



FREEPORT PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 21 | 6 A.M.-9 P.M.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- No tax levy increase. In fact, it is a tax levy decrease of 2.12%.
- Maintains and increases programs, services and staffing. Supports all learners by providing both enrichment and academic supports, and prepares students for college, career and life readiness.
- Enhances supports for ELL students and students with special needs BOCES services.
- New High School course offerings including: Advanced Digital Photography, American Sign Language (ASL) II, Anatomy and Physiology, Introduction to Computer Science and Cyber Security, Quantum Information Science and Mathematics, and Topics in Geometry.
- Addition of Clinical Medical Assistant Program - CTE credit program.
- Program enhancements and additions including English Language Arts, curriculum enhancements, new musical instruments and flexible furniture in learning spaces.
- Includes after-school programs and clubs, and enhanced summer programs for students including academics, the arts, athletics and STEM.
- Significant allocations for capital improvements including maintenance and upgrades.
- Proposition: Approval of \$2.5 million from the capital reserve fund to be spent on capital projects at no additional cost to taxpayers.
- Proposition: Bus transportation eligibility mileage limit change for J.W. Dodd Middle School from 1.5 miles to .75 mile and Caroline G. Atkinson School from 1.0 mile to .75 mile. Proposed change makes more students eligible to receive school transportation. This provides for an additional 13 buses or \$1.3 million offset by the use of revenues. No tax levy increase.

**Continued Support
of Educational
Excellence, Equity,
Health, Wellness
and Safety**

**2024-2025
PROPOSED BUDGET
TAX LEVY
DECREASE AGAIN**

For additional information about the budget, visit our website at www.freeportschools.org, find us on Facebook and Instagram or call **516-867-5209**

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- The tax levy has been decreased for the last nine out of ten years.
- The district's Standard & Poor's bond rating earned by only a few of the 300 districts in New York State.
- By refinancing outstanding bond payments, the district saved taxpayers \$6.5 million in interest costs.
- Freeport spends approximately \$6,466 less per pupil and collects approximately \$12,486 less in tax levy per student than the average school district in Nassau County.
- \$29.2 million in capital projects ongoing using the capital reserve funds at no additional cost.
- \$6.3 million in districtwide improvements completed through an energy performance contract, which has lowered the carbon footprint by 30% annually, at no additional cost.
- Freeport Public Schools awarded \$27.9 million in 2021-2022 from the American Rescue Plan Act and from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund to be used over a three-year period. The district planned for and is utilizing the funding to address learning loss and after-school and summer programming, and for capital project upgrades and improvements including upgrades to ventilation and improvements to program-related spaces such as classrooms.
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FISCAL SUMMARY

NO TAX LEVY INCREASE PROPOSED FOR 2024-2025



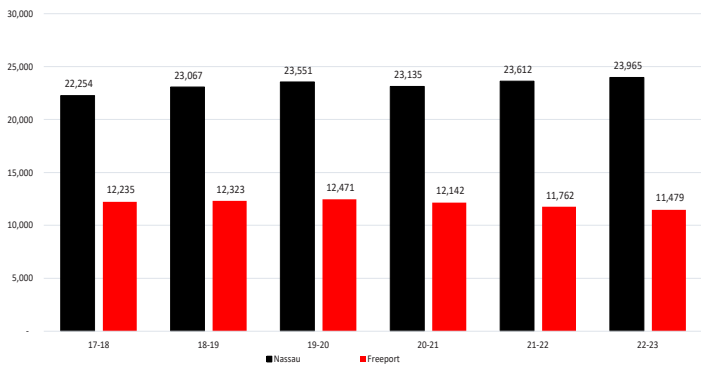
TAX LEVY HISTORY

- The Proposed Budget Represents No Tax Levy Increase In Fact, It Is a 2.12% Tax Levy Decrease.
- No Tax Levy Increase for the Last Nine Out of Ten Years.
- The District's Tax Levy Per Pupil and Expenditures Per Pupil Are Lower Than the Nassau County Average.

Tax Levy Per Pupil

Freeport vs. Nassau County Avg.

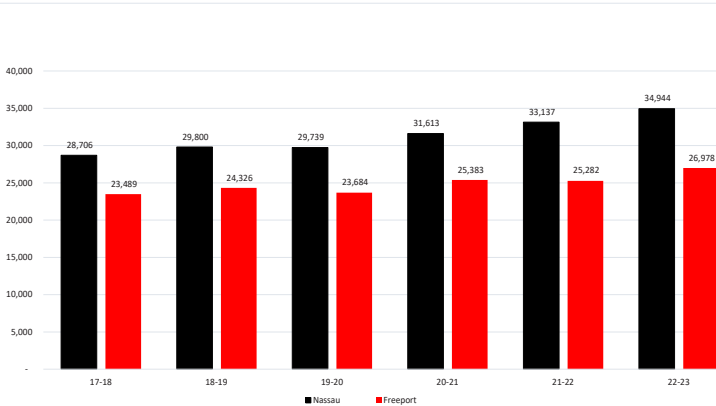
Freeport Collects \$12,486 Less Than the County Average



Expenditures Per Pupil

Freeport vs. Nassau County Avg.

Freeport Spends \$6,466 Less Than the County Average



PROPOSITIONS

Proposition No. 1

FREEPORT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET 2024-25

RESOLVED, that the School Expenditure Budget of \$244,184,593 be adopted and the necessary amount be raised by tax upon the taxable property located in Freeport Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, Freeport, New York, for the year 2024-25. **No tax levy increase.**

Proposition No. 2

Freeport Library Budget 2024-2025

Proposition No. 3

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND PROPOSITION

SHALL the Board of Education of the Freeport Union Free School District be authorized to expend \$2,500,000 from the Capital Reserve Fund established on May 16, 2017, for the purpose of performing the following projects: classroom ceiling tiles, flooring and lighting replacements – districtwide; bathroom renovations – districtwide. **No tax levy increase.**

Proposition No. 4

TRANSPORTATION MILEAGE

SHALL the Board of Education modify its public school transportation eligibility effective at the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year for grades 7-8 pupils from the existing one and one half (1.5) mile limit to a three-quarter (0.75) mile limit and for Grades 5-6 pupils from the existing one (1.0) mile limit to a three-quarter (0.75) mile limit at a cost of \$1,300,000 to the District for the 2024-2025 School Year and levy the necessary tax therefore. **No tax levy increase.**

TRUSTEE ELECTION

Residents will be asked to vote on these propositions and the election of one trustee to the Board of Education.

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