

BETHPAGE

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BUDGET EDITION 2012

Union Free School District

NEWSLETTER

PRESERVING EXCELLENCE WITHIN THE TAX CAP

Proposed Budget: One of the Lowest Budget-to-Budget Increases in 21 Years!

The Bethpage School District has evolved into a model school district where learning and success occur every day. This year, the continuing economic climate and the new property tax cap law, which goes into effect for the 2012-2013 school year, have compounded the budget planning process. For several months, the Board of Education, administration, and Citizens Budget Advisory Committee worked diligently together to analyze every line item to ensure that the proposed 2012-2013 budget continues to support the high-value education all students deserve while minimizing the impact to the taxpayer.

The proposed budget of \$76,444,568 represents a 2.495% budget-to-budget increase, which is well below the national inflation rate of 3.2%. Much of that cost increase is due to unfunded mandates, particularly new testing requirements for teacher and principal evaluations, and rising pension costs. **The increase is one of the lowest budget-to-budget increases in 21 years, and allows us to**

provide a “no cuts” instructional budget within the tax levy limit defined by the state.

The proposed budget supports a curriculum that enables students to continue to excel in academics, the arts, and athletics and brings pride and value to our community. New York State assessment and graduation statistics continue to be among the highest in Nassau County. Our professional and dedicated administration and staff are role models for students. Our district facilities, our fields, and state-of-the-art athletic complex are the envy of neighboring communities. All of this success is made possible by a school, parent, community partnership that believes in the value of a quality education that prepares our students to be the leaders of the future. We thank you for the vital role you play in our District's success and encourage you to continue to be part of our District's future. Please remember to vote on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

***Budget-to-Budget
Increase 2.495%
One of the Lowest in
21 Years!***

2012-2013 Budget Supports and Preserves:

- Class size policy
- 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 AIS 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 15, • 7 AM – 9 PM • BETHPAGE HS GYM



MESSAGE

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Dear Parents and Residents,

We face a unique budget year as we enter into the new world of property tax levy caps. Your Board of Education gave us one overriding directive: to the extent possible, minimize the impact of any cuts on student instruction. In collaboration with the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee, the District has worked to construct a budget that balances instructional needs with fiscal discipline. The result is a budget increase of 2.49%, one of the lowest increases in the past 21 years. The tax levy increase is 3.4%, slightly below what is permitted under the new tax levy cap formula for Bethpage.

The new property tax levy cap uses 2% as its base figure and has several exemptions that impact each district differently. For Bethpage, serial bond construction debts we incurred to expand for full-day Kindergarten, as well as the renovations to our five school buildings in 2002, are exempt. In addition, because we are experiencing a reduction in our PILOT payments in the 2012-13 school year (about \$500,000 less), the mathematical formula puts the maximum allowable tax levy cap for Bethpage at 3.466%. [Note: In Bethpage, PILOT revenues are Payments in Lieu of Taxes that are paid by companies located on the former Grumman property.]

We heard from many of you asking that we preserve programs that make Bethpage such a special place. You asked us to keep elementary summer school, TGIF, 21st Century Scholars, artists-in-residence, K-12 inclusion, Robotics, and full day kindergarten. All of those programs are

preserved in the proposed budget. In addition, the District's class size policy remains unchanged.

Efficiencies were achieved in many areas. Our investments in energy efficiencies (new lighting, windows, insulation and bringing natural gas to all five schools) have provided tangible savings at a time of escalating costs. Through prudent planning, we are able to use almost \$300,000 from our reserves to assist us next year. The Bethpage teachers also helped out enormously by agreeing to a zero percent increase in the 2012-13 school year. In addition, the custodians, clerical staff, and central administrators have all voluntarily accepted contracts that contain a zero percent increase in their settlements. We also want to acknowledge the work of our legislators who were able to increase our state aid by more than 3% over last year.

Colleagues in many other districts are being forced to make draconian cuts to programs. You have seen the stories on school closings, staff member layoffs, the cutting of programs like full-day Kindergarten or summer school. Fortunately, we have managed to avoid such reductions for the 2012-13 school year. The 2.49% budget increase is significantly below the national inflation rate. There are definitely challenges ahead, but I am confident that this community can work together to get through these tough fiscal years.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the budget vote on May 15!

Terrence Clark
Superintendent of Schools

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 anticipated projects for the 2012-13 school year, without additional cost to taxpayers:

- Second floor bathroom will be 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)
- Wrestling room will be properly ventilated at BHS
- New boiler plant will be installed at CBS
- Univents will be 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 reduction 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.

Maximizing Utilization of Maintenance Staff:

In an effort to save even more money within the budget, the buildings and grounds staff will be doing a significant amount of the labor. By removing and replacing the CBS ceilings in-house, the District will save a considerable amount of money using its well-skilled staff.

Understanding the Impact of Tax Certioraris

The issue of property assessments has been the responsibility of Nassau County for decades. In light of the large expense resulting from residents and commercial property owners seeking reassessments, the County passed legislation shifting the costs of the refunds from the County to the school districts and local municipalities. As an example, an individual might get a reduction in property taxes as a result of the County's overassessment. In the past the County would have been responsible for the refund of taxes to the resident. However, under new legislation passed by the County, the District would be responsible for the bulk of that refund, despite the fact that the District played no role in the assessment process.

For the Bethpage School District, with its large commercial property base, the potential liability is estimated to be between \$500,000 and \$1.6 million. Layered on top of the new tax cap, such a new liability could cause great fiscal harm to the District and result in the significant reduction of academic programs. The District is party to a lawsuit brought against the County by 41 school districts, a town and several special service districts, which challenges the County's authority to pass the legislation. We are currently appealing a lower court ruling. The ultimate decision will likely have a huge impact on the future of our educational program.

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:

- 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.

- *Newsday* recently listed our graduation rate as 98%, the highest in Nassau County and New York State.
- *The New York Times* ranks Bethpage as the 54th best school district out of 695 districts in New York State, based on ten years of data from elementary and middle school results.
- *The Washington Post* ranks Bethpage High School as one of the Best High Schools in America.
- The Regents Diploma rate for Bethpage High School is 97%, 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 budget continues the revitalization of our infrastructure that began eleven 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.

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

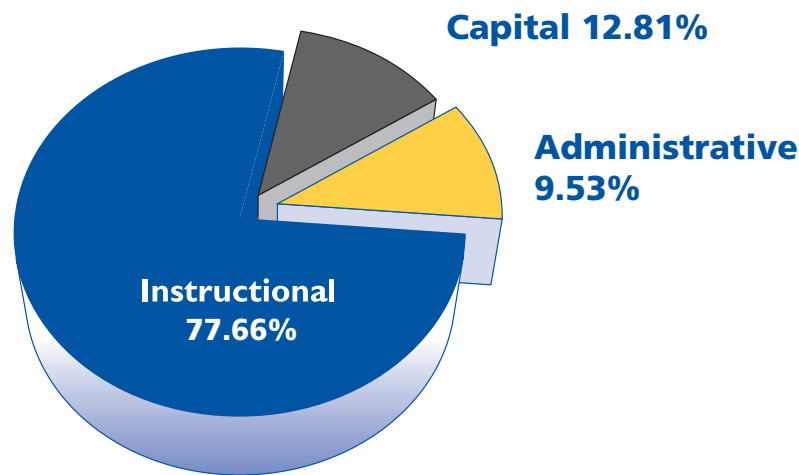


SCHOOL BUDGET: 2012-13

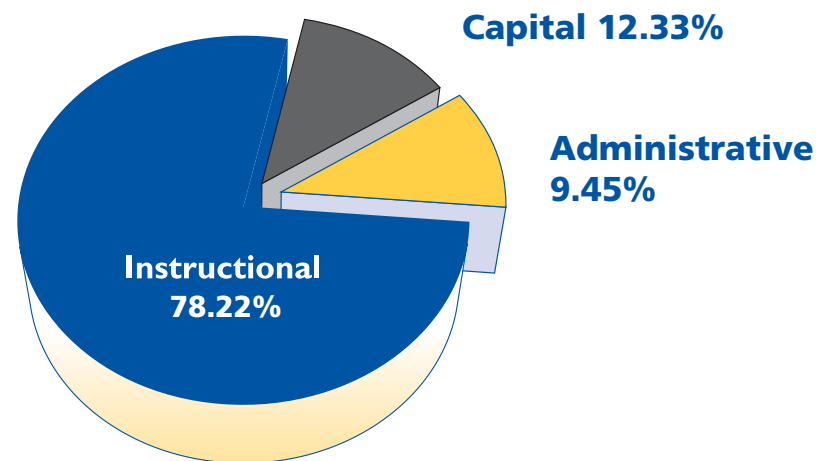
Category	Approved Budget 2011-12	Proposed Budget 2012-13	\$ Difference	% Change
GENERAL SUPPORT				
Board of Education	\$94,207	\$97,838	\$3,631	3.85%
Central Administration	\$365,378	\$376,751	\$11,373	3.11%
Finance	\$889,574	\$912,229	\$22,655	2.55%
Staff	\$1,041,244	\$1,079,512	\$38,268	3.68%
Central Services	\$5,695,733	\$5,966,702	\$270,969	4.76%
Special Items	\$967,856	\$803,652	(\$164,204)	-16.97%
TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT	\$9,053,992	\$9,236,684	\$182,692	2.02%
INSTRUCTION				
Instructional Administration	\$3,818,850	\$4,003,673	\$184,823	4.84%
Teaching - Regular School	\$25,850,181	\$25,923,670	\$73,489	0.28%
Special Apportionment Programs	\$7,886,104	\$8,262,572	\$376,468	4.77%
Teaching - Special Schools/Adult Ed	\$47,729	\$46,930	(\$799)	-1.67%
Instructional Media	\$1,320,347	\$1,446,122	\$125,775	9.53%
Pupil Services	\$3,865,731	\$3,794,984	(\$70,747)	-1.83%
TOTAL INSTRUCTION	\$42,788,942	\$43,477,951	\$689,009	1.61%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION				
District Transportation Services	\$296,436	\$322,633	\$26,197	8.84%
District Garage	\$7,725	\$8,041	\$316	4.09%
Contract Transportation Services	\$3,068,447	\$3,258,074	\$189,627	6.18%
TOTAL PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$3,372,608	\$3,588,748	\$216,140	6.41%
COMMUNITY SERVICES				
Civic Activities	\$13,640	\$11,400	(\$2,240)	-16.42%
Census	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$13,640	\$11,400	(\$2,240)	-16.42%
UNDISTRIBUTED				
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
State Retirement-ERS	\$1,186,475	\$1,302,616	\$116,141	9.79%
Teacher Retirement-TRS	\$3,902,609	\$4,296,082	\$393,473	10.08%
Social Security	\$3,142,393	\$3,247,156	\$104,763	3.33%
Workers' Compensation	\$313,913	\$339,025	\$25,112	8.00%
Life Insurance	\$2,000	\$2,123	\$123	6.15%
Unemployment Services	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$0	0.00%
Unemployment Insurance Reimbursement	\$266,709	\$177,336	(\$89,373)	-33.51%
Disability Insurance	\$67,436	\$67,177	(\$259)	-0.38%
Hospital, Medical, Dental Insurance	\$6,741,090	\$7,033,602	\$292,512	4.34%
Teacher Benefit Trust Fund	\$345,120	\$349,320	\$4,200	1.22%
Other	\$11,322	\$12,105	\$783	6.92%
SUBTOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$15,984,067	\$16,831,542	\$847,475	5.30%
DEBT SERVICE				
Existing Debt (Principal & Interest)	\$161,532	\$153,844	(\$7,688)	-4.76%
New Bond Construction (Principal & Interest)	\$2,163,532	\$2,167,632	\$4,100	0.19%
Full-Day Kdgn (EXCEL) (Interest)	\$166,354	\$162,847	(\$3,507)	-2.11%
Tax Anticipation Notes (Interest)	\$150,000	\$76,784	(\$73,216)	-48.81%
SUBTOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$2,641,418	\$2,561,107	(\$80,311)	-3.04%
INSTALLMENT: LEASE/PURCHASE				
B&G Vehicles (Principal & Interest)	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Playgrounds (Principal & Interest)	\$72,863	\$72,863	\$0	0.00%
SUBTOTAL INSTALLMENT	\$72,863	\$72,863	\$0	0.00%
OTHER DEBT				
ESCO (Principal)	\$256,391	\$265,776	\$9,385	3.66%
ESCO (Interest)	\$146,902	\$137,517	(\$9,385)	-6.39%
SUBTOTAL OTHER DEBT	\$403,293	\$403,293	\$0	0.00%
INTERFUND TRANSFERS				
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	\$110,808	\$120,980	\$10,172	9.18%
Transfer to Capital Fund	\$141,703	\$140,000	(\$1,703)	-1.20%
SUBTOTAL INTERFUND TRANSFERS	\$252,511	\$260,980	\$8,469	3.35%
TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED	\$19,354,152	\$20,129,785	\$775,633	4.01%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$74,583,334	\$76,444,568	\$1,861,234	2.495%

THREE-PART BUDGET EXPLANATION AND ANALYSIS

2011-2012 Approved Budget



2012-2013 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.

BUDGET COMPONENT	2011-12 APPROVED BUDGET	2012-13 PROPOSED BUDGET	DOLLAR AMOUNT CHANGE	PERCENT CHANGE
ADMINISTRATIVE	\$7,105,872	\$7,227,344	\$121,472	1.709%
INSTRUCTIONAL	\$57,920,258	\$59,790,840	\$1,870,582	3.230%
CAPITAL	\$9,557,204	\$9,426,384	(\$130,820)	-1.369%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$74,583,334	\$76,444,568	\$1,861,234	2.495%

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT A CONTINGENCY BUDGET

Under new legislation, effective with the 2012-2013 school year, 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 \$2.8 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

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 2011-12 school year.

STUDENTS MEETING/EXCEEDING STANDARDS ON HIGH SCHOOL REGENTS EXAMINATIONS:

- 99% - Graduation Rate
- 96% - Regents Diploma Rate
- 100% - Living Environment (Science)
- 95% - U.S. History
- 98% - English
- 95% - Integrated Algebra (Formerly Math A)
- 94% - Global History

STUDENTS MEETING/EXCEEDING ASSESSMENT STANDARDS AT JFK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- 86% - 8th Grade Math
- 97% - 8th Grade Science
- 77% - 8th Grade ELA

STUDENTS MEETING/EXCEEDING ASSESSMENT STANDARDS AT THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

- 99% - Grade 3 Math
- 98% - Grade 4 Science
- 90% - Grade 4 ELA

ACADEMICS

- BHS SAT scores ranked above national and statewide averages
- BHS has been listed in *The Washington Post's* annual ranking of the top 1,500 high schools in the country for the past seven years
- BHS has been named Most Philosophical School in America by Kids Philosophy Slam for several years

- 29th Best School District in NYS (named by schooldigger.com)
- Two BHS students were named National Merit Finalists
- Two BHS students were named National Merit Commended Students
- Five BHS students have qualified for the Nassau County All-Star Mathematics Team
- 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
- Mark Wood, rock violinist extraordinaire and creator of the Viper Electric Violin, conducted

a workshop and held a concert with BHS and JFK Middle School students

- Artist Dan Christoffel provided a showing of his artwork to Bethpage High School students at the Huntington Arts Council
- One BHS student was a recipient of the ASA Art Scholarship

ATHLETICS

- Kickline team placed first in Kick and Variety at Nationals
- The Girls Gymnastics team are Nassau County Champions
- NCAA UMass vs. Drexel game held at BHS Athletic Complex
- 17 Scholar Athlete-Teams (to date)



ROI - RETURN ON INVESTMENT (CURRENT AS OF PRINTING)

Highlighting the Nassau Schools ranked in the 92nd percentile in New York and their adjusted relative per pupil spending. (Source: Center for American Progress)

School District	Basic ROI	State Achievement Index	Adj. Per Pupil Spending	Percent Low	Enrollment Income	Urbanicity
Great Neck Union Free School District		92	\$18,673	10%	6,349	Suburb: Large
Roslyn Union Free School District		92	\$18,105	6%	3,413	Suburb: Large
Manhasset Union Free School District		92	\$17,517	3%	3,005	Suburb: Large
Bethpage Union Free School District		92	\$14,837	5%	3,102	Suburb: Large
Locust Valley Central School District		92	\$18,759	7%	2,296	Suburb: Large

Class of 2012 WHERE ARE THEY HEADED?

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

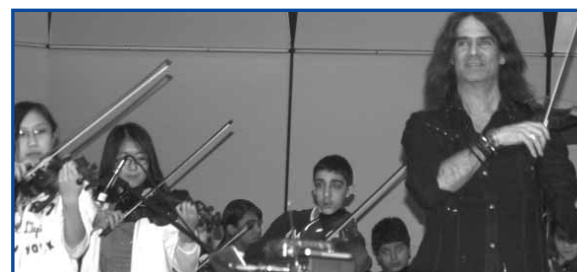
Adelphi University
Albion College
Boston University
Brown University
Buffalo State University
College of New Jersey
Cornell University
Dowling College
Fashion Institute of
Technology
Georgetown University
Hartford University
Hartwick College
Hofstra University
James Madison University
The Juilliard School
Kings College
Loyola University Maryland
Manhattan College
Massachusetts Institute of
Technology
Moravian College
Mount St. Mary College
New York University
Princeton University
Quinnipiac University
Sacred Heart University
St. John's University
Stevens Institute
Stony Brook Scholars Program
SUNY Albany
SUNY Binghamton
SUNY College of
Environmental Science and
Forestry
SUNY Delhi
SUNY Farmingdale
SUNY New Paltz
SUNY Oneonta
Tufts University
Tulane University
University of
Massachusetts
University of Michigan
University of
South Carolina
University of Virginia Honor

Appreciating the Arts

During the months of February and March, students at Bethpage High School and JFK Middle School were fortunate to have two artists work side-by-side with them as they shared their time and talents.

Mark Wood, a remarkable violinist, Emmy Award-winning composer, original member of the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, and inventor of the Viper Electric Violin, provided a two-day orchestral workshop entitled "Electrify Your Strings!" for the high school and middle school string musicians. It culminated in a phenomenal concert on February 29.

Renowned local artist and District artist-in-residence Dan Christoffel provided a showing of his artwork to Bethpage High School students at the Huntington Arts Council. Mr. Christoffel's show consisted of his portraits of Abraham Lincoln and Walt Whitman. After introducing each piece, he discussed his motivation and technique for crafting it.



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 have received a scholarship from the Bethpage Educational Foundation. More importantly, 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 Citifield, 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 we are lucky that it will continue into the next school year.

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 2.49%, is one of the lowest in 21 years, one of the lowest budget increases in Nassau County, and 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 elementary and secondary summer school programs, TGIF, 21st Century Scholars, clubs and extracurricular activities,

Robotics, the K-12 inclusion program, artist-in-residence programs, 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 \$2.4 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 15, 2012 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 15, 2012

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 register 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 15, 2012 vote, you must register by Thursday, May 10, 2012.

Budget Hearing:

The District will conduct an official budget hearing on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 beginning at 8 p.m. at Bethpage High School (Little Theater).

Budget Vote:

Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 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!