

BETHPAGE

Union Free School District

NEWSLETTER

PLANNING PAYS OFF: PRESERVATION OF PROGRAM & STAFF WITHIN THE TAX LEVY CAP

Through its use of long-term planning and saving, the district is proud to present to its residents a proposed budget that not only preserves all program and staff, but even includes some enhancements for our 21st Century students. Carrying an estimated tax levy increase of 2.8%, the 2013-14 proposed budget is actually significantly under our New York State tax levy cap and represents a 2.74% budget-to-budget increase. Thanks to effective planning by the Board of Education, Administration and Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, Bethpage is able to stay under the cap guidelines without cuts to programs or operations, thereby maintaining its reputation as a school district that is both cost-efficient and offers a high-value educational program.

Due to the district's healthy financial management position and its excellent Moody's rating of Aa2, better-than-anticipated interest rates were effectively secured to refinance past capital project bonds (at an interest rate of approximately 1.4%). This resulted in significant budget savings which the district was able to redirect towards

program and instruction. Therefore, the proposed budget includes the purchase of the Achieve 3000 reading software which has increased Lexile reading scores for all middle school students and the purchase of Google Chromebooks for every middle school student. In addition, there will be continued security upgrades and capital improvements will remain intact for future renovations and repairs. The district will also be purchasing a medically equipped van, which will give increased opportunities for our special education students to travel beyond the classroom.

At this juncture, the Bethpage Board of Education has also decided to utilize at least \$578k from the district's existing reserves in an effort to help offset some of the estimated tax levy growth for its residents.

We encourage you to take part in the success of our school district by exercising your right to vote on Tuesday, May 21st. Copies of all presentations to the Board regarding the proposed 2013-14 school budget are available on the district website at www.bethpagecommunity.com. We thank you all for your commitment to excellence.



2013-14 Budget Supports and Preserves:

- Current class size policy
- Google Chromebooks
- Elementary summer school
- Full-day Kindergarten
- TGIF program for JFK and BHS
- 21st Century Scholars' Program for all schools
- All clubs and extracurriculars for all schools
- Saturday Academic Intervention Service classes for all three elementary schools
- K-12 inclusion program
- Student transportation mileage policy
- Robotics program
- Artist-in-residence programs for JFK and BHS (fine arts, Carnegie Hall, Metropolitan Opera)
- Curriculum aligned with Common Core Learning Standards
- Data-driven instruction
- Districtwide anti-bully programs
- Commitment to meet Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR)
- SMART Boards for elementary classrooms
- Staff development efforts in differentiated instruction, technology, and anti-bullying
- Technology upgrades for all schools
- District summer school for special needs students
- Current transportation mileage
- Community use of facilities
- Programs for senior citizens

BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 21 • 7 AM – 9 PM • BETHPAGE HS GYM



MESSAGE

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Residents,

Undoubtedly, you have seen the news of drastic cuts in other school districts along with larger-than-average increases in tax levies. I am pleased to report that neither of those applies to Bethpage this year. The District is proposing a “No Cuts Budget” that is substantially under the tax levy cap.

The Board of Education insisted that we maintain the strong educational program that we have in place at all our schools. Bethpage has received all kinds of recognition for academic excellence. Bethpage High School was awarded a High Performance School designation from the New York State Education Department, the highest ranking they give. It was once again on the Washington Post’s list of high-performing high schools in the nation. Kramer Lane Elementary School was submitted by New York State as one of its 19 candidates for federal Blue Ribbon School status which recognizes the best schools in the country. Across the district, our fourth graders were first in Nassau County on the state’s ELA test and our third-graders were fifth in Nassau County. At our middle school, eighth-graders did exceptionally well on the state ELA and math assessments last year.

With this level of student academic performance, you can understand why the Board of Education was adamant about preserving the quality of the current program. However, they were equally insistent that the maximum tax levy permitted for Bethpage was too high and that we had to come in significantly under that threshold. We were fortunate to achieve savings in other ways. We refinanced all of our existing bonds for past construction projects at a rate of 1.4% thanks to our solid fiscal reputation among lenders, saving

us on interest payments now and in the future. We continue to see additional savings from our energy conservation initiatives which include our conversion to natural gas. We have placed quotas on printing for all employees and moved to a more cost-effective method of making copies throughout the district.

With these savings and with funds taken from reserves, the District is able to present a budget that preserves all current instructional and extracurricular programs and is \$182,000 less than the stringent new tax cap levy would have permitted. The Board believes that in this tough economic climate it is important for the District to tighten its own belt before asking residents to make additional sacrifices.

The proposed budget preserves the academic, athletic and extracurricular programs for students that are critical to a 21st Century education. This includes elementary summer school, full-day kindergarten, class size policy, transportation and all of our clubs in all our buildings. These are the very things being cut in other neighboring districts in order to come in under the tax levy cap. In Bethpage, rather than cuts, you will see enhancements as we provide all middle school students with a Google Chromebook and we further utilize the very effective reading program Achieve 3000. We will be enriching our health education program with a new initiative for high school freshmen that builds upon the success of the middle school’s Second Step program.

The far-sighted fiscal path charted by the Board of Education for many years has prepared us for these tough economic times and we are fortunate to put before the voters a budget that supports a superior educational program and fiscal discipline.

Sincerely,

Terrence Clark
Superintendent of Schools

Security Is a Priority

The district considers student and staff security to be its highest priority. It is our responsibility to provide a safe, nurturing environment for children. This budget builds on the work done this year using past Capital Reserve Project funding. The district is currently installing door access devices at all buildings, as well as additional cameras for each building. We have new, enhanced communication devices and new means of instantly notifying police of emergencies. The budget builds on the technical infrastructure for security and also maintains all security personnel, including the Westech guards that are in each building and our own security force that patrols after school and on weekends. We will continue to be vigilant in our concern for safety.

Fiscal Fitness

The Bethpage School District prides itself on its fiscal prudence. Credit agencies including Moody’s continue to endorse our practices and recently affirmed the district’s Aa2 rating. There are tangible savings that result from these positive ratings. Much like a homeowner looking to refinance and take advantage of low interest rates, the district recently bid out its existing serial bonds from past capital projects to acquire a lower interest rate and save money. The results were dramatic. The interest rate went from an average rate of 4% to 1.4%, collectively saving the district over \$100,000 per year. This has helped to keep the anticipated tax levy lower than it would have been and places the district in a stronger fiscal position than most other districts around.

The Value of a Bethpage Education

Our Academic Reputation...

Thanks to a school-community partnership that recognizes the value of a 21st Century education, our district and student achievement have both been recognized on local, state, regional and national levels. Our district has a reputation for providing a quality education in academics, the arts, athletics, and character education and community service. Read what others are saying about Bethpage:

- Bethpage High School has been designated a Reward School for the 2012-13 academic year for its high student performance on state assessments and overall academic progress.
- Kramer Lane Elementary School has been selected by the NYS Education Department as a state nominee for the National 2013 Blue Ribbon School Award as an “Exemplary High Performing School.”
- The Center for American Progress ranked Bethpage with a very high return on investment when academic scores were related to costs per pupil. Our academic ranking was at 92% along with Great Neck, Roslyn, Manhasset, and Locust Valley schools, but our cost-per-pupil was several thousand dollars less than any of them.
- Fourth-grade students were ranked No. 1 in Nassau County for their scores on the NYS ELA assessments and third-grade students were ranked No. 5 in Nassau County.
- The Regents diploma rate for Bethpage High School is 99%, one of the highest in Nassau County.
- The Advanced Regents diploma rate for Bethpage (the percentage of students passing eight Regents exams) is 67%, one of the highest in Nassau County.

Our Facilities...

Our buildings and fields continue to be the envy of neighboring communities.

- Thanks to the Town of Oyster Bay, the BHS Athletic Complex was able to host another major NCAA Men’s Lacrosse game. Over \$30,000 in proceeds went to the Bethpage Educational Foundation, which supports educational programs in our schools.
- Bethpage Baseball continues to donate funds to upgrade our ball fields.
- Our cafeteria program is cost-effective and profitable, allowing us to upgrade dining and kitchen facilities, as well as equipment, at no cost to the taxpayers.
- The proposed budget continues the revitalization of our infrastructure that began 11 years ago.
- Voters approved a proposition authorizing the district to spend \$2.2 million from the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of making needed improvements and repairs in each of the schools.

Community Partners

The district is grateful for the community partnerships it has forged. Groups including the PTA, PAL, Dads’ Club, BBAI, Discovery, Moms and Dads for Music, Bethpage Senior Citizens and the Bethpage Educational Foundation all work with us to enrich the lives of our students. Their work is critical to our success. As an example, BBAI recently donated dugouts at Bethpage High School and annually donates clay used to improve all of our ball fields. Moms and Dads for Music has raised funds to offset the cost of trips for our students. Discovery provides a safe zone for students whose working parents need child care. The Bethpage Educational Foundation has provided innovative mini-grants for teachers, subsidized costly field trips and purchased cultural programs for all our schools. The Bethpage Senior Citizens have a special bond with our cheerleaders and love the reciprocation shown at the annual Senior Citizen Prom. The PTA jumps in wherever they are needed and rushed to help some Bethpage families impacted by Superstorm Sandy. PAL has created new teams to complement our own athletic program. Dads’ Club sponsors the annual National Honor Society Night, as well as the annual Athletic Dinner. We are all fortunate to live in a community where civic organizations take such an active role in the schools, and where everyone works together to better the education of our youngest residents.

21st Century Program Thrives

The 21st Century Scholars’ Program is running in all five schools for students in grades 4-12. Each year, those seniors who have completed the program receive a scholarship from the Bethpage Educational Foundation. Equally as important, they have completed a program that seeks to expand the boundaries of learning beyond the classroom. At a time when too many educators across the nation are focused on assessments, the 21st Century Scholars’ Program provides unique learning opportunities for the students of Bethpage.

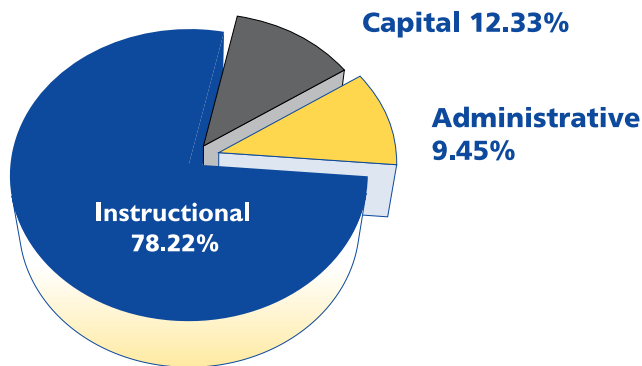
Students this year participated in various literature circles, made visits to colleges, attended workshops at the United Nations, heard about careers from ESPN announcers, toured Citi Field, attended the Metropolitan Opera, the New York Philharmonic and various Broadway shows, and participated in many hours of community service ranging from beach cleanups to our annual Senior Citizen Prom. The goal of the program is to prepare students for the world beyond the classroom, and the district is fortunate that it will continue into the next school year.

SCHOOL BUDGET: 2013-14

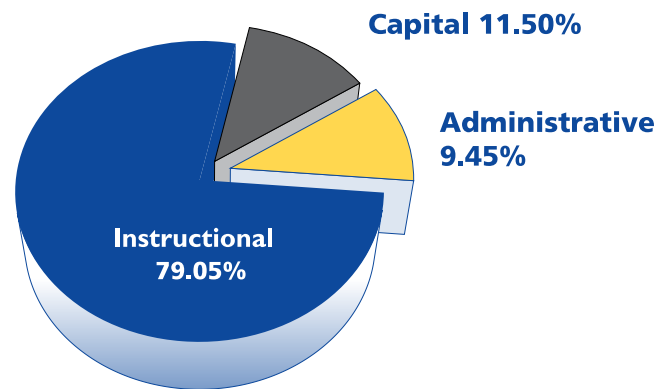
Category	Approved Budget 2012-13	Proposed Budget 2013-14	\$ Difference	% Change
GENERAL SUPPORT				
Board of Education	\$97,838	\$88,435	(\$9,403)	-9.61%
Central Administration	\$376,751	\$380,446	\$3,695	0.98%
Finance	\$912,229	\$888,930	(\$23,299)	-2.55%
Staff	\$1,079,512	\$1,105,138	\$25,626	2.37%
Central Services	\$5,966,702	\$5,459,103	(\$507,599)	-8.51%
Special Items	\$803,652	\$833,375	\$29,723	3.70%
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$9,236,684	\$8,755,427	(\$481,257)	-5.21%
INSTRUCTION				
Instructional Administration	\$4,003,673	\$4,000,970	(\$2,703)	-0.07%
Teaching - Regular School	\$25,923,670	\$25,792,120	(\$131,550)	-0.51%
Special Apportionment Programs	\$8,262,572	\$9,038,469	\$775,897	9.39%
Teaching - Special Schools/Adult Ed	\$46,930	\$46,425	(\$505)	-1.08%
Instructional Media	\$1,446,122	\$1,629,707	\$183,585	12.69%
Pupil Services	\$3,794,984	\$3,904,295	\$109,311	2.88%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$43,477,951	\$44,411,986	\$934,035	2.15%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION				
District Transportation Services	\$322,633	\$388,175	\$65,542	20.31%
District Garage	\$8,041	\$8,435	\$394	4.90%
Contract Transportation Services	\$3,258,074	\$3,360,862	\$102,788	3.15%
TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$3,588,748	\$3,757,472	\$168,724	4.70%
COMMUNITY SERVICES				
Civic Activities	\$11,400	\$11,400	\$0	0%
Census	\$0	\$0	\$0	0%
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$11,400	\$11,400	\$0	0%
UNDISTRIBUTED EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
State Retirement-ERS	\$1,302,616	\$1,599,465	\$296,849	22.79%
Teacher Retirement-TRS	\$4,296,082	\$5,763,018	\$1,466,936	34.15%
Social Security	\$3,247,156	\$3,285,743	\$38,587	1.19%
Workers' Compensation	\$339,025	\$359,292	\$20,267	5.98%
Life Insurance	\$2,123	\$0	(\$2,123)	100%
Unemployment Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0%
Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement	\$177,336	\$51,590	(\$125,746)	-70.91%
Disability Insurance	\$67,177	\$65,559	(\$1,618)	-2.41%
Hospital, Medical, Dental Insurance	\$7,033,602	\$7,102,352	\$68,750	0.98%
Teacher Benefit Trust Fund	\$349,320	\$353,670	\$4,350	1.25%
Other	\$12,105	\$5,000	(\$7,105)	-58.69%
TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$16,831,542	\$18,590,689	\$1,759,147	10.45%
DEBT SERVICE				
Existing Debt (Principal & Interest)	\$153,844	\$0	(\$153,844)	100%
New Bond Construction (Principal & Interest)	\$2,167,632	\$2,078,925	(\$88,707)	-4.09%
Full-Day Kdgn (EXCEL) (Interest)	\$162,847	\$164,238	\$1,391	0.85%
Tax Anticipation Notes (Interest)	\$76,784	\$50,000	(\$26,784)	-34.88%
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$2,561,107	\$2,293,163	(\$267,944)	-10.46%
INSTALLMENT: LEASE/PURCHASE				
Playgrounds (Principal & Interest)	\$72,863	\$30,400	(\$42,463)	-58.25%
TOTAL INSTALLMENT	\$72,863	\$30,400	(\$42,463)	-58.28%
OTHER DEBT				
ESCO (Principal)	\$265,776	\$350,612	\$84,836	31.92%
ESCO (Interest)	\$137,517	\$75,658	(\$61,859)	-44.98%
TOTAL OTHER DEBT	\$403,293	\$426,270	\$22,977	5.70%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS				
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	\$120,980	\$125,075	\$4,095	3.38%
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$0	0%
TOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$260,980	\$265,075	\$4,095	1.57%
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	\$20,129,785	\$21,605,597	\$1,475,812	7.33%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$76,444,568	\$78,541,882	\$2,097,314	2.744%

THREE-PART BUDGET EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS

2012-2013 Approved Budget



2013-2014 Proposed Budget



The State of New York requires all school districts to make available the proposed budget in three component parts: Administrative, Instructional Program, and Capital. Detailed copies of the expenditure budget are available in each school building, at the Bethpage Public Library, and on the web: www.bethpagecommunity.com.

"ADMINISTRATIVE CAP"	10.784%	10.678 %		
BUDGET COMPONENT	2012-13 APPROVED BUDGET	2013-14 PROPOSED BUDGET	DOLLAR AMOUNT CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$7,227,344	\$7,422,752	\$195,408	2.704%
INSTRUCTIONAL	\$59,790,840	\$62,090,399	\$2,299,559	3.846%
CAPITAL	\$9,426,384	\$9,028,731	(\$397,653)	-4.219%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$76,444,568	\$78,541,882	\$2,097,314	2.744%

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT A CONTINGENCY BUDGET

Under new legislation, a school district that adopts a contingency budget may not increase its current tax levy by any amount, which would mean a zero percent tax levy increase. Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011, beginning with the 2012-2013 school year budget, is in effect through at least 2016-2017. Therefore, this tax levy restriction remains in effect only as long as regulation and control of residential rents and evictions (i.e., rent control) laws are in place. Chapter 97 leaves the current contingency budget requirements/restrictions in place. Under a contingency budget, expenditures are subject to a contingent budget cap, an administrative cap is in effect, and non-contingent expenses are removed.

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

A. If the proposed budget is not approved by the required margin, the district may resubmit the original budget or a revised budget to voters on the third Tuesday in June, OR adopt a contingency budget. If voters do not approve the proposed budget on the second vote, the district must adopt a contingency budget. The district will not be allowed to increase the tax levy to the extent necessary to fund items of expenditures excluded from the tax cap. No growth factor, capital, court order/judgments or pension exemptions can be included.

Q. What reductions would be included in a contingency budget?

A. Under a contingency budget, programmatic spending would be greatly restricted. If the Board were to further reduce the current proposed budget, the district's program would be negatively impacted. Budget cuts of approximately \$2.3 million would have to be made to reach the contingency budget cap. Areas that could be affected include, but are not limited to, the following non-contingent appropriations:

- All non-mandated programs
- Interscholastic athletics
- After-school extracurricular activities/clubs
- Student supplies
- Enrichment programs
- Class size
- Staffing
- Summer school
- Computer hardware
- Transportation (i.e., field trips, etc.)
- Continuing education
- Community use of school facilities
- Overtime/certain salary increases

Class of 2013 WHERE ARE THEY HEADED?

The following is a list of colleges and universities that some of our students have been accepted to:

Barnard College
Baruch College
Binghamton University
Boston College
Boston University
Bryant University
Carnegie Mellon University
Drexel University
Duke University
Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester
Emerson College
Fairleigh Dickinson University
Fashion Institute of Technology
Florida Institute of Technology
Fordham University
Georgetown University
Iona College
Ithaca College
James Madison University
John Jay College
Marist College
New York Institute of Technology
New York University
North Carolina State University
Northwestern University
Quinnipiac University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Rutgers University, Pharmacy Program
Seton Hall University
St. John's University, Pharmacy Program
Syracuse University
Tufts University
University of Alabama
University of Buffalo
University of Maryland at College Park
University of Massachusetts
University of New Haven
University of Rhode Island
University of South Florida
University of Vermont
University of Virginia
Vanderbilt University
Vassar College
Villanova University

Your Tax Dollars at Work

Why Bethpage Is a High-Value School District

Our students' success is a source of community pride. Your continued support has enabled them to establish and expand a standard of excellence that has been demonstrated throughout the 2012-13 school year.

STUDENTS MEETING/EXCEEDING STANDARDS ON HIGH SCHOOL REGENTS EXAMINATIONS:

- 99% - Graduation Rate
- 98% - Regents Diploma Rate
- 99% - Living Environment (Science)
- 95% - U.S. History
- 97% - English
- 97% - Integrated Algebra (Formerly Math A)

STUDENTS MEETING/EXCEEDING ASSESSMENT STANDARDS AT JFK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 86% - 8th Grade Math
- 93% - 8th Grade Science
- 80% - 8th Grade ELA

STUDENTS MEETING/EXCEEDING ASSESSMENT STANDARDS AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- 86% - Grade 3 ELA - 5th in Nassau!
- 100% - Grade 4 Science
- 92% - Grade 4 ELA - 1st in Nassau!

ACADEMICS

- 35 current students at Bethpage High School earned AP Scholar Awards for their performance on the May 2012 AP exams.
- Three Commended Students in the 2013 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Bethpage High School was named a High Performing School by the State Education Department.

- Bethpage High School was ranked 494 out of 26,000 high schools nationwide.
- BHS won second place in the Long Island Ethics Bowl.
- Read Across America was held in each of the district's buildings.
- The PPS ACE Program provides students with life skills and work experience.
- 21st Century Program implemented districtwide.
- Districtwide Bully Prevention Week.

THE ARTS

- Two All-State musicians
- 43 All-County musicians
- Seven Long Island String Festival Association participants

ATHLETICS

- Girls Volleyball Conference Champions
- Girls Bowling Conference Champions
- Boys Bowling Conference Champions
- Gymnastics Nassau County Champions
- 25 out of 27 total teams were named Scholar Athlete teams



Cost Savings and Efficiencies

STAFF SAVINGS...

Every settled contract, including teachers, clerical, custodial, and central administrators in all buildings, has included a zero percent salary increase.

ENERGY EFFICIENCIES...

Capital Reserve Fund Project:

Voters approved a proposition authorizing the district to spend \$2.2 million from the Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of making needed improvements and repairs in each of the schools. Below is a list of completed projects from the 2012-13 school year, without additional cost to taxpayers:

- Second floor bathroom renovated at KL.
- Locker rooms refurbished at BHS.
- A new generator at BHS (allowing the high school to be a crisis center for community emergencies).
- New boiler plant will be installed at CBS (to be completed this summer).
- Univents upgraded at BHS, JFK, CBS and KL.
- Replacement of assembly room doors at all schools.

Energy Service Company (ESCO) Project:

The district anticipates the completion of the second ESCO Program projects this summer, which includes solar heating panels to assist in heating the pool water and photovoltaic panels for electricity consumption. This will result in further heating and electrical bill reductions and will harness the energy of the sun. Students will also benefit by learning about solar energy.

Fuel Oil to Gas Conversion:

The recent conversion from fuel oil to gas at BHS has provided significant savings during this past winter. The district looks forward to continued savings into the future once all of the projects are completed.

Conversion from Xerox to Lexmark Printers:

To date, the district has seen a \$140,000 savings this year as a result of switching to Lexmark printing systems. This system is completely electronic and puts quotas on the amount each teacher can print, resulting in both paper reduction and ink savings for the district.

UNFUNDED Mandates Keep on Coming

All school districts are required to meet unfunded and/or underfunded mandates imposed by the state and federal governments. **The costs associated with meeting these state and federally imposed obligations are the primary factors that are driving expenditure increases in the proposed budget.** These mandates include:

NYS Assessments (Grades 3-12)

- Assessments/Scantrons
- BOCES Test Scoring
- Training
- Mentor Teaching Program
- Substitute Teachers
- Staff Development
- Mandatory Conferences
- Common Core Learning Standards Professional Development

NYS Data Collection

- Software
- Staff

APPR Requirements

NYS-Mandated Academic Intervention Services (A.I.S.)

- Reading
- Math

ESL Services

NYS-Mandated Business Office Positions

- Claims Auditor
- Internal Auditor
- External Auditor

NYS-Mandated Health Services Sixth-Grade Calculators



Frequently Asked Questions

Q. What is the proposed budget increase, and is the proposed budget within the new New York State tax levy cap legislation?

A. The proposed budget, with a budget-to-budget increase of 2.74%, is within the district's tax levy cap.

Q. What does the proposed budget support?

A. The proposed budget will maintain the instructional programs for all schools. It also supports the Common Core, PARCC, TGIF, 21st Century Scholars, clubs and extracurricular activities, Robotics, the K-12 inclusion program, artist-in-residence

programs, security enhancements and full-day kindergarten. The district's class size policy remains unchanged.

Q. What are the implications of a contingency budget?

A. A contingency budget would result in reductions of approximately \$2.3 million from the proposed budget. The district would be required to eliminate certain expenses by law. Likely reductions would be made in the following areas: instructional and non-instructional staff and programs, athletics, co-curricular activities, after-school programs, the continuing education program, capital

work funded from the operating budget, community use of facilities, and any additional expenditure reductions as deemed necessary by the Board of Education to comply with legal requirements.

Q. Where can I find additional budget information, and where do I vote?

A. Additional information about the proposed budget can be found on the district's website www.bethpagecommunity.com. Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

BETHPAGE SCHOOLS

Bethpage Union Free School District

Bethpage, NY 11714

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VOTING INFORMATION

Budget Vote Tuesday, May 21, 2013

7 a.m. - 9 p.m. at Bethpage High School Gymnasium

Qualifications for Voting:

You must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- Eighteen years of age or older
- A resident of the district for a period of 30 or more days prior to the vote
- Registered to vote with the school district or the Nassau County Board of Elections (provided that you voted in a school election during the four calendar years prior to the year for which such registration is being prepared)

Budget Vote Registration:

Any person who is not registered to vote in the general election is not eligible to vote in the school district election, but may do so by registering. Continuous voter registration is available during school hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 a.m.- 3:30 p.m.

(only when school is open) at the Administration Building (District Clerk's Office). Note: For the May 21, 2013 vote, you must register by Thursday, May 16, 2013.

Budget Hearing:

The district will conduct an official budget hearing on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 beginning at 8 p.m. at Bethpage High School (Little Theater).

Budget Vote:

Tuesday, May 21, 2013, 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. at Bethpage High School (Gymnasium). Parking in the rear of the building.

Absentee Ballots:

Applications may be obtained from the District Clerk in the Superintendent's Office at the Administration Building: 10 Cherry Avenue, Bethpage, or on the district's website (see address below). All absentee ballots must be received in the District Clerk's Office by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote.

More comprehensive budget information is available on the district website at www.bethpagecommunity.com.

EVERY VOTE COUNTS!