

Update from Board of Education on Exemptions

Following last week's Public Hearing on the issue of Exemptions for Veterans, Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Workers, the Bethpage Board of Education held a discussion in public session last night. An exchange of views took place with the majority believing that the best solution was to directly ask the voters of Bethpage for their opinion on this issue.

The core concern is that by providing exemptions to Veterans, Volunteer Firefighters and Ambulance Workers, taxes will rise for all other residents. A majority of the Board believes it best if the voters decide if they want to pay more. Therefore, a referendum will be put forward in May. While it will technically be a non-binding resolution, the majority said they would abide by whatever the voters decide.

More information will be given to the public as we move into the spring. Everyone noted their appreciation to the Veterans, Firefighters and Ambulance Workers for all they do for our nation and community.