

Levittown Public Schools

Proposed 2017-2018 Budget



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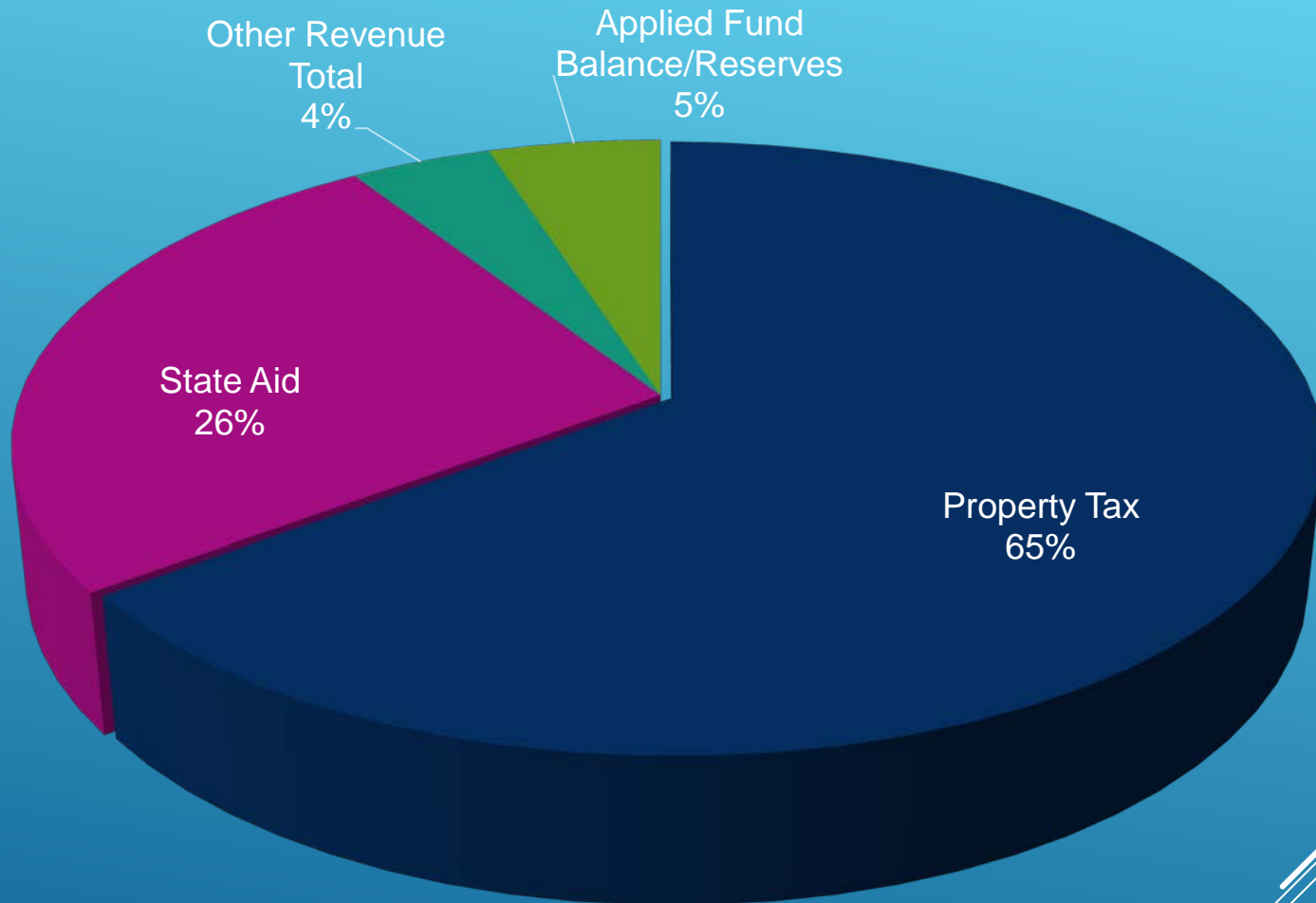
Revenue Source Summary

2017 - 2018 Estimated Revenue

Property Taxes (1.14%)	\$ 136,270,739
State Aid (increase of \$ 937,760)	\$ 54,706,052
Reserves/Applied Fund Balance (\$2,565,066+ \$8,000,000)	\$ 10,565,066
Local Revenue (including LIPA PILOT)	<u>\$ 8,676,865</u>
Total Budget	\$ 210,218,722
Total Percent Increase	2.32%

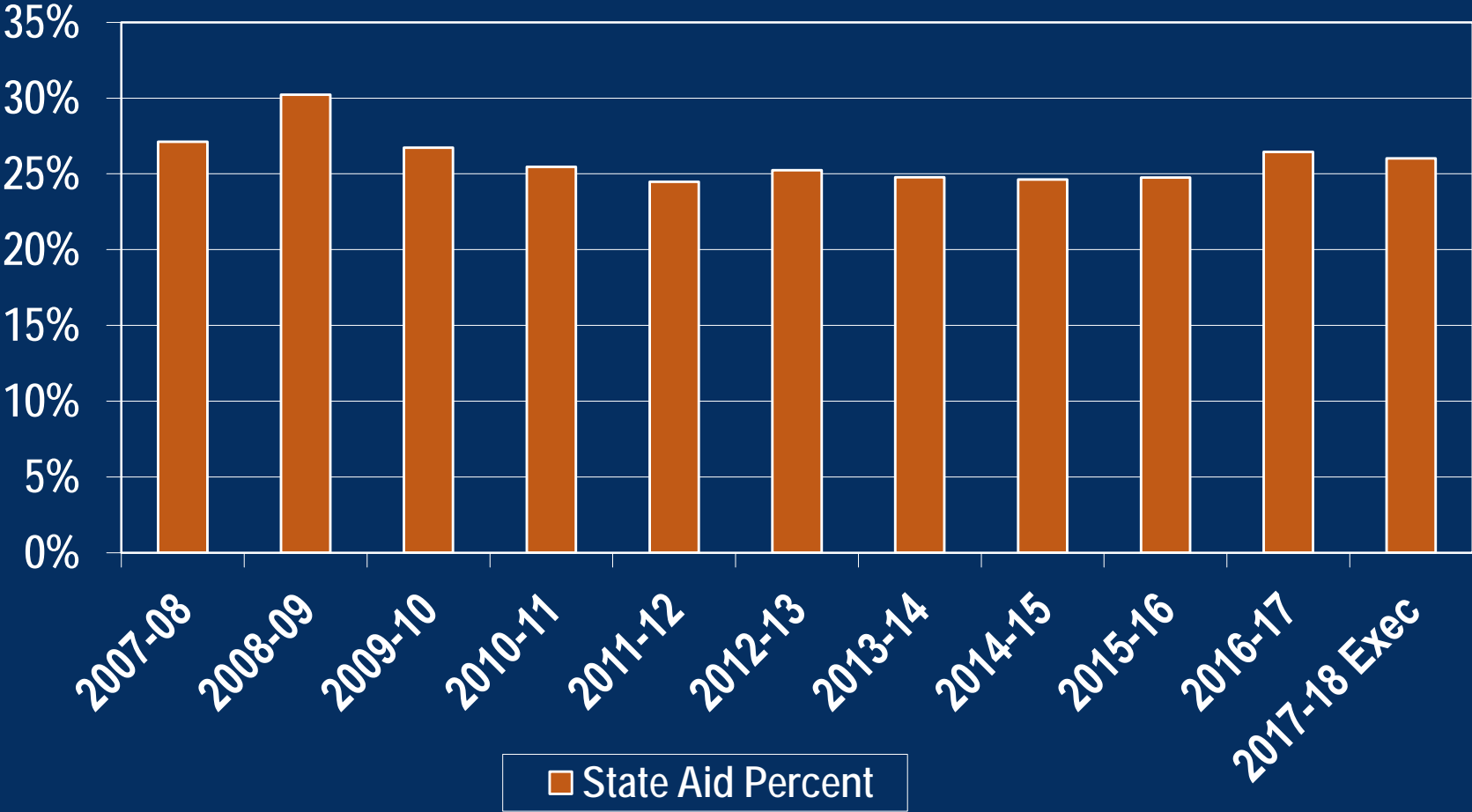
State aid is still not finalized and if we receive something different than the amount stated above, we will adjust reserves.

Components of 2017 - 2018 Revenue



91% of revenue comes from taxes and state aid

State Aid As A Percent of Budget



Proposition # 1: School Budget

Proposition # 2: Create New Capital Reserve

Proposition # 3: Use of Capital Reserve

Proposition # 4: Public Library Budget

Proposed Project	Estimate Cost
Bathrooms, Gym Lobby both HS	\$ 800,000
Turf Fields, both HS	\$ 2,500,000
Track - Division	\$ 700,000
Auditorium - MacArthur	\$ 3,685,000
Traffic Study Recommendations	\$ 2,000,000
Northside Auditorium/Cafeteria	\$ 4,831,000
Total for use from Capital Reserve	\$ 14,516,000

Proposition # 2 - 2017 Capital Reserve Fund (Established May 2017)

PROPOSITION NO. 2: 'BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Levittown Union Free School District is hereby authorized, pursuant to Section 3651(1) of the Education Law, to establish the 2017 Capital Reserve Fund for the purpose of financing District-wide capital improvements including site work, construction, reconstruction, renovation and equipping of school buildings and facilities, with the ultimate amount of the 2017 Capital Reserve Fund to be \$25,000,000, the probable term to be ten (10) years and the source of the funding to be (i) amounts from budgetary appropriations from time to time, and (ii) unappropriated fund balance made available by the Board of Education from time to time, and (iii) authorized transfers from other available reserves in accordance with existing law, and (iv) New York State aid received and made available by the Board of Education from time to time.'





Review of past presentations – 1/25/17

Todd Winch, Curriculum and Instruction

Major Initiatives (continued):

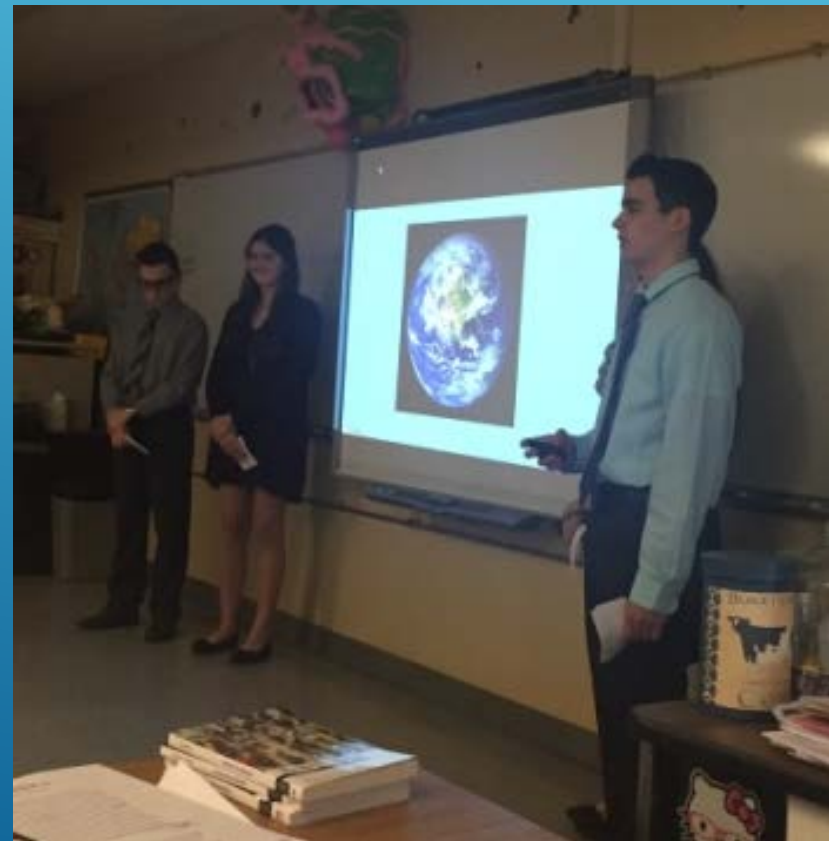
- Introduction of AP Capstone - Research
- Continue work on K-12 ELA Map
- Summer Science Camp
- Vertical alignment of K-12 Mathematics program
- Review of districtwide ENL Program
- Expansion of online student course registrations
- Enhance relationships with institutions of higher learning

Education in Action – Outdoor Learning Center



Education in Action

AP CAPSTONE



FOREIGN LANGUAGE IN



THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Review of past presentations – 2/8/17

Donald Sturz – Pupil Services Department

Budget to Budget change:

2016-2017:	\$9,809,886	
2017-2018:	\$10,472,836	+\$662,950 or 6.76%

Changes since presentation: NONE

Major Initiatives:

- Expand inclusion of all students through Integrated Co-Teaching.
- Continue training and coaching for Integrated Co-Teaching teams on all levels.
- Continue professional development in use of differentiation for all teachers.
- Continue development of social emotional learning and positive behavioral supports.
- Research and promote playgrounds that are accessible for all students.

Review of past presentations – 3/1/17

Debbie Rifkin, Staffing and enrollment

Budget to Budget change:

2016-2017:	\$121,012,645
2017-2018:	\$123,187,563 +\$2,174,918 or 1.80%

Changes since presentation:

2016-2017:	\$121,012,645
2017-2018:	\$123,060,514 +\$2,047,869 or 1.69%

Major Initiatives:

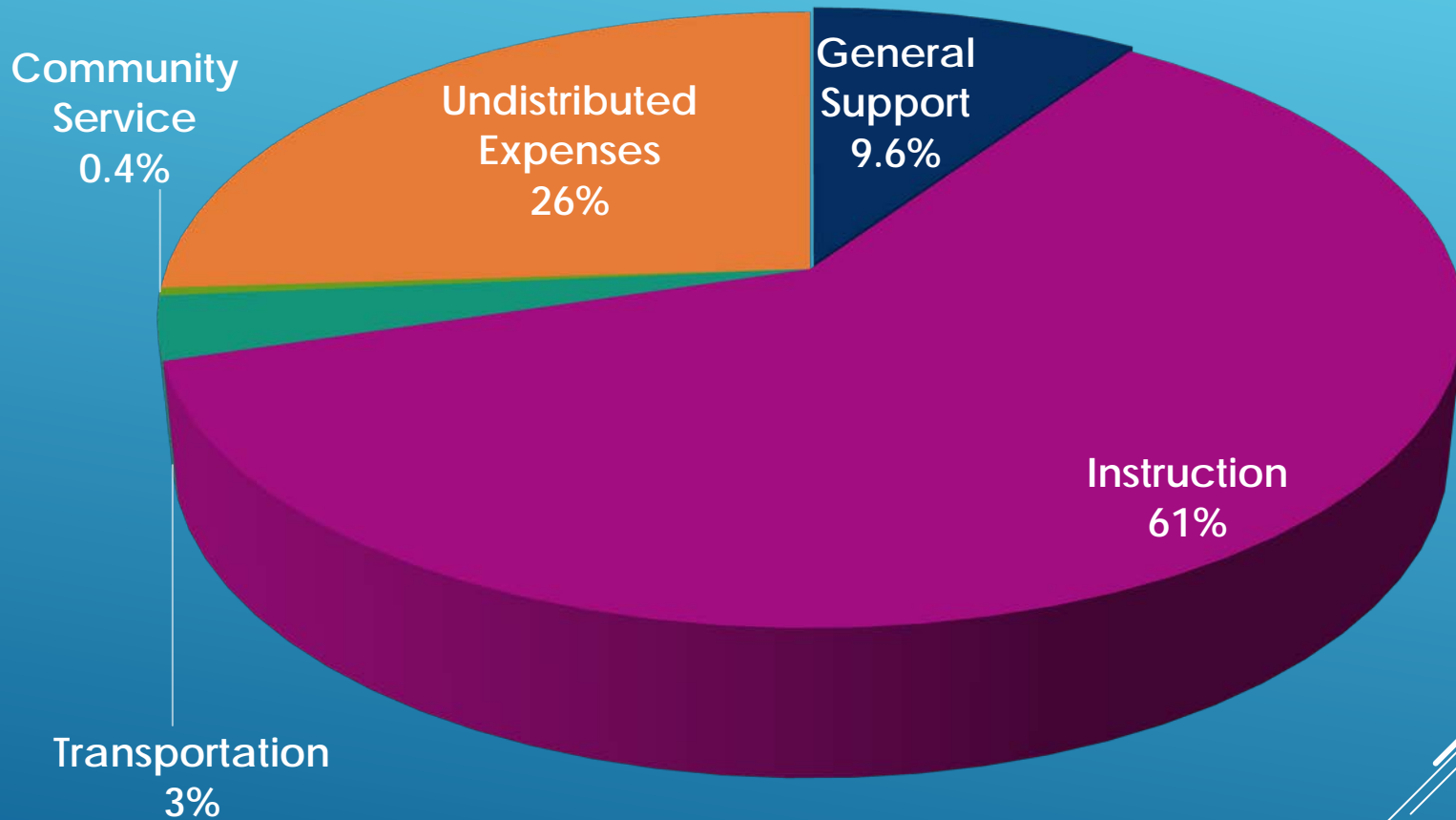
- Maintaining current programs.
- All current positions remain in the 2017-2018 budget.
- Class sizes remain at the 2016-2017 levels.
- Changes in staffing
 - FLES Program
 - Guidance Counselor – Middle School
 - Clerical / Social Worker
 - Lee Road Part Time Clerical

Levittown Public Schools

Major Components of the Spending Plan Increase by Object 2017-2018 Budget

		Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget	\$	%
		2016-2017	2017-2018	Change	Change
At Tax Cap		205,449,470	210,218,722	4,769,252	2.32%
Account Group					
1000-1999	Salaries	121,012,645	123,060,514	2,047,869	
2000-2999	Equipment	1,681,399	2,182,150	500,751	
4000-4499	Contractual Services	12,302,881	13,126,191	823,310	
4500-4599	Materials & Supplies	3,602,119	3,644,438	42,319	
4700-4799	Tuition & Training	2,201,400	2,314,200	112,800	
4800-4899	Textbooks	1,279,662	1,287,806	8,144	
4900-4999	BOCES Services	10,009,742	9,977,669	(32,073)	
6000-6999	Debt Service - Principal	2,987,464	2,554,122	(433,342) a	
7000-7999	Debt Service - Interest	949,200	710,767	(238,433) a	
8000-8999	Employee Benefits	48,533,958	49,913,650	1,379,692	
9000-9999	Interfund Transfers	889,000	1,447,215	558,215 a	

Components of 2017 - 2018 Expenditures



Property Tax Relief Credit

There is a provision in the New York State Tax Code that provides a tax refund if the district stays within the tax cap. The “Property Tax Relief Credit” is a Tax Credit available to eligible New York State taxpayers, if the following conditions are met:

- Own and primarily reside in the real property, receiving the STAR exemption authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law OR the school tax relief (STAR) credit (the STAR credit was enacted by Part A of Chapter 60 of the Laws of 2016) authorized by section 606(eee) of the Tax Law
- Be a resident of New York State
- Have a qualified gross income no greater than \$275,000
- The School District budget has to remain within the Tax Levy Limit (the Levittown UFSD Budget is within the Tax Levy Limit)
- The credit amount for 2016 is \$130.
- As noted above, the law provides that this income tax credit will be paid in a separate check to the taxpayer by October 31 (or as close as possible to October 31).

Property Tax Relief Credit

A credit will not be allowed if the taxpayer's property is located:

- In a independent school district that has adopted a budget in excess of the applicable tax levy limit (the Levittown UFSD Budget is within the Tax Levy Limit)
- In a city with a dependent school district that has adopted a budget in excess of the applicable tax levy limit, or in New York City
- Only one credit per residence is allowed per tax year.
- The amount of the credit may not exceed the school district taxes due for the residence for that tax year
- A taxpayer is not eligible for this credit if the school district taxes levied upon the residence during the tax year remain unpaid 60 days after the last date they could have been paid without interest. In the case of a school district where the taxes are paid in installments, a taxpayer is not eligible for the credit if the taxes remain unpaid 60 days after the date the last installment would have been paid without interest.
- Accordingly, if a taxpayer receives the property tax relief credit for the tax year, and the taxes that were levied in that same year remain unpaid on the sixtieth day after the last date they would have been paid without interest, the amount of property tax relief credit received by the taxpayer must be added back as tax on the taxpayer's personal income tax return for the tax year in which the sixtieth day occurs.

Property Tax Relief Credit

The credit amount for 2016 is \$130 (resides within the metropolitan commuter transportation district, MCTD, and outside New York City)

For tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019, if an eligible taxpayer owns and primarily resides in real property receiving the basic STAR exemption or the basic Star credit, the amount of the property tax relief credit equals the STAR tax savings multiplied by a percentage as shown in the tables below:

Qualified Gross Income	2017	2018	2019
Not over \$75,000	28%	60%	85%
Over \$75,000 but not over \$150,000	20.5%	42.5%	60%
Over \$150,000 but not over \$200,000	13%	25%	35%
Over \$200,000 but not over \$275,000	5.5%	7.5%	10%
Over \$275,000	No Credit	No Credit	No Credit

Property Tax Relief Credit

For tax years 2017, 2018 and 2019, if an eligible taxpayer owns and primarily resides in real property receiving the enhanced STAR exemption or the enhanced STAR credit, the amount of the property tax relief credit equals the STAR tax savings multiplied by the following percentage.

Taxable Year	Percentage
2017	12%
2018	26%
2019	34%

BUDGET HEARING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 3, 2017 - 7:30 P.M.
LEVITTOWN MEMORIAL EDUCATION CENTER



SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT

REMEMBER TO VOTE!

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

7:00 A.M. – 8:00 P.M.

VOTER INFORMATION 2017

VOTER LOCATIONS AND TIMES

PLEASE VOTE AT YOUR DESIGNATED POLLING
LOCATION BETWEEN 7 A.M. AND 8 P.M.

GARDINERS AVENUE,
EAST BROADWAY,
LEVITTOWN MEMORIAL EDUCATION CENTER
OR
DIVISION AVENUE H.S.

For comprehensive
information on the budget,
please visit the district's
website at
www.levittownschools.com

VOTER INFORMATION

<http://www.levittownschools.com/boe/voter-info/>

Important
Online
Assistance
Available

The screenshot shows the Levittown Public Schools website. At the top, the school district logo is on the left, the slogan "Success For Every Student!" is in the center, and the date "Thursday, Mar. 23, 2017 - Today Is Day: 2" is on the right. Below the logo is a navigation menu with links for "SCHOOLS", "BOARD OF EDUCATION", "DISTRICT", "DEPARTMENTS", "PROGRAMS", "RESOURCES", "NEWS", "MEDIA CENTER", "OFFICE365 WITH ONEDRIVE", "POWERSCHOOL", "TUTORIALS", "DISTRICT E-MAIL", and "REMOTE ACCESS". The main content area is titled "Registration and Voter Information" and features a yellow box with the heading "How Do I Vote?". This box contains instructions and a dropdown menu labeled "Select Your Street". Below the yellow box, there are sections for "ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE" (Tuesday, May 16, 2017), "VOTER REGISTRATION" (with details on registration hours and location), "VOTER INFORMATION" (with a list of eligibility criteria), and "ABSENTEE APPLICATION/BALLOT" (with details on application requirements and deadlines).

LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS *Success For Every Student!*

Thursday, Mar. 23, 2017 - Today Is Day: 2
School Closings | Calendar | Employment | Media Center

SCHOOLS

BOARD OF EDUCATION
-Meeting Info.

DISTRICT

DEPARTMENTS

PROGRAMS

RESOURCES

NEWS

MEDIA CENTER

Office365 with OneDrive
(Learn More)

POWERSCHOOL
-Parent/Student Portal (Grades 6 & 7)
(Learn More)
-Power Teacher

TUTORIALS

DISTRICT E-MAIL

REMOTE ACCESS

Registration and Voter Information

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION AND BUDGET VOTE
Tuesday, May 16, 2017

VOTER REGISTRATION:
The Levittown School District has implemented an "open" on-going Registration, in accordance with the provisions of the 2015 Education Law. You can register Monday thru Friday, during the hours of 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM through Thursday, May 11, 2017, at the office of the District Clerk, LMEC, 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown, NY.

VOTER INFORMATION:

- Citizen of the United States
- 18 years or older
- Resident of the district for a period of 30 days or more before the election.
- Anyone who voted in a school, state or national election during the four years prior to the pending election is already registered and can vote.
- Those not registered or who have not voted within four years in a general election or school election must register.
- Registration forms for school elections only may be obtained from the District Clerk's Office.
- Registration forms for all elections may be obtained from the Board of Elections by calling 571-2411.

ABSENTEE APPLICATION/BALLOT
You must be a registered voter in order to vote by Absentee Ballot. Absentee Ballot Applications are available in the office of the District Clerk, any school day between 8 AM and 1 PM.

- Complete the Application for Absentee Ballot, which you can [download here](#).
- Date and **Sign** the application form and return it AS SOON AS POSSIBLE by mail or in person to the District Clerk.
- If by mail, application must be received by **Tuesday, May 9, 2017**.
- If in person, application must be received by **Monday, May 9, 2017**
- Applications may not be transmitted electronically because an original signature is required.

Upon receipt, your application will be reviewed, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, to establish your entitlement to vote by Absentee Ballot. A ballot will then be issued to you.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE DISTRICT CLERK AT (516) 434-7002.

How Do I Vote?
Use these simple steps to verify that you're registered to vote and to find your polling site.

1. **Are You Registered?** - Check here to verify that you're registered to vote.
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Questions?

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