

# 2026-2027 ADOPTED BUDGET



## Budget Hearing May 6, 2026



Mr. Fabiano and central administration spend time with Salk students to sample cafeteria offerings this year.

### Purpose Statement:

*To work with the Board of Education & District Administration to develop a responsible and efficient budget that maintains existing programs, safeguards District assets, supports a safe and healthy learning environment, and ensures Success for Every Student while remaining within the Tax Levy Limit.*

# New York State School District Budget Hearing Overview



**Public meeting required under New York State Education Law §1716**



**Must be held 7-14 days before the annual budget vote**



**Opportunity for District Officials to explain the budget in plain terms**



**Demonstrate the impact on taxpayers**



**Present key budget drivers and District priorities**



**Provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions**



# Budget Additions & Highlights



## No Class Size Increase

Maintaining favorable student-to-teacher ratios.



## Grade 8 Career Exploration Class

New course to guide future paths.



## Additional Elementary Instructional Coach

Supporting teacher development and student success.



## Middle School Flag Football

New athletic opportunity for students.



## Instructional Space Updates

Including Art, Family & Consumer Science, & Technology



## Elementary Librarian

Enhancing library resources and literacy.



## New High School Elective Courses

Expanding academic choices and pathways.

# Levittown UFSD Budget Snapshot



**Proposed Budget Increase: 3.76%**

Driven by cost increases in:

- Transportation
- Special Education
- Health Insurance
- Armed Security Patrols



**Maximum Tax Levy Limit: 2.18%**

Needed for a simple majority approval.



**Proposed Tax Levy: 1.98%**

Levittown is staying below the property tax cap.



**Average Household Impact**

Approximately **\$190** annually  
Just under **\$16** per month



# Proposed Budgets on Long Island

## Regional Average

**2.50%**

Proposed Tax Levy Increase across all 120 Nassau & Suffolk districts

## Piercing the Tax Cap on Long Island

**7 School Districts**

Attempting to exceed their calculated tax cap

## Levy Thresholds

**91 Districts**

Have proposed a tax levy increase of 2.00% or higher

## Levittown Schools

**1.98%**

**Tax Cap Compliant!**



# Capital Reserve Referendum

- Proposed authorization to Expend \$15 million from the 2026 Capital Reserve and Appropriated Fund Balance
- Funds would be used to support the District Long-term Capital Plan
- 5-Year Capital Projects Plan includes:
  - Renovation of District's instructional spaces such as the Wisdom and Salk FACS rooms
  - Creation of additional practice areas for our athletic teams
  - Handicapped accessible restrooms at our High School athletic fields
- Does NOT increase the tax levy



# Fiscally Responsible Budgeting Reduces Borrowing and Interest Payments

## District seeking bonds approval

Three Village gets \$12.3M for school repairs, upgrades

**Q** A  
BY JENNIFER VINT  
BY DAVID WILSON

The Three Village Central School District will seek voters approval Tuesday for a two-bond proposal worth \$12.3 million to improve and upgrade school buildings and replace school buses.

The two propositions include a \$6 million proposal to improve and upgrade school buildings and a \$6.3 million proposal to purchase 10 school buses.

The district currently owns 10 school buses.

The \$6 million proposal will be used to improve and upgrade school buildings. The \$6.3 million proposal will be used to purchase 10 school buses.



West Middle High School would get new bleachers, locker rooms.

West Middle High School would get new bleachers, locker rooms, and a new gymnasium. The \$6 million proposal will be used to improve and upgrade school buildings. The \$6.3 million proposal will be used to purchase 10 school buses.



Replacing the track at North Shore High School is in Proposition 1.

## SCHOOL DISTRICT SEEKS \$11.8M BOND APPROVAL

BY NICHOLAS GRASSO

The North Shore Central School District will ask voters on Tuesday to approve a nearly \$11.8 million bond proposal and the spending of more than \$2 million in reserve funds for a myriad of upgrades to athletic facilities and others.

Proposition 1 calls on voters to green-light an expenditure of \$2,480,500 from the district's existing capital reserves to replace the track and install stadium lighting at the North Shore High School in Glen Head, according to an \$11.8 million proposal detailing the ballot measure. Proposition 2 asks voters to allow the district to issue an \$11,760,000 bond to cover additional athletics, air conditioning and other renovations.

Voting is in the North Shore High School gymnasium, 480 Glen Cove Ave. Polls open 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

"Our track is coming to the end of its useful life," James Pappas, assistant superintendent for business, told Newsday in a Thursday telephone interview. "There has been a large community push for the lights for a number of years. We've had people send us pictures and videos of games going on at dusk where you can barely see the ball."

The bond proposal will be a "general" proposition, according to district officials. Instead of raising taxes, as a result of raising taxes to cover the debt incurred by the bond, which will be paid over 15 years, the district is "reallocating a portion of our budget," Pappas said.

FREE WEEKLY HERALD EMAIL NEWSLETTER  
CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP NOW!

## East Meadow school board expected to adopt bond resolution

Posted January 2, 2024

## Voters Set To Weigh In On \$87 Million Bond Proposal For Long Beach Schools Tuesday

Long Beach Public Schools proposed the bond resolution to fund capital improvements.

Tom Gambardella, Patch Staff

Posted Wed, Oct 22, 2023 at 8:28 am ET | Updated Thu, Nov 13, 2023 at 2:27 pm ET

## OUR TOWNS

### MONTAUK

# \$35M bond approval sought

## School district seeks \$19.7M bond

BY DAWN VINES  
BY DAVID WILSON

Officials in the Floral Park-Bellerose school district are seeking voter approval to borrow \$19.7 million, which would pay for the replacement of an aging steam heating system and other infrastructure upgrades.

If approved, the proposal would convert the average homeowner about \$66 in additional taxes annually, or \$5.50 monthly, starting in 2028.

The district has also created a "Tax Impact Calculator" where residents can get an estimate of their projected tax increase.

The vote is scheduled for Tuesday between 7 a.m. and 9 p.m. at the Floral Park-Bellerose School, 21 Arch Ave., and John Lewis Child School, 10 Elizabeth St., both in Floral Park. The two buildings serve more than 1,500 pre-kindergarten to sixth grade students and about 110 teachers, according to the district.

"If approved by the Floral Park-Bellerose community, the bond will enable the district to replace and upgrade its aging infrastructure, which has reached the end of its useful life, as well as fund essential HVAC conversions, air conditioning installations and other upgrades in both of our school buildings," Interim Superintendent Lisa Ruiz said in a statement.

Ruiz said the upgrades are imperative as a new state law is set to take effect in September that establishes a maximum temperature of 68 degrees in schools when students and staff are present.

In presentations posted on the district's website, officials noted many classroom walls were dilapidated due back to the 1950s, while "much of steam and condensate piping at both buildings is approaching 10 years old."

"A new hot water system could potentially save the district money by increasing maintenance costs as well as reduce energy consumption by as much as 20%, district officials said.

The district will use about \$8.9 million from its reserve accounts to offset a portion of the \$26.6 million total cost of the upgrades, officials said.

If approved, phase one of the construction, which includes the installation of hot water mains, would likely start after August 2026, according to the district. The project is anticipated to take about two years to complete.

"This project represents our commitment to providing a safe, healthy and conducive learning environment for our students and staff," Ruiz said in her statement.

## School bond season begins



A view of Oceanside High School seen on Jan. 4, 2024. Credit: Danielle Palkindis

LONG ISLAND / EDUCATION  
BY DAVID WILSON

## Plainville-Old Bethpage's \$114M school bond proposal would raise taxes an average of \$549 per year



## WOTE ON \$67.6M SCHOOL BOND TUESDAY

BY SONIA CHANG  
BY DAVID WILSON

Commack school district taxpayers will vote Tuesday on a \$67.6 million bond proposal that would upgrade infrastructure at all of the district's schools.

If approved, district officials said the bond would be used to fund the construction of a new middle school, the renovation of an existing middle school, the renovation of an existing high school, and the renovation of an existing elementary school.

The district will use about \$8.9 million from its reserve accounts to offset a portion of the \$26.6 million total cost of the upgrades, officials said.

If approved, phase one of the construction, which includes the installation of hot water mains, would likely start after August 2026, according to the district. The project is anticipated to take about two years to complete.

"This project represents our commitment to providing a safe, healthy and conducive learning environment for our students and staff," Ruiz said in her statement.

## Franklin Square School District proposes \$38M bond for critical repairs

BY DAVID WILSON

Franklin Square School District will ask voters on Tuesday to approve a nearly \$38 million bond proposal and the spending of more than \$2 million in reserve funds for a myriad of upgrades to athletic facilities and others.

Proposition 1 calls on voters to green-light an expenditure of \$2,480,500 from the district's existing capital reserves to replace the track and install stadium lighting at the North Shore High School in Glen Head, according to an \$11.8 million proposal detailing the ballot measure. Proposition 2 asks voters to allow the district to issue an \$11,760,000 bond to cover additional athletics, air conditioning and other renovations.

Voting is in the North Shore High School gymnasium, 480 Glen Cove Ave. Polls open 7 a.m. and close at 8 p.m.

"Our track is coming to the end of its useful life," James Pappas, assistant superintendent for business, told Newsday in a Thursday telephone interview. "There has been a large community push for the lights for a number of years. We've had people send us pictures and videos of games going on at dusk where you can barely see the ball."

The bond proposal will be a "general" proposition, according to district officials. Instead of raising taxes, as a result of raising taxes to cover the debt incurred by the bond, which will be paid over 15 years, the district is "reallocating a portion of our budget," Pappas said.

FRANKLIN SQUARE  
BY DAVID WILSON



A view of Franklin Square School District seen on Jan. 4, 2024. Credit: Danielle Palkindis

LONG ISLAND / EDUCATION  
BY DAVID WILSON

## Franklin Square School District proposes \$38M bond for critical repairs



# Safeguarding District Assets and Providing Student Opportunities

Since 2023 the District embarked on a **\$150 million Capital Projects Program**



## Infrastructure & Security

Roofs, Masonry, New PA/FA Systems & One-Button Lockdowns



## New Athletic Complex

Wisdom Lane MS: Track, Turf Field, Tennis & Ball Fields



## Instructional Spaces

FACS rooms and Libraries Districtwide



## Future Planning: High School Upgrades

Designing new Turf Baseball/Softball Fields, Indoor Practice Facilities & Accessible Restrooms



**School District Vote:  
Tuesday, May 19th  
7am-8pm**



# Questions?



# Appendix



# Capital Reserve Referendum



Proposed authorization to Expend \$15 million from the 2026 Capital Reserve and Appropriated Fund Balance



Funds would be used to support the District Long-term Capital Plan



5-Year Capital Projects Plan includes:



Renovation of District's instructional spaces such as the Wisdom and Salk FACS rooms



Creation of additional practice areas for our athletic teams



Handicapped accessible restrooms at our High School athletic fields



Does NOT increase the tax levy



# Levittown UFSD Budget Snapshot

- Proposed budget increase is 3.76% driven by cost increases in Transportation, Special Education, Health Insurance and the addition of Armed Security Patrols
- Tax Levy Limit needed for a simple majority approval is 2.18%
- Proposed Tax Levy is 1.98%
- Average Tax Levy increase is approximately \$190 annually or just under \$16 per month



# Safeguarding District Assets and Providing Student Opportunities

- Since 2023 the District embarked on a \$150 million Capital Projects Program
- District Infrastructure Needs (Roofs, Masonry) and Security Upgrades (New PA/FA Systems and One-Button Lockdowns)
- Constructed a New Athletic Complex at Wisdom Lane MS including a Track, Turf Field, Tennis Courts, and Improvements to Baseball and Softball Fields
- Reconstructed Instructional Spaces including FACS rooms and Libraries Districtwide
- Presently designing new Turf Baseball and Softball Fields at both our High Schools including Indoor Practice Facilities and Permanent Handicapped Accessible Restrooms



# What is a Budget Hearing?

- Public meeting required under New York State Education Law §1716
- Must be held no more than 14 days and no less than 7 days before the annual budget vote
- Opportunity for District Officials to explain the budget in plain terms
- Demonstrate the impact on taxpayers
- Present Key budget drivers and District priorities
- Provide an opportunity for the public to ask questions



# Fiscally Responsible / Strategic Spending

- Intensive 8 month transparent budget development process
- Utilizing Capital Reserves and budgetary surplus to avoid issuing additional bonds that would further burden taxpayers
- Staying under the tax cap: Allowable increase of 2.18% but kept the increase to 1.98%
- Increasing other revenues and sharing program costs:
  - Increased use of BOCES services
  - Increased cost sharing with other districts (athletic teams and fuel depot)
  - Installation of solar canopies



# What data do we use to inform the budget process?

- Feedback from Staff, Parents and Students gathering through meetings and surveys
- Student academic data
- Student referrals for specialized services and classes
- Strategic Plan goals
- Audit reports
- Enrollment projections
- Program evaluations
- NYSED and New York State Legislative Mandates

