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Proposed Budget Meets Tax Levy Cap

Supermajority Vote Needed for Approval

The Board of Education has adopted a proposed budget of \$57,228,137 for the 2018-19 school year. The budget, as set forth in Proposition No. 1, carries a tax levy increase of 3.40 percent, which meets the New York State tax cap guidelines.

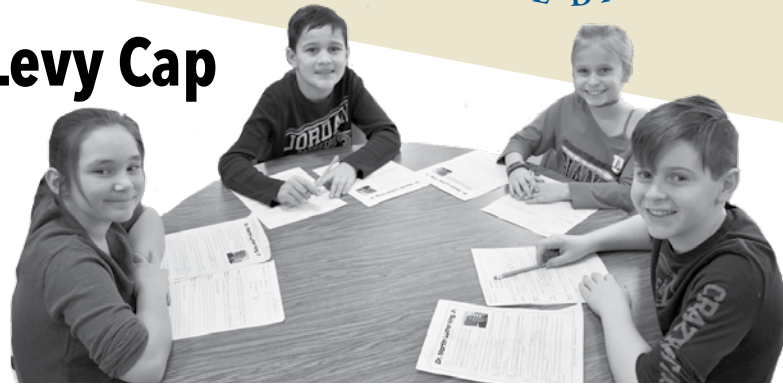
Due to the addition of two separate voter-submitted transportation propositions (Proposition No. 2A and Proposition No. 3) that would increase the number of students eligible for bus service to and from public and non-public school, if approved, the proposed budget would pierce the tax levy cap, thus requiring a 60 percent supermajority for approval.

Additionally, an alternate voter-submitted transportation proposition (Proposition No. 2B) would eliminate transportation for students who live less than two miles from school. In order to preserve the option of keeping the current transportation policy unchanged, we provided Proposition No. 2C.

In sum, in addition to the proposed budget and trustee election, voters will be asked to vote on two additional propositions (Proposition No. 2 and Proposition No. 3) that relate to the district's transportation policy.

For Proposition No. 2, voters will choose **one** of the following three options:

- Proposition No. 2A would change the public school transportation eligibility of students in fourth through sixth grade from the current one mile to a new one-half mile. The cost to provide additional buses would increase the budget by approximately \$610,000. This proposition must be approved by sixty percent (60%) of the qualified voters present and voting.
- Proposition No. 2B would eliminate all transportation except for students in kindergarten through sixth grade living more than two miles from school, resulting in a savings of approximately \$450,000.



- Proposition No. 2C would leave the current transportation policy in place, which provides transportation to students in kindergarten through third grade living at least a half-mile from school and to students in fourth through sixth grade living at least one mile away.

Proposition No. 3 seeks to increase the number of students eligible for bus service to and from non-public school. If approved, the cost to provide additional busing for non-public school students would increase the budget by approximately \$100,000 and the district may levy the necessary tax therefore. This proposition must be approved by sixty percent (60%) of the qualified voters present and voting.

The Board of Education is committed to providing North Bellmore students with opportunities for academic, social and emotional success while remaining fiscally responsible to their community. In recent years, the district has purposely and appropriately used its fund balance and reserves to keep annual budget increases at or below the district's state-mandated tax levy limit, thereby mitigating the onus placed on the community. The proposed budget reduces the district's reliance on fund balance and reserves.

Voting will take place on Tuesday, May 15 from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Newbridge Road School. Residents will also have a chance to vote on the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District budget and capital reserve proposition. Please see the inside pages for more details about the propositions and the back page for voter eligibility requirements.

VOTE:

TUESDAY, MAY 15

6 a.m.-9 p.m.
Newbridge Road School

Understanding Proposition No. 2: Transportation Mileage Limits

When casting a ballot, residents will choose ONE of the below options for Proposition No. 2.

PROPOSITION No. 2A:

- Community-submitted proposition.
- Change the transportation eligibility mileage limit for students in grades 4-6 from the current one (1) mile limit to a new one-half (1/2) mile limit.
- Increases expenses approximately \$610,000.
- Exceeds the tax levy cap of 3.40 percent and requires a supermajority (60 percent or more) of voter approval to pass.
- Eliminates refund checks to taxpayers.






















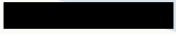


PROPOSITION No. 2B:

- Community-submitted proposition.
- Eliminates all transportation except for students in grades kindergarten through 6 who reside more than two (2) miles from school.
- Results in a savings to the district of approximately \$450,000.
- Requires a standard 50 percent + 1 majority to pass.
- Taxpayers would be eligible for a refund check.

PROPOSITION No. 2C:

- In order to preserve the option of keeping the current transportation policy unchanged, we provided Proposition 2C for that purpose.
- Maintains transportation eligibility at current mileage limits: one-half (1/2) mile for students in grades kindergarten through 3 and one (1) mile for grades 4 through 6.
- Requires a standard 50 percent + 1 majority to pass.
- Taxpayers would be eligible for a refund check.

On Voting Day, If Your Intent Is:

INTENT	PROPOSITION No. 1 (PROPOSED BUDGET):	PROPOSITION No. 2A:	PROPOSITION No. 2B:	PROPOSITION No. 2C:
"I want the budget to pass and to increase transportation eligibility by changing the mileage limit for students in grades 4-6."				
"I want the budget to pass and I want to eliminate all transportation except for students who live more than two (2) miles from school."				
"I want the budget to pass and I do not want to change the transportation eligibility."				
"I do not want the budget to pass and I want to increase transportation eligibility by reducing the mileage limit for students in grades 4-6."				
"I do not want the budget to pass and I want to eliminate all transportation except for students who live more than two (2) miles from school."				
"I do not want the budget to pass or transportation eligibility requirements to change."				

PROPOSITION 1 – North Bellmore UFSD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the North Bellmore Union Free School District be authorized to expend the sum in the General Fund Appropriate in the total amount of fifty-seven million two hundred twenty-eight thousand one hundred thirty-seven dollars (\$57,228,137) for the year commencing July 1, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019. *Due to the submissions of Proposition No. 2 (A) below, adoption of this budget requires a tax levy increase of 5.04% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 3.40% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and must be approved by sixty percent (60%) of the qualified voters present and voting.*

PROPOSITION 2 – Transportation Mileage Limits

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE OPTION BELOW: A or B or C

A. BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Bellmore Union Free School District modify its public school transportation eligibility effective with the 2018-19 school year for grades 4-6 from the current one (1) mile limit to a new, one-half (1/2) mile limit, at an approximate additional cost of \$610,000 and that the District may levy the necessary tax therefore.

Approval of this option will result in a tax levy increase of 5.04% which exceeds the statutory tax levy increase limit of 3.40% for this school fiscal year and therefore exceeds the state tax cap and thus, this proposition must be approved by sixty percent (60%) of the qualified voters present and voting.

OR

B. BE IT RESOLVED, that the North Bellmore Union Free School District modify its public school transportation eligibility effective with the 2018-19 school year by eliminating all transportation except for students in grades kindergarten through 6 who reside more than two (2) miles from school, resulting in a saving to the District of approximately \$450,000.

OR

C. Neither A nor B. Without an affirmative vote for either A or B, the North Bellmore Union Free School District will maintain its current public school mileage limits of one-half (1/2) for grades kindergarten through 3 and one (1) mile for grades 4 through 6.

PROPOSITION 3 – Non-Public School Transportation Mileage Limits

BE IT RESOLVED, that effective with the 2018-2019 school year, the eligibility for non-public transportation be changed from the current 15-mile limit to a new 17.5 mile limit from a student's home to the school such student will attend, at an approximate cost to the District of \$100,000 and that the District may levy the necessary taxes therefore. *This proposition must be approved by sixty percent (60%) of the qualified voters present and voting.*

PROPOSITION 4 – Bellmore Merrick CHSD

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, by and the same hereby is authorized to expend the sums of General Fund Appropriate of one hundred fifty-nine million seven hundred eighty-eight thousand forty-three dollars (\$159,788,043) to be raised through taxation in the several districts included within the Central High School District after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources.

PROPOSITION 5 – BMCHSD Capital Improvement Projects

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Bellmore-Merrick Central High School District, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, is hereby authorized to expend the sum of one million five hundred thirty two thousand three hundred seventy-six dollars (\$1,532,376) representing Capital Reserve Fund monies for the following purposes: districtwide paving and concrete work, track resurfacing, floor and ceiling tile replacement, roof replacement and/or resurfacing, tennis court refurbishment, turf replacement, door replacement, abatements, electrical and plumbing upgrades, fuel tank replacement and related work, structural work (brick, concrete and steel) and ADA compliance. Since the funds to be expended hereunder come from the Capital Reserve Fund, approval of this proposition will not require a tax levy upon the real property of the district. This Proposition shall be independent of Proposition No. 4.

PROPOSED REVENUE

	2017-2018 Revenues	2018-2019 Estimated Revenues	Increase/ (Decrease)
Other Revenues	\$902,500	\$2,518,284	\$1,615,784
State Aid	\$13,880,000	\$14,166,000	\$286,000
Assigned Fund Balance	\$2,327,992	\$1,574,851	(\$753,141)
Subtotal	\$17,110,492	\$18,259,135	\$1,148,643
Use of Reserves	\$1,200,000	\$700,000	(\$500,000)
Taxes To Be Raised	\$37,010,640	\$38,269,002	\$1,258,362
Total	\$55,321,132	\$57,228,137	\$1,907,005

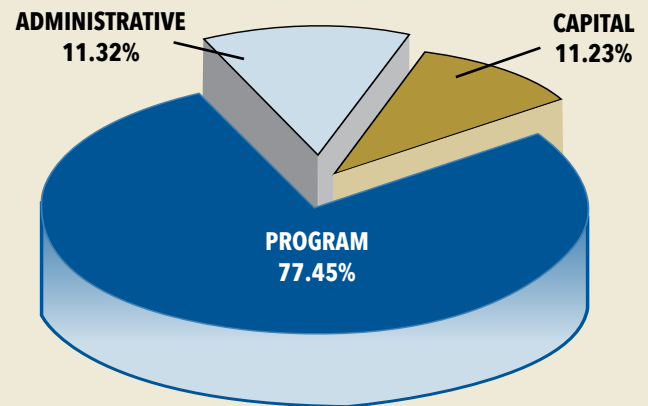
PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE 3.40%

Please Note: The district will use the latest information available when the actual tax levy is set in August 2018.

TOTAL 3-PART COMPONENT ALLOCATION

	2017-2018 Budget	Proposed 2018-2019 Budget
Administrative	\$6,393,399	\$6,476,763
Program	\$42,838,160	\$44,326,198
Capital	\$6,089,573	\$6,425,176
Total	\$55,321,132	\$57,228,137

BUDGET ALLOCATIONS



CANDIDATES FOR THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEE

**Three-Year Term Commencing
7/1/2018 and ending 6/30/2021**

VOTE FOR TWO

(Listed in ballot order.)

1. Nina Lanci (Incumbent)
2. Melissa Cmar-Grote (Incumbent)
3. Tara Casucci
4. Jeannie Shipman

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2018-2019 PROPOSED BUDGET INFORMATION

Tuesday, May 15
Newbridge Road School
Gymnasium
6 a.m.-9 p.m.



Voter Information

VOTING REQUIREMENTS

If you meet the following requirements, you are eligible to vote:

- *18 years of age or older.*
- *A citizen of the United States.*
- *A resident in the district for at least 30 days prior to the vote.*
- *A registered voter (with the Nassau County Board of Elections).*

VOTING LOCATION AND ABSENTEE BALLOT INFORMATION

All North Bellmore residents cast their votes at the Newbridge Road School. The school is located on Newbridge Road, diagonally across (southeast) from the North Bellmore Public Library. Voters are asked to park in the school parking lot, which is accessible from Bellmore Avenue, just south of Newbridge Road.

Voting takes place in the Newbridge Road School gymnasium. Please enter the building through the northwest doors.

IMPORTANT *Dates*

TUESDAY, MAY 8

7:30 p.m.
Public Hearing
Martin Avenue School

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TUESDAY, MAY 15

6 a.m.-9 p.m.
Budget Vote and
Trustee Election
Newbridge Road School

*If you need further information regarding the polling place and absentee ballots, please call
the business office at 516-992-3000, ext. 3007.*