

Board of Education Adopts 2019/2020 Budget

The Board of Education adopted the proposed 2019/2020 school district budget at an open meeting on March 27, 2019. The \$222,353,639 budget represents a 2.99% budget increase and a tax levy increase of 1.97%, which is within the tax levy limit.

In January 2019, the Board of Education began hosting a series of public workshops to review the financial status of the school district and to create a budget for the coming year. This was to continue to provide excellent academic, fine arts and athletic programs for our students while maintaining fiscal stability and accountability, not only for next year, but for the years to come.

Below is an outline of some significant items that impacted the budget development process.

Board of Education Goals

As the emotional and social well-being of our students is an important element for their development, the Board makes as its goal to enhance the emotional and social literacy of students by reviewing the following programs offered by the Levittown School District throughout the coming year: Alcohol and Drug Prevention, Bullying Prevention and Outreach and Community Involvement.

As the appropriate use of data is important to the development of a well-rounded course of education, the Board will review the school district's use of data in all facets of the district's work.

As it is important that a positive message be communicated to a large number of community residents, the Board tasks the district administration to review the district's policies and procedures with respect to social media.

As financial and fiscal security is essential to the future well-being of the district and the community, the Board will develop, in conjunction with the District Administration, a sound budget that is within the tax levy limit.

Educational Initiatives and Enhancements

Curriculum and Instruction

- * Mindfulness Initiative
- * New summer programs in Marine Science and History
- * Use of "Data Chats" in ELA & Math in the Middle Schools
- * Continued transition to new standards and assessments
- * New additions to the Course Catalog:
 - *AP Statistics
 - *Abnormal Psychology
 - *American Sign Language (ASL) 3
 - *Digital Citizenship
 - *21st Century Leadership Skills
 - *Graphic Design & Communications (GC Tech)
- * Creation of homework guidelines
- * Additional flexible classroom designs
- * Creation of 4 year new teacher induction program
- * Elementary student/parent evening event focused on new science standards
- * Pilot of online credit recovery program
- Additional mental health programming K-12
- * Elementary literacy enhancements
- * Continued expansion of college awareness at our middle schools

Physical Education and Interscholastic Athletics

- * Sound system for elementary schools
- * New wrestling mats
- * Additional basketball courts
- * New wall padding for gymnasiums

Instructional Technology

- * Equipment refresh, district-wide
- * Laptop carts for middle schools
- Pilot Laptops for elementary art (new NYSED Elementary Arts Media Standards)
- * Continue One-to-One tablet initiative at high schools
- * Support EDMODO Learning Management System

Special Education

- * Continue development of social emotional learning
- * Expand support services
- * Continue to enhance substance abuse prevention programs across
- Continue to enhance preventative and rehabilitative approaches to
- * discipline
- * Community Resources-Collaboration with South Oaks
- * Implementation of the Practical Assessment Exploration System

We continue to budget for contingencies that are beyond our control so that they do not impact the quality of our students' education.

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Capital Improvements in progress and planned for 2019-2020

<i>Abbey Lane School</i>	<i>East Broadway School</i>
Parking lot improvements Masonry & asphalt repairs Cafeteria ceiling replacement	Landscaping enhancements Masonry & asphalt repairs
<i>Gardiners Avenue School</i>	<i>Lee Road School</i>
Electrical service upgrades Masonry & asphalt repairs	Masonry & asphalt repairs Electrical service upgrades Plumbing infrastructure upgrades Landscaping enhancements
<i>Northside School</i>	<i>Summit Lane School</i>
New cafeteria construction Summer 2019 Masonry & asphalt repairs 500 Wing Renovation	Electrical service upgrades Masonry & asphalt repairs
<i>Jonas Salk Middle School</i>	<i>Wisdom Lane Middle School</i>
Parking lot improvements Guidance suite renovation Salk library upgrade	Install new baseball field Cafeteria floor replacement Auditorium A/C replacement
<i>Division Avenue High School</i>	<i>General Douglas MacArthur High School</i>
Replace ceiling on second floor (Social Studies hall) Restore windows in hallways & stairway New bathrooms in gymnasium lobby Masonry & asphalt repairs Electrical service upgrades	Air condition Library Auditorium renovation New bathrooms in gymnasium lobby
<i>Levittown Memorial Education Center</i>	<i>District-Wide Projects</i>
Install Air Conditioning in Auditorium Masonry & asphalt repairs	Replacement of classroom doors and locks Camera upgrades Annual maintenance to HVAC, roofs, fences, asphalt, Fire system and alarm upgrades Parking lot improvements Install security bollards in the front of each school building Purchase eight new school buses

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