

**PROPOSED TAX  
LEVY INCREASE 0.89%**



# Outreach

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## EDUCATIONAL ENHANCEMENTS AND FACILITY UPGRADES

*With Minimal Tax-Cap Budget*

This proposed tax levy increase of 0.89%, which is within 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.

### Facility Upgrades

- **HS:** Library carpet, public address system
- **MS:** Cafe floor, paint gym, air conditioning, library makeover
- **JA:** Paint gym, new curtains, gym padding, playground surface
- **HA:** Paint gym, new gym floor and padding

### Curricular Enhancements

- High School:**
- AP Capstone
  - Expansion of digital web portfolios
  - Expansion of ENL program
  - Re-introduce Portuguese
  - FRC robotics competition
- Middle School:**
- Grade 6 Dual-Language
  - Expand writing initiative
  - Coding Lounge for students
- Jackson Ave:**
- Expand coding-based classroom projects, writing initiative and Future Ready Librarian activities
- Hampton and Meadow:**
- Expand writing initiative and use of digital resources
  - Revisit ELA curriculum
  - Expand Future Ready Librarian activities

### Equipment Updates

- New furniture for 14 classrooms districtwide
- New outside bleachers at HS field
- New MS gym bleachers
- New facilities truck
- Additional Fab Lab equipment/upgrades



## PROPOSITION #2

The Board of Education is seeking approval to expend \$4.2 million from the district's Capital Reserve Fund to assist in funding the Meadow Drive project that will feature an art, music and STEAM wing, in addition to funding a second gym at the high school with a second-floor workout area.

The outcome of this proposition will not increase, or decrease, the proposed tax levy. It carries NO additional cost to taxpayers.



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

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# VOTE TUESDAY, MAY 16

## @ 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)





Meadow Drive School has been recognized as a Certified School for Digital Citizenship by Common Sense Education. Jackson Avenue received this distinction last year.

## Amazing ACHIEVEMENTS

- 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.
- The district was selected as an honoree in the Digital Content and Curriculum Achievement Awards for 2016 for its successful use of digital content and curriculum to improve instruction and student engagement.
- For the third year, the district is participating in the Digital Promise League of Innovative Schools.
- 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.
- Superintendent of Schools received the Fred Podolski Leadership and Innovation in Technology Award at the Long Island Technology and Education Summit.
- Mineola Middle School hosted the Rube Goldberg Competition for the first time this year and Mineola High School has become home to hosting the annual FIRST Lego League qualifiers competition.
- 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 nine consecutive years.

## Successful STUDENTS

- One student was named a Commended Student in the National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Four high school students were selected as a winning team in the 2016 Congressional App Challenge for creating an original app called Cia Chow.
- Two seniors were chosen as finalists in the international science fair, ISWEEEP.
- One student-musician who performed in the NYSSMA All-State Music Festival.
- More than 40 current and former students were named Advanced Placement Scholars.

Mineola High School's Athletic Department unveiled a new turf field in fall 2016. It is built to accommodate boys/girls soccer, boys/girls lacrosse and football.



Meadow students donated money to put their handprints on a banner that was taken to Haiti. The money was used to assist in restoration efforts after the hurricane.

## 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.
- Our elementary schools raise thousands of dollars every year through the Jump Rope for Heart initiative and donate hundreds of food items to local families in need during the holiday seasons.

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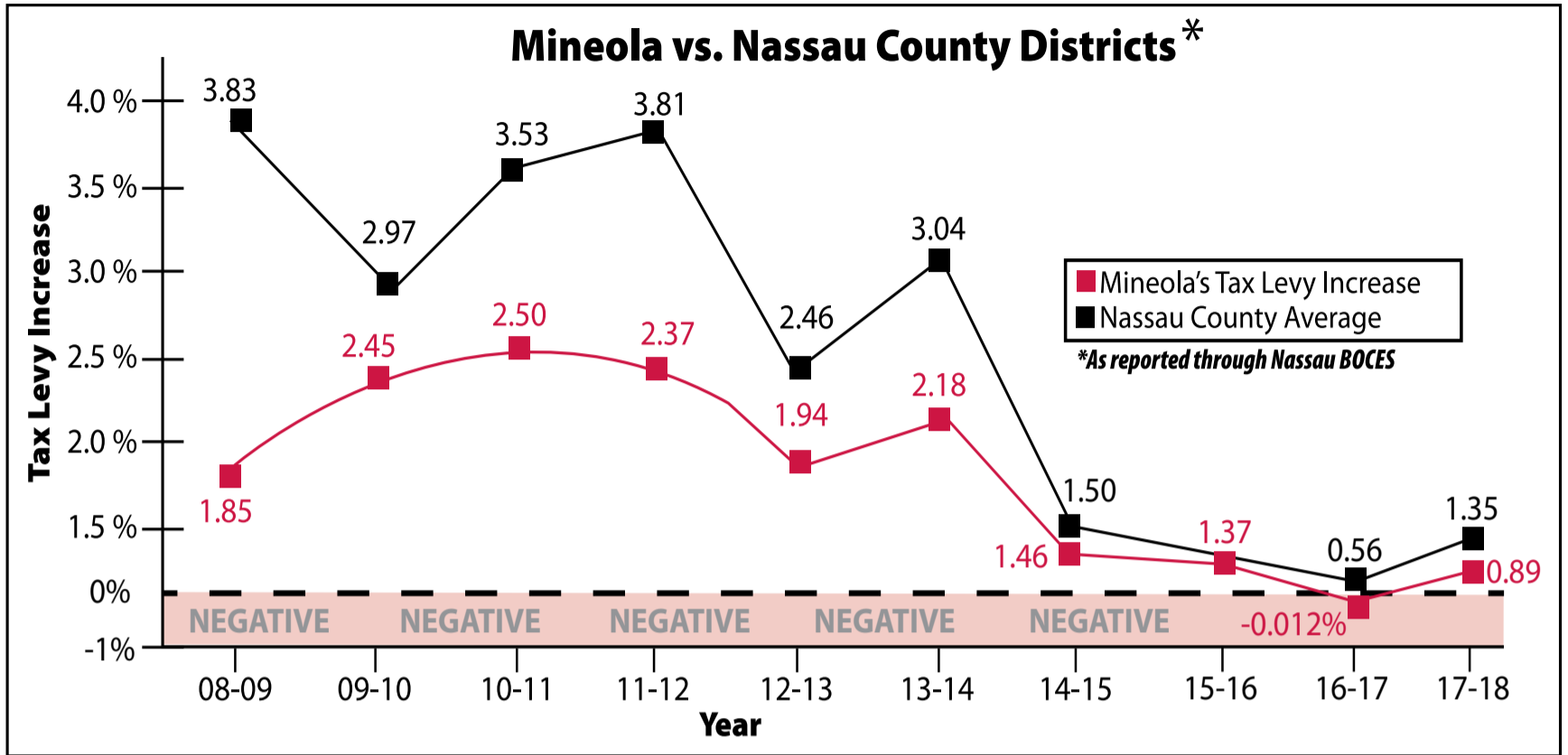


Hampton Street School was named one of six winners in the national Paper Tower Challenge. They also received several honorable mentions.



# 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 nine years.



## THE 2017-18 SCHOOL BUDGET Proposed Expenditures: Quick Look

	Approved Budget 2016-17	Proposed Budget 2017-18	Dollar Change from 2016-17
Total Instructional Program	\$68,973,841	\$69,769,257	\$795,416
Total Capital	\$13,158,337	\$15,502,334	\$2,343,997
Total Administration	\$9,082,334	\$9,172,668	\$90,334
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$91,214,512</b>	<b>\$94,444,259</b>	<b>\$3,229,747</b>
<b>PROJECTED TAX LEVY INCREASE:</b>	<b>0.89%</b>	<b>BUDGET-TO-BUDGET INCREASE:</b>	<b>3.54%</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. In order 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 4

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

### TUESDAY, MAY 16

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 16, 2017 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 11, 2017, 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 2, 2017 from 4 PM to 8 PM at Willis.

### WHEN AND WHERE TO VOTE

Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 16 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 16, 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 16 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 Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion, Ph.D. and Nicole Matzer. Only two candidates have turned in petitions for the two seats, so no Candidates Outreach will be mailed. The two candidates are Margaret Ballantyne-Mannion, Ph.D. and Patrick Talty.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION

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