



FREEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 19, 2015, 6 a.m. – 9 p.m.

The Budget

- Maintains and enhances core educational and support programs, including continued implementation of the Common Core Learning Standards.
- Supports the introduction of three new Advanced Placement courses (Environmental Science, Art History, Spanish), the restoration of a volleyball team, new electives in social studies and technology, and support for special needs and ELL students.
- Supports additional positions needed due to growth in enrollment and state mandates.
- Continues the full-day kindergarten program for 2015-2016.
- 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, ceiling and window replacements.

**Tax Levy
DECREASE
for 2015 – 2016
.09%**

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 third tax levy decrease within the past eight years.
- The average Freeport homeowner will not incur any additional cost if the budget is approved.
- The average tax levy increase for the last seven years is 2.13%.
- Freeport spends approximately \$5,300 less per pupil and collects approximately \$8,900 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 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.
- Refinanced outstanding bond payments, thus saving taxpayers \$2.6 million in interest costs.

Where to Register: Register by May 12 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 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.

Fiscal Summary

Tax Levy Decrease for 2015-2016 is .09%

Freeport Budget History (7-Year Averages)

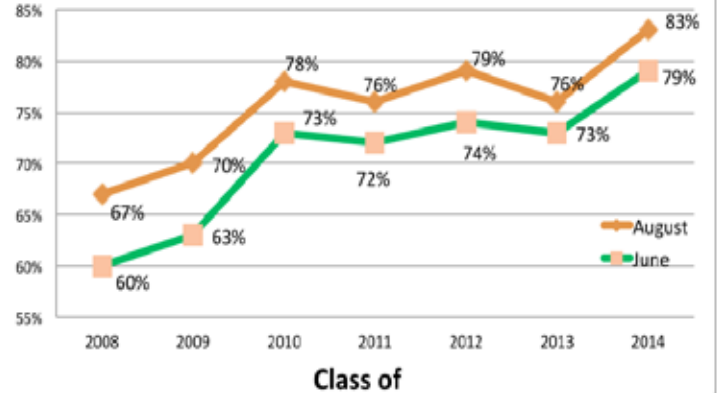
Average Tax Levy
08/09 thru 14/15

2.13%

Average Budget
Increase
08/09 thru 14/15

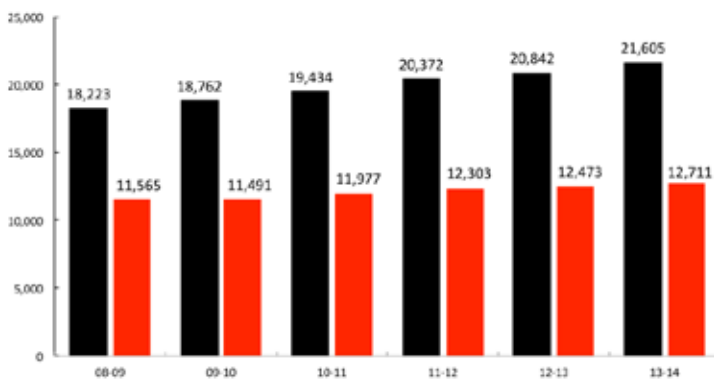
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Freeport High School Graduation Rate



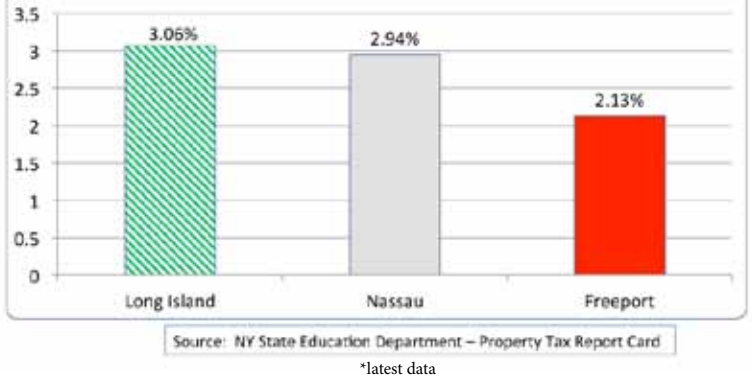
Tax Levy Per Pupil

Tax Levy Per Pupil Freeport vs. Nassau County Avg.



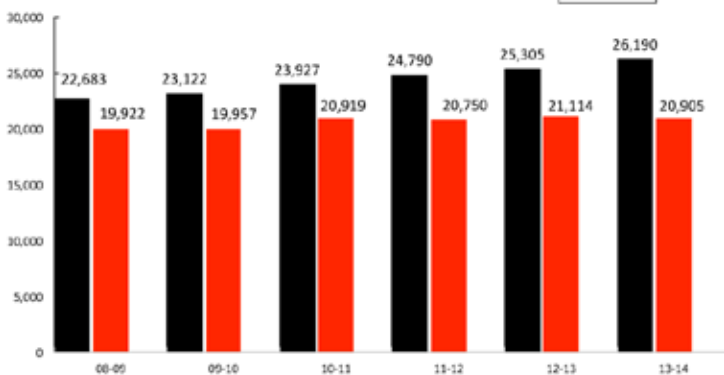
Tax Levy Comparison

Average Tax Levy Changes 08-09 through 14-15



Expenditures Per Pupil

Expenditures Per Pupil Freeport vs. Nassau County Avg.



Per Pupil Expenditure Comparison

Average Per Pupil Expenditures 08-09 through 14-15

