



# Bethpage 2018-19 Budget Highlights

## "No Cuts Budget"

Budget/Trustee Vote  
Tuesday, May 15  
7AM to 9PM  
Bethpage High

### The Budget Numbers

- The proposed budget to budget increase is 1.99% (less than the inflation rate)
- The proposed tax levy increase is 2.9%
- The proposed budget total is **\$85,229,857** 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 99%. The Regents Diploma Rate for Bethpage HS was 98% 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* ranks 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 19 AP courses).
- Kramer Lane received the prestigious Blue Ribbon Award from the U.S. Department of Education.
- BHS Robotics went to the World FIRST Robotics Competition in Detroit

### 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
- 21<sup>st</sup> 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:

- Each elementary school will now have TWO Westech Security Guards
- JFK will now have TWO Westech Security Guards
- New courses at BHS AP Capstone Seminar and Financial Literacy
- Refreshing our Chromebook initiative

### Proposition Two: Security Enhancements

- The community will decide if it wants to spend \$2.95 million from the Capital Reserve Fund for permanent security upgrades including:
  - Vestibules at Main Entrances to all Schools
  - All new hardened classroom doors in all buildings with bullet-resistant glass and automatic locking features at initiation of panic button
  - Additional cameras and technology upgrades to support security
  - Lighting in the JFK Middle School Parking Lot
  - HVAC in Bethpage High School Cafeteria

### Our Buildings

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

- Long Island Special Olympics is being hosted here on May 19.
- 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.

**BUDGET HEARING**  
**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**  
**8PM in the Little Theater**

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

**VOTES for**

- 1. PROPOSITION ONE: SCHOOL BUDGET**
- 2. PROPOSITION TWO: SECURITY ENHANCEMENTS**
- 3. BOARD TRUSTEES**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**  
**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 15- 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**