

THE HICKSVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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Hicksville, NY 11801

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## VOTING INFORMATION

### Qualifications for Voting

A voter shall be entitled to vote at any school meeting for the election of school district trustees and school budget, and upon all other matters which may be brought before such a meeting, who is:

- A citizen of the United States
- A resident of the district for a period of thirty days preceding the meeting at which he/she is to vote
- Eighteen years of age or older
- Currently registered with the school district or has voted in the general election in the last four years

### Absentee Ballots:

Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained at the office of the District Clerk, 200 Division Avenue, any school day between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. Completed applications must be received by the District Clerk at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter. All absentee ballots must be returned to the District office no later than 5 p.m. the day of the vote. Absentee ballots will be issued for those reasons stated in the Education Law, Section 2018-A.



*Remember to*

**VOTE**



**BUDGET VOTE &  
BOE TRUSTEE ELECTION  
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009  
7:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M.**

### ELECTION DISTRICT LOCATIONS AND CONTACT INFO

Burns Avenue School:  
516-733-6541  
District No. 1

Lee Avenue School:  
516-733-6554  
District No. 4

East Street School:  
516-733-3531  
District No. 2

Fork Lane School:  
516-733-6551  
District No. 5

Woodland School:  
516-733-6566  
District No. 3

Dutch Lane School:  
516-733-6544  
District No. 6

Old Country Road School:  
516-733-6559  
District No. 7

## HICKSVILLE LIBRARY VOTE

This year for the second time voters will be asked to vote on the Hicksville Public Library budget and election of Library Board trustees at the same time as the school district budget vote and trustee election. The Hicksville Public Schools and the Hicksville Public Library are two separate entities. The ballots for the Library vote will be included in the voting booth on the day of the school budget vote. The consolidation of voting for the two entities represents a cost savings as well as a convenience to residents.

# The Bulletin Board

News From the Hicksville UFSD

## *A message from the*

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS AND BOARD OF EDUCATION**

During the past several months, the administration and Board of Education have been working together to develop a budget for the 2009-2010 school year. This process has been a painful one as it has been shaped by our economy at the national, state and local level and by its impact on our community and taxpayers. We entered into this process with little to no expectation of new aid to schools in the foreseeable future, nor did we anticipate the probability of mandate relief. For these reasons, our budget planning focused on providing a process that would help us to maintain a quality education for our children and budget stability for the next several years.

We placed our focus on balancing the needs of our students with the concerns and burdens of our taxpayers due to the current economic climate. Embracing this challenge, we reevaluated every line of our budget, searched for greater efficiencies, and looked for new approaches and ways to reduce long-term costs. Our goal is to create a less costly, more efficient overall operation that will continue to provide quality education for our students.

We believe that the proposed 2009-2010 budget achieves our goal. **The overall budget-to-budget increase of 2.32% reflects a**

**conscientious effort to reduce spending and is one of the lowest increases in twelve years.**

The budget maintains district educational programs and extra-curricular activities, and maintains the district facilities to protect the investment of our taxpayers. It also includes increases due to the vast array of nondiscretionary costs and mandates in the areas of special education, pension contributions, debt service, general insurance premiums, utilities, BOCES administrative and capital charges, and salaries and contractual obligations.

Cognizant of the pressures of our economy, the proposed 2009-2010 budget not only reflects a very significant decrease in spending, but utilizes funds to reduce the tax levy. Having applied these reductions, we are very pleased to present an unprecedented tax levy-to-levy increase of 1.99%.

We do wish to make you aware of our concerns regarding state aid, stimulus funds and other issues we face at this time. While we did not receive the substantial cut to state aid that had originally been proposed by the Governor, Hicksville, unlike many other districts, did receive a 2.07% decrease in state aid. Although we received an increase in aid for special education under the federal plan, at this time we are uncertain as to the parameters for spending the federal stimulus funds or when they will be received, as this funding flows through the state. We are also uncertain as to the efforts of the county to pass on their obligation for tax certioraris to school districts. Funds have not been included in our budget.

This newsletter contains detailed information regarding the proposed 2009-2010 budget. We encourage you to take the time to read the information provided so that you can make an informed decision on May 19<sup>th</sup>. The budget newsletter includes a detailed explanation of Proposition No. 2, which establishes a capital reserve fund utilizing unexpended funds from the 2008-09 budget. We present this proposition, which is at no additional cost to the taxpayer, for one project that we believe will help to ensure the safety of middle school students. The project will enable the district to reconstruct a new bus loop for the arrival and dismissal of students, which will maximize use of the school property by Second Street in a more efficient and safe manner, as well as enhance the appearance of the grounds.

Thank you for your involvement in the budget process and participation at Board of Education meetings, as well as your efforts in advocating to our legislators for our fair share of aid.



### THREE-PART BUDGET ANALYSIS

*A detailed copy of the budget, including a presentation of the three component parts (administration, program, and capital) is available for review on the district's website, [www.hicksvillepublicschools.org](http://www.hicksvillepublicschools.org), at the District Office, the main office of each school, and the public library.*

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# RETURNS ON INVESTMENTS

## Our students continue to excel in all areas.

The Hicksville School Community is proud of the many accomplishments of our students and staff. Noted below are just a few highlights of the 2008-2009 school year:

- HS Juniors Nancy Desai, Brian Freire, and Himali Gandhi were awarded National Merit Scholarships for outstanding performance on the PSAT.
- HS Senior Alan Blanchard received a National Achievement Scholarship.
- HS Junior Aakash Abbi was a regional semifinalist in the Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology and took 1st Place in the LI Science & Engineering Fair.
- The HS Science Olympiad Teams took 6th and 8th Place at the Western Long Island Regional Competition and placed 19th in a field of 49 teams at the State level.
- The MS Science Olympiad Team earned 1st Place at the Western LI Regional Competition for the second year in a row.
- The HS Robotics Team received the prestigious Delphi "Driving Tomorrow's Technology" Award at the School Business Partnership of Long Island (SBPLI) Regional Competition at Hofstra University, at which they came in 19th Place out of 46 teams.
- The artwork of HS student Meshah Peterson was selected for inclusion in the New York State School Boards Association Permanent Collection.
- The artwork of 12 MS and HS students was selected for exhibit in the New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) Legislative Exhibit in Albany.
- The artwork of 12 HS students was selected for display at the New York State School Boards Association (NYSSBA) Exhibit in New York City.
- *Newsday's* LI Arts Alliance Scholar-Artist Award was received by Eric Kunz (Photography) and Sarah Mahsa-Khanahmadi (Theater).
- Danielle Cecco received the Nassau County Sports Commission's 2009 Outstanding Achievement Award.



For more Points of Pride, see page 11

## *Student Centered* ADVANCEMENTS

During the 2008-2009 school year, the district implemented many new technologies and instructional initiatives, in addition to completing multiple construction projects which enhance students' learning and development. These initiatives have helped set the standards for the district's educational philosophies.

**New Textbooks:** American Sign Language I, Mandarin I and II, Advanced Placement Psychology, Advanced Placement Microeconomics, NY Earth Science: The Physical Setting, Chemistry, Living in the Environment, Grade 2 General Music, Photography II and Geometry.

**New Courses:** Advanced Placement Environmental Science, Advanced Placement Psychology, American Sign Language I, Mandarin II, Geometry and Self Defense II.

**Curriculum Writing Projects:** Revision of SAT Critical Reading and Writing Course Curriculum, Advanced Placement Psychology, Grade 4 Colonial America, Grade 5 Immigration, Advanced Placement Environmental Science, Grade 2 General Music, Photography II, American Sign Language I, Computer Applications I and II, Geometry, Geometry Honors, Revision of Algebra I, Revision of Integrated Math I and Self Defense II.

**Technology Initiatives:** Teacher access to data warehousing, SMART Board and Airliner implementation, Elmo Document Cameras for SMART Board integration, drawing tablets for HS Media Center, and transition from analog to digital recording and editing for media production.

**Instructional Initiatives and Enhancements:** Implementation of Graphing Calculator Viewscreens, Scientific Calculators, Graphing Calculators, Partnership with St. John's University for college-level Spanish, French and German courses, new middle

school After-School Activities Program that incorporates a new Intramural Program, clubs and academic enrichment.

**Community Partnerships:** Long Island Blood Services - Blood Drives in all district schools and Little Doctors Program in all elementary schools, Hicksville/Jericho Rotary Dictionary Project - Grade 3, Influenza Vaccine Clinic for Senior Citizens

**New Software:** Test Wizard upgrade, Storyboard, Photoshop, Finale, Music Ace Maestro, Smart Music, Examgem and PowerPoint, Titlewave and West Point Bridge Scan Tek Module, introduction of Point of Service software for districtwide school lunch program, and introduction of Parent Link for emergency contact ability.

**Staff Development Initiatives:** Understanding by Design, training for new computerized district testing program for measures of academic progress, training for all elementary teachers in new framework for understanding and reaching all kinds of learners, use of Schools Attuned program, integration of curriculum and technology with expanded use of SMART Boards, Differentiated Instruction, Collegial Circles in Teaching the ESL Student, Teaching Strategies for Reading in the Content Areas, Measurement and Evaluation in Secondary Music, Strengthening Inclusion Strategies, STAR Tech Team focus on integration instructional strategies for all types of learners.



# Highlights of the 2009-2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

## *Foundations for the Future...*



Hicksville's students are the legacy of this community. To ensure the high standards of excellence students have achieved, the 2009-2010 budget includes the programs and resources necessary to maintain quality education and to continue the upward trend in student achievement. Particularly mindful of the impact of the proposed budget on the taxpayers, each program and related expenditure was carefully scrutinized based upon student needs, enrollment and interest. We are pleased to inform you of the following highlights of the budget.

### The budget includes funds for:

- The continuation of instructional programs
- New textbooks for elementary Music program (gr. 3), Music in Theory and Practice, Advanced Placement French, German and Spanish and Italian Culture and Civilization, Advanced Placement Government, Algebra II and Trigonometry, Math Concepts, Skills and Problem-Solving for grades 6 & 7.
- New Courses for Advanced Placement French, German and Spanish, Italian Culture and Civilization, American Sign Language II, Algebra II, Mathematical Models as Tools for Analysis, Advanced Placement Music Theory
- New technology initiatives: hardware and software to support chemistry, art, math and science
- Materials, supplies and instructional supports necessary for the continuance of all instructional programs
- Ongoing staff development initiatives: implementation of new framework for instructional strategies in understanding all kinds of learners through Schools Attuned, expanding the new framework for utilizing neurodevelopmental knowledge of the learning process for Middle School teachers, working with students on conflict resolution
- Expansion of special student and parent programs to increase knowledge and awareness of the responsibilities and burdens of our technological society
- Continuation of district extracurricular program
- Maintenance of district facilities to ensure a safe and healthy environment

### PROPOSITION NO. 1

Shall the School District Budget, in the amount of \$110,943,748 pursuant to Education Law Section 1716, be approved, and a tax on the taxable property of the District in the amount of such Budget, less State and Federal Aid and revenues from other sources, be levied?

### PROPOSITION NO. 2

Shall the Board of Education be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund in the 2009-2010 school year in the maximum ultimate amount of \$850,000 for the reconstruction of a safer and more efficient middle school bus loop and corresponding parking lot, including demolition of existing asphalt parking lots and driveways north of the middle school, repaving of said area with new curbing, sidewalks, drywells, drainage systems, landscaping and related site-work as well as architect and project management fees, in the amount not to exceed \$850,000 for a probable term of three (3) years, said capital reserve fund shall be funded by transferring \$850,000 of unexpected surplus from the 2008-2009 school year to the fund, **thereby incurring no additional cost to the taxpayer in the 2009-2010 school year**, and to expend a maximum amount of \$850,000 for the specific aforementioned projects, including other related incidental work starting in the 2009-2010 school year?

**This PROPOSITION is contingent upon approval by the voters of PROPOSITION NO. 1**

### PROPOSITION NO. 3

In the event the voters approve the School District Budget contained in Proposition No. 1 above, shall the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated to the Hicksville Gregory Museum for educational services associated with its programs and a tax be levied on the taxable property of the District in that amount?

**This PROPOSITION is contingent upon approval by the voters of PROPOSITION NO. 1**



# FACILITIES UPDATE

## SCHOOL ENVIRONMENT PROMOTES PRIDE

Over the past seven years our students and staff have benefited from the renovations and enhancements to our school facilities districtwide as a result of the community's support of the 2002 bond and annual capital projects. These enhancements not only improve our educational environment but also protect our taxpayers' investment and serve as a point of pride for our community. The proposed 2009-2010 budget includes necessary funding to maintain our school buildings. One capital project is included in the budget—the improvement of the exterior courtyard at the high school utilized for lunch. This area has deteriorated and is in need of improvement. It will be partially funded by a transfer from the school cafeteria fund which is permissible for such purposes. Proposition No. 2 includes one capital project, a new bus loop parking facility at the Middle School, that is designed to ensure the safety of our students. Proposition No. 2 represents no additional cost to the taxpayers.



### *Proposed Maintenance Projects*

- Intercom System Work
  - Gymnasium Padding
  - Gymnasium Stage Curtains
  - Art Room Renovations (Sink Installation)
  - Painting Districtwide
  - Classroom Floors/Ceiling and Lighting Replacement at Various Locations
  - Steam Trap Installation
  - Gym Floor Refinishing
  - Locker Repair and Repainting
- TOTAL MAINTENANCE PROJECTS:  
\$283,100**

### *Capital Project*

- Improvement to the HS exterior courtyard utilized as an outdoor lunch area

**TOTAL CAPITAL  
PROJECT: \$80,000\***

*\* This cost will be offset by \$30,000 from the cafeteria fund.*

# Questions & ANSWERS

## PROPOSITION No. 2

### **Q. What is Proposition No. 2?**

A. Proposition No. 2 asks the voters to do several things: to establish a Capital Reserve Fund, to take \$850,000 in unexpended funds from the 2008-2009 budget, and to authorize the Board to utilize the funds for a specific capital project. This proposition represents **no additional cost to the taxpayer.**

### **Q. What project will the funds identified in Proposition No. 2 be utilized for:**

A. Due to these difficult economic times only one project has been proposed. This project to redesign the Middle School bus loop parking facility was selected as it will ensure greater safety for Middle School students. The newly designed and expanded parking lot will be designed to accommodate all of the buses and vans in a manner that will facilitate a more orderly and visible arrival and dismissal for students.

### **Q. What will the project in Proposition No. 2 include?**

A. The parking facility located on the north (Second Street) side of the Middle School will be expanded in length. The project will include a new asphalt parking lot, two center islands with curbing, single line parking for all school buses and vans, improved traffic flow within the parking lot, concrete walkways and landscaping. This project will help to ensure the safety of students and enhance the appearance of this area of the Middle School.

### **Q. If Proposition No. 2 is not approved what will happen to the money?**

A. The money will be applied to the district reserve funds as well as unreserved balance accounts based upon recommendations from our auditors.



### **Q. How are these Funds available?**

A. The Board of Education and the Administration have been able to capture the funds for Proposition No. 2 as a result of economies from operating efficiencies and cost savings in certain areas such as insurance, as well as our ability to maximize revenues.

### **Q. If the budget is not approved by the voters and this proposition is approved, will the project move forward?**

A. No, it will not. This project is contingent upon the approval by the voters of Proposition No. 1.

# 2009-2010 BUDGET SUMMARY

	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
General Support	\$12,928,900	\$13,320,631	\$13,419,188	\$98,557
Instructional Support	\$59,829,295	\$62,520,108	\$63,938,737	\$1,418,629
Pupil Transportation	\$6,773,017	\$7,460,873	\$7,679,223	\$218,350
Community Services**	\$80,419	\$82,492	\$78,492	(\$4,000)
Recreational Program*	\$221,920	\$220,190	\$199,491	(\$20,699)
Undistributed & Other Debt	\$24,093,146	\$24,823,666	\$25,628,617	\$804,951
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,926,697</b>	<b>\$108,427,960</b>	<b>\$110,943,748</b>	<b>\$2,515,788</b>

\*Self-sustaining program; revenue included below in charges for services

\*\*If approved, Proposition No. 3 would add \$50,000 to this figure

## PROPOSITION NO. 3

	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Hicksville Gregory Museum	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$103,976,697</b>	<b>\$108,477,960</b>	<b>\$110,993,748</b>	<b>\$2,515,788</b>

## REVENUE REVIEW

	2008-2009 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
Real Property Tax	\$88,492,236	\$90,251,891	\$1,759,655
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	\$344,781	\$400,000	\$55,219
Charges for Services	\$1,400,000	\$1,489,000	\$89,000
Use of Money and Property	\$350,000	\$200,000	(\$150,000)
Sale of Property & Comp	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0
Fund Balance Applied	\$1,700,000	\$2,000,000	\$300,000
Reserves Applied	\$0	\$380,000	\$380,000
State Sources - Foundation	\$10,600,000	\$10,676,941	\$76,941
BOCES	\$690,000	\$582,502	(\$107,498)
Miscellaneous State Aid	\$4,370,943	\$4,530,479	\$159,536
Miscellaneous	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0
Interfund Transfers from Capital and Cafeteria Funds	\$80,000	\$32,935	(\$47,065)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$108,477,960</b>	<b>\$110,993,748</b>	<b>\$2,515,788</b>

## TAX RATE DEVELOPMENT

	2008-2009 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE	PERCENTAGE
Budget	\$108,427,960	\$110,943,748	\$2,515,788	2.32%
Non-Tax Revenue	\$18,285,724	\$18,361,857	\$76,133	0.42%
Fund Balance Applied	\$1,700,000	\$2,000,000	\$300,000	17.65%
Reserves Applied	\$0	\$380,000	\$380,000	-----
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$88,442,236	\$90,201,891	\$1,759,655	1.99%
Assessed Valuation	\$12,935,446	\$12,965,050	\$29,604	0.23%

The 2008-2009 Assessed Valuation is 1/4% of full market value. The 2009-2010 Assessed Valuation is 1/4% of full market value. The tax rate is estimated at \$386.19 per \$100 assessed valuation. Residents may wish to refer to their individual property assessment at the Nassau County Department of Assessments website, [www.mynassauproperty.com](http://www.mynassauproperty.com).

**Proposition No. 3 for the Gregory Museum would increase the Estimated Tax Rate by 21 cents.**

# GENERAL SUPPORT

The General Support section of the budget includes appropriations for the Board of Education, Central Administration and the operation and maintenance of the District buildings. Also included are special items such as liability, fire and other insurance, as well as mandated BOCES expenses.

This section encompasses cost of supplies, postage, and the expenses of Board members' attendance at required meetings and approved conferences. Compensation of election officials, the cost of printing and advertising election notices, and rental of voting machines are covered as well. Additionally, the cost of the annual audit of the District's financial records by a CPA and salary of a part-time claims auditor is included, as well as the fees for an internal auditor, the school's attorney, and for contract negotiations. Also in the General Support section of the budget are the salaries and expenses for the Superintendent and secretary, the District Clerk, Assistant Superintendents for Business and Personnel, Administrative Assistant for Community Services, Director of Facilities, and the personnel staff, supplies, and equipment to discharge the duties and responsibilities for the staffing needs of the District. Public information encompasses the expenses for the printing and mailing of the Bulletin Board, District Calendar and other school publications.

The operation and maintenance budget provides for upkeep of our buildings and grounds for use by many community groups, as well as our students. The operation and maintenance of our school plant, central printing and mailing, and BOCES data processing services are included in this section.



GENERAL SUPPORT	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
1. Board of Education	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$61,000	\$0
2. District Clerk	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0
3. District Meeting	\$29,640	\$29,950	\$30,000	\$50
4. Chief School Administration	\$330,450	\$346,925	\$360,878	\$13,953
5. Business Administration	\$470,178	\$506,811	\$524,755	\$17,944
6. Auditing	\$263,685	\$266,638	\$254,114	(\$12,524)
7. Treasurer	\$68,656	\$74,179	\$76,180	\$2,001
8. Purchasing	\$128,875	\$132,605	\$142,000	\$9,395
9. Legal Service	\$327,000	\$327,000	\$350,000	\$23,000
10. Personnel Service	\$589,774	\$624,840	\$646,622	\$21,782
11. Public Info & Services	\$194,646	\$200,447	\$198,475	(\$1,972)
12. Operation of Plant	\$276,738	\$275,293	\$273,872	(\$1,421)
13. Maintenance of Plant	\$1,017,432	\$1,067,041	\$1,063,640	(\$3,401)
14. Custodial	\$3,700,238	\$3,749,429	\$3,825,957	\$76,528
15. Grounds	\$747,347	\$770,093	\$769,786	(\$307)
16. Buildings	\$657,442	\$601,800	\$508,100	(\$93,700)
17. Utilities	\$1,630,540	\$1,805,357	\$1,800,148	(\$5,209)
18. Safety	\$46,000	\$46,000	\$41,500	(\$4,500)
19. Willet Avenue	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
20. Security	\$427,699	\$439,942	\$455,999	\$16,057
21. Central Printing & Mailing	\$330,503	\$338,235	\$344,235	\$6,000
22. Central Data Processing	\$202,671	\$210,869	\$253,301	\$42,432
23. Unallocated Insurance	\$675,000	\$692,084	\$684,018	(\$8,066)
24. School Association Dues	\$22,250	\$22,250	\$22,250	\$0
25. Judgments and Claims	\$50,000	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0
26. Administrative BOCES	\$680,136	\$700,843	\$701,358	\$515
<b>TOTAL GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>\$12,928,900</b>	<b>\$13,320,631</b>	<b>\$13,419,188</b>	<b>\$98,557</b>

# I N S T R U C T I O N

This section of the budget deals with the major function of the School District, the instructional program. Salaries of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum, principals, supervisors, directors, teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, librarians, health service personnel, teacher assistants, and members of the office staff are included. Also included are the costs of Special Services for students with disabilities, education, extracurricular expenses, the interscholastic sports program, and the cost of all instructional materials, textbooks, and multiyear copier leases.

INSTRUCTION	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
1. Curriculum Dev & Supervision	\$416,025	\$420,477	\$430,965	\$10,488
2. Supv Reg Classroom Program	\$4,288,448	\$4,468,594	\$4,627,923	\$159,329
3. Research Planning & Evaluation	\$8,425	\$8,425	\$8,846	\$421
4. In-service Training	\$208,364	\$239,226	\$191,055	(\$48,171)
5. Kindergarten	\$1,239,160	\$1,397,887	\$1,478,318	\$80,431
6. General Classroom	\$10,987,263	\$11,400,992	\$12,047,321	\$646,329
7. Business Education	\$413,463	\$408,909	\$441,619	\$32,710
8. Language Arts	\$1,824,484	\$1,890,789	\$1,921,268	\$30,479
9. Second Languages & ESL	\$2,485,494	\$2,629,300	\$2,737,976	\$108,676
10. Health Education	\$412,173	\$518,062	\$519,262	\$1,200
11. Physical Education	\$1,980,063	\$2,136,267	\$2,147,496	\$11,229
12. Home & Career Skills	\$373,481	\$403,328	\$410,062	\$6,734
13. Social Studies	\$1,740,444	\$1,884,803	\$2,011,578	\$126,775
14. Mathematics	\$1,759,591	\$1,853,706	\$1,917,299	\$63,593
15. Fine Arts	\$3,365,576	\$3,572,410	\$3,692,224	\$119,814
16. Reading	\$1,097,327	\$1,399,617	\$1,455,156	\$55,539
17. Science	\$2,383,711	\$2,579,400	\$2,651,619	\$72,219
18. Technology	\$770,176	\$810,413	\$830,741	\$20,328
19. Textbooks - Nonpublic	\$192,376	\$206,750	\$206,176	(\$574)
20. Academic Enrichment	\$243,194	\$242,539	\$261,574	\$19,035
21. Driver Education	\$84,710	\$82,233	\$86,166	\$3,933
22. After-school Activities	\$19,500	\$14,500	\$13,300	(\$1,200)
23. Other Salary	\$408,000	\$448,800	\$471,240	\$22,440
24. Part-Time/Extra-Time/Subs	\$621,000	\$639,630	\$658,819	\$19,189
25. Special Education - Supervision	\$5,074,259	\$4,389,258	\$4,402,211	\$12,953
26. Special Education - Classes	\$3,566,449	\$4,197,132	\$4,298,350	\$101,218
27. Home Teaching	\$225,250	\$219,250	\$172,000	(\$47,250)
28. Committee Special Education	\$2,268,416	\$2,048,978	\$2,227,093	\$178,115
29. Speech & Hearing Services	\$791,495	\$876,813	\$923,245	\$46,432
30. Resource Rooms	\$1,730,748	\$1,825,993	\$1,745,716	(\$80,277)
31. IDEA Parochial Schools Student Svs	\$285,240	\$257,939	\$453,413	\$195,474
32. Occupational Education	\$803,863	\$1,001,191	\$620,075	(\$381,116)
33. Summer School	\$186,486	\$195,200	\$179,956	(\$15,244)
34. Evening High School	\$29,077	\$29,200	\$23,000	(\$6,200)
35. Continuing Education	\$163,597	\$153,297	\$140,600	(\$12,697)
36. School Library	\$1,156,419	\$1,161,379	\$1,157,153	(\$4,226)
37. Audiovisual	\$33,802	\$32,423	\$18,314	(\$14,109)
38. Computer-Assisted Instruction	\$1,645,491	\$1,770,551	\$1,650,125	(\$120,426)
39. Attendance	\$71,250	\$64,203	\$68,974	\$4,771
40. Guidance	\$1,164,045	\$1,221,962	\$1,218,762	(\$3,200)
41. Career Center	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$410	(\$2,090)
42. Health Services	\$880,955	\$891,089	\$918,554	\$27,465
43. Diagnostic Screening	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$0
44. Psychology Services	\$824,354	\$880,739	\$879,739	(\$1,000)
45. Social Work Services	\$308,484	\$321,209	\$298,674	(\$22,535)
46. PPS/Special Schools	\$289,447	\$297,796	\$306,027	\$8,231
47. Cocurricular Activities	\$204,688	\$198,495	\$196,439	(\$2,056)
48. Interscholastic Athletics	\$797,532	\$823,454	\$818,904	(\$4,550)
<b>TOTAL REGULAR SCHOOL</b>	<b>\$59,829,295</b>	<b>\$62,520,108</b>	<b>\$63,938,737</b>	<b>\$1,418,629</b>

# TRANSPORTATION

The transportation budget includes the cost of providing transportation for approximately 3,800 students to public and nonpublic schools within our District and for approximately 500 students of out-of-district schools. This budget includes transportation for handicapped students and vocational students to special schools outside our District, as well as interscholastic sports trips and academic field trips.

	2007-2008	2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010	DIFFERENCE
TRANSPORTATION	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	
1. District Transportation Services	\$258,318	\$302,445	\$277,982	(\$24,463)
2. Bus Maintenance	\$10,400	\$10,400	\$8,500	(\$1,900)
3. Regular In-District Transportation	\$2,576,803	\$2,894,635	\$2,933,057	\$38,422
4. Transportation: Special Ed Students	\$1,887,878	\$2,204,853	\$2,507,170	\$302,317
5. Transportation: Out-of-District	\$1,722,446	\$1,728,490	\$1,634,861	(\$93,629)
6. District Field/Athletic Trips	\$306,172	\$309,050	\$306,153	(\$2,897)
7. BOCES Transportation	\$11,000	\$11,000	\$11,500	\$500
<b>TOTAL TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>\$6,773,017</b>	<b>\$7,460,873</b>	<b>\$7,679,223</b>	<b>\$218,350</b>

# RECREATIONAL SERVICES

This section provides for recreational services funded by the School District. These include the summer and after-school recreation and youth programs.

	2007-2008	2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010	DIFFERENCE
RECREATIONAL SERVICES	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	
1. Recreation	\$213,420	\$220,190	\$199,491	(\$20,699)
2. Youth Activities	\$8,500	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL RECREATIONAL SERVICES</b>	<b>\$221,920</b>	<b>\$220,190</b>	<b>\$199,491</b>	<b>(\$20,699)</b>

# COMMUNITY SERVICES

This section represents funds necessary for community services, which include the Gregory Museum, senior citizens clubs and related activities, and expenses involved in conducting the census of the District population.

	2007-2008	2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010	DIFFERENCE
RECREATIONAL SERVICES	BUDGET	BUDGET	BUDGET	
Gregory Museum	\$50,000	\$50,000	*\$50,000	\$0
Senior Citizens	\$20,000	\$20,000	\$16,000	(\$4,000)
Census	\$60,419	\$62,492	\$62,492	\$0
<b>TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES</b>	<b>\$130,419</b>	<b>\$132,492</b>	<b>\$128,492</b>	<b>(\$4,000)</b>

\* This amount is contained in Proposition No. 3.

# UNDISTRIBUTED ALLOCATIONS

This budget section provides for employee benefits including Social Security, medical insurance, retirement costs, and life insurance. Also included in this code are expenses for interest payments on Tax Anticipation Notes (TANs) and transfers to the debt service fund for payment of bond issue, principal and interest. A transfer to capital funds is included to support improvements to the exterior courtyard at the high school that is used by students as an outdoor lunch area. The cost will be offset by revenue from the Cafeteria Fund.

	2007-2008 BUDGET	2008-2009 BUDGET	PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET	DIFFERENCE
1. State Employees Retirement	\$825,000	\$800,000	\$800,000	\$0
2. Teacher Retirement	\$3,928,005	\$4,091,336	\$4,110,207	\$18,871
3. Social Security	\$4,286,196	\$4,535,124	\$4,740,301	\$205,177
4. Worker's Compensation	\$472,000	\$472,000	\$537,000	\$65,000
5. Life Insurance	\$113,500	\$120,000	\$150,000	\$30,000
6. Unemployment Insurance	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$35,000	\$0
7. Disability Insurance	\$35,000	\$40,000	\$75,000	\$35,000
8. Emp Benefits/Health Ins	\$11,028,445	\$11,338,206	\$11,592,607	\$254,401
9. Principal & Interest on Bonds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
10. Tax Anticipation Notes	\$230,000	\$172,000	\$180,000	\$8,000
11. Tsfr to Spec Aid Fund	\$140,000	\$140,000	\$150,000	\$10,000
12. Tsfr to Debt Service Fund	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,178,502	\$178,502
13. Tsfr to Capital Fund	\$0	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0
<b>TOTAL UNDISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>\$24,093,146</b>	<b>\$24,823,666</b>	<b>\$25,628,617</b>	<b>\$804,951</b>

## Proposed Budget and Contingency Budget Comparison

	% of Levy Increase	Estimated Cost Per Year	Cost Per Month
Proposed	1.99%	\$112	\$9.33
Contingency	1.4%	\$88	\$7.33
Difference	.55%	\$24	\$2.00

Should the proposed budget be defeated, a contingency budget must be adopted. Districts are required to eliminate maintenance expenditures for building preservation and improvements, as well as all planned equipment purchases. Nonmandatory educational support and extracurricular programs would be reduced. As indicated above, the contingency budget would result in a potential annual savings to the average homeowner of \$24, or a monthly savings of \$2.00.

Information regarding individual homeowner property tax may be found on the Nassau County Assessor's website at [www.mynassauproperty.com](http://www.mynassauproperty.com).

## SCHOOL PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD

	ACTUAL 2008-2009	PROPOSED 2009-2010	CHANGE	% INCREASE
Total Budget	\$108,427,960	\$110,943,748	\$2,515,788	2.32%
Estimated Tax Levy	\$88,442,236	\$90,201,891	\$1,759,655	1.99%
Public School Enrollment	5,251	5,243	-8	-0.15%
Consumer Price Index	2.8%	3.8%	1.0%	1.0%

# TAX NOTES

The estimated Tax Rate is based on 2009-2010 assessments and 2008-2009 adjusted base proportions. Hicksville continues to rank well below the median of Class I rates for Long Island School Districts. The 2009-2010 adjusted base proportions were not available from the Nassau County Assessors Office at the time this publication was prepared.

## Hicksville - Among the LOWEST Tax Rates in Nassau County

The 2008-09 tax rates for Nassau County showed that Hicksville ranked 45th lowest out of 53 school districts. Only 8 other school districts had lower tax rates than Hicksville.

## The sliding-scale exemptions apply as follows for 2009-2010:

Income	Percent Exemption
Up to and including \$28,000	50%
At least \$28,001, but less than \$29,000	45%
At least \$29,001, but less than \$30,000	40%
At least \$30,001, but less than \$31,000	35%
At least \$31,001, but less than \$31,900	30%
At least \$31,901, but less than \$32,800	25%
At least \$32,801, but less than \$33,700	20%
At least \$33,701, but less than \$34,600	15%
At least \$34,601, but less than \$35,500	10%
At least \$35,501, but less than \$36,400	5%

### STAR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Residents of Hicksville Public Schools may be eligible to apply for the New York State STAR Property Tax Exemption Program. If you are a homeowner with your Hicksville property as your primary residence, you may apply to the Nassau County Board of Assessors at 571-2377. Currently 9,846 Hicksville property owners avail themselves of the STAR Exemption Program.

### THIRD-PARTY NOTIFICATION

In December 2001, a new law took effect which provides that a taxpayer who is eligible for the Enhanced STAR Exemption may designate an adult third-party to receive an annual notice from the school district regarding the filing date for the Enhanced STAR exemption application. A request for third-party notification must be submitted to the school district no later than 60 days before the first taxable status date to which it is to apply. Applications for third-party notification may be obtained from the Receiver of Taxes for the Town of Oyster Bay at 624-6400.

### SENIOR CITIZEN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION

Hicksville Public Schools demonstrates its support of our senior community by adopting the Senior Citizen Property Tax Exemption, which provides partial property tax relief on a sliding-scale basis to residents meeting the required criteria. Exemptions in the amount of \$237,154 have been granted to 562 qualifying Hicksville senior citizens in 2008-2009.

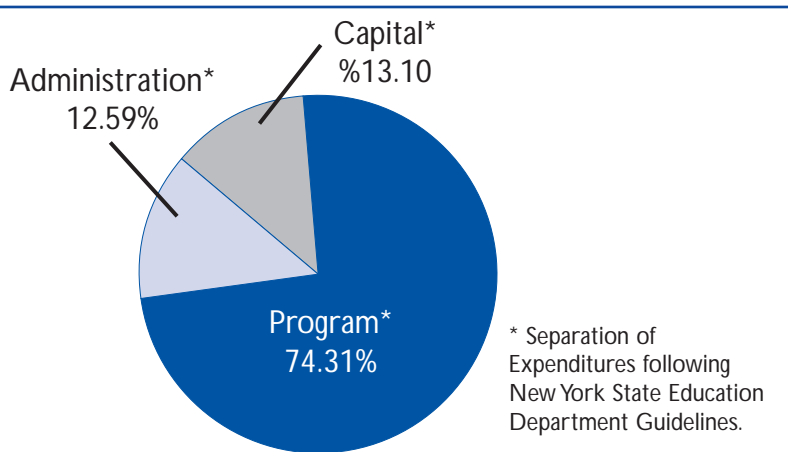
Under the current provisions of the law, the maximum 2008 income permitted, including Social Security, for a senior citizen's real property exemption is \$36,400. Exemptions ranging from 50 percent to 5 percent are based on a sliding-scale. For further information, contact the Nassau County Department of Assessment at 571-0787 or 571-0783.

Applications for these exemptions must be made annually between September 1 and December 31 to the Nassau County Department of Assessment, 240 Old Country Road, Mineola, NY 11501.

## What Will The BUDGET COST?

The proposed budget carries a 1.99% tax levy increase, which comes to an approximate \$112 annual increase for the average household, which is \$9.33 per month or **30¢ per day**.

## EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN



# POINTS OF PRIDE

- 8th grade student Prerna Kohli was named the New York State Regional Champion at the 2008 State Farm South Asian Spelling Bee.
- NYSSMA All-State Musicians...Violinist Carlos Escamilla was selected for the All-State String Orchestra, and String Bassist Justin Feltkamp was named to the All-State Symphony Orchestra. A third outstanding student musician, cellist Craig Mehler, was designated as an alternate.
- Dutch Lane fourth-grade student Brayden Stramezzi came in first place in the 2008 New York State Recycling Poster Contest. Samantha DeTurris of Lee Avenue received 3rd Place and Taylor DiCuozzo of Fork Lane was a runner-up.
- The New York State Art Teachers Association (NYSATA) awarded Jasmeet Talwar (Class of 2008) the Bill Milliken Scholarship. Samantha Watterson (Class of 2008) was selected to receive the NYSATA Barry Hopkins Scholarship.
- Beth Atkinson was selected as the Nassau County Art Teacher of the Year by the NY State Art Teachers Association and was named a Dowling College/News 12 Educator of the Month. Ms. Atkinson also received Best in Show and a People's Choice Award for the work she displayed in the NYS Art Teachers Association Conference's art exhibit.
- The Hicksville High School Marching Band and Color Guard had a successful 2008 season:
  - 1st Place in the United States Scholastic Band Association NYS Championships for the 4th year in a row.
  - 1st Place for the Color Guard and 5th Place for the band in the Northern States Championships in Hershey, Pennsylvania.
  - Participated in their first national competition in Annapolis (U.S. School Band Association National Championships)
- Senior and string bassist Justin Feltkamp was selected by the Music Educators National Conference to perform with the All-Eastern Orchestra at the regional conference in Providence, Rhode Island.
- HS junior Briana Pflieger came in first place out of 265 Hicksville High School students who participated in the "Poetry Out Loud" recitation, which qualified her for participation in the regional competition.
- At the HS, 116 students were inducted into the National Honor Society.
- Caitlin Eccher (grade 6), Chris Swift (grade 7) and Grant Harley (grade 8) emerged as winners for their grade levels in the National Geographic schoolwide Geography Bee. Chris Swift won the overall competition and took the written exam to qualify for the state championship.
- Advanced Placement American History student James Weippert won first place for his audio essay on patriotism in a contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars.
- Middle School students participated in the Patriot's Pen Essay Contest sponsored by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Three students from Joe Hartig's social studies classes were selected as first, second and third-place winners: Harsh Darji, Eswar Dommaraju, and Cameron Cipolla.
- MS students, under the advisement of teacher and Glider coach Walter Weill, participated in the Glider Competition at the Cradle of Aviation Museum. The team of Nick Maineri, Jason Egjelski, Robert McCartney and Matthew Starks came in 1st Place. Brandon Mohabir, Karan Patel, Shivum Sharma and Andrew Stockstad came in 2nd Place. The team of Noelle



Batista, Michelle Carlomusto, Karlie Lamia and Doreen McDevitt came in 3rd Place.

- Fifty-eight elementary-level students participated in the All-County Music Festivals for Band, Chorus, and Orchestra.
- Thirty-seven secondary-level students participated in the All-County Music Festivals for Band, Chorus, and Orchestra.
- Ten secondary-level students were selected for the Long Island String Festival Orchestra.
- Three secondary-level students were named to the All-State String Orchestra.
- Ten students were chosen for the Middle School Honors Band and 1 student was selected for the Middle School Honors Orchestra.
- Two secondary-level students were accepted into the Nassau-Suffolk Band.
- Two High School students and 2 Elementary students moved on to the State level in the PTA Reflections contest.
- Allan Blanchard was named an outstanding participant in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.
- The HS Boys Bowling Team was named Nassau County Champions.
- Craig Mehler received the Town of Oyster Bay Arts Council Scholarship.
- James Weippert, Scott Eisenberg and Ioana Circiumaru received 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place respectively in the VFW Voice of Democracy Essay Contest.
- Fork Lane first-grader Madison Lopez received 1st Place in the New York State Fireman's Calendar Contest.
- Janie Immanuel and Michael Papadopoulos received honorable mention at the Model UN competition.
- Fork Lane student Kate Cimino's poster was selected as one of eight to appear in the New York State Fireman's Association yearly activity book.
- Thirteen athletic teams to date have met the academic requirements to be designated Scholar-Athlete Teams.
- The Girls Volleyball Team was Conference Champions.
- The MS Kickline Team placed 1st for Pom and 2nd for Kick in the Long Island Kickline Association competition.
- Burns Avenue teacher Rory Lawlor was named Coach of the Year for Girls Volleyball.
- Coach Edward Dempsey was named Assistant Coach of the Year for Boys Basketball.
- The Boys Bowling team was Nassau County Champions and represented Nassau County at the State Bowling Championship. This is the first County Championship Team award in Boys Bowling for Hicksville High School.
- In Girls Bowling, Alyssa Hess was selected as All-League, and Caitlin Garger, Ellen Kleeman, and Tiffany Ruffo earned All-County status.
- Gymnastics Team members Allison Osmundsen and Lauren Cecco received All-State status and represented Nassau County in the New York State Gymnastics Championships.
- During the fall and winter sports seasons combined, 482 students participated on 23 teams and achieved individual honors in their respective sports as selected by the various Nassau County High School Coaches Associations.

