Dear Members of the Oysterponds Community:

This year the Board of Education has begun the design and implementation of a five (5) year plan (2020-2025). A careful examination of enrollment trends, capital projects, future financial directions, staffing and curriculum development has produced a road map to address the imminent needs and concerns of the district, while balancing new directions with the availability of future resources. The proposed 2020-2021 operating Budget supports:

* Maintenance of the building and grounds as an updated safe learning environment.
* Our commitment to provide the individual student with the best learning opportunities including enrichment and extra-curricular activities.
* Collaboration with Greenport to strengthen programs on the secondary level (7th-12th grade).
* Increasing cybersecurity protocols and data protection measures.
* On-going professional development, thus enabling teachers to keep current with technology, teaching methods and curriculum reforms.
* Our commitment to provide access to mental health services for all students and their families.

The Board of Education and Administration are proud to present a budget that falls within the Real Property Tax Cap for the 8th year in a row and represents a budget to budget increase of only 0.44%, a levy to levy decrease of 0.66%, and an anticipated $100,000 return to taxpayers. The support and cooperation from our community serves to reinforce our commitment to provide a high quality education on behalf of all Oysterponds students.

**Tax Levy & Budget Analysis**