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2013-14 Proposed School Budget

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A Message From Your Board President

Dear Residents,

The budget re-vote will take place on Tuesday, June 18. The revised budget will be set at the tax cap rate of 3.14%. Despite the tremendous loss of state aid and the many challenges we face, this budget will continue to provide our students with excellent academic opportunities as well as music, sports and co-curricular opportunities. This represents an average annual tax change of \$202 per year or \$0.55 a day. We will continue to work with our kindergarten families to support them in any way we can, and we have total confidence that our talented and dedicated teachers will give tirelessly of their time and talents in preparing our kindergarten students to meet the highest expectations. It is truly of paramount importance that you understand the current budget proposal, because a defeated budget would require a 0% tax levy increase. That would require the elimination of all sports, clubs and co-curricular activities, the reduction of music to only state mandated programs, and all kindergarten.

Please make it a top priority to understand the budget information, and please remember to vote on TUESDAY, JUNE 18. If you have any questions, please contact our Business Office at 471-1321.

Sincerely,

Robert Scavo, President of Sachem Board of Education

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BUDGET RE-VOTE: Tuesday, June 18, 2013 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

2012-2013 Budget

\$291,358,344

2013-2014 Proposed Budget

\$286,936,993

Budget Decrease

(\$4,421,351)

% Decrease = (1.52%)

Tax Cap Budget Proposal

A. If the June 18, 2013 proposed budget is approved:

- 1. No reduction in Sports program**
- 2. No reduction in Music program**
- 3. 50% reduction in all clubs and extra curricular activities**
- 4. Half day Kindergarten**
- 5. Further reduction of Administration and Support Staff**

B. If the June 18, 2013 proposed budget is defeated the following will be eliminated in order to reach a mandated 0% tax increase:

- 1. Elimination of all sports**
- 2. Elimination of non-mandated Music program**
- 3. Elimination of all clubs and extra curricular activities.**
- 4. Elimination of Kindergarten**

Have questions? Please contact Bruce Singer, Associate Superintendent:

bsinger@sachem.edu or 631-471-1321

Inside The Numbers

<u>Tax Rate Change</u>		<u>Reduction in Budget</u>	<u>Avg. Annual Tax Change Per homeowner</u>	<u>Avg. Daily Tax Change</u>
June 18, 2013	3.14%	See box A above	\$202	\$0.55
If Defeated	0.00%	See box B above	\$0.00	\$0.00

Registration to vote on Sachem's budget is in-person only at all the schools and at district office during normal business hours. There is one special voter registration on Tuesday, June 11 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Room at Samoset. In order to request an absentee ballot, a person must be a registered voter and complete the application for an absentee ballot. These applications are available from the District Clerk (631-471-1331).