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2016-17 Proposed School Budget

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Message From Your Board of Education

Dear Members of Our Sachem Family,

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

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.

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.

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 would like to thank our state legislators for working diligently on behalf of Sachem Schools to restore our gap elimination adjustment.

On Tuesday, May 17, you will have the opportunity to vote on the 2016-2017 budget proposal. The polls will be open between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at all Sachem elementary schools, which serve as polling locations. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Mr. Nolan or Mr. Singer.

Sincerely,
The Sachem Board of Education

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A. 2016-2017 Tax Information for Approved Budget

***Compliant with NYS Property Tax Freeze Law**

***Proposed tax rate increase of 0.76% which is within the property tax cap**

***Proposed 2016-2017 average tax increase: \$40 per year**

***Estimated NYS Rebate Check: \$130, which you will receive, exceeds the proposed tax increase**

B. What if the budget is defeated?

In the event the community does not support the proposed 2016-2017 budget, the Board of Education has the option to have a revote on June 21, 2016. 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 2016-2017 budget revote the District would be on a contingent budget. On a contingent budget the following reductions may occur:

- 1. Six custodians**
- 2. Three nurses**
- 3. Three school communication aides**

Current law mandates, in the event the community does not support the proposed budget, the tax levy shall remain at the 2015-2016 level

Proposition to Vote On ... Proposition 1: Shall the community support the 2016-2017 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

2015-2016 Budget

\$298,363,205

2016-2017 Proposed Budget

\$306,407,294

**BUDGET VOTE: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 * 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 4 from 7:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the Board of Education room at Samoset and Saturday, May 7 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 17 vote is on May 10 by 3:00 p.m.