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2014-15 Proposed School Budget

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A Message From Your Board President

Dear Residents,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all members of our Sachem community for your involvement and support.

Although we may face some fiscal challenges down the road, the cooperative participation of our families and employees has most definitely afforded us the opportunity to successfully navigate the academic and financial challenges imposed upon Sachem from New York State.

Sachem continues to shine as a beacon of excellence both in and out of the classroom. As you peruse the opposite side of this mailing, please know that we worked tirelessly to present a responsible budget which remained within the New York State tax cap and we have also begun to restore many of the people and programs which were casualties of last year's state aid reduction.

This year's budget addresses many of the community

educational concerns especially with the academic reductions and loss of co-curricular opportunities due to a lack of state aid to Sachem last year. If this year's budget receives community approval on May 20th, there will be a restoration of Librarians throughout the district, social workers, instructional staff members to lower class sizes at all levels, full time kindergarten aides and restoration of funding for co-curricular clubs, cheerleading, Arrowettes and Robotics. Moving forward, we will continue to lobby Albany and our elected officials for our fair share of state aid, and with your continued help, Sachem will remain Sans Egal.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Nolan or Mr. Singer. Please also mark your calendar for our budget vote on May 20th.

WE ARE SACHEM!

Sincerely,
Robert Scavo
President of the Board of Education

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**A. 2014-2015 TAX INFORMATION
APPROVED BUDGET**

Property tax freeze

Due to NYS Property Tax Freeze Law, you will receive a rebate which will allow your taxes to remain the same as 2013-14... YOUR TAX INCREASE WILL BE ZERO

**Proposed tax rate increase of 1.91%
which is within the property tax cap**

Proposed average tax increase: \$106 per year

Estimated NYS Rebate Check: -\$106

Net cost to taxpayer meeting eligibility requirements: \$0

C. What if the budget is defeated?

In the event the community does not support the proposed 2014-2015 budget, the items in Box B would be eliminated. Current law mandates, if in the event the community does not support the proposed budget, the tax levy shall remain at the 2013-2014 level.

B. What's IN on a passed budget at 1.91 %?

- 1. Restoration of 10 secondary teachers**
- 2. Restoration of six elementary librarians**
- 3. Restoration of six social workers**
- 4. Restoration of one speech teacher**
- 5. One assistant principal restored at each high school**
- 6. Restoration of kindergarten aides**
- 7. Restoration of four communication aides**
- 8. Restoration of six elementary office aides**
- 9. Restoration of one clerk typist**
- 10. Restoration of summer guidance**
- 11. Restoration of extracurricular activities**
 - Cheerleading, Arrowettes and Marching Band**
 - Restoration of all club funds**
 - Reinstatement of 5:00 p.m. high school late bus runs**

Propositions to Vote On ...

Proposition 1: Shall the community support the 2014-2015 proposed school budget

Proposition 2: The present election system has candidates running for individual, designated seats. An at-large election system has all candidates running against one another, with the highest vote getters winning the election.

**Have questions? Please contact Bruce Singer, Associate Superintendent: BSinger@Sachem.edu or 631-471-1321
Visit Sachem.edu for more detailed budget information**

Inside The Numbers

**2013-2014 Budget
\$286,936,993**

**2014-2015 Proposed Budget
\$294,199,322**

**BUDGET VOTE: Tuesday, May 20, 2014 * 6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
AT ALL SACHEM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDINGS**

*Registration to vote on Sachem's budget and in the Board of Education election is in-person only at all the schools and at district office during normal business hours. *There are two special voter registrations: Wednesday, May 7 from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the Board of Education Room at Samoset and Saturday, May 10 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the District Clerk's Office (Room 105) 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 and online. The last day to register for the May 20 vote is on May 13 by 3:00 p.m.