



## 2017-2018 Budget Preparation Community Newsletter

Dear Sachem Central School District Resident:

This is the time of year when we begin thoughtful consideration for the District's spending plan for the 2017-2018 school year. It is our intent to provide clear and thorough communication to the community throughout the budget cycle process, and we openly welcome stakeholder feedback. Our goal is to develop a plan which is educationally responsible to our students and fiscally responsible to our taxpayers. We have engaged in an internal process that allows us to analyze all areas of our expenditures with an eye towards finding efficiencies, decreasing costs whenever possible, preserving our vital programs, and addressing identified strategic priorities. We will strive to post updated information throughout the process and we look forward to you joining us at the following meetings.

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| 02/01/17 Wednesday | <b>Budget Development Meeting #1</b> - 7:30 p.m.<br>Samoset Board of Education Annex   |
| 02/15/17 Wednesday | <b>Budget Development Meeting #2</b> - 7:30 p.m.<br>Samoset Board of Education Annex   |
| 03/08/17 Wednesday | <b>Budget Development Meeting #3</b> - 7:30 p.m.<br>Samoset Board of Education Annex   |
| 03/22/17 Wednesday | <b>Budget Development Meeting #4</b> - 7:30 p.m.<br>Samoset Board of Education Annex   |
| 04/05/17 Wednesday | <b>Budget Development Meeting #5</b> - 7:30 p.m.<br>Samoset Board of Education Annex – Preliminary Public Hearing  |
| 04/19/17 Wednesday | <b>Budget Adoption Meeting</b> - 7:30 p.m.<br>Samoset Board of Education Annex<br>Adoption of the 2017-2018 Proposed Budget  |
| 05/03/17 Wednesday | <b>Public Budget Hearing</b> - 7:30 p.m.<br>Samoset Board of Education Annex   |
| 05/16/17 Tuesday   | <b>Annual District Election &amp; Budget Vote</b> – 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.<br>At your local elementary school.<br>Please see the District website to determine your polling place, or call the District Clerk at 631-471-1331 for assistance. |

**Any Questions?** Please call Mr. Ron Sacks, School Business Administrator at 631-471-1352, or Mr. John O'Keefe, Assistant Superintendent for Business at 631-471-1321