

COPIAGUE *Connections*

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BUDGET VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 16
GREAT NECK ROAD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10 a.m.-9 p.m.



PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget:
\$118,569,805

Budget Increase:
2.95%

Tax Levy Increase:
2.85%



A Message from the Board of Education

Since the implementation of the New York State Property Tax Cap, our District has been able to maintain a wide range of academic courses, athletic programs and extracurricular activities to meet the needs of our diverse student population, all while staying within the confines of the mandated levy cap. It is through the support of our community that we have been able to provide our students with a quality education and continue to make Copiague "A Great Place to Learn."

Remaining sensitive to financial strain placed on homeowners in our community, the proposed 2017-18 budget represents our desire to balance our educational goals and stay within the mandated cap. The total proposed budget for the 2017-18 school year is \$118,569,805, which represents a budget-to-budget increase of 2.95 percent and a 2.85 percent tax levy increase.

This summer, work is scheduled to commence on a number of projects on our community-approved bond, including upgrades to the high school football field, track and tennis courts and a redesign of the middle school bus loop. Other projects are scheduled to begin at Deauville Gardens East, Deauville Gardens West and Great Neck Road, as well as interior work at the high school and middle school. As the projects move forward, we will keep you updated on the progress on our website, www.copiague.k12.ny.us, and Facebook page, Copiague Public Schools.

Please visit the District website for all budget presentations and detailed information. Residents are encouraged to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, May 16. Polls will be open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. in the gymnasium of Great Neck Road Elementary School.

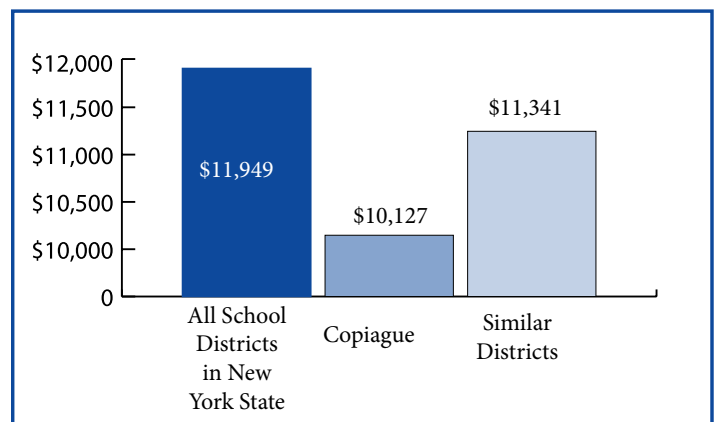


BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- **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 below uses data from the 2014-15 school year, which is the most recent data available from the state.

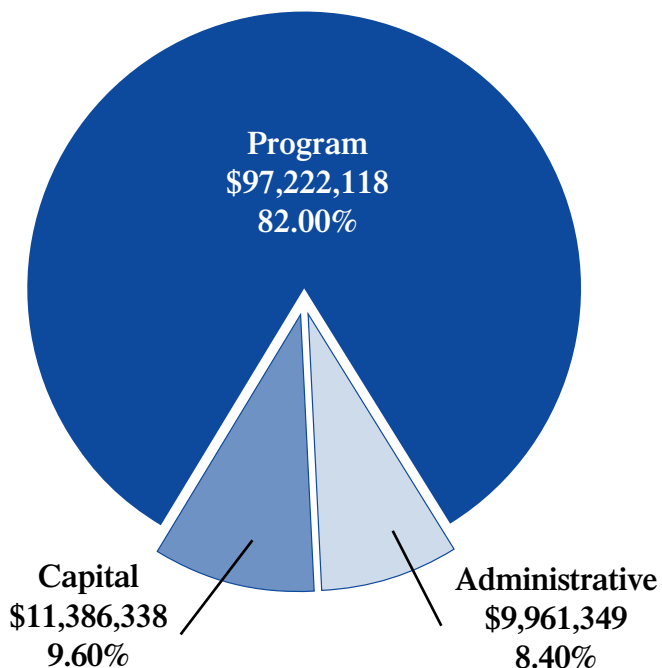


2017-18 PROPOSED BUDGET

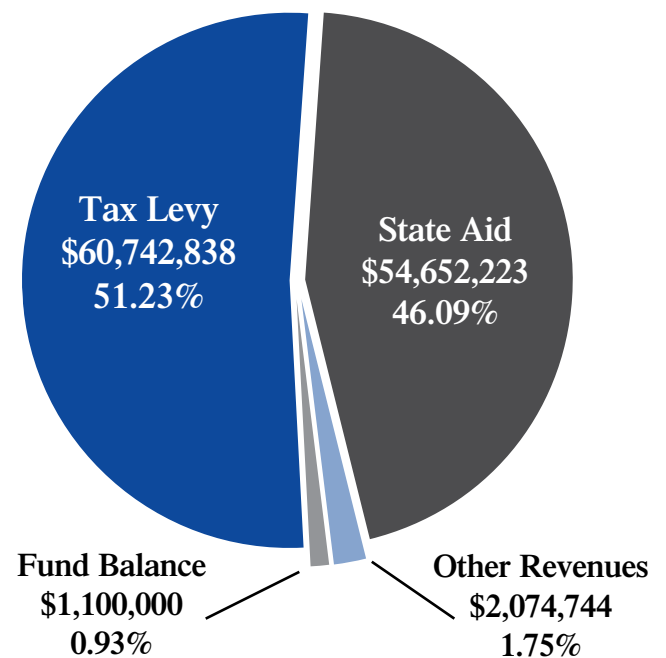


	Budget 2016-17	Proposed 2017-18	Increase (Decrease)
Salaries	\$52,468,870	\$54,333,412	\$1,864,542
BOCES	19,584,600	20,011,746	427,146
Fringe Benefits	21,484,866	21,924,782	439,916
Transportation	10,477,180	10,220,076	(257,104)
Contractual	3,634,814	3,809,982	175,168
Utilities	1,270,000	1,271,000	1,000
Supplies	944,026	997,678	53,652
Debt & Interest	2,237,222	2,397,835	160,613
Tuition	1,710,000	1,960,000	250,000
Textbooks	313,416	310,794	(2,622)
Transfer to Other Funds	282,000	275,000	(7,000)
Equipment	158,039	132,900	(25,139)
Repairs	604,600	924,600	320,000
TOTALS	\$115,169,633	\$118,569,805	\$3,400,172

EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN



REVENUE BREAKDOWN



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COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATED TAX LEVY

2017-18 Proposed Budget.....	\$118,569,805
Less Estimated Revenue.....	- \$56,726,967
Subtotal	\$61,842,838
Less Appropriated Fund Balance	- \$1,100,000
Estimated Tax Levy 2017-18.....	\$60,742,838

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.



Questions & Answers

Q: What does this budget support?

A: The proposed 2017-18 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 2017-18 budget are available in the District Office, each school building, and the Copiate Memorial Public Library. Budget information is also available on the District website: www.copiate.k12.ny.us.

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