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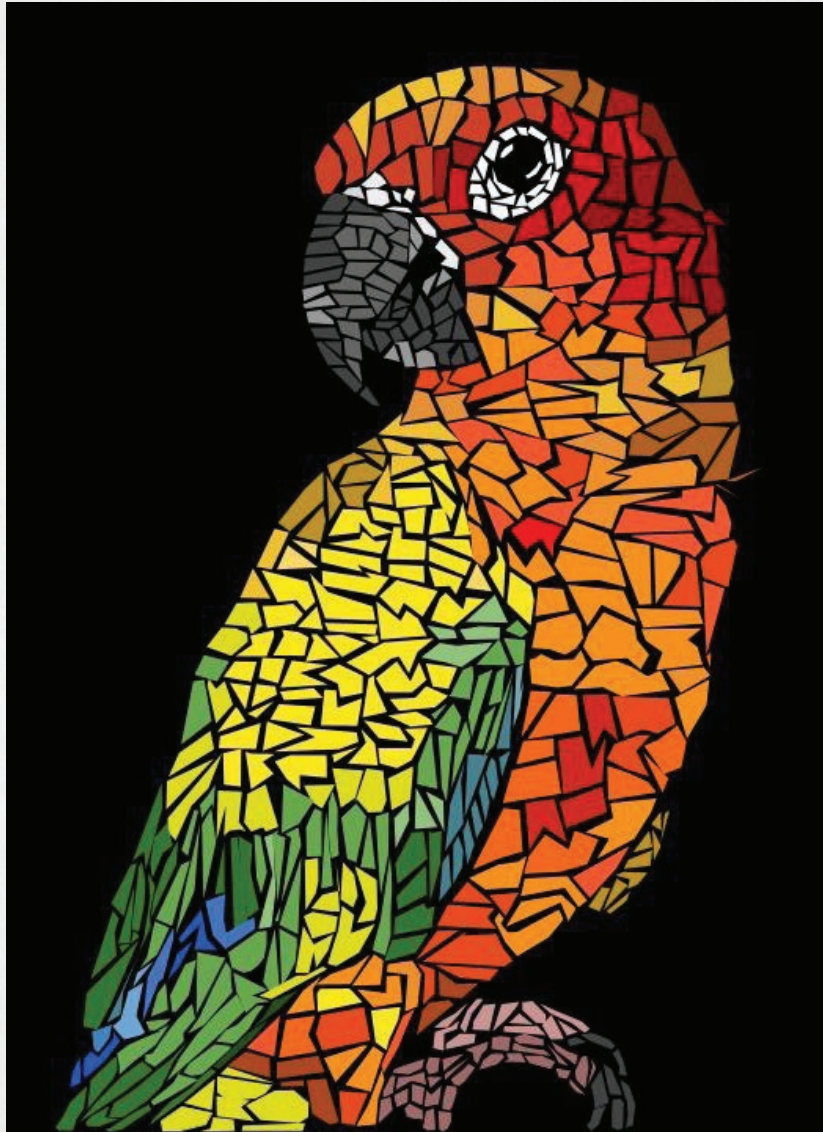


# 2023-2024 District Handbook

**SUCCESS FOR  
EVERY STUDENT**

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"SUN CONURE"

TEKLA TSIKVADZE, WISDOM LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL, GRADE 8  
TEACHER: STEPHANIE MAZZA



# LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Levittown Memorial Education Center

Abbey Lane, Levittown, N.Y. 11756

516-434-7000

BOARD OF EDUCATION

516-434-7001



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516-434-7025

## BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES

July	5	Organization Meeting & Regular Meeting
August	9	Regular Meeting
	30	Planning & Special Meeting
September	13	Regular Meeting
	27	Planning Session
October	11	Regular Meeting
November	8	Regular Meeting
December	6	Regular Meeting
January	10	Regular Meeting
	24	Budget Planning Session #1
February	7	Budget Planning Session #2 & Regular Meeting
March	6	Budget Planning Session #3 & Regular Meeting
	20	Budget Planning Session #4 & Special Meeting - Board Adopts Budget
April	16	Regular Meeting/ BOCES Vote
May	1	Public Budget Hearing; Regular Meeting
	21	<b>BUDGET VOTE</b> Special Meeting to Certify Vote
June	5	Regular Meeting

Anyone who requires accommodations for reason of disability at any Board meeting should notify the district clerk at 516-434-7002 at least five days before the meeting. Hours are 8 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Please read this calendar in its entirety as it contains important and time-sensitive information. The information in the printed calendar was accurate at press time and may have changed by the time the calendar arrives in your mailbox. It is especially important to check our website and the digital calendar at [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com).



## Phone Directory

Assistant Superintendent for Business & Finance . . . . .	516-434-7007
Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources . . . . .	516-434-7030
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction . . . . .	516-434-7025
Central Registration . . . . .	516-434-7058
Committee on Preschool Special Education . . . . .	516-434-7050
Committee on Special Education . . . . .	516-434-7040
District Clerk (Voter Registration) . . . . .	516-434-7002
Drivers Education . . . . .	516-434-7276
Human Resources . . . . .	516-434-7030
Maintenance & Grounds . . . . .	516-434-7550
Physical Education, Health and Athletics . . . . .	516-434-7265
Pupil Services . . . . .	516-434-7040
Security . . . . .	516-434-7560
Superintendent of Schools . . . . .	516-434-7020
Testing Information (Student) . . . . .	516-434-7040
Textbook Depository . . . . .	516-434-7136
Transportation . . . . .	516-434-7585



“Two Fish Friends”  
by Chloe Bardhi  
East Broadway School  
Grade 3  
Teacher: Kaitlyn Judge

## Elementary Schools, Grades K-5

**ABBAY LANE SCHOOL**  
239 Gardiners Avenue, Levittown  
Dr. George Maurer, Principal  
516-434-7400

**EAST BROADWAY SCHOOL**  
751 Seamans Neck Road, Seaford  
Jordan Margolis, Principal  
516-434-7425

**GARDINERS AVENUE SCHOOL**  
610 Gardiners Avenue, Levittown  
Dr. Jared Vanderbeck, Principal  
516-434-7450

**LEE ROAD SCHOOL**  
901 Lee Road, Wantagh  
Jami Anspach, Principal  
516-434-7475

**NORTHSIDE SCHOOL**  
35 Pelican Road, Levittown  
Frank Mortillaro, Principal  
516-434-7500

**SUMMIT LANE SCHOOL**  
4 Summit Lane, Levittown  
Keith Squillacioti, Principal  
516-434-7525

## Middle Schools, Grades 6-8

**JONAS E. SALK MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
3359 Old Jerusalem Road, Levittown  
John Zampaglione, Principal  
516-434-7350

**WISDOM LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
120 Center Lane, Levittown  
John Avena, Principal  
516-434-7300

## High Schools, Grades 9-12

**DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL**  
120 Division Avenue, Levittown  
John Coscia, Principal  
516-434-7150

**GENERAL DOUGLAS MACARTHUR  
HIGH SCHOOL**  
3369 Old Jerusalem Road, Levittown  
Joseph Sheehan, Principal  
516-434-7225

### School Hours

Elementary Schools	9:10 a.m.-3:28 p.m.
Middle Schools	7:57 a.m.-2:55 p.m.
High Schools	7:27 a.m.-2:25 p.m.

### Use of Snow Days

0 – No School on May 24.  
1 – No School on May 24.  
2 – There will be school on May 24.  
**If more than 2 snow days are used,  
remote days may be used.**

# PTA Council

Levittown Council of PTAs is a group of 10 PTA units within our school district that is organized under the authority of the New York State PTA and National PTA. Each member unit is represented in our Council by delegates who participate in council business as representatives of their units.

We commit ourselves to the objectives of PTA and pledge our allegiance to this Council to be united, strong and accountable while holding children first and foremost in our hearts and lives.

PTA Council's role is to inform, instruct and inspire the leaders of the units and to be responsive to their needs. We serve as a channel of communication between school administrators, the school board and the general public.

Levittown PTA Council Executive Committee 2023-2024	
<b>President</b> Beth Lyons 516-984-7245	<b>1st Vice President</b> Kathleen Pedrick 516-305-5686
<b>2nd Vice President</b> Karen Martinez 347-453-0342	<b>Recording Secretary</b> Lauren Lestingi 516-523-3391
<b>Corresponding Secretary</b> Krista Hill 347-445-4096	<b>Treasurer</b> Michelle Siegel 516-445-3743
	<b>Immediate Past President</b> Mari Ganga 516-658-6071

PTA/PTSA Presidents/Co-Presidents	
<b>ABBAY LANE</b>	
Rebecca McCrea 813-731-2250	Jeanine Quigley 631-748-2846
<b>DIVISION AVENUE HIGH SCHOOL</b>	
Karen Martinez 347-453-0342	
<b>EAST BROADWAY</b>	
Jennifer Ocampo 516-353-5474	Penny Kane 516-972-1144
<b>GARDINERS AVENUE</b>	
Andrea DiPasquale 516-852-0981	Elisa Emeritz 631-682-5015
<b>LEE ROAD</b>	
Diana Schnabel 516-244-0557	Amanda Sanchez 914-494-5819
<b>NORTHSIDE</b>	
Barbara Buckley 516-287-7617	Marinda O'Toole 516-508-0346
<b>SALK/MACARTHUR</b>	
Donna Ganairis 516-233-6571	Tara O'Connell-Carr 516-776-5582
<b>SEPTA</b>	
Lauren Kircher 917-640-6390	Jennifer Messina 631-742-0270
<b>SUMMIT LANE</b>	
Kim Webb 516-318-6654	
<b>WISDOM LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL</b>	
Kathleen Pedrick 516-306-5686	

## CENTRAL REGISTRATION

Registration for all new students takes place at the Levittown Memorial Education Center. Proof of residence is required to process registration. Please review Levittown Public Schools complete Registration Package which can be found at <http://www.levittownschoools.com/district/forms/>.

Kindergarten registration takes place in winter and early spring of the year prior to enrollment. Children who will be 5 years of age on or before Dec. 1, 2024, may be registered for the 2024-2025 school year. Exceptions cannot be accommodated. For questions about registration and to receive a registration packet, contact Central Registration at 516-434-7058 or visit the link above.

## Levittown After-School Program (LAP)

James Centonze, Program Coordinator, 516-520-8491

The Levittown After-School Program (LAP) is designed to offer working parents an after-school child care facility on days when school is in session. The program serves children currently enrolled in grades K-6 who reside in the Levittown School District, and is located at each of our elementary schools. The program operates from 3:30 to 6 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 6, 2023, through Tuesday, June 25, 2024. Please note that there is no LAP on days scheduled with parent-teacher conferences or half days. To complete an online application, please visit [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com).

## Levittown A.M. Program (LAMP)

Mike Gattus, Program Coordinator, 516-434-7418

The Levittown A.M. Program (LAMP) is designed to offer working parents a before-school child care facility on days when school is in session. The program serves children currently enrolled in grades K-5 who reside in the Levittown School District, and is located at all six elementary schools. The program operates from 7 to 9 a.m., beginning Wednesday, September 6, 2023, through Tuesday, June 25, 2024. To complete an application, visit [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com).

## District News & Information

To receive the latest district messages, newsletters and urgent information via email, please sign up for our listserv on our website at: [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com). From the homepage, under the Parents drop-down, click E-MAIL LISTSERV.

## Fundraising & Gifts to Schools

Other than student organizations and official parent organizations, no organization or group will be allowed to use any school facilities, personnel or students for any fundraising activities.

All gifts to the school must first be recommended by the Superintendent of Schools and accepted or rejected by the Board of Education. Gifts should be presented for Board approval with the following information: donor, initial cost, suitability and implied cost to district. All gifts, when accepted, become the exclusive property of the school district.

## Notice of Nondiscrimination

The Levittown Union Free School District does not discriminate or permit discrimination in admission or access to its educational programs or activities or in recruitment or employment on the basis of an individual's race, color, national origin, disability, age or sex (including sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression) and the District is prohibited by law, including by Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ("Title IX") and 34 C.F.R. Part 106, from doing so. Inquiries regarding the District's nondiscrimination policies, including Title IX inquiries, may be directed to Debbie Rifkin (Title IX Coordinator), Levittown School District, 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown, NY 11756, (516) 434-7030 and/or Michael Fabiano (Title IX Coordinator), Levittown School District, 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown, NY 11756, (516) 434-7007. Inquiries may also be directed to U.S. Department of Education, Office for Civil Rights (New York Office), 32 Old Slip, 26th Floor, New York, NY 10005, (646) 428-3800.

## Code of Conduct

All individuals who are on Levittown School District property are expected to abide by the District's Code of Conduct, which is given to each student in simplified form at the beginning of each school year and which is available in its complete form at [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com), the main office of every school building and in the District office at Levittown Memorial Education Center.

## Illegal Acts

The Levittown Public School District has a zero tolerance policy for any and all illegal acts. Violations of law will always be prosecuted. It is a Class E felony for anyone to issue a threat directed toward a school in New York State. This law also includes the crime of falsely reporting an incident of an explosion, fire or the release of a hazardous substance. Individuals convicted of issuing a threat face felony criminal prosecution, as well as a one-year suspension of their driver's license. In addition to prosecuting to the full extent of the law, the Levittown Public Schools will punish students for any illegal acts consistent with the Levittown School District Code of Conduct.

## Student Dress Code

The responsibility for student dress and general appearance shall rest with individual students and parents. However, the Board of Education requires students to attend school in appropriate dress that meets health and safety standards and does not interfere with the learning process. The Board also requires students to wear appropriate protective gear in certain classes. In addition, the Board prohibits attire bearing an expression or insignia which is obscene or libelous, or which advocates prejudice or racial discrimination. The Superintendent of Schools and other designated administrative personnel shall have the authority to require a student to change their attire, should it be deemed inappropriate, according to the above guidelines.

## Emergency Drills

Once a year, all students are released earlier than their regularly scheduled dismissal time to test the efficacy of the district's Emergency Response Plan. These mandatory safety drills are held in compliance with NYS Education Commissioner's Regulations and S.A.V.E. Act Regulation and the School District Comprehensive Emergency Plan. These drills may include the participation of the fire department, police department and other emergency response personnel. The district conducts additional safety drills throughout the year. A description of these drills is available on the district website under "Parent Resources."

## Annual Asbestos Notification

In accordance with 40 CFR §763.84.c, regard this statement as the district's annual notification to all workers, students and/or their legal guardians that the district continues to maintain its Asbestos Management Plan, which documents all performed or planned asbestos-related inspections, response actions and postresponse action activities, including periodic reinspection and surveillance activities within the school district. A copy of this AMP is available for your review and inspection at the district's facilities department.

## Pesticide Notification

The Levittown School District practices integrated pest management, which uses measures to suppress pests with minimal impact on human health, the environment and nontarget organisms. Pesticides will only be used as a last resort and if needed, the least toxic, pest-specific alternative will be selected. Anyone wishing 48-hour notification of pesticide application should request with the district's facilities office at 516-434-7550.

## Smoke-Free Policy

Students, parents, residents, visitors and spectators should be aware that no smoking is allowed in any school or other building or on the grounds of the school district. This includes the use of electronic cigarettes and vaping devices. Any violation of said policy shall result in the immediate removal of the violator.

## STUDENT ATTENDANCE

New York State Educational Law states that all students must attend school regularly when they are physically and mentally able to do so. The law allows the following reasons as legal absences from school:

1. Personal illness
2. Death in family
3. Religious observances
4. Required court attendance
5. Official quarantine
6. School-approved and supervised trips

Attendance will be taken each day at the elementary schools and during each class at the secondary schools. Parents of elementary students are required to call the school nurse and parents of secondary students are required to call the attendance office at their school to report absences. Refer to page 3 for a listing of all school phone numbers. Upon returning to school, each student must present a written excuse, signed by a parent or guardian, stating the date, length of time and reason for the absence. Failure to provide such notes in a timely fashion will render the absence illegal.

Secondary students with greater than 20 absences for a full-year course or 10 absences for a half-year course will not receive credit for that course. An appeal process for legal absences exists, and can be obtained from the school's main office.

## EMERGENCY PLANNING & PREPAREDNESS

Levittown Public School District has developed comprehensive emergency plans to cover all major emergencies, both natural and human made. We have made a commitment to monitor all potential medical problems that could affect all of us.

The district emphasizes basic hygiene procedures, including the covering of sneezes and coughs, proper disposal of tissues and preventive hand cleansing. Taking these simple measures can be very helpful in preventing the spread of contagious diseases. While this is a basic approach, it is extremely important and its efficacy will be measured by our success in keeping students healthy. We ask that you reinforce these same practices at home with both young and older children alike. We want to emphasize that these are precautionary measures based on sound hygiene principles and on the advice of national and international health professionals. Be assured that our primary concern will continue to focus on the health and safety of our students and employees and the continued education of your children.

For further information, please refer to the resources available at [www.health.ny.gov](http://www.health.ny.gov), as well as [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com).

**To receive district messages via email, submit your name and email address by logging in to the Parent Portal. Community members may also receive messages by signing up for our ListServ on [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com). From the homepage, under the Parents drop-down, click E-mail ListServ.**

## HEALTHY PRACTICES FOR STUDENTS

- Wash and sanitize hands often.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes. Throw tissues away immediately and wash hands.
- Avoid sharing objects such as water bottles, devices, writing utensils and books.
- Use hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Make sure you're using a safe product.
- Follow rules in the hallway and on the bus.
- Tell an adult if you are not feeling well.
- Get rest and stay hydrated.
- Know who is on your emergency contact list in case you need to be picked up from school.
- Do not come to school if you do not feel well or have a fever.

## EMERGENCY SCHOOL CLOSING INFORMATION

In the event of inclement weather or other school emergency, the district may close or implement a two-hour delayed opening. **For up-to-date information, check the district website ([www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com)).** An automated message will be sent for school closings or delayed openings. Please follow the district's schedule below if a two-hour delayed opening should occur:

### Delayed Opening Schedule:

All high schools (grades 9-12)  
start at 9:27 a.m.

All middle schools (grades 6-8)  
start at 9:57 a.m.

All elementary schools (grades K-5)  
start at 11:10 a.m.



“Jackie Robinson”  
by Eliza Zampini  
Summit Lane School  
Grade 5  
Teacher: Christine Rucano



# CHAIN OF COMMUNICATION

General Information: 516-434-7000  
District Security: 516-434-7111

## WHO DO I CALL WITH A QUESTION OR SUGGESTION?

The Levittown School District's communication protocol helps to promote direct, open and respectful interactions so that problems and concerns can be worked out quickly and efficiently. The communication protocol starts with the staff member closest to the situation, as that person will usually have the most information. At times, additional personnel are required to resolve specific situations. Appropriate communication channels for a variety of topics are listed below. The district encourages any and all questions from parents and residents regarding school matters.

### ATHLETICS

- Step 1: Coach; if not resolved...
- Step 2: J. Keith Snyder, Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics; if not resolved...
- Step 3: Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent for Business; if not resolved...
- Step 4: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

### BUDGET

- Step 1: Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent for Business; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

### BUILDINGS - SCHEDULING THE USE OF FACILITIES BY GROUPS

- Step 1: J. Keith Snyder, Director of Health, Physical Education & Athletics; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent for Business; if not resolved...
- Step 3: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

### CLASSROOM ISSUES INVOLVING AN INDIVIDUAL CHILD

(Classroom procedure, behavior, grades, schedule, etc.)

### OR CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

(Subject matter being taught, teaching strategies, textbooks and materials used, etc.)

For Grades K-12:

- Step 1: Classroom Teacher; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Building Principal or subject area Director; if not resolved...
- Step 3: Dr. Beth Ziogiannis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; if not resolved...

### EMPLOYMENT AND CERTIFICATION

- Step 1: Debbie Rifkin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

### SCHOOL COUNSELOR (GUIDANCE)

- Step 1: School Counselor; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Chairperson of Guidance; if not resolved...
- Step 3: Building Principal; if not resolved...
- Step 4: Dr. Beth Ziogiannis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; if not resolved...

### MEDICAL CONCERNS, K-12

- Step 1: School Nurse, if not resolved...
- Step 2: Building Principal; if not resolved...
- Step 3: Michele Ortiz, Director; if not resolved...
- Step 4: Dr. Beth Ziogiannis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; if not resolved...
- Step 5: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

### OTHER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

- Step 1: Activity Adviser; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Building Principal; if not resolved...
- Step 3: Dr. Beth Ziogiannis, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction; if not resolved...
- Step 4: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

### REGISTRATION AND RESIDENCY

- Step 1: Registrar; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Debbie Rifkin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; if not resolved...

### Step 3: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools SCHOOL PERSONNEL

- Step 1: Building Principal; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Debbie Rifkin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; if not resolved...
- Step 3: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

- For Grades K-12:
- Step 1: Teacher; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Building Principal; if not resolved...
- Step 3: Dr. Susan Farber, Director of Pupil Services; if not resolved...

- Step 4: Debbie Rifkin; Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; if not resolved...

- Step 5: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

### TRANSPORTATION

(Pickup, route problems, etc.)

- Step 1: Dajuana Reeves, Supervisor of Transportation; if not resolved...

- Step 2: Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent for Business; if not resolved...

- Step 3: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

### TRANSPORTATION CONCERNS - OTHER

(Behavior on school buses, etc.)

For Grades K-12:

- Step 1: Bus Driver; if not resolved...
- Step 2: Building Principal; if not resolved...
- Step 3: Dajuana Reeves, Supervisor of Transportation; if not resolved...

- Step 4: Michael Fabiano, Assistant Superintendent for Business; if not resolved...

- Step 5: Mr. Todd Winch, Superintendent of Schools

*If your issue has not been resolved after following ALL of the appropriate steps in the communication protocol, then please write to the Board of Education.*



# DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT

## SUCCESS FOR EVERY STUDENT



“Untitled”

by Leah Schnall

Jonas Salk Middle School  
Grade 7

Teacher: Denise LaVolpe

### DISTRICT PLANNING

The Levittown School District and each of its schools maintain a commitment to strategic planning and ongoing school improvement. Each school in the Levittown School District has a School Development Committee made up of teachers, students, administrators, parents and other community representatives.

### STUDENT RECORDS INFORMATION

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, a federal law, requires that the Levittown School District, with certain exceptions, obtains your written consent prior to the disclosure of personally identifiable information from your child’s education records. However, the Levittown School District may disclose appropriately designated “directory information” without written consent, unless you have advised the district to the contrary in accordance with

district procedures. The primary purpose of directory information is to allow the Levittown School District to include this type of information from your child’s education records in certain school publications. Examples include:

- A playbill, showing your student’s role in a drama production.
- The annual yearbook.
- Honor roll or other recognition lists.
- Graduation programs.
- Sports activity sheets, such as for wrestling, showing weight and height of team members.

Directory information, which is information that is generally not considered harmful or an invasion of privacy, if released, can also be disclosed to outside organizations without a parent’s prior written consent. Outside organizations include, but are not limited to, companies that manufacture class rings or publish yearbooks. **In addition, two federal laws require local educational agencies to provide military recruiters, upon request, with three directory information categories – names, addresses and telephone listings for 11th and 12th graders – unless parents have advised the district that they do not want their child’s student information disclosed without their prior written consent.**

**If you do not want the Levittown School District to disclose directory information from your child’s education records without your prior consent, you must notify the school principal in writing by Sept. 15 of each school year.** The Levittown School District has designated the following information as directory information. (Note: The district may, but does not have to, include all the information listed below.)

- |                           |  |  |
|---------------------------|--|--|
| - Student’s Name          | - Courses of study   | - Weight and height of members of athletic teams         |
| - Address                 | - Dates of attendance  | - Degrees, honors and awards received                    |
| - Telephone listing       | - Grade level  | - Most recent educational agency or institution attended |
| - Email                   | - Team   |  |
| - Photograph              | - Participation in officially recognized activities and sports |  |
| - Date and place of birth |  |  |

### TITLE IX

The Levittown School District is committed to providing both equal educational opportunity for all students and equal employment opportunity for all persons without regard to, or discrimination based on, religion, ethnic background, age, gender or disability.

The district is officially responsible for the coordination of activities relating to Civil Rights Compliance including Title IX. The Civil Rights Compliance Officer is Debbie Rifkin, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, 516-434-7030.

### CHILD ABUSE

Child abuse is everyone’s problem. Do you suspect child abuse or maltreatment? Has someone hurt you or a child you know? Report it now!

Report child abuse and neglect by phone: 1-800-342-3720

If deaf or hard of hearing report by TDD/TTY: 1-800-638-5163

For more information on how to report child abuse or maltreatment, log onto the NYS Office of Children and Family Services: <http://ocfs.ny.gov/main/>

Pursuant to Education Law sections 101, 207, 409-l and Chapter 105 of the Laws of 2016, new subdivision (nn) is added to section 100.2 of the regulations of the Commissioner of Education requiring every public school and charter school to post in English and Spanish the toll-free telephone number operated by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to receive reports of child abuse or neglect, and directions for accessing the OCFS website.

### 504 ACCOMMODATIONS

**Section 504** is a law that gives individuals with disabilities certain rights. A child can be considered for Section 504 accommodations if he or she:

- has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities (such as caring for one’s self, performing manual tasks, walking, seeing, hearing, speaking, breathing, learning and working)
- has a record of such an impairment; or
- is regarded as having such an impairment

It is the responsibility of the Levittown School District to comply with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. Students eligible for Section 504 accommodations will be provided with appropriate services. Anyone with questions or concerns may address them to the district’s Curriculum Associate, Dr. Patricia Kolodnicki, at 516-434-7040.

# SPECIAL EDUCATION

Dr. Susan Farber, Director of Pupil Services

Dawn Wang, Assistant Director

Dr. Matthew Jurgens, Assistant Director

Stephanie Addona, Chairperson – MacArthur High School

Christin Snow DeGrom, Chairperson – Division Avenue High School

Julie Joshuakutty, Chairperson – Jonas E. Salk Middle School

Dr. Margaret Ippolito, Chairperson – Wisdom Lane Middle School

Rocco Ognibene, CPSE Chairperson – LMEC

## Special Education

The Levittown School District believes that all students must be provided with quality instruction and opportunities for academic achievement. Moreover, it is the goal of the district to integrate into the school curriculum a program to elicit understanding and acceptance of individual differences. Recognizing its responsibilities toward students with disabilities, the Levittown Board of Education has adopted the following statement of philosophy of special education, which is the cornerstone of its programs:

- The district recognizes that in the development of all human beings there are personal obstacles to overcome as growth evolves. This is true for all students. Students with disabilities will be seen by the general education staff as having particular obstacles to overcome and shall be helped accordingly.
- The goal of special education in Levittown is to provide each child with individualized instruction, which will allow the student to compensate for his or her disability, to overcome the disability where possible and to maximize the student's functioning toward realization of full potential.
- To the extent dictated by the child's disability, the student will be educated within the local school wherever possible.
- The district is committed to the concept of the least restrictive environment, which allows for maximum contact and participation with nondisabled peers.
- Where special education services are provided within or out of the district, the services will be limited to those specifically dictated by the nature and need of the disability.
- The district is committed to help develop constructive attitudes, respect and understanding towards individuals with disabilities to promote independence of functioning to the greatest possible degree.
- In recognition of the necessity for parental support and involvement in the education of each child with a disability, total, open and fully available communication with parents is seen as desirable and essential.

The Board of Education recognizes that an essential aspect of a successful special education program is the orientation and professional development of the faculty. Professional development for all personnel who work with students with disabilities is necessary to assure that they have the skills and knowledge necessary to meet the unique needs of these students.

## If You Suspect Your Child Has a Disability

If you believe that your school-aged or preschool child may have a disability, please contact Dr. Susan Farber, Director of Pupil Services, at 516-434-7040, or Mr. Rocco Ognibene, Chairperson of Preschool Education, at 516-434-7050.



“Mounami’s Green Apple”  
by Mounami Ahmed  
MacArthur High School  
Grade 10  
Teacher: Tom Bobal

## SCHOOL COUNSELORS (GUIDANCE SERVICES)

The district employs full-time school counselors to staff our four secondary buildings. The role of the school counselor includes course planning, career counseling, college selection and applications, programming and scheduling as well as addressing any social and emotional needs your child may be experiencing. The counselor serves as a critical member of each building's pupil services team. It is the counselor who coordinates parent-teacher meetings and assists our students with the critical choices they face as emerging adults.

Mark Curtiss, Chairperson  
Division Avenue High School

Elizabeth Hammer, Chairperson  
MacArthur High School

Maura O'Sullivan, Chairperson  
Middle Schools

## SUPPORT TEAM

Each school in the district has a mental health team on site composed of psychologists and social workers. They are available to meet the social and emotional needs of your child. The secondary schools have school counselors as well. In the elementary schools, if you or your child would like access to a certified school counselor, please feel free to reach out to your principal, who will put you in touch with one of our school counselors.

## SUBSTANCE & ALCOHOL ABUSE PREVENTION

The Levittown School District employs social workers at each of its schools who conduct educational forums and assemblies to help students understand the dangers and serious risks of substance abuse. They are also available for confidential consultations with parents and students. Please contact them directly at the home school of your child/guardian.

## COLLEGE TESTS

**PSAT** – The PSAT is administered to students in 11th grade as well as 10th grade students upon request. The PSAT tests are required for determining eligibility for the National Merit Scholarship Competition, which is based on the PSAT results taken in the junior year. The PSAT exam is offered in October of each school year.

**SAT** – Students should plan to take the SAT exam in the spring of their junior year and in the fall of their senior year. The district sponsors reduced-cost preparation for the SAT exam through Method Learning.

**ACT Exam** – The ACT is a college readiness assessment for high school students that can be taken in lieu of or in addition to the SAT exam. The ACT assessment measures high school students' general educational development and their capability to complete college-level work with the multiple choice tests covering four skill areas: English, mathematics, reading and science. The optional Writing Test measures skill in planning and writing a short essay. Students should take the ACT exam in the spring of their junior year and the fall of their senior year.

**Please refer to your school's guidance website for specific dates and details related to SAT, PSAT, ACT and AP exams.**

## SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

In these challenging economic times, it is important to be aware of all the support programs that the Levittown District offers. Parents are encouraged to apply for free and reduced-price lunch for their student(s). Applications can be submitted at any time during the school year. Applications are available in your school's main office or on the district website and should be returned to the District Treasurer, LMEC, 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown, NY, 11756. The Business Office staff is available at (516) 434-7009 to assist if you require help.

Good nutrition is vital to your child's educational success; school lunches are balanced and nutritious. Please inform your school nurse of any and all allergies. Paying for school lunches can be done online through our website, [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com). Please click on Parents and choose My School Bucks.



# REQUIREMENTS FOR GRADUATION

Commencement exercises will be held at Hofstra University in 2024. Details will be sent home to those students eligible for graduation.

## LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

The collective accomplishments of our district’s students continue to be laudatory. In addition to demonstrating continued strength in standardized test scores, Levittown scholars are found at the top of national results. The Report Card issued by the State Education Department highlights a strong level of achievement. Levittown has continued to meet and exceed all previous goals.

### LPS Regents Diploma Requirements (for Class of 2024)

### LPS Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation\* (for Class of 2024)

Students must score a 65 or above on Regents examinations in English, Algebra, Science (1), Global History and U.S. History. 27 Credit Requirement		Students must pass Regents examinations in English, Algebra, Geometry and Algebra 2, Science (2), Global History, U.S. History and World Language.** 27 Credit Requirement	
Subject	Credits	Subject	Credits
English	4	English	4
Social Studies	4	Social Studies	4
Mathematics	4	Mathematics	4
Science	3	Science	3
World Language	1	World Language	3*
Physical Education	2	Physical Education	2
Health	0.5	Health	0.5
Art/Music	1	Art/Music	1
Additional Electives	7.5	Additional Electives	5.5
Total	27.0	Total	27.0

\* LPS Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation – Students seeking a Regents Diploma who pass five units of approved credit in art, music or career and technical education can be exempt from the second-language Regents requirement.

\*\* World Language exam may be locally developed.

### New York State Regents Diploma

To qualify for a Regents Diploma, a student must score a 65 or above on Regents examinations in English, Algebra, Science (1), Global History and U.S. History.

### New York State Regents Diploma with Honors

To qualify for a Regents Diploma with Honors, a student must fulfill all of the requirements for a Regents Diploma and have an average at least a 90% on Regents examinations in English, Mathematics, Science (1), Global History and U.S. History.

**Students must satisfy additional requirements of the Levittown Public Schools, as well as those stated in the chart above.** Details and an explanation of these additional requirements are provided in the district course catalog. Specific questions can be answered by your child’s school counselor. All students must complete a senior-year, interdisciplinary research paper and pass physical education all four years.

Commencement exercises signify successful completion of high school. Only those high school students who will have successfully completed, by the end of the current school year, all requirements for the appropriate diploma shall be permitted to participate in the commencement exercises. Therefore, **students will not be permitted to participate in the commencement if they are known to be lacking any graduation requirement prior to the date of the commencement ceremony.**

## ALTERNATIVE STUDENT INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAMS

### HOME INSTRUCTION

#### Dr. Susan Farber, Director of Pupil Services

Home instruction is available for students with health problems which require an absence from school for an extended period of time. Please consult the school counseling department and/or principal for procedures to be followed. Call 516-434-7053 for more information.

### GED PROGRAM AND ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL @ WISDOM LANE MIDDLE SCHOOL

#### John Avena, Coordinator, 516-434-7311

The main objective of the GED Program is to provide an alternate educational setting for students who are not able or willing to attend traditional classes and earn a high school diploma. The GED Program offers students academic preparation to pass the GED exam and earn a high school equivalency diploma.

The Alternative High School Program provides an alternate educational setting for students who cannot succeed in traditional classroom settings. The program maintains small class sizes with students receiving individualized attention. All core subjects, physical education and health are offered in the program. Students are required to take Regents exams. Age restrictions apply.

## UNIVERSAL PREKINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Applications for admission to the Levittown School District Universal Prekindergarten Program for the 2024-2025 school year are available for children residing in the Levittown School District. Applicants must have attained the age of 4 years on or before December 1, 2024. Parents/guardians are invited to apply for admission online during January and February 2024.

The program has limited space and participants will be chosen during a random lottery selection process on March 6, 2024. A waiting list will be established to fill any vacancies that may arise.

All students must be toilet trained by the start of school September 2024. All students must be fully immunized by the start of school September 2024.

The Universal Pre-K program is fully funded by a New York State Department of Education grant. All placements in the program are fully contingent upon the continued reauthorization of the Universal Pre-Kindergarten grant. Contact the District Registrar with questions: 516-434-7058.

## DISTRICT SECURITY

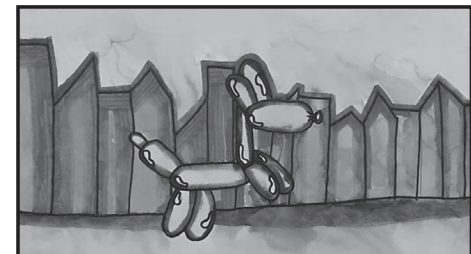
The number one priority of the Levittown School District is the safety and security of all students, staff members and visitors. The district employs more than two dozen security staff members and continues to implement new security protocols to enhance our established safety plans. Visitors to all buildings are required to show photo identification and be registered with our visitor background check system to access the building. Students in our middle and high schools are required to scan into the building using their enhanced student IDs. Additional upgrades will be made throughout the year, both seen and unseen. If you experience an issue after hours at any of our facilities, please contact our security number at 516-434-7560. In an emergency, please contact the police. If you have any questions about district security, please call 516-434-7111.



“Silent Night”  
by Valeria Kazakova  
Abbey Lane Elementary School  
Grade 5  
Teacher: Christine Rucano



“Tindahan sa Little Manila, Woodside”  
by Abigail Montes  
Division Avenue High School  
Grade 12  
Teacher: Tim Ryan



“Rainy Day in the City”  
Samaira Potdar  
Gardiners Avenue Elementary School  
Grade 2  
Teacher: Alyssa Arndt

# STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES

Michele Ortiz, Director

## District Wellness Policy

The Levittown School District is committed to providing a school environment that promotes and protects children's health, well-being and the ability to learn by supporting healthy eating and physical activity. Pursuant to Section 204 of the Child Nutrition and Women, Infants and Children Reauthorization Authorization Act of 2005, the district established a Wellness Policy to enhance the learning and development of lifelong wellness practices. The policy includes the following:

**Nutrition Education Goals** designed to facilitate the voluntary adoption of healthy eating and other related behaviors conducive to health and well-being.

**Physical Activity Goals** to provide opportunities for every student to develop the knowledge and skills for specific physical activities, maintain physical fitness, regularly participate in physical activity and understand the short and long-term benefits of a physically active and healthy lifestyle.

**Other School-Based Activity Goals** to create a school environment that provides consistent wellness messages and that is conducive to healthy eating and being physically active.

**Establishing Nutrition Standards** to address all foods and beverages sold or served to our students in the effort to decrease fat and added sugars, moderate portion sizes and offer healthy options from which to choose.

## Health Services/Immunizations

State law requires that each student be fully immunized against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis, Polio, Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Hepatitis B, Varicella and Meningitis. The dose schedule is consistent with the Advisory Committee for Immunization Practices. A certificate of immunization signed and stamped by a physician is acceptable proof. Electronic records by a physician, New York State Immunization System (NYSIIS), the CityWide Immunization Registry (CIR) are also acceptable proof of immunization. School Health Records, with proof of immunization, directly transferred from a previous school will also fulfill these requirements.

**Consistent with New York State law, students who fail to meet these requirements in a timely manner will be barred from attending school until all requirements are met.**

## Physical Examinations

Physical examinations for each child attending kindergarten, grades 1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, new students to the district and grade-appropriate special education are required. The New York State School Health Examination Form or an electronic equivalent is the only form accepted for a physical examination. Arrangements for physical appraisal by the school physician will be made for students who do not have a medical report from their private physician on file by October 1. As mandated by state law, vision, hearing and scoliosis screening will be performed by the school nurse if not documented on the New York State School Health Examination Form.

## Sports Participation

Students in grades 7-12 who are participating in sports are required to have a physical examination. Students have an option of seeing the school doctor or a private physician. Sports physical forms must be filled out and signed, stamped and dated by the physician. Interim health forms are required from students/athletes who haven't taken part in sports for more than 30 days. The school doctor's schedule is available from the school nurse. To sign up for a school sport, students must register through FamilyId.com. Visit your school's webpage for more information.

## District Forms

Please find on the district website, [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com), pertinent forms that can be downloaded for your convenience.

## Student Accident Insurance

The Levittown School District has an insurance plan that covers students who are injured in school or during a school-sponsored activity. This insurance is an "in excess" policy. This means that the initial reimbursement must come from the parent or guardian's own insurance. The school district's insurance may then be utilized to reimburse a proportionate amount of the excess cost that was not covered by the individual's own insurance. Insurance forms and information can be obtained from your child's school nurse.

## Dental Examinations

All students are encouraged to complete dental exams and provide proof of such completion to the school nurse by October 1.

## Working Paper Certificates

Working papers are required for students under 18 years of age for all employment and many kinds of volunteer work. It is a simple, fast procedure during the school year, and is handled by the school nurse. Urge your child not to wait until he or she gets a job to arrange for working papers, as the student who is prepared with valid working papers and a Social Security number is in a better position to get a job. This is particularly true during the summer when schools are closed and working papers are issued on a limited schedule. Check with the nurse for information or assistance concerning immunizations, working papers, community resources, etc.

## Homeschooling

Homeschooling is an educational model in which parents educate their children at home instead of sending them to a traditional public or private school. If you are intending to home school your child(ren), the Levittown Public School District requires parents to notify the district via regular mail or email of that intention. Pursuant to Commissioner's Regulation 100.10 (CR 100.10), parents/guardians are required to complete an Individualized Home Instruction Plan (IHIP) and submit that plan to the District. Contact the Office of Curriculum and Instruction for more information.



# Transportation

## Dajuana Reeves, Supervisor of Transportation

The Levittown School District transports nearly 4,000 students per day. Additionally, bus service is provided for a wide range of co-curricular activities throughout the school year.

Our transportation fleet consists of vans and buses. This fleet is inspected and maintained on a rigorous schedule by our district mechanics. In addition, all vehicles must be inspected by the Department of Transportation every six months. All district buses are equipped with two-way radio communication, GPS and internal cameras. These systems have proven invaluable in both the operation of the fleet and in public service to notify the appropriate agencies in the event of emergencies requiring the dispatch of specialized aid vehicles. Through collaborative efforts with the Town of Hempstead School Bus Safety Program, stop-arm cameras provide additional protection and increase bus stop safety.

School bus drivers have an annual review of their licenses, as well as an annual written test, road test and required safety refresher courses. Drivers of school vehicles also receive an annual medical examination and biennial physical performance test.

All related expenses associated with the Transportation Department, including purchases of new equipment, are aided by the state of New York up to 90% of cost.

The Board of Education will provide transportation to public and nonpublic school students who reside within designated distances from the school they attend in accordance with the applicable section of the Education Law and rulings of the Commissioner of Education.

Transportation will be provided as follows:

Grades K-5: Beyond 3/4 mile

Grades 6-8: Beyond 3/4 mile

Grades 9-12: Beyond 1 1/2 miles

## Private/Parochial Transportation

Students who reside within the Levittown School District and who attend nonpublic schools outside the district may be eligible for out-of-district transportation. The required mileage from home to school must not exceed 15 miles.

**Applications must be submitted to the Transportation Department online at [www.levittownschoools.com/departments/administrative/transportation](http://www.levittownschoools.com/departments/administrative/transportation) by the parent prior to April 1, preceding the start of the school year.** Additionally, parents of any nonpublic school students establishing residency in the district after April 1 have 30 days to request, online, the desired transportation.

## Specialized Transportation

If your child requires specialized transportation service on a temporary or permanent basis, please visit [www.levittownschoools.com/departments/administrative/transportation/](http://www.levittownschoools.com/departments/administrative/transportation/) for the appropriate forms.

## Help Us Help You....

The primary concern of the Transportation Department is the safety of our children. Parents are urged to observe courtesy and promptness. The Board of Education asks that parents understand the following rules of conduct and help their children be observant to them.

1. Be at the bus stop five minutes prior to bus arrival.
2. Respect private property at all times.
3. Please buckle your seatbelts.
4. Be seated and remain seated until the bus arrives at school.
5. **DO NOT** block the aisles with anything.
6. Obey the instructions of the driver and do not distract him or her.
7. Keep everything inside the bus windows.
8. **DO NOT** shout, push, shove or smoke.
9. **DO NOT** touch any part of the bus after leaving it.
10. When crossing, do so at least 15 feet ahead of the bus as the driver holds traffic.
11. Watch the traffic when walking to and from the bus stop.

**\*No playdates or requests to be dropped off anywhere other than your assigned bus stop are permitted at any time. This is for your child's safety.**

# Health, Physical Education and Athletics

J. Keith Snyder, Director

## Drug-Free Schools

The Board of Education is committed to the prevention of alcohol, tobacco and other substance use/abuse. This statement describes the programmatic elements the district uses to promote healthy lifestyles for its students and staff and to inhibit the use/abuse of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and other substances.

No person may use, possess, sell or distribute alcohol or other controlled substances, nor use or possess drug paraphernalia, on school grounds or at school-sponsored events, except drugs as prescribed by a physician. The inappropriate use of prescription and over-the-counter drugs is prohibited.

Additionally, any person exhibiting behavior or physical characteristics indicative of having used or consumed alcohol, drugs or other psychotropic substances shall be prohibited from entering school grounds or school-sponsored events.

The district uses the following principles as guides for the development of its substance use/abuse prevention efforts and of any disciplinary measures related to alcohol and other substances:

1. Alcohol, tobacco and other substance use/abuse is preventable and treatable.
2. Alcohol and other substance use/abuse inhibits the district from carrying out its central mission of educating students.
3. The behavior of the Board of Education, the administration and all school staff should model the behavior asked of students.
4. While the district can and must assume a leadership role in alcohol, tobacco and other substance use/abuse prevention, this goal will be accomplished only through coordinated, collaborative efforts with parents, students, staff and the community as a whole.

## Health

Health instruction is required in grades 6, 8 and 11. K-5 students receive a half-year course that will cover all relevant topics, allowing students to make healthy choices throughout their lives. Topics include alcohol, tobacco, other drugs, safety, mental health, nutrition, dental health, sensory perception, disease prevention and control, environmental and public health, consumer health, first aid and other related areas. Elementary school teachers have a health curriculum that is sequentially taught.

## Physical Education

New York State requires that all students attend and participate in either a regular or an adaptive physical education program. To fulfill graduation requirements, students must complete and receive a passing grade for four years of physical education. Two credits (a half-credit per year) are granted for successful completion of this course. These credits are in addition to the credits required for graduation. Students are graded using a rubric. The results of the rubric are translated into a numerical grade.

## AIDS Education

New York State Education Regulations Chapter G Part 135 mandates that all school districts provide appropriate instruction concerning Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome as part of the sequential Health Education Program for all students.

This instruction is designed to provide accurate information concerning the nature of the disease, methods of transmission and prevention, and stresses abstinence as the most appropriate protection against AIDS.

**No pupil is required to receive instruction concerning the methods of prevention of AIDS if the parent or legal guardian of such pupil has filed, with the principal of the school, a written request that the pupil not participate in such instruction with an assurance that the pupil will receive such instruction at home as mandated.**

## Athletics

Athletics are an elective part of the Levittown educational experience. The school district offers a variety of interscholastic sports to Levittown students in grades 7-12. Programs include cross-country, soccer, tennis, badminton, football, baseball, wrestling, volleyball, lacrosse, cheerleading, basketball, bowling, softball, golf, winter track and track and field. Parents of athletes are encouraged to read and review the District Athletic Handbook available on the district website. Student athletes are expected to continue a pursuit of academic excellence while striking a balance with their athletic endeavors. Students in grades 7-12 who wish to participate in sports must have a physical. See page 20 for more information.

Academics + Athletics = Success.

To sign up for a school sport, students must register through FamilyId.com. Visit your school's website for more information.

## Levittown Public Schools Dance and Gymnastics Program

The Dance and Gymnastics Program, now in its 75<sup>th</sup> year, is a self-sustaining continuing education program for students beginning at age 4. Classes are offered in kinderdance, pre-ballet, classical ballet, classical modern dance, tap, jazz, hip hop, acrobatics and gymnastics. Lyrical classes are available for intermediate-advanced students. Pointe and kickline classes are offered for advanced students by audition only.

Program registration is conducted on an annual basis. Registration begins in September and is done online. For additional information, please email Deanna Sichel at DSichel@levittownschoools.com.

# REGISTRATION AND VOTING INFORMATION/INFORMACIÓN DE REGISTRO Y VOTACIÓN

AS REQUIRED BY FEDERAL LAW, VOTER INFORMATION IS PROVIDED IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH.

## QUALIFICATIONS FOR VOTING

A voter shall be entitled to vote who is:

- A citizen of the United States.
- A resident of the district for a period of 30 days or more.
- 18 years of age or older.

## Registration

The Levittown School District has implemented ongoing registration in accordance with the provisions of Section 2014 of the Education Law. Registration must take place at least five days preceding any school district election.

## Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the district clerk, 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown, N.Y., any school day between 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. or on the district website. Completed applications must be received by the district clerk at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or up to one day before the vote if the ballot is to be personally handed to a voter. All ballots must be received by the district clerk by 5 p.m. on the day of the vote. Absentee ballots will be issued for those reasons stated in the Education Law, Section 2018-A.

**Current Polling Sites – School Vote:** #1 Gardiners Avenue Elementary School; #2 East Broadway Elementary School; #3 Levittown Memorial Education Center; #4 Division Avenue High School.

For more information, please call the district clerk at 516-434-7002 or visit <https://www.levittownschoools.com/boe/voter-info>.

## CALIFICACIONES PARA VOTAR

Un votante tendrá derecho a votar quién es:

- Un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos.
- Un residente del distrito por un período de 30 días o más.
- 18 años de edad o más.

## Registro

El Distrito Escolar de Levittown ha implementado el registro continuo, de acuerdo con las disposiciones de la Sección 2014 de la Ley de Educación. La inscripción debe realizarse al menos cinco días antes de cualquier elección del distrito escolar.

## Boletas en ausencia

Las solicitudes para las boletas en ausencia se pueden obtener en la oficina del secretario del distrito, 150 Abbey Lane, Levittown, N.Y., cualquier día escolar entre las 8 a.m. y 1 p.m. o en el sitio web del distrito. El secretario del distrito debe recibir las solicitudes completas al menos siete días antes de la elección si la misma debe enviarse por correo al votante, o hasta un día antes de la votación si la misma se entregará personalmente a un votante. Todas las boletas deben ser recibidas por el secretario del distrito antes de las 5 p.m. el día de la votación. Las boletas en ausencia se emitirán por los motivos establecidos en la Ley de Educación, Sec-ción 2018-A.

**Sitios de votación actuales – Votación de la escuela:** #1 Gardiners Avenue Elementary School; #2 East Broadway Elementary School; #3 Levittown Memorial Education Center; #4 Division Avenue High School.

Para obtener más información, llame al secretario del distrito al 516-434-7002 o visita <https://www.levittownschoools.com/boe/voter-info>.

**Budget Vote and Board Elections – Tuesday, 5/21/24**  
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

**Votación del Presupuesto y Elecciones de la Junta – 5/21/24**  
7 a.m. - 8 p.m.



## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Use of School Facilities

The public schools are centers of community life. Not-for-profit organizations may use school facilities according to district regulations. Applications and inquiries should be directed to the Department of Business and Finance at 516-434-7002. Although the Board of Education encourages community groups to use school facilities for civic, educational, cultural or recreational purposes, school-sponsored activities will take precedence in scheduling the use of school buildings or grounds. The application can be found at [www.levittownschoools.com](http://www.levittownschoools.com). Click on District and then Facility Usage Requests.

### Sex Offender Notifications

To provide parents/guardians and residents with information concerning convicted sex offenders who reside in this district, our school district is benefiting from a no-cost offender alert notification program. Parents for Megan's Law will email district residents who have registered, informing them of any new sex offender's presence and directing them to its website, where they can access a full copy of the notification. If you have not already registered to receive current or future sex offender notifications, please contact the Parents for Megan's Law Helpline at 631-689-2672 or go to their website at [www.parentsformeganslaw.org](http://www.parentsformeganslaw.org) and click on the Email Alert Programs link.

### Senior Citizens' Services

Senior citizens are a valuable part of the Levittown community. Seniors are invited to free musical and theatrical productions when the admission fee is not used for fundraising purposes.

Senior citizens are encouraged to apply for the Levittown School District Gold Card program. Through this program, seniors are notified of all the wonderful opportunities the district has to offer.

The Levittown Board of Education adopted a resolution approving the county property tax exemption for senior citizens. A senior citizen may be entitled to a partial exemption from school district taxes, up to 50% (based on annual household income) of the assessed valuation of their home.

Applications for a senior citizen tax exemption must be made annually before May 1. If approved, the tax relief will be applied to real property taxes for schools in the next year, beginning July 1. Residents who feel they are qualified for exemption or who wish further information should contact:

Department of Assessment, County of Nassau  
240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501  
Telephone: 516-571-3432

### Levittown Community Action Coalition

Levittown Schools is a proud partner of Levittown Community Action Coalition. LCAC works together with dedicated individuals and entities from the Levittown Community to reduce substance misuse through education, awareness and empowerment. For more information, visit the LCAC website <https://lcacoalition.org/about-lcac>.

### Exemptions for Veterans

In recognition of the service and sacrifices veterans have provided to this country, the Board of Education adopted a resolution during the March 12, 2014, public meeting to partially exempt property owned by veterans, as provided in the Real Property Tax Law §458-a, from school taxes. The exemption now applies to residential properties (Class 1), cooperative properties (Class 2) and Gold Star Parents – parents who lost a child during combat. On November 2, 2016, the Board of Education extended the exemption from school taxes to veterans or certain members of their families who rendered military service during the Cold War, as provided in the Real Property Tax Law §458-b(a) and RPTL Section §458 (2)(a)(ii).

The application and instructions for an Alternative Veterans and the Cold War Veterans Exemption forms can be downloaded from the Nassau County website: <https://www.nassaucountyny.gov/3575/Exemption-Forms>.

Please contact the Nassau County Assessor Office at 516-571-3432 if you have any questions.

### Gold Card Program

This program brings together all of the wonderful opportunities our district provides for district residents who are 60 years of age or older.

All residents of the Levittown School District, who are 60 years of age or over, are eligible for membership in the Gold Card program. Upon receipt of a completed membership form and copy of acceptable identification, Seniors will receive a Gold Card in the mail. This Gold Card is what is used to enter Levittown School events as well as obtain services performed by our students who attend the BOCES GC Tech program. Gold Card members receive:

- Free admission to District-sponsored activities and events, including high school and middle school plays
- Automotive Services: services are performed at Levittown Memorial by appointment and they are done ONLY on Fridays.
- Cosmetology Services: services are performed at Levittown Memorial by appointment between the hours of 11 a.m.-1 p.m. They are done ONLY on Fridays.

To schedule an appointment please call (516) 604-4200 and leave a message. You will be contacted with the next available appointment.

For more information about the Gold Card program, call the Department of Curriculum & Instruction at 516-434-7025.

### Adult Continuing Education

Ms. Brittany Cirrone & Mr. Vin Causeman, Program Supervisors, (516) 434-7125

The Adult Continuing Education Program is dedicated to serving the Levittown community. Courses cover all interests and hobbies. Look for a listing of courses as well as registration information, each fall and spring.

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## Use of Snow Days

0 – No School on May 24.  
1 – No School on May 24.  
2 – There will be school on May 24.  
**If more than two snow days are used, remote days may be used.**

## LEVITTOWN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Levittown, New York 11756

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