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2015-16 Proposed School Budget

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Message From Your Board President

Dear Members of Our Sachem Family,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing involvement and support.

The past several years have certainly presented many challenges in our budget process, but the cooperative participation of our families and employees has given us the ability to successfully navigate the academic and financial challenges imposed upon Sachem from New York State.

The mutually respectful relationships that exist within our Sachem family, are certainly the main reason that Sachem continues to be a model of excellence both in and out of the classroom.

As you peruse the information in this mailing, please know that many people worked tirelessly to present a responsible budget which once again remained within the tax cap.

We will continue to lobby Albany and work with our elected officials for our fair share of state aid, and with your continued help and support, 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 19.

Sincerely,
Sal Tripi
President, Sachem Board of Education

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**A. 2015-2016 TAX INFORMATION
APPROVED BUDGET**

Compliant with NYS Property Tax Freeze Law

**Proposed tax rate increase of 2.24%
which, is within the property tax cap**

Average 2014-2015 tax increase: \$106 per year

Proposed 2015-2016 average tax increase: \$126 per year

Estimated NYS Rebate Check: \$232 which you will receive

Net cost to taxpayer meeting eligibility requirements: \$0

**Due to the NYS property Tax Freeze legislation with your
rebate check your net costs will remain the same as they
were in 2013-2014 ... Effectively \$0**

B. What's IN on a passed budget at 2.24 %?

- 1. Maintains all academic programs**
- 2. Maintains all athletic programs**
- 3. Maintains all music and drama programs**
- 4. Maintains all extracurricular activities**
- 5. Change in Seneca Middle School time**
- 6. Elimination of student accident insurance**
- 7. Elimination of Early Daily Run for Elementary Schools**

C. What if the budget is defeated?

In the event the community does not support the proposed 2015-2016 budget, the Board of Education has the option to have a revote on June 16, 2015. The Board of Education can submit the same budget for revote or a modified budget for revote. If in the event the community does not support the 2015-2016 budget revote the District would be on a contingent budget. On a contingent budget, certain components from Box B could be reduced or eliminated in no particular order as follows:

- 1. Athletics**
- 2. Extracurricular activities**
- 3. Instructional staff**
- 4. Music and drama**
- 5. Non-instructional staff**
- 6. Non-mandated programs**

Current law mandates, if in the event the community does not support the proposed budget, the tax levy shall remain at the 2014-2015 level.

Proposition to Vote On ... Proposition 1: Shall the community support the 2015-2016 proposed school budget

**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

2014-2015 Budget

\$294,199,322

2015-2016 Proposed Budget

\$296,073,703

The 2015-2016 proposed expenditure budget is increasing by less than 1%

**BUDGET VOTE: Tuesday, May 19, 2015 * 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 6 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. in the Board of Education room at Samoset and Saturday, May 9 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 19 vote is on May 12 by 3:00 p.m.