



## Purchase of District Administration Center Fact Sheet

The Board of Education approved signing a contract, contingent upon community approval, to purchase the 300 and 310 Hampton Road building. If approved by the Southampton community, the building will be utilized as a new district resource center. If approved by voters, there will be no increase in taxes.

### What are the benefits?

- **Funding:** The funds to purchase the building will be taken from a community-approved capital reserve fund. Therefore, there will be no tax impact if approved, as the money already exists within the district's reserve accounts. The agreed-upon purchase price of the building is \$4.9 million.
- **Space:** The size of the building (approximately 12,000 square feet) meets the district's current and future needs and will allow for a centralized district administration. The building also includes a parking lot for workers and visitors of the building.
- **Location:** The building is located directly across the street from the Intermediate School, bringing the district's central office staff closer access to students and staff in all buildings. The space currently being rented by the district is approximately 1 mile from the Intermediate School.

### How will this effect students?

- **Funding:** Rent for the current district office is incorporated into the annual budget. Removing those funds from the budget will allow the district to preserve and expand student programming.
- **Educational Spaces:** The square footage of the building will allow the district to explore options to further enhance student support services in the future, including expanding vocational opportunities.
- **Educational Configuration:** The purchase of the building will allow the district to preserve its current grade and building-level configuration.

### Why purchase now?

- **Funding:** The district was able to negotiate a fair price of \$4.9 million, which is \$2.7 million less than when the district originally explored purchasing the building in 2016.
- **Educational Spaces:** The past two years have reinforced the necessity for maximizing educational spaces for students.

**Voting:** On May 17, Southampton voters will be asked to authorize the use of up to \$4.9 million from the "Southampton Property Acquisition and Facility Construction Capital Reserve Fund." Voting will occur in the Southampton Intermediate School Music Room, 70 Leland Lane, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The referendum will appear on the budget ballot as **Proposition 3**. If approved by voters, there will be no increase in taxes.