



Bethpage 2017-18 Budget Highlights

"Less than ZERO Percent/No Cuts Budget"

Budget/Trustee Vote
 Tuesday, May 16
 7AM to 9PM
 Bethpage High

The Budget Numbers

- The proposed tax levy increase is **LESS THAN ZERO** percent. **It is -0.11%.**
- The proposed budget to budget increase is 1.7%.
- The proposed budget total is **\$83,569,427** and **DOES NOT** exceed the state tax levy cap.
- Bethpage received the highest rating in the recent NYS Comptroller "stress test," indicating fiscal soundness.
- We have significantly reduced debt by paying off bonds early.
- We continue to enjoy a positive Aa2 rating by Moody's reflecting a history of fiscal prudence.

The Academic Numbers

- The Bethpage High School Graduation Rate was 100%. The Regents Diploma Rate for Bethpage HS was 99% and the Advanced Regents Diploma Rate (the percentage of students passing 8 Regents exams) was 67%, making BHS one of the highest performing schools in Nassau County and New York State.
- All five schools are listed as *In Good Standing* by NYS Department of Education.
- *Newsweek* and the *Washington Post* rank Bethpage High School as one of the *Best High Schools in America* as a result of the large number of students enrolled in challenging AP courses (we offer 18 AP courses).
- Kramer Lane received the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education.
- BHS Robotics went to the National FIRST Robotics Competition in St. Louis

The Program

This is a **NO CUTS BUDGET** that will maintain the instructional programs for all schools.

The following items are preserved:

- Small Class Size Policy
- Elementary Summer School
- Full Day Kindergarten
- TGIF Program
- 21st Century Scholars' Program for all schools
- All clubs and extracurriculars for all schools
- Saturday AIS classes
- Argonauts Program for elementary schools
- K-12 Inclusion Program
- Student Transportation Mileage Policy
- Science Research and Robotics Programs
- Artist in Residence Programs (Fine Arts, Metropolitan Opera)
- District Summer School for special needs students

The following items are included in the budget to enhance our program:

- Restoration of 7th Grade Athletic Teams
- Changing the measuring point for K-5 transportation to the front door (rather than property line)
- New courses at BHS AP Capstone Research Program
- Expanding our Chromebook initiative so students in grades 3 through 12 have them
- Partnerships with Hofstra School of Engineering and Composite Prototype Center

Our Buildings

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

- Long Island Special Olympics is being hosted here on May 20.
- We are hosting a major NCAA Men's Lacrosse Game on May 7 (Duke v. Boston University)
- We have achieved significant energy savings as a result of conservation efforts.
- We continue to perform independent environmental testing to ensure a healthy place for our children and staff.
- Our cafeteria program is cost-effective and allows us to upgrade dining facilities at no cost to the taxpayers.
- We continue to upgrade our district security and this budget includes additional funding for enhanced security.
- Our Maintenance Crew did an outstanding job clearing snow and readying our buildings this winter for students and staff.

NOTE: Please remember the last four tax levies:

2014	0.78%
2015	0.00%
2016	-0.17%
2017	-0.11%

Historically Low Percentages

BUDGET HEARING
Tuesday, May 2, 2017
8PM in the Little Theater

Details about the budget can be found on our website at:
<http://www.bethpagecommunity.com>

BUDGET AND TRUSTEE VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

7AM to 9PM

Bethpage High School Gymnasium

(Enter and park in the rear of the high school next to the tennis courts)

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION

May 16- Starts at 4:30PM in the BHS Auxiliary Gym
Art Show, Musical Numbers, Bake Sale

VOTER REGISTRATION

**Bethpage has Continuous Registration- Please call the
District Clerk at 516-644-4002 for information on how to
REGISTER to VOTE**