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SEWANHAKA

BUDGET VOTE • TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019

PROPOSED BUDGET PRESERVES PROGRAMS WITHIN THE NYS TAX CAP

THE PROPOSED 2019-20 BUDGET INCLUDES:

PROGRAM

- Continuation of all current educational and co-curricular programs.
- Continued implementation of teaming, as well as advanced programs, in grades 7 and 8.
- Continued implementation of co-teaching, grades 7-10.
- Continue the Academic Learning Center and Prestige Academy.

SECURITY

- Continued installation of new proprietary lock system at all buildings.

EQUIPMENT

- Continued implementation of the student one-to-one technology program.
- Provides equipment in a number of areas, including science, art, music, occupational education and athletics.



2.69%

**TAX LEVY INCREASE
TAX-CAP COMPLIANT**



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

- Renovate public address system.
- Tennis court replacement.
- New entrances and doors.
- HVAC improvements (zone valve replacement/condensate pump/water heater).
- Resurfacing of driveways and parking lot.
- Install ADA access at exits.

TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

- Continued implementation of the student 1:1 iPad program, including new iPads for all incoming 7th and 10th grade students.
- Providing all students with the GeoGebra Graphing Calculator on iPads to use in class, at home, and on Math Regents exams.
- Continued professional learning for our teachers on how to best use technology in the classroom.
- Introduction of coding into the curriculum through the Business Department.

THE BUDGET AT A GLANCE

Expenditures	2018-19 Current Budget	2019-20 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change
Salaries	\$106,284,188	\$109,186,830	\$2,902,642
Equipment	762,124	819,689	57,565
Contractual	16,732,699	18,229,545	1,496,846
Supplies	1,719,987	1,768,395	48,408
BOCES/Tuition/Textbooks	15,427,971	15,239,131	(188,840)
Employee Benefits	48,445,228	48,461,563	16,335
Interfund Transfers – Capital Fund	499,322	738,565	239,243
Interfund Transfers – Special Aid Fund	240,000	240,000	0
Debt Service	8,504,345	8,878,317	373,972
Total Estimated Expenditures	\$198,615,864	\$203,562,035	\$4,946,171

Revenues	2018-19 Current Budget	2019-20 Proposed Budget	Dollar Change
Local Sources – Includes interest earnings, tuition charges, driver education, etc.	\$1,650,000	\$1,750,000	\$100,000
PILOTs	2,909,708	2,967,260	57,552
State Sources	40,971,243	41,752,879	781,636
Surplus Applied	5,700,000	5,700,000	0
Reserves Applied	2,472,810	2,600,000	127,190
Interfund (Capital Fund) – Prior Balances	600,000	600,000	0
Tax Levy (Including STAR)	144,312,103	148,191,896	3,879,793
Total Estimated Revenues	\$198,615,864	\$203,562,035	\$4,946,171

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2019-20 BUDGET OVERVIEW

	2018-19 Current Budget	2019-20 Proposed Budget	Percent Change
Total Spending	\$198,615,864	\$203,562,035	2.49%
Total Estimated Tax Levy	\$144,312,103	\$148,191,896	2.69%
Public School Enrollment	8,381	8,294	(1.04)%
Consumer Price Index 12/31/2017			2.44%



TAX Relief

Senior Citizens/Disabled Persons

Our component Boards of Education continue to provide a partial tax exemption to eligible senior citizens at least 65 years of age and disabled property owners. Those with an income of up to \$37,399.99 per year should apply for this program by contacting the Nassau County Department of Assessment.

School Tax Relief Program (STAR)

Both the Basic and Enhanced STAR property tax reduction programs are to continue for the 2019-20 school year. The Basic STAR exemption is available for most owner-occupied, primary residences. The Enhanced STAR exemption is available to property taxpayers who are at least 65 years of age and who meet the financial requirements.

In the past, senior citizens who qualified for the senior citizens exemption were automatically granted the Enhanced STAR exemption. Due to changes in New York State law, beginning with the applications for 2019, you must apply separately for the senior citizens exemption and the Enhanced STAR exemption.

Please see <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3575/Exemption-Forms> for information and required forms.

Nassau County homeowners must submit Form RP-425-IVP along with the county's Enhanced STAR Property Tax Exemption Application at <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/DocumentCenter/View/18858>.

Additional exemptions may also be available. Please call the Nassau County Department of Assessment at 516-571-1500 for more information.



Points of Pride

- Elmont Memorial High School students Bethel Adiele, Michael Lawes and Gerald Poku-Mensah were named QuestBridge National College Match finalists.
- Twenty-three Elmont Memorial students were trained by school counselors to be peer educators.
- Elmont Memorial High School's Model UN earned four first-place committee awards and other honors at the MUNUC Conference hosted by the prestigious University of Chicago.
- Floral Park Memorial's Marching Band placed second in the New York State Field Band Conference championships with its 2018 show, "Heartbeat."
- Floral Park Memorial Future Business Leaders of America members won a multitude of awards at the Spring District Meeting at Hofstra University.
- Floral Park Memorial students collected more than 2,000 pounds of food and nearly \$500 for Island Harvest.
- H. Frank Carey's Jeleeta Jolly received the National Academy of Future Physicians and Medical Scientists Award of Excellence.
- The H. Frank Carey community took on mental health awareness during its first P.S. I Love You Day.
- H. Frank Carey junior Ruben Fonseca was recognized as a candidate for the College Board's National Hispanic Recognition Program.
- New Hyde Park Memorial's Virtual Enterprise firm, T. Merchant, received a gold medal for its creation of an employee handbook and silver certificates for its professionally created website and creative branding strategies at the trade show competition at LIU Post.
- New Hyde Park Memorial seniors Nicole Joseph and Emily Yuan were named National Merit Scholarship finalists.
- New Hyde Park Memorial's Pranav Kengeri was accepted into the prestigious New York Academy of Sciences' Junior Academy.
- Sewanhaka senior Joel-Anthony Bossous was named a regional finalist in the Coca-Cola Scholars Program and was awarded a \$20,000 scholarship.
- Sewanhaka High School's Fatima Tariq and Zainab Miaan were named QuestBridge National College Match finalists.
- Sewanhaka High School's girls varsity basketball team captured its first Class A championship.
- The district rifle team was crowned Nassau County champions.
- The district Robotics Club received the first-place Rockwell Collins Innovate Award, second-place Motivate Award and third-place Inspire Award at the Long Island Regional FIRST Robotics Competition.



VOTER INFORMATION

Sewanhaka Central High School District Budget Vote – Tuesday, May 21, 2019

	WHERE TO REGISTER	WHERE TO VOTE
ELMONT UFSD	In the office of the school within their election district on any school day on or before Tuesday, May 14, 2019, between the hours of 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Last day to register to vote is Tuesday, May 14, 2019 between the hours of 4 p.m. and 9 p.m. at the Elmont Road School.	Within the area of Elmont Union Free School District from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at your designated polling place.
FLORAL PARK-BELLEROSE UFSD	On Thursday, May 9, 2019 between the hours of 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. at the John Lewis Childs School (as to the first election district) and at the Floral Park-Bellerose School (as to the second election district).	Within the area of Floral Park-Bellerose Union Free School District from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the John Lewis Childs and Floral Park-Bellerose Schools.
FRANKLIN SQUARE UFSD	Mondays through Fridays between the hours of 8 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. in the Office of the District Clerk at 760 Washington Street, Franklin Square, NY.	Within the area of Franklin Square Union Free School District, in the John Street School, Polk Street School and Washington Street School, from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
NEW HYDE PARK-GARDEN CITY PARK UFSD	On Wednesday, May 8, 2019, between the hours of 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. at Manor Oaks-William R. Bowie School.	Within the area of New Hyde Park-Garden City Park Union Free School District from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at Michael J. Tully Park, 1801 Evergreen Avenue, New Hyde Park, NY.