

COPIAGUE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUDGET DEVELOPMENT MISSION STATEMENT

The Copiague School District believes that we exist to serve the needs of our community of learners. Each student is unique and comes to us a learner. The district's mission is to provide instruction, programs, strategies and challenges in a caring, positive learning environment. The budget development process will support the goals of the Board of Education which reflect the vision, philosophy, and beliefs of our district and community. Through sound fiscal management and strategic planning the following goals will be realized:

BUDGET GOALS 2015-2016

- Provide an Expenditure and Revenue Plan that is student centered which is focused on increased achievement.
- Support a Staff Development Plan consistent with the Copiague School District Plan for professional development to ensure that classroom strategies and practices are aligned with New York State Standards and Assessments.
- Support a staffing plan that ensures all children meet or exceed the New York State Learning Standards.
- Continue to implement the District's Technology Plan.
- Provide facilities for students, employees, and the community that are safe, well maintained and conducive to the activities of the district.
- Continue the review of existing Instructional Programs, Administrative Support Services, and all co-curricular and inter-scholastic activities to evaluate equity and efficiency in determining their continuation or modification.
- Actively seek out new revenue sources and implement cost containment strategies to minimize the tax burden and broaden student programming.
- Where possible, begin the process of rebuilding Fund Balance/Reserves.
- Total budgetary and tax rate increase will be in line with Board of Education and community expectations.
- Present a budget for voter approval that:
 - Provides full disclosure
 - Is easy to understand
 - Is free from error
 - Is sensitive to the needs of our District residents

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