



Proposed
Budget
2016-17

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at Great Neck Road
Elementary School

PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget: \$115,169,633

Budget Increase: 2.39%

Tax Levy Increase: 0.53%

Copiague School District
Copiague, N.Y. 11726

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A Message about the
Proposed Budget

In Copiague, we take great pride in fostering an environment where our students are provided with many opportunities to succeed now and into the future. During the past several years, thanks to strong community support, our student achievement has increased and the number of seniors graduating with Regents diplomas has risen. Our student-athletes have continued to compete on local and state levels, the fine arts department has been expanded to offer more

opportunities for students K-12, and our extracurricular offerings have high student participation rates. Over the last few months, the Board of Education has worked with administration to create a budget that continues to provide that solid educational foundation for our student population while remaining conscious of the financial burden faced by our taxpayers. With this in mind, the proposed budget maintains all current programs, services and support

functions for our children, with a minimal tax levy increase of 0.53 percent. As the levy increase is within the state-mandated cap, a simple majority of voters (50 percent plus one) is required for approval.

Copiague residents are encouraged to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, May 17. Polls will be open at Great Neck Road Elementary School from **10 a.m. to 9 p.m.** Please note the earlier end time of the voting hours.

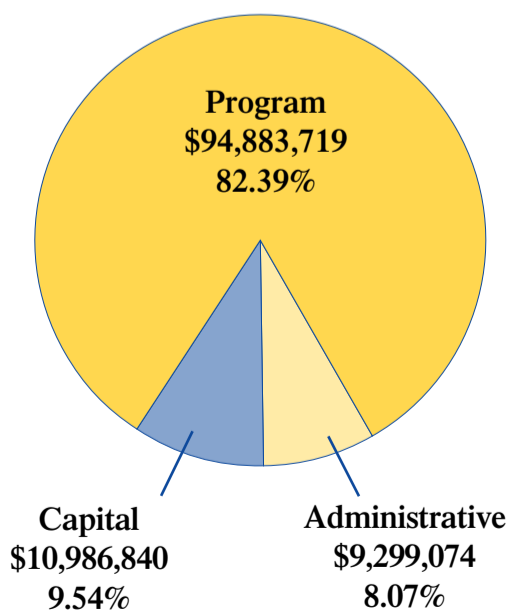
Did you know... 1,600 students in grades 3-12 participate in band or chorus?



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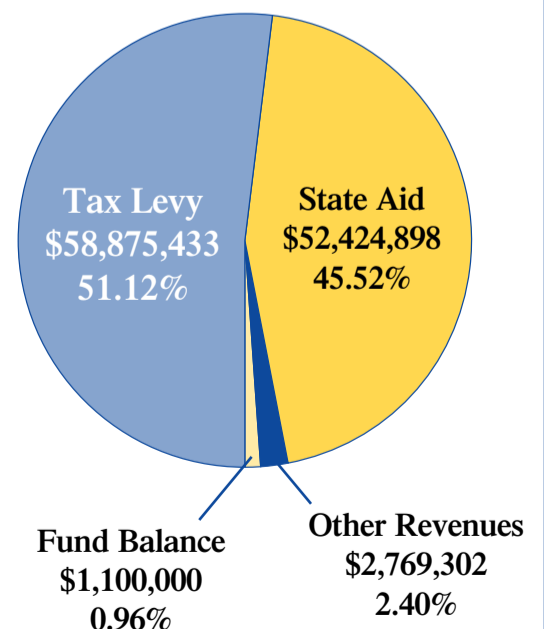
	Budget 2015-16	Proposed 2016-17	Increase (Decrease)
Salaries	\$50,467,396	\$52,468,870	\$2,001,474
BOCES	19,854,831	19,584,600	(270,231)
Fringe Benefits	21,203,972	21,484,866	280,894
Transportation	10,455,585	10,477,180	21,595
Contractual	3,191,982	3,634,814	442,832
Utilities	1,275,000	1,270,000	(5,000)
Supplies	919,626	944,026	24,400
Debt & Interest	2,192,938	2,237,222	44,284
Tuition	1,500,000	1,710,000	210,000
Textbooks	318,484	313,416	(5,068)
Transfer to Other Funds	230,000	282,000	52,000
Equipment	192,980	158,039	(34,941)
Repairs	675,600	604,600	(71,000)
TOTALS	\$112,478,394	\$115,169,633	\$2,691,239

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN



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REVENUE BREAKDOWN



Did you know...
over 800 students
in grades 3-5
participate in an
after-school activity?



Did you know... the
percentage of seniors
graduating with a
Regents diploma rose
15 percent over the
last 10 years?

Did you know...
students who
graduated from
Copiague are
currently attending
Yale University, Duke
University, Cornell
University and the U.S.
Naval Academy?



Did you know...
more than 900
athletes in grades
7-12 participate
in at least one
extracurricular
sport?

Did you know...
Copiague
students volunteer
hundreds of hours
of service to the
community every
year?

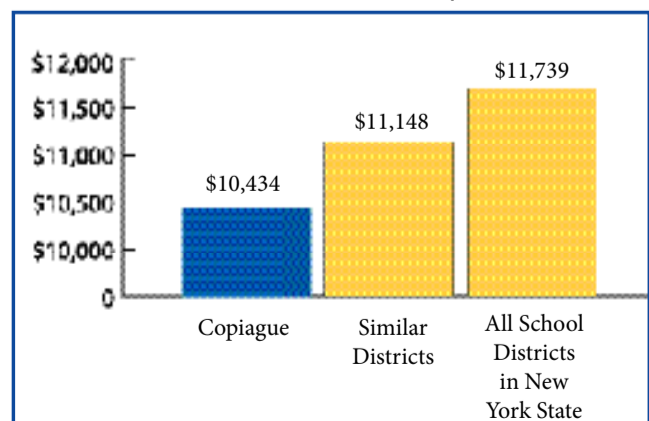
BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Maintains academic programs for children in grades K-12.
- Supports current athletic and extracurricular programs based on student interests.
- Continues investment in educational technology program.
- Honors the District's commitment to be prudent, accountable, and sensitive to the financial needs of the taxpayers.

COST PER PUPIL

Through prudent fiscal management, the District has been able to lower the cost of per pupil expenditures in general education while still increasing student achievement. Based on the New York State School Report Card

Fiscal Accountability Supplement, Copiague's cost per pupil in general education is lower than both similar districts and the average of all New York State school districts. The chart on the right uses data from the 2013-14 school year, which is the most recent data available from the state.



Did you know...the high school offers 19 Advanced Placement and other college-level courses?



Did you know...489 middle school students are taking high school-level courses?



VOTER REQUIREMENTS

- You are a U.S. Citizen.
- You are 18 years of age or older.
- You have been a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.
- You are registered to vote in the general elections or are registered to vote in the school elections.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

The District Clerk must receive applications at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. All completed ballots must be in the hands of the District Clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the election. For further information, call 631-842-4015.

COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATED TAX LEVY

2016-17 Proposed Budget	\$115,169,633
Less Estimated Revenue	- \$55,194,200
Subtotal	\$59,975,433
Less Appropriated Fund Balance	- \$1,100,000
Estimated Tax Levy 2016-17	\$58,875,433

Questions & Answers

Q: What does this budget support?

A: The proposed 2016-17 school budget supports all current academic and co-curricular programs and the goals that the Board of Education and administration have established for the District. It also includes cost-saving measures in order to reduce the financial impact on taxpayers. It is important to note that this budget is within the District's allowable tax levy limit.

Q: What happens if voters reject the proposed budget?

A: If voters reject the proposed budget, the school board may put up the same or a revised budget for a second vote or adopt a contingency budget. If the proposed budget is defeated twice by voters, the District must adopt a contingent budget. Under the new law, a District that adopts a contingent budget may not increase its current tax levy by any amount – which would impose, in effect, a zero percent cap.

Q: Does the tax levy indicate how much my taxes will rise?

A: No. The tax levy is the amount of money the school district can raise through property taxes. The amount an individual will pay to contribute to the levied amount is the tax rate as determined by the homeowner's assessed value for their property.

Q: Where can I get more information?

A: Complete copies of the proposed 2016-17 budget are available in the District Office, each school building, and the Copiague Memorial Public Library. Budget information is also available on the District website: www.copiague.k12.ny.us.

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

MAY 17



10:00 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

**GREAT NECK ROAD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1400 GREAT NECK ROAD**



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