



**PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE 1.96%**

BUDGET EDITION  
2018

# Outreach

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## EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS AND FACILITY UPGRADES

### *BELOW the NYS Tax Cap*

This proposed tax levy increase of **1.96%**, which is **BELOW** our NYS tax cap, maintains ALL current athletic, educational and co-curricular programs, as well as comprehensive professional development and continued expansion of the district's technology plan.

**The Board has applied funds from fund balance to bring the tax levy below our allowable cap.**

- Facility Upgrades**
- Library renovation at Jackson Avenue.
  - Repairs to Middle School baseball field.
  - Replacement of flooring at Middle School and High School main offices.
  - Waterproofing portions of exterior brick at Middle School.

- Equipment Updates**
- New furniture for 14 classrooms districtwide.
  - New work truck.
  - Hampton Street playground.

#### Curricular Enhancements

- High School:**
- AP Human Geography.
  - AP Computer Science Principles.
  - AP Capstone Research.
  - Expansion of Advanced Manufacturing and Entrepreneurship courses through Queensborough College partnership.
- Middle School:**
- Grade 7 Dual-Language.
  - Robotics course for all grade 6.
- Districtwide:**
- Installing computer animation studios at Jackson and Middle School as part of districtwide writing initiative.
  - Working on digital curriculum and new data management system.



**This budget includes a \$4 million transfer to capital. These monies will be used for various purposes, districtwide, including:**

- *Additional security upgrades.*
- *Air conditioning for classroom spaces at the High School.*
- *Loading dock re-pavement and parent drop-off lane at Middle School.*
- *To cover anticipated increases in construction costs to High School and Meadow Drive projects.*

**Mineola Union Free School District**  
121 Jackson Avenue  
Mineola, New York 11501

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**VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 15**

@ Jackson Avenue and Meadow Drive Schools

\*See page 4 for polling location information

**6:00 AM to 9:00 PM**

A complete copy of the proposed budget is available on the district's website at [www.mineola.k12.ny.us](http://www.mineola.k12.ny.us)

# Amazing ACHIEVEMENTS

- All five schools in the district earned designation as an Apple Distinguished School for 2017-19, making Mineola the first district in New York State (and possibly the world) to have all of its schools earn the title.
- All five schools have been recognized as a Common Sense School for Digital Citizenship.
- The Center for Digital Education and the National School Boards Association placed Mineola among the top 10 in its 2017-18 Digital School Districts Survey for its exemplary use of technology.
- Mineola High School is home to the only Fab Lab on Long Island. It was built to foster the four C's of collaboration, critical thinking, creativity and communication.
- Mineola is the only district in Nassau County offering all four levels of FIRST robotics - Jr., FLL, FTC and FRC.
- Superintendent of Schools Michael P. Nagler, Ed.D. was chosen as a Top 30 Technologists, Transformers and Trailblazers for 2017 by the Center for Digital Education.
- For the fourth year, the district is participating in the Digital Promise

League of Innovative Schools.

- The district accepted the Read2Succeed Early Literacy Initiative challenge and has succeeded in reading more than 25 million words.
- The district has partnered with Queensborough Community College to offer students the opportunity to earn 32 college credits and a certificate in internet and information technology while still in high school.
- Jackson Avenue School has the only SmallLab on Long Island. SmallLab turns a classroom into a live, interactive and educational game show.
- The district has adopted a Growth Mindset initiative as a focus for both students and teachers, K-12.
- Each of our schools boast innovative learning environments with movable furniture and whiteboard desks that take 21st Century learning to a new level for



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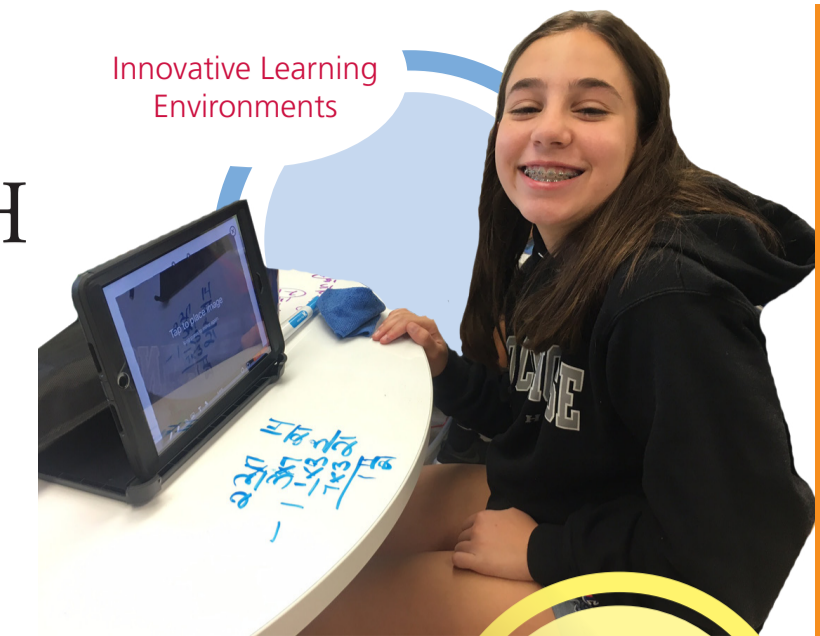
- A districtwide STEAM initiative is in place, encompassing science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics.
- Mineola boasts a full-day and half-day pre-K program, available to all residents, as well as a dual-language program for students at Hampton, Meadow, Jackson and Mineola Middle School.
- A districtwide iPad initiative includes a 1:1 take-home program for grades 3-12 and an optional take-home program for K-2.
- Mineola School District has been named one of the Best Communities for Music Education in America by the NAMM Foundation for ten consecutive years.

# Overwhelming OUTREACH

Students in Mineola schools thrive on helping others within the community.

- The Student Service Center at the high school facilitates dozens of community service and volunteer activities for students to engage in.
- The Senior Project is a mandatory class required for graduation in which students engage in a final assignment that asks them to "give back."
- Mineola Middle School conducts service learning projects that assist local organizations.
- In 2018 alone, our elementary schools raised more than \$20,000 through the Jump Rope for Heart program.

Innovative Learning Environments



# Successful STUDENTS

- One finalist in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- One student was named a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Six student musicians were accepted to the American Choral Directors Association Eastern Division Honor Choir and five student musicians performed in the 2017 All-State Music Festival.
- One senior was named a 2017-18 Scholar-Artist by the Long Island Arts Alliance.
- More than 59 current and former students were named Advanced Placement Scholars.



Kids Invent Stuff contest winners Andrew and James Bertrand.



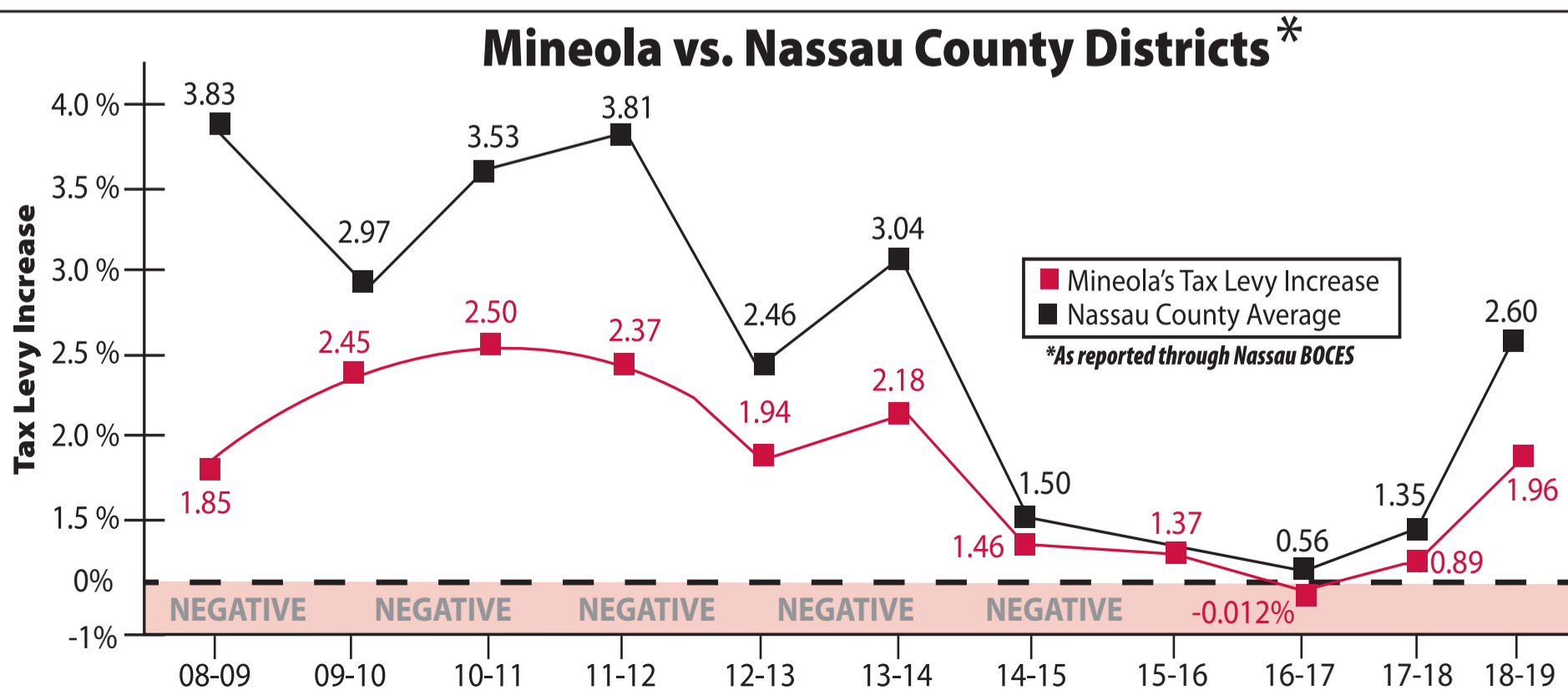
Jump Rope for Heart

# MAINTAINING A LOWER & MORE STABLE TAX LEVY

Mineola's Board of Education and administrative team have prided themselves on doing more with less, even before the tax cap came into place. We are able to sustain all of our programs, as well as include enhancements, as a result of consistent long-term planning. We have led the way with one of the lowest average tax levy increases in Nassau County over the last ten years.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

- Mineola's 5-year average tax levy increase is 1.11%.
- Our 11-year average is 1.71%.
- We initiated a self-imposed 2% tax cap several years before it was officially adopted into law.



# THE 2018-19 SCHOOL BUDGET Proposed Expenditures: Quick Look

	Approved Budget 2017-18	Proposed Budget 2018-19	Dollar Change from 2017-18
Total Instructional Program	\$69,769,257	\$73,044,396	\$3,275,139
Total Capital	\$15,502,334	\$15,541,592	\$39,258
Total Administration	\$9,172,668	\$9,609,212	\$436,544
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$94,444,259</b>	<b>\$98,195,200</b>	<b>\$3,750,941</b>
<b>PROJECTED TAX LEVY INCREASE:</b>	<b>1.96%</b>	<b>BUDGET-TO-BUDGET INCREASE:</b>	<b>3.97%</b>

For a detailed look at the district's proposed budget, including the entire three-part budget, please visit the district's website at [www.mineola.k12.ny.us](http://www.mineola.k12.ny.us)

# Questions & Answers

**Q. What happens if this budget fails?**

A. If the budget fails, the Board of Education has the opportunity to make any changes to the proposed budget and put it up for another public vote in June. However, the Board of Education also reserves the right to not conduct a revote and go straight to a contingency budget.

**Q. What is included in the budget for residents who do not have children in the public schools?**

A. The Mineola Union Free School District serves all residents. All district buildings and athletic fields are available for use by community groups. The budget also provides more than 600 private and parochial school students with textbooks, computer software, health services, special education services, library materials and transportation to their respective schools.



**Q. Are there any exemptions that homeowners may qualify for to reduce school taxes?**

A. All New York State residents who live in their own homes have the opportunity to see a reduction in their school property taxes, regardless of age or income, through the New York State School Tax Relief (STAR) program. Senior citizens are eligible for the Enhanced STAR credit. To receive this exemption, residents must apply to the Nassau County Department of Assessment at 516.571.1500. Seniors must reapply for the enhanced exemption each year.

# IMPORTANT Budget Dates

**THURSDAY, MAY 3**

Board of Education Workshop Meeting & Budget Hearing @ Willis Avenue School 7:00 PM (121 Jackson Avenue) 2nd Floor Board Room

**TUESDAY, MAY 15**

Board Election and Budget Vote @ Jackson or Meadow Drive Schools (See Polling Locations at left) 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM

## VOTER INFORMATION

**VOTING REQUIREMENTS**

To participate in the May 15, 2018 budget vote and Board election:

- You must be a registered voter who is a United States citizen 18 years of age or older, and a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote.
- You need not register if, during the last four years, you voted in a general election in Nassau County, voted in a Mineola Union Free School District election, registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections, or registered with the Mineola Union Free School District.

**WHEN AND WHERE TO REGISTER**

From now through May 10, 2018, registration is continuous for new residents and those who have had a change of address, Monday through Friday from 11 AM to 3 PM in the Superintendent's Office, located at 121 Jackson Avenue, second floor. There will be a special registration opportunity on the evening of Tuesday, May 1, 2018 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Willis.

**WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE**

Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 15 between the hours of 6 AM and 9 PM at either Jackson Avenue or Meadow Drive (see at left).

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS**

If you will be out of the country or unable to vote in person on May 15, you can apply for an absentee ballot. Applications for absentee ballots are available in the Superintendent's Office, located at 121 Jackson Avenue, second floor. You may either call 516.237.2002 to have an application mailed to you, come into the office to pick one up in person, or download a copy from the district website at [www.mineola.k12.ny.us](http://www.mineola.k12.ny.us).

## POLLING LOCATIONS

Voting for the Mineola UFSD Annual Election and Budget on May 15 will take place at Jackson Avenue School and Meadow Drive School.



**Election District #1 Polling Place:**

Jackson Avenue Elementary School  
All those portions of the school district which are located within U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 11501 and 11040.

**Election District #2 Polling Place:**

Meadow Drive Elementary School  
All those portions of the school district which are located within U.S. Postal Service Zip Codes 11507, 11577 and 11596.



Visit [www.mineola.k12.ny.us](http://www.mineola.k12.ny.us) and use the Poll Place Finder to confirm your voting location.

## BOARD CANDIDATES

In addition to voting on the budget, this year residents will be electing two candidates to the Board of Education. The seats that will be voted on, at large, are the ones currently occupied by Christine Napolitano and Brian Widman. Only two candidates have turned in petitions for the two seats, so no Candidates Outreach will be mailed. The two candidates are Christine Napolitano and Brian Widman.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

Christine Napolitano, *President*  
Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion, Ph.D., *Vice President*  
Brian Widman, Cheryl Lampasona, Patrick Talty *Trustees*

Michael P. Nagler, Ed.D., *Superintendent of Schools*



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