

FREEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 17, 2016, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The Budget

- Maintains and enhances core educational and support programs.
- Supports additional Advanced Placement classes, increases elective offerings as well as greater opportunities for college creditbearing courses. It also provides increased support for students with special needs and ELL students.
- Supports additional positions needed due to growth in enrollment and state mandates.
- Continues the full-day kindergarten program for 2016-2017.
- Maintains the science research program at the high school.
- Maintains secondary summer school, Regents review classes, sports, late buses, clubs and field trips.
- Authorization of capital reserve fund projects: With voter approval, at no additional cost to taxpayers, the district will expend \$1.5 million from the existing capital reserve fund established in March 2009 for districtwide repairs and renovations, including safety and security upgrades, bathroom renovations, and ceiling and window replacements.

Tax Levy DECREASE for 2016 - 2017

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

Financial Management

- The tax levy decrease of .09% is the fourth tax levy decrease within the past nine years.
- The average tax levy increase for the last eight years is 1.85%.
- Freeport spends approximately \$6,000 less per pupil and collects approximately \$9,700 less in tax levy per pupil than the average district in Nassau County.
- 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 rated.
- In the past several years, the district implemented \$25.6 million in capital improvement projects at no cost to taxpayers through energy performance contracting and our EXCEL bond.
- The district refinanced outstanding bond payments, thus saving taxpayers \$2.6 million in interest costs.

Where to Register:	Register by May 10 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 867-5209 for additional
Where to Vote:	information. Archer Street, Caroline G. Atkinson, Bayview, Columbus Avenue, Leo F. Giblyn and the Field House (Cleveland Avenue) across from the Freeport Family Community Center.

Fiscal Summary

Tax Levy Decrease for 2016-2017 is .09%







