

COPIAGUE *Connections*

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**BUDGET
VOTE**
TUESDAY, MAY 15
GREAT NECK ROAD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
10 a.m.-9 p.m.



PROPOSED BUDGET SUMMARY

Proposed Budget:
\$129,306,488

Tax Levy Increase:
3.16%



A Message from the Board of Education

Since the inception of the New York State-mandated tax levy cap, our District has worked to craft financial plans that remain within the levy cap but continue to offer opportunities for our students to succeed. Once again, we are proud to propose a budget that is within our levy cap. The 2018-19 proposed budget of \$129,306,488 represents a tax levy increase of 3.16 percent.

In addition to maintaining all current student programming, the proposed budget includes enhancements to the District's high school music and elementary special education programs, as well as expansion of social-emotional resources for secondary students. At the elementary level, the creation of an in-district 8:1:1 program will allow students to remain in Copiague while continuing to meet their academic and social needs.

The largest factors driving the proposed

increase are increases in capital debt and BOCES payments. In November 2015, members of the Copiague community approved a \$42.963 million capital bond project, on which the District is now making principal and interest payments. Projects that have been completed, or are in the process of completion, include the Deauville Gardens East and Deauville Gardens West expansion, the Walter G. O'Connell Copiague High School addition and the Copiague Middle School bus loop redesign, as well as other classroom renovations and updates throughout the District.

Please visit the District website for all budget presentations and detailed information. Residents are encouraged to exercise their right to vote on Tuesday, May 15. Polls will be open between the hours of 10 a.m. and 9 p.m. in the gymnasium of Great Neck Road Elementary School.

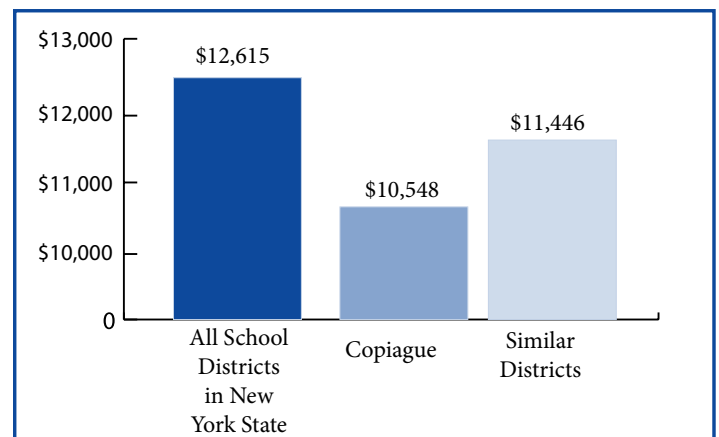


BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- **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 2015-16 school year, which is the most recent data available from the state.



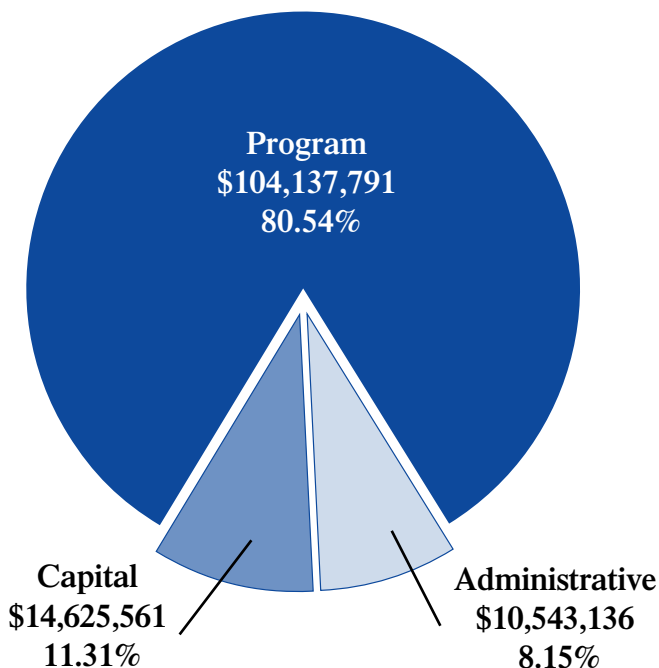
2018-19 PROPOSED BUDGET



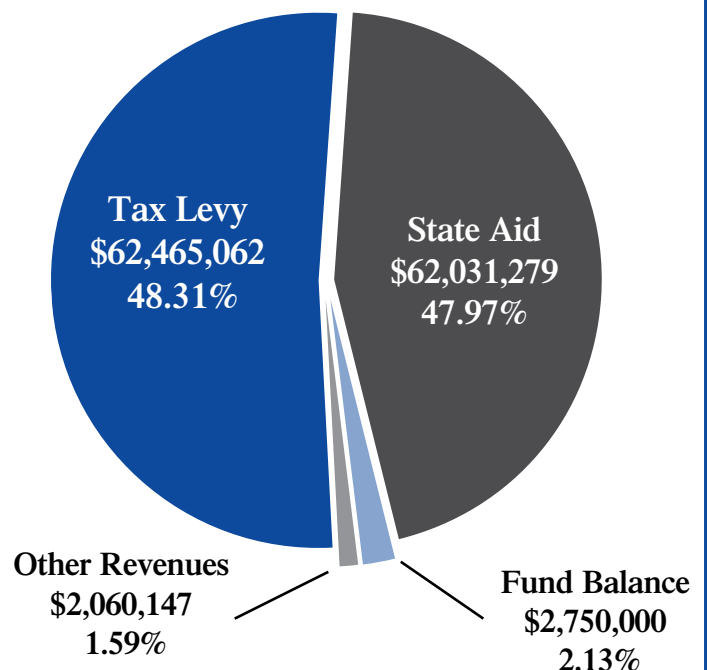
	Budget 2017-18	Proposed 2018-19	Increase (Decrease)
Salaries	\$54,333,412	\$55,864,159	\$1,530,747
BOCES	20,011,746	23,227,594	3,215,848
Fringe Benefits	21,924,782	23,425,001	1,500,219
Transportation	10,220,076	11,304,576	1,084,500
Purchased Services	3,809,982	3,847,067	37,085
Utilities	1,271,000	1,061,000	(210,000)
Supplies	997,678	1,020,280	22,602
Debt & Interest	2,397,835	5,389,485	2,991,650
Tuition	1,960,000	2,583,000	623,000
Textbooks	310,794	322,426	11,632
Transfer to Other Funds	275,000	300,000	25,000
Equipment	132,900	202,900	70,000
Repairs	924,600	759,000	(165,600)

TOTALS	\$118,569,805	\$129,306,488	\$10,736,683
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EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN



REVENUE BREAKDOWN



*****ECRWSS*****
Resident
Copiague School District

COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATED TAX LEVY

2018-19 Proposed Budget	\$129,306,488
Less Estimated Revenue	- \$64,091,426
Subtotal	\$65,215,062
Less Appropriated Fund Balance	- \$2,750,000
Estimated Tax Levy 2018-19.....	\$62,465,062

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 2018-19 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 2018-19 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.



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