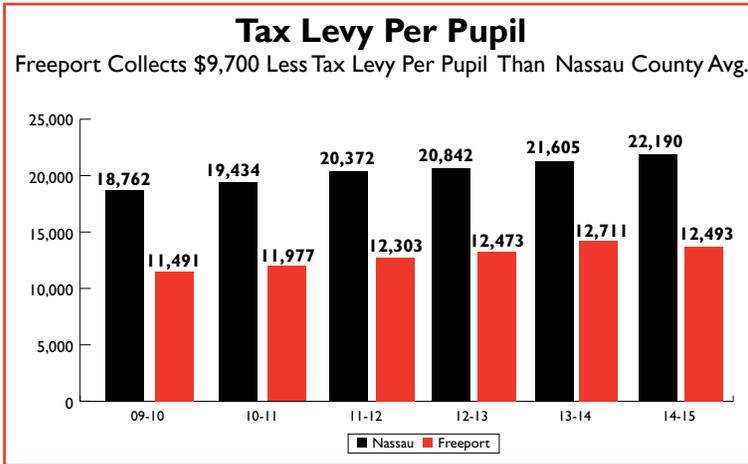
	2015-2016 BUDGET	2016-2017 BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</b>			
Board of Education	91,441	91,441	-
Superintendent's Office	414,959	427,046	12,087
Finance – Business Administration	965,507	986,756	21,249
Staff (Personnel, Legal & Public Information)	835,749	849,942	14,193
Central Services	1,148,835	1,242,025	93,190
Special Items	1,674,424	1,716,967	42,543
Curriculum Development & Supervision of Schools	451,337	467,065	15,728
Supervision – Regular School	7,936,101	8,030,162	94,061
Research Evaluation & Planning	45,989	47,369	1,380
Employee Benefits	4,579,833	4,463,495	(116,338)
<b>Total Administrative Component</b>	<b>18,144,175</b>	<b>18,322,268</b>	<b>178,093</b>
<b>PROGRAM COMPONENT</b>			
Legal	21,632	21,632	-
In-service Training	330,000	330,000	-
Teaching – Regular School	57,066,408	58,535,679	1,469,271
Children with Disabilities & Special Needs	24,723,731	25,658,963	935,232
Teaching – Special Schools	576,415	587,710	11,295
Instructional Media	2,747,159	2,835,436	88,277
Pupil Personnel Services	7,480,733	7,654,777	174,044
Pupil Transportation	8,859,105	9,089,928	230,823
Employee Benefits	30,865,238	30,660,933	(204,305)
<b>Total Program Component</b>	<b>132,670,421</b>	<b>135,375,058</b>	<b>2,704,637</b>
<b>CAPITAL COMPONENT</b>			
Operations & Maintenance	8,289,540	8,466,499	176,959
Employee Benefits	2,951,064	2,883,306	(67,758)
Interfund Transfers (Including Transfer to Capital Projects)	5,076,854	5,091,407	14,553
<b>Total Capital Component</b>	<b>16,317,458</b>	<b>16,441,212</b>	<b>123,754</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$167,132,054</b>	<b>\$170,138,538</b>	<b>\$3,006,484</b>

# Revenues

State Aid (Including Building Aid)	65,285,189	68,870,189	3,585,000
Charges for Services	592,000	520,000	(72,000)
Use of Money and Property	270,000	240,000	(30,000)
Sale of Property/Compensation for Loss	100,000	140,000	40,000
PILOT (including LIPA)	1,333,600	1,394,958	61,358
Miscellaneous	597,325	367,951	(229,374)
Transfers from Reserves	3,370,000	3,100,000	(270,000)
Fund Balance Usage	8,000,000	8,000,000	-
NYS Schools for the Deaf and Blind	380,000	380,000	-
<b>Total Non-Tax Revenue</b>	<b>79,928,114</b>	<b>83,013,098</b>	<b>3,084,984</b>
<b>Tax Levy Revenue</b>	<b>87,203,940*</b>	<b>87,125,440</b>	<b>(78,500)</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$167,132,054</b>	<b>\$170,138,538</b>	<b>\$3,006,484</b>

\* Note: The 2015-2016 voter-approved tax levy of \$87,705,765 was reduced by \$501,825 by Nassau County and this reduction became a Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) payable from LIPA to the school district.

	2015-2016 BUDGET	2016-2017 BUDGET	VARIANCE
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</b>			
<b>Board of Education</b> 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.	91,441	91,441	-
<b>Superintendent's Office</b> Provides for the Superintendent of Schools, who is the district's chief executive officer; support staff; and supplies.	414,959	427,046	12,087
<b>Finance — Business Administration</b> Provides for the Assistant Superintendent 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.	965,507	986,756	21,249
<b>Staff</b> 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.	835,749	849,942	14,193
<b>Central Services</b> Provides for central printing, mailing and switchboard staff; data processing staff; and equipment and supplies.	1,148,835	1,242,025	93,190
<b>Special Items</b> 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.	1,674,424	1,716,967	42,543
<b>Curriculum Development &amp; Supervision of Schools</b> 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 for Operations and secretary.	451,337	467,065	15,728
<b>Supervision — Regular School</b> 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.	7,936,101	8,030,162	94,061
<b>Research, Planning, Assessment and Evaluation</b> Covers research, planning, assessment, evaluation and community services.	45,989	47,369	1,380
<b>Employee Benefits</b> Cost of mandated and contractual employee benefits, including retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation and health insurance.	4,579,833	4,463,495	(116,338)
<b>Total Administrative Component</b>	<b>18,144,175</b>	<b>18,322,268</b>	<b>178,093</b>
<b>PROGRAM COMPONENT</b>			
<b>Legal</b> 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	-
<b>In-service Training</b> 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	-
<b>Teaching — Regular School</b> 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.	57,066,408	58,535,679	1,469,271
<b>Children with Disabilities &amp; Special Needs</b> 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.	24,723,731	25,658,963	935,232
<b>Teaching — Special Schools</b> Teaching salaries and supplies connected with Adult Education, evening school program, and elementary and secondary programs.	576,415	587,710	11,295
<b>Instructional Media</b> 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.	2,747,159	2,835,436	88,277
<b>Pupil Personnel Services</b> 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.	7,480,733	7,654,777	174,044
<b>Pupil Transportation</b> 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.	8,859,105	9,089,928	230,823
<b>Employee Benefits</b> Cost of mandated and contractual employee benefits, including retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation and health insurance.	30,865,238	30,660,933	(204,305)
<b>Total Program Component</b>	<b>132,670,421</b>	<b>135,375,058</b>	<b>2,704,637</b>
<b>CAPITAL COMPONENT</b>			
<b>Operations &amp; Maintenance</b> 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.	8,289,540	8,466,499	176,959
<b>Employee Benefits</b> Cost of mandated and contractual employee benefits, including retirement, Social Security, Workers' Compensation and health insurance.	2,951,064	2,883,306	(67,758)
<b>Interfund Transfers</b> Cost of capital construction projects; transfer to cafeteria to offset expenditures; and charges for district's share of summer special education programs (including debt service)	5,076,854	5,091,407	14,553
<b>Total Capital Component</b>	<b>16,317,458</b>	<b>16,441,212</b>	<b>123,754</b>
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## Our Financial Integrity

- The average tax levy increase for the last eight years is 1.85 percent; for three of these years the tax levy was decreased.
- Freeport spends approximately \$6,000 less per pupil than the average district in Nassau County and collects approximately \$9,700 less in tax levy per student than the average district in Nassau County.
- Freeport Public Schools has earned a bond rating of AA by Standard and Poor's. Of more than 300 districts in the state rated by Standard and Poor's, Freeport is one of only a very few school districts to have been rated AA or better.
- 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.
- The Quality School Construction Bond program of \$5 million enabled the district to complete additional capital improvement projects through an interest-free program, saving taxpayers approximately \$1.4 million in interest costs.
- Through the process of refinancing outstanding bond payments, the district saved taxpayers \$2.6 million in interest costs.



## Budget Message From the Freeport Memorial Library

The Freeport Memorial Library Board is asking you to vote on May 17. The proposed budget will assure that the library can continue to provide books, magazines, ebooks, audiobooks, DVDs, CDs, concerts, lectures, discussion groups, tutoring, workshops, children's programs, public computers and much more.

Yearly highlights include the Children's Fall Festival, the Summer Reading Club for adults and "Outside the Lines," which took place in Northeast Park and involved activities and a book giveaway for children.

The Teen Resource Activity Center has become an integral part of our teen's social and educational life. We recently purchased two 3-D printers, one of which is housed here so that students can discover and create. The other 3-D printer is located in the Computer and Career Center.

We participate in Long Island Memories, which allows online access to thousands of historical materials. We sponsored the Banjo Rascals on the Nautical Mile Esplanade. The Business Resource Information Center is continuing to provide entrepreneurs and small business people with free counseling through a partnership with the Small Business Development Center.

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. We

work diligently to bring the best possible library experience to the entire community.

We continue to hold down costs, but expenses, including utilities and salaries, require us to request a modest increase of less than .5 percent in the tax levy.

Improvements are ongoing, including the window restoration and replacement project in the original 1924 building, upgrading our Wi-Fi system, and replacing the ceiling and lighting in the Children's Room.

Our facility is open 70 hours a week, and many of our services are available online 24/7, including some of our free databases such as OverDrive, a source to download ebooks and audiobooks; Lynda.com, comprehensive courses for all levels covering technical skills, creative techniques, business strategies and more; and Pronunciator, a way to learn over 80 languages.

### 2016-2017 Library Proposal

	2015-2016 Current Budget	2016-2017 Proposed Budget	Increase/ (Decrease)
Non-tax revenue	\$245,650	\$143,200	(\$102,450)
Taxes	\$5,843,647	\$5,868,278	\$24,631
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$6,089,297</b>	<b>\$6,011,478</b>	<b>(\$77,819)</b>

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

**Q. What are the district's budget goals for 2016-2017?**

A. The district's highest priority continues to be student achievement and academic rigor. We continually strive to maintain our core educational programs, increase our high school graduation rates and ensure that all graduates are college- and career-ready. The district hopes to build upon the success of our science research program and enhance our programs for special education and English language learners.

**Q. What is provided for in the 2016-2017 budget?**

A. This budget maintains all existing programs and services from the 2015-2016 school year, including the arts, athletics and all current clubs. Due to enrollment increases, which have been significantly greater than our demographic studies had predicted, and to meet mandates in ESL and special education, the budget includes new teaching positions, including three elementary, three special education, one social studies and a .5 music teacher. This budget also includes one school psychologist, 10 teaching assistants and one clerical support staff member.

**Q. What is the budget increase, and what are the major factors impacting the proposed budget?**

A. Factors impacting the budget for 2016-2017 include increased enrollment, additional staffing needs, contractual salary increases, health insurance costs, special education/BOCES tuition costs, transportation, technology upgrades and other mandated costs, and Part 154 Regulations. The proposed budget represents an increase of 1.80 percent over the previous year. This increase is necessary to address higher enrollment, mandated contractual expenses and to maintain our student programs.

The tax levy is the portion of money raised through local property taxes for use by the school district. However, the expenditure increase is offset by revenue due to the increase in state aid. Although the tax levy cap legislation allows the district to increase the tax levy

for the 2016-2017 school year, this year, the district is proposing a .09 percent decrease in the tax levy due to increased state aid, economies and efficiencies, and lower costs for the retirement system. This is the fourth time in the last nine years that the district has proposed a budget that resulted in a tax levy decrease.

**Q. What's on the ballot?**

A. There are three propositions on the ballot for 2016-2017. Proposition One is the Freeport Union Free School District Budget. Proposition Two is the Freeport Memorial Library Budget and Proposition Three is for capital reserve fund authorization. There is also the election of two school board trustees.

**Q. What is the capital reserve proposition, and what impact will it have on my taxes?**

A. The capital reserve proposition will have no impact on your taxes. In 2009, Freeport voters approved the creation of a capital reserve fund, which allows 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 the taxpayers, the district will expend \$1.5 million from the existing capital reserve fund for districtwide repairs and renovations, including bathroom renovations, sanitary lines testing, fire suppression systems, ADA plumbing fixtures, window replacements, security upgrades, interior and exterior doorways/entryways, various grounds and site work upgrades. In addition, the district will upgrade science labs and exterior finishes at Dodd Middle School, classroom casework and flooring at Caroline G. Atkinson School, complete the Freeport High School auditorium renovation, and purchase a truck with plow and sander.

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 usage 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 this reserve fund. Recent projects completed or close to completion by using these funds include the auditorium (aka the Freeport Performing Arts Center) renovation at Freeport High School, a new fire alarm system at Archer Street School, new sidewalks and cement work at Dodd Middle School and Bayview Avenue School, and security upgrades districtwide.

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

A. For the 2016-2017 budget, the tax levy will decrease by .09 percent. Since we are reducing the tax levy, there will be no increase in your school taxes for next year. It is important to understand, however, that if tax bills increase next year for the individual homeowner, it will not be because of the school budget. Other factors not within the control of the school district that could impact tax bills include changes in home market values, assessed valuations and shifts in the tax burden from one class of taxpayer to another. Therefore, any increase in a homeowner's tax bill for the 2016-2017 school year would not be attributable to the school district budget.

**Q. What happens if the proposed budget is not approved?**

A. If voters do not approve the proposed budget, the Board of Education has the option of adopting a contingency budget or proposing the same budget or a revised budget for a revote in June. A contingency budget cannot increase the tax levy above the current year's amount. The budget presented to you is already lower than the current year's tax levy. Under a contingency budget, the district would be required to eliminate community use of district facilities, certain purchases of equipment, certain student supplies, and maintenance projects that are not health and safety related. However, the Board of Education would also have the authority to add expenditures deemed to be critical to the educational process as long as it does not exceed the 2015-2016 tax levy.

Freeport School District  
Postal Customer  
Freeport, NY 11520

## What's on the Ballot?

### PROPOSITION ONE: SCHOOL BUDGET

Resolved, that the annual school budget of \$170,138,538 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 2016-2017.

### PROPOSITION TWO: FREEPORT MEMORIAL LIBRARY BUDGET

Resolved, that the Freeport Memorial Library Budget in the amount of \$6,011,478 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 2016-2017.

### PROPOSITION THREE: AUTHORIZATION OF CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROJECTS

The Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District is hereby authorized to expend the sum of \$1,500,000 representing monies from the Capital Reserve Fund established in March 2009 for the following purposes: districtwide repairs and renovations, including bathroom renovations, sanitary lines testing, fire suppression systems, ADA plumbing fixtures, window replacements, security upgrades, interior and exterior doorways/entryways, various grounds and site work upgrades, science lab upgrades and exterior finish upgrades at John W. Dodd Middle School, classroom casework and flooring at Caroline G. Atkinson School, completion of the Freeport High School auditorium renovation and the purchase of a truck with



plow and sander.

Since the funds to be expended hereunder are from the Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the District.

### ELECTION OF SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEES:

The election of two (2) trustees to the Board of Education will take place. The term shall be for a full term of three years beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2019.

## 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, Bayview Avenue, Leo F. Giblyn, Columbus Avenue and Caroline G. Atkinson schools and the Albany Avenue Field House, 55 Albany Ave., on Tuesday, May 17, 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 17, 2016**  
**from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.**

- Tax levy decrease of .09 percent is the fourth tax levy decrease within the past nine years.
- 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.

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