

The Sachem School Board has Delivered its Promise to the Community.

1.61% Tax Levy Increase

The proposed 2006-07 budget will cost taxpayers less than a contingent budget.

This year, the Sachem Board of Education gave the administration a “zero based” budget direction, asking us to assess each and every program and understand whether — and how — it adds value to the district. If we are paying for a program, class or initiative, it *must* be contributing to the sound education of our children. If not, we are wasting our money. We have been able to significantly reduce costs and offer the community a quality education program – and one that is affordable. The Sachem School Board’s commitment to providing our students with a sound education at an affordable cost will help ensure that your investment in our schools means that Sachem can meet the challenges of more rigorous school performance standards.

Sound educational programs that are cost effective and taxpayer sensitive.



Restorations

- 9th grade athletics
- Kindergarten aides
- Co-curricular activities/clubs
- Hallway aides
- BOCES cultural arts
- Summer school

Tax Impact

- Passed budget tax impact: 1.61%
- Contingent tax impact: 1.80%

Capital Projects/Equipment

- Capital projects: \$1,757,160
- Equipment: \$500,000

Instructional Changes

- New York State AIS mandates
- Continuation of new elementary reading program
- More appropriate class sizes at the secondary level
- Additional Advanced Placement courses
- Middle school guidance services

Please come out to vote Tuesday, May 16, 2006 at your local elementary school, 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

A more detailed budget newsletter will be mailed in May.