

THE ISLANDER

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ISLAND PARK SCHOOLS • **BUDGET 2017-2018**



BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

TUESDAY, MAY 16, 2017

7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

@ Lincoln Orens Middle School
(Steven L. Foster Auditorium Foyer)
150 Trafalgar Blvd., Island Park

Dear Residents,

On Tuesday, May 16, you will have the opportunity to cast your vote for the Island Park Public Schools' 2017-2018 budget. We are pleased to inform you that the proposed budget is below the tax levy cap and carries a minimal budget-to-budget increase of 1.36 percent while preserving all of the programs that help our students learn each day.

While our calculated allowable tax levy cap is 2.95 percent (further explained on page 7), the budget we have worked carefully to develop involves a tax levy increase of only 1.48 percent. The bond that was approved in January, the Smart Schools Bond Act funding and an up-to-date curriculum cycle contributed to our ability to keep the tax levy low.

One of our goals in the budget planning process was to keep all aspects of the district as consistent as possible. We have met this goal, with no decrease to programs. We are continuing all of the opportunities we are so proud to offer, such as FLES (Spanish K-6), Discovery, clubs and activities, field trips, special assembly programs, Lego Engineering, English as a New Language, athletics, summer school and Recreation Department programs.

All high school credit courses, including accelerated Spanish (grades 7 and 8), Integrated Algebra, Living Environment and Studio Art will be sustained. We will continue to purchase guided reading books at Francis X. Hegarty Elementary School and LEGO robotics kits at Lincoln Orens Middle School, and will be adding Chromebooks and carts for the eighth-graders so that each student will have a device to use in school. Additionally, the budget includes a new assistant superintendent position.

Over the next three years, we must manage more than \$23 million in bond, FEMA, and GOSR projects. This new administrative position will ensure we have the right measure of strategic and academic leadership during this period. Moreover, while structural renovations give buildings a new lease on life, they (and time) tend to age even the most energetic and committed of superintendents. While it is my goal to see the projects through to their conclusion, it is in the district's best interest that we begin planning now for succession. Budget lines under Central Services and Instruction have been trimmed to minimize the cost of the new salaried position.

We welcome you to visit our website at www.ips.k12.ny.us, where you can access all budget presentations and materials electronically. Thank you for the support you consistently show our district and the ways that you make a difference for the children of Island Park. We are so proud of our students, and the connection between our schools and community.

Sincerely,

Rosmarie T. Bovino, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



Lincoln Orens Middle School musicians perform throughout the school year.



Francis X. Hegarty School students showed unity during No Name Calling Week.



Lincoln Orens Middle School welcomed new National Junior Honor Society members.

ISLAND PARK Points of Pride

- *By June, 90 students will have earned Student of the Month recognitions in the 2016-17 school year.*
- *Twenty-eight seventh and eighth grade students were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society in March; they joined 19 present members from last year's induction.*
- *Fourteen students were featured in the Nassau Music Educators Association's All-County concerts, held in January at the Tilles Center for the Performing Arts.*
- *Three students were chosen to perform in the Long Island String Festival Association's Nassau Intermediate Festival, held at Uniondale High School in March.*
- *A total of 27 seventh- and eighth-grade students representing 20 projects were selected as winners in the annual Lincoln Orens Science Fair. They were formally recognized during a Science Fair Awards Breakfast.*
- *Seventeen teams of students with a total of 13 projects were selected to participate in the Junior Division of the 2017 Long Island Science Congress sponsored by the Science Teachers Association of New York State.*
- *Students at both schools pledged to be kind to others during No Name Calling Week in January. Each grade was provided with a No Name Calling banner that students signed.*
- *The district and community came together to bring holiday joy to others this past winter, through toy drive efforts facilitated by student council, faculty and staff members from both buildings.*
- *Both schools showcased musical talents when they presented their annual winter concerts in December. They will perform in spring concerts in May.*
- *Hegarty raised more than \$1,300 for Island Harvest during its annual Winners Walk event in October.*
- *Lincoln Orens raised more than \$827 through its "Loose Change" Fundraiser in memory of Long Beach student Brendan Carr and contributed the monies to the purchase of a boardwalk bench in his name.*

- *Hegarty students dedicated extra time to reading in October, during Parents As Reading Partners Week.*
- *Sixteen students from Hegarty and 14 from Lincoln Orens ran for leadership positions in Student Council Elections, held in November. Four students from each building were elected to serve as officers.*
- *During a weeklong residency program with the National Circus Project sponsored by the PTA, fifth-graders learned skills such as balancing, juggling, plate spinning and walking on stilts.*
- *Computer club students at Lincoln Orens participated in the FIRST LEGO League Competition in January. Their next competitive event will be held in May.*
- *The Z Space lab enables middle school students to explore science and technology in manners similar to those utilized by professionals. It received front-page coverage in Newsday last August.*
- *The Lincoln Orens library offers access to databases, iPads and computers for research. Students also have a Makerspace activity area where they use Ozobots, Spheroes, 3-D design, and a 3-D printer.*
- *Hegarty's library offers up to 16 electronic databases that cover a variety of subject areas.*
- *Students are able to pursue their personal interests, cultivate leadership skills and focus on their academic studies through a broad assortment of clubs, organizations and early morning/after school activities.*
- *Students have been expressing their creativity and learning about the world's diversity in art classes. Eighth-graders have the opportunity to receive high school credit in an accelerated Studio in Art program.*
- *Students from both schools provided music accompaniment and song for senior citizens at their respective winter and spring Senior Citizen Breakfasts.*
- *The Island Park Kiwanis Builder's Club from Lincoln Orens collected food for those less fortunate, raised money for students in need to*



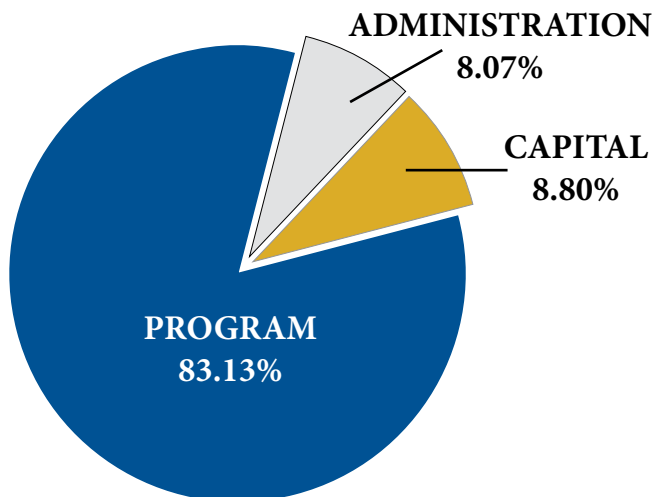
attend summer camp and fundraised for high school scholarships.

- *Members of the Lincoln Orens Marching Band will participate in the Memorial Day Parade sponsored by the Village of Island Park.*
- *Seven fourth-grade students were selected to participate in the Parents, Educators And Kids Festival, sponsored by the Nassau Music Educators Association.*
- *Chorus students will perform in May at the Long Island Music Festival.*
- *In June, students from Hegarty's Select Ensemble will participate in the Long Island Music Festival.*
- *In June, band members from grades 7 and 8 will compete in the Music in the Parks Festival.*
- *Lincoln Orens students participated in theatrical presentations of "Honk!"*
- *The district offers full-day Universal Pre-Kindergarten to four-year olds with funds that it receives annually from the State Education Department as a result of a competitive grant it wrote.*
- *The district offers an After-Care Program for all students from dismissal time until 6 p.m. daily at Hegarty in cooperation with the Florence Friedberg JCC.*

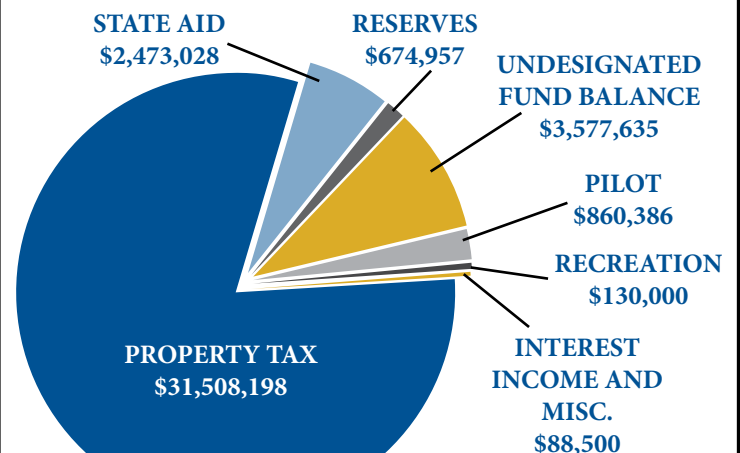
PROPOSED BUDGET EXPENDITURES 2017-2018

Expenditures	Budget 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	Increase/(Decrease)	Administration	Capital	Program	
Board of Education	\$25,194	\$25,194	\$0	\$25,194	\$0	\$0	
District Office	\$382,672	\$388,629	\$5,957	\$388,629	\$0	\$0	
Business Services	\$788,198	\$813,039	\$24,841	\$813,039	\$0	\$0	
Legal/Personnel/PR	\$267,003	\$276,260	\$9,257	\$163,810	\$0	\$112,450	
Custodial/Maintenance	\$1,855,152	\$1,953,181	\$98,029	\$0	\$1,953,181	\$0	
Data Processing	\$203,212	\$175,000	\$(28,212)	\$175,000	\$0	\$0	
Special Items	\$401,709	\$407,966	\$6,257	\$407,966	\$0	\$0	
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$3,923,140	\$4,039,269	\$116,129	\$1,973,638	\$1,953,181	\$112,450	
Curriculum Development	\$159,000	\$296,000	\$137,000	\$296,000	\$0	\$0	
Principals' Offices	\$466,208	\$494,461	\$28,253	\$494,461	\$0	\$0	
In-Service Program	\$75,500	\$45,000	\$(30,500)	\$0	\$0	\$45,000	
General Education	\$16,283,043	\$15,126,697	\$(1,156,346)	\$0	\$0	\$15,126,697	
Special Education	\$4,954,907	\$6,115,695	\$1,160,788	\$0	\$0	\$6,115,695	
Occupational Education	\$240,000	\$200,000	\$(40,000)	\$0	\$0	\$200,000	
Special School Programs	\$143,500	\$116,000	\$(27,500)	\$0	\$0	\$116,000	
Library/Multi-media	\$325,175	\$304,908	\$(20,267)	\$0	\$0	\$304,908	
Technology	\$644,521	\$785,221	\$140,700	\$0	\$0	\$785,221	
Guidance	\$147,223	\$149,935	\$2,712	\$0	\$0	\$149,935	
Health Services	\$256,401	\$266,895	\$10,494	\$0	\$0	\$266,895	
Psychologists	\$297,020	\$295,770	\$(1,250)	\$0	\$0	\$295,770	
Social Work	\$147,104	\$187,826	\$40,722	\$0	\$0	\$187,826	
Co-curricular Activities	\$122,604	\$127,954	\$5,350	\$0	\$0	\$127,954	
Interscholastic Athletics	\$105,500	\$109,675	\$4,175	\$0	\$0	\$109,675	
INSTRUCTION	\$24,367,706	\$24,622,037	\$254,331	\$790,461	\$0	\$23,831,576	
TRANSPORTATION	\$2,544,717	\$2,591,515	\$46,798	\$0	\$53,100	\$2,538,415	
Recreation	\$279,505	\$277,000	\$(2,505)	\$0	\$0	\$277,000	
Census	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$279,505	\$277,000	\$(2,505)	\$0	\$0	\$277,000	
Employee Benefits	\$6,351,499	\$6,673,358	\$321,859	\$406,697	\$381,623	\$5,885,038	
Debt Service	\$484,981	\$273,525	\$(211,456)	\$0	\$273,525	\$0	
UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSE	\$6,836,480	\$6,946,883	\$110,403	\$406,697	\$655,148	\$5,885,038	
Budget to Budget before							
Capital Transfer	\$37,951,548	\$38,476,704	\$525,156	\$3,170,796	\$2,661,429	\$32,644,479	
Interfund Transfers from							
Reserves and Fund Balance	\$833,000	\$836,000	\$3,000	\$0	\$800,000	\$36,000	
Total Budget	\$38,784,548	\$39,312,704	\$528,156	1.36%	\$3,170,796	\$3,461,429	\$32,680,479
Real Estate Tax Levy	\$31,050,117	\$31,508,198	\$458,081	1.48%			

Budget Expenses 2017-2018



Budget Revenues 2017-2018



PROPOSED BUDGET REVENUES 2017-2018

Revenues	Budget 2016-2017	Budget 2017-2018	Increase (Decrease)
STATE AID			
Foundation Aid	\$1,519,172	\$1,594,003	\$74,831
STATE CATEGORICAL AIDS:			
Textbook/Library/Software Aid	\$81,579	\$83,624	\$2,045
Building Aid	\$125,208	\$78,349	\$(46,859)
High Tax Aid	\$151,277	\$151,277	\$0
Transportation Aid	\$123,665	\$111,217	\$(12,448)
BOCES	\$412,545	\$454,558	\$42,013
Sub Total State Aid	\$2,413,446	\$2,473,028	\$59,582
Interest Income	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$3,000
Miscellaneous	\$54,000	\$70,500	\$16,500
Recreation	\$115,000	\$130,000	\$15,000
Total Revenue	\$2,597,446	\$2,691,528	\$94,082

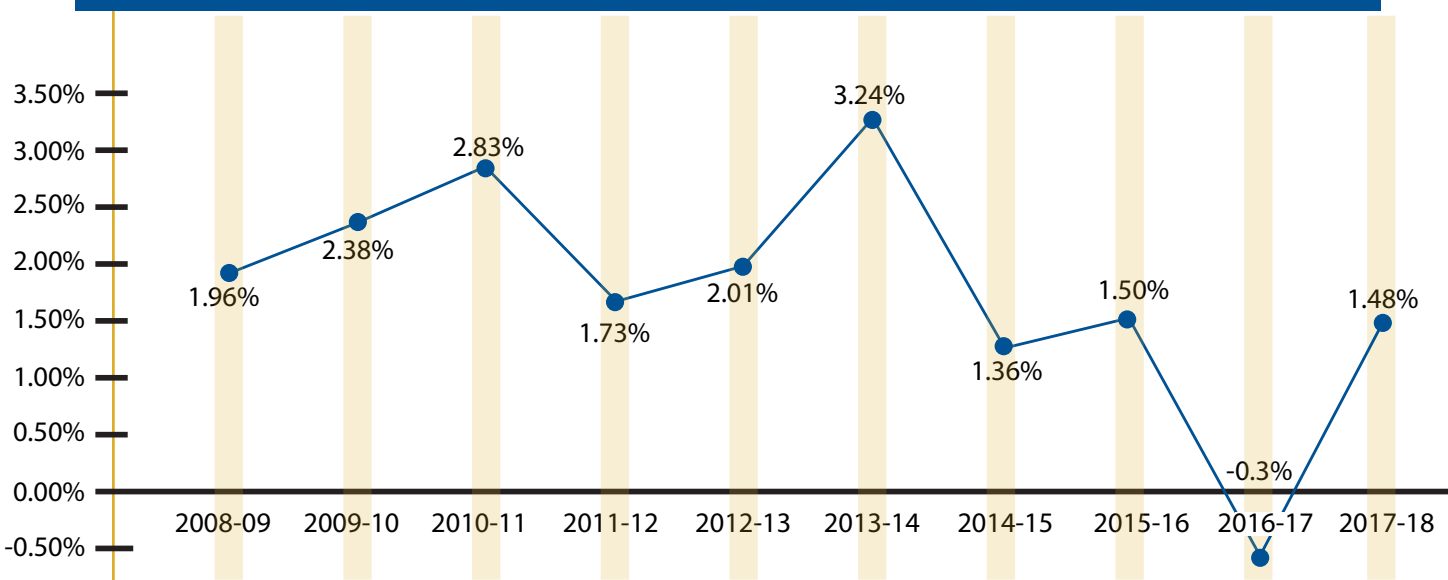
FUND EQUITY

Allocation for tax relief:

Undesignated Fund Balance	\$3,602,942	\$3,577,635	\$(25,307)
Reserve Usage ERS/WC/Unemployment	\$673,657	\$674,957	\$1,300
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	\$860,386	\$860,386	\$0
Property Taxes	\$31,050,117	\$31,508,198	\$458,081

Budget Total	\$38,784,548	\$39,312,704	\$528,156
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Island Park Schools Tax Levy Overview and 10-Year History



ISLAND PARK PUBLIC LIBRARY 2017-2018 PROPOSED BUDGET

<i>BUDGET LINE</i>	<i>2016-2017 BUDGET</i>	<i>2017-2018 PROPOSED</i>
<u>PERSONNEL</u>		
Salaries	\$599,000	\$632,000
Personnel Benefits	\$297,928	\$311,400
Total	\$896,928	\$943,400
<u>LIBRARY SERVICES</u>		
Books	\$69,350	\$73,500
Media	\$27,900	\$25,750
Subscriptions	\$10,400	\$10,400
Online Databases	\$19,000	\$20,700
Library Automation (Computer Serv & Online Catalog)	\$31,300	\$34,900
Programs	\$43,000	\$47,000
Museum Memberships	\$3,600	\$3,600
Total	\$204,550	\$215,850
<u>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</u>		
Telephone	\$4,700	\$4,700
Postage	\$4,100	\$4,100
Publicity & Promotion	\$12,400	\$13,000
Professional Fees	\$37,650	\$33,460
Professional Membership Dues	\$1,295	\$1,295
Professional Development	\$1,500	\$1,500
Custodial Supplies	\$7,000	\$7,500
Office & Library Supplies	\$23,000	\$23,000
Fees - Delivery	\$7,634	\$7,516
Total	\$99,279	\$96,071
<u>BUILDING & SUPPLIES</u>		
Fuel & Utilities	\$51,000	\$51,000
Maintenance & Repair	\$53,000	\$53,000
Equipment & Furniture	\$1,500	\$2,500
Insurance	\$13,200	\$15,700
Total	\$118,700	\$122,200
TOTAL BUDGET	\$1,319,457	\$1,377,521
ANTICIPATED REVENUES	\$19,850	\$24,950
AMOUNT TO BE ALLOCATED FROM LIBRARY FUND BALANCE	\$14,906	\$43,262
DISTRICT TAXES	\$1,284,701	\$1,309,309



Q. What will residents be voting on?

A. The May 16 vote will include the Island Park Public Schools' 2017-2018 school year budget, the election of one Board of Education member as well as the Island Park Public Library's election of one trustee and its 2017-2018 budget. These will all be on separate ballots, and there are no additional propositions associated with the district's budget.

Q. What does the proposed budget support?

A. The proposed budget preserves all programs, including FLES, Discovery, clubs and other extracurricular opportunities, field trips, special assemblies, Lego Engineering, English as a New Language, athletics, summer school and Recreation Department activities.

Q. How is the allowable tax levy calculated?

A. The district's allowable tax levy was determined based on a specific formula. The sum of state aid, local sources, PILOTs, fund balance and reserve use was subtracted from the total amount of the proposed budget in order to yield the tax levy. Generally, the tax levy cap is the lesser of either 2 percent or the rate of inflation, but this is subject to change with certain exclusions and adjustments. The tax levy has been 1.5 percent or lower for the past four years.

Q. How were we able to keep the tax levy so low?

A. The combination of several factors enabled the district



to present a tax levy that is significantly below the cap. First, because capital improvements are being covered under the bond that was approved in January, there is no need to allocate budget funds to these facilities projects. Secondly, we received grant money for technology resources through the Smart Schools Bond Act, which minimizes the need to use the local fund. Finally, the 2017-2018 school year is not one that calls for major curricular changes. Typically, programs are updated on a five-year cycle. New English Language Arts and math programs were implemented as recently as this past September, and now will simply continue to grow.

Q. What are PILOTs and how do they impact the budget?

A. A PILOT is a Payment In Lieu Of Taxes, which is an agreement between a local governmental entity and a business or public corporation to limit the taxes of that entity as a means of encouraging economic growth. The Island Park Public Schools has two PILOTs; one with Bayview Nursing Facility and another with LIPA. The district was eligible for certain exemptions because of this, and thus, the *allowable tax levy* is higher than the aforementioned 2 percent or rate of inflation.

Q. How has the district contained expenses?

A. The Board of Education and administration are constantly looking for efficiencies and cost-saving measures. Island Park participates in several consortia, which provide cooperative services to many public school districts and result in savings compared to alternatives. Some of these are in the areas of insurance, contracts and purchasing, transportation, gas and food bidding services. We also use special auditors to assess internal efficiencies at no additional cost.

Q. How can I learn more?

A. All budget presentations and materials can be accessed via the district website, www.ips.k12.ny.us. A budget hearing will be held on Wednesday, May 3 at 7:30 p.m. in the District Office Conference Center.



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Residents Vote On:

- School Budget
- Public Library Budget
- Board of Education Trustee
- Public Library Trustee

Registration Requirements

To be eligible to vote, you must either:

- Register for general elections or
- Register for school elections

If you are not registered, you must do so at:

District Office –
Conference Center
99 Radcliffe Road, Island Park
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
10 a.m.-2 p.m. &
6 p.m.-9 p.m.



BUDGET HEARING WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 7:30 P.M. – CONFERENCE CENTER



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