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"Everybody is Somebody at East Rockaway Schools"

Director of Finance and Operations
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Dear Community Member,

The school district budget is a financial plan that reflects the educational goals and priorities of the East Rockaway community by balancing the needs of the students with available resources. It specifies planned expenditures and anticipated revenues, and provides past and projected financial data and information as it relates to the educational mission, organization, policies, and programs of the district.

The budgeting process is a sequence of activities involved in planning the district's educational programs that estimates needed expenditures and revenues to implement these programs. During the budgeting process, the Board of Education encourages participation and input from local residents and stakeholders through the Budget Advisory Committee (BAC). Committee members will be expected to:

1. Advise the Board and administration as to the acceptability of the proposed budget;
2. Advise the Board and administration as to the acceptability of projects to be funded by the Capital Reserve for Technology and the Capital Reserve for Facilities;
3. Advise and assist the Board and administration with respect to communicating the budget to the community as effectively as possible;
4. Review the FY 2013-2014 operating budget as it relates to the proposed operating budget for FY 2014-2015.

The Budget Advisory Committee meets four (4) times during the budget process at 7:30 PM in the high school band room. Meeting dates for the 2014-2015 budget year are as follows:

1. Wednesday, January 8, 2014
(snow date Thursday, January 16, 2014);
2. Thursday, February 13, 2014
(snow date Tuesday, February 25, 2014);
3. Monday, March 10, 2014
(snow date Monday, March 17, 2014);
4. Wednesday, April 9, 2014.

Each meeting of the Committee builds on the work of preceding sessions. To be an effective, contributing member, you are urged to make a commitment to attend all scheduled meetings.

Please feel free to share this invitation with other East Rockaway community members who might be interested in serving on the Committee. I look forward to working with you.

Cordially,



Marcy Tannenbaum
Director of Finance and Operations