

Copiague Connections

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Copiague Public Schools

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Proposed Budget 2008-2009

IMPROVING PROGRAMS...CONTAINING TAXES



Future Engineer



Future Computer Technician

Future Urban Planner



Future Teacher

Every Child to Deserves Succeed

Future Architect



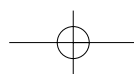
Future Scientist



Copiague School District
Copiague N.Y. 11726

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Proposed Budget:

WHAT WILL 45 CENTS A DAY PROVIDE?

In addition to lowering the tax rate, as a result of a high proportion of State Aid the District has received, students will also benefit from additional course and program offerings. Below is a sample of courses, services, and staffing that will be added and/or continued next year if the proposed 2008-2009 budget is approved.

- Lower Class Sizes across the District
- Additional Supervision at the High School
- Increased Academic Intervention Services
- Advanced Computer Application Course at the High School
- Expanded Reconnecting Youth Offerings
- Two-Week Summer Camp Opportunity for Middle School Students
- Additional Advanced Placement Courses
- Additional Electives at Middle School (Drama, Creative Writing, Literature)
- Increased Field Trip Allotment
- Additional Security
- Expanded Remedial Summer School Program
- Increased Professional Development Opportunities for Staff
- Additional Science Equipment
- Additional Support for Children in Need
- Independent Science Research Program
- The Opportunity for Every Child to Succeed!

WHAT WOULD BE THE IMPACT OF A CONTINGENCY BUDGET?

Under a contingency budget, the Board would be forced to reduce the proposed budget by an additional \$759,992. A reduction of this magnitude would have a serious impact on the District's ability to maintain its current academic programs and co-curricular activities.

The Board of Education and administration have carefully examined the District's academic and co-curricular programs, class sizes, and staffing to determine where reductions could be made if the District were forced to operate on a contingency budget for the 2008-2009 school year. In the event the District is forced to adopt a contingency budget, the Board will examine the following areas:

- Class Size
- Summer School Program
- Reduction of High School Electives and Advance Placement Courses
- Music Program
- Extracurricular Programs
- Use of Buildings and Fields
- Elimination of Field Trips
- Purchase of Library Books
- Athletic Teams

PROPOSED STAFFING INCREASES

(FUNDED BY "CONTRACT FOR EXCELLENCE" GRANT)

HIGH SCHOOL

Math	1.0
Earth Science	1.0
Special Education	1.0

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Special Education	2.0
Psychologist	1.0

ELEMENTARY

Special Education	1.0
Classroom Teacher	3.0

Total Increase 10.0

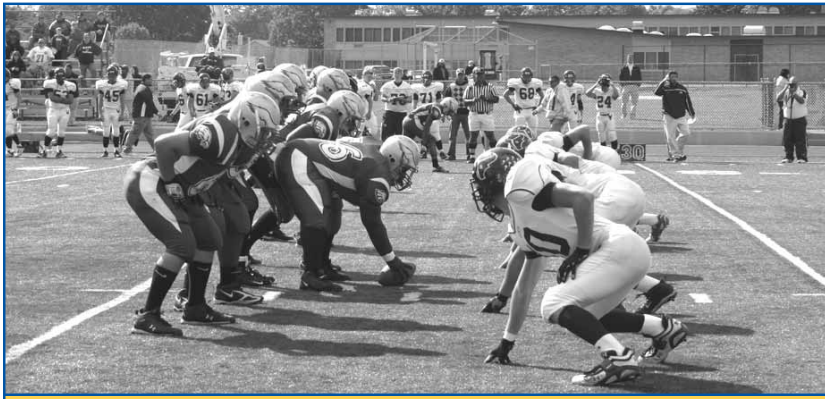
COMPUTATION OF ESTIMATED TAX LEVY

2008-2009 Proposed Budget	\$98,250,418
Less Estimated Revenue	\$45,422,163
Subtotal	\$52,828,255
Less Appropriated Fund Balance	\$2,620,000
Estimated Tax Levy 2008-2009	\$50,208,255



What is the Difference Between the Proposed Budget and a Contingency Budget?

	Proposed Budget	Contingency Budget
	\$98,250,418	\$97,490,426
Estimated Budget Increase	7.69%	6.85%
Average Annual Increase (Average Home Assessed at \$3,600)	\$163.20	\$74.19
Per Day Increase	45¢	20¢



Points of Pride

- ✦ The top students in the Class of 2008 have been accepted to such prestigious colleges as Duke University, New York University, and Dartmouth College
- ✦ Continuing improvement districtwide on New York State Assessment tests
- ✦ Copiague's graduation rate exceeds 90%
- ✦ High School students have been awarded in excess of \$650,000 in scholarships and grants
- ✦ Dual-Language Program offered at elementary level
- ✦ NYS Championship Band 1996, 2002, 2003, 2005, & 2006
- ✦ Award-winning Drama Productions
- ✦ Award-winning High School Music Program
- ✦ High School DECA students excel on State and National level
- ✦ Championship athletic programs (teams and individuals)
- ✦ Strong representation in the Suffolk County Music Educators Association All-County Ensembles
- ✦ Comprehensive District Safety Plan, including upgraded security management and increased surveillance districtwide
- ✦ Great Neck Road Elementary School teacher Lisa Flores was awarded the 2008 Mentoring Achievement Award
- ✦ Middle School Social Studies Chairperson Lisa Dunn and two colleagues were chosen to present at the National Council for Historical Education
- ✦ High School senior Jonathan Morgan chosen as one of Suffolk County's prestigious "Golden 11" - the best scholar-athlete football players in the county
- ✦ Deauville Gardens teacher Sandy Natal was one of only 1,000 teachers nationwide to receive \$1,400 worth of office supplies from OfficeMax as part of their "A Day Made Better" program
- ✦ High School juniors Ieasia Walker and Gabrielle Gibson named to the *Newsday's* All-Long Island and All-Long Island 2nd teams, respectively

VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE ON

MAY 20



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

GREAT NECK ROAD
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
1400 GREAT NECK ROAD



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 7 days before the election if the ballot is 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 842-4015.



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