

THE PATCHOGUE - MEDFORD

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2017-2018 Budget



Class of 2017 Top Ten Students



River Elementary students celebrate the completion of a unit on Seasons and Weather and show which season is their favorite.



Bay Elementary and Tremont Elementary students celebrating the 100th day of school



Oregon Middle School students marching in the Medford Holiday Parade

School District Vote

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 7 a.m. - 9 p.m.

BUDGET HEARING: THURSDAY, MAY 4, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at South Ocean Middle School

Dear Patchogue-Medford Community,

This year, the Patchogue-Medford School District has paved the way for educating the "Whole Child". We have made strides toward implementing programs and initiatives that build upon the very foundation for providing our children with a multitude of benefits for optimizing success. Educating the "Whole Child" requires a commitment from not only the Board of Education, administrators, teachers and support staff, but also from the community. When all stakeholders work collaboratively and in unison for the benefit of the children, our district can only be destined for greatness!

The Patchogue-Medford School District, along with every other school district on Long Island, is faced with endless challenges: mandates imposed by the State and Federal Government, underfunding and over testing children to name a few. In these uncertain times, one thing remains constant - that the Board of Education is dedicated to the children and residents of this district.

The budget for the 2017-2018 school year was created with the goal of balancing fiscal responsibility, while continuing to provide and expand education opportunities for our young people. We are confident that the proposed budget provides a balance of academic support for children, infrastructure improvements for our buildings and fiscal responsibility to the residents of the community. The future of our district is sound and we look forward to the year ahead.

Please take some time to review the information provided in this annual Budget brochure and join us on **Tuesday, May 16, 2017 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.** for the District School Budget Vote and Trustee Election.

Thank you for your continued support. Together, we will continue to give life to the philosophy of "Educating the Whole Child" and continue to provide every opportunity for our children... after all, **We Are Patchogue-Medford.**

Sincerely,

Anthony C. O'Brien
President, Patchogue-Medford Board of Education

Proposed Expenditures

INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BUDGET	2016-2017	2017-2018
This is the instructional portion which includes all instructional areas and associated employee benefits, including transportation	Adopted Budget	Proposed Budget
General Instruction Includes salaries for teachers, teacher aides, substitutes, textbooks, supplies, materials, etc.	\$ 50,082,776	\$ 50,422,323
Students with Disabilities Programs Includes salaries for teachers, teacher aides, substitutes, textbooks, supplies, materials, etc. for programs serving students with disabilities	\$ 26,634,448	\$ 27,464,477
Occupational Education Represents BOCES vocational programs	\$ 1,456,840	\$ 1,398,100
Special School Includes summer school, adult education, and alternative high school *	\$ 886,417	\$ 862,962
Library & Media Includes the salaries for librarians, aides, books, supplies and audio visual	\$ 1,435,643	\$ 1,498,631
Computer Instruction Includes salaries for District Computer Technology Director, computer aides in each school, BOCES charges for computer support, programming and computer replacements	\$ 1,398,566	\$ 1,360,323
Student Support Services Includes salaries for counselors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, support staff, materials and supplies	\$ 5,753,643	\$ 6,327,723
Extracurricular and Athletics Extracurricular clubs and athletics salaries, stipends, chaperones, timers, supplies, and uniforms	\$ 1,681,171	\$ 1,816,825
Transportation Includes salaries and benefits for district drivers and the cost of contractual services for district routes and BOCES costs for some handicapped, private and parochial students **	\$ 9,043,313	\$ 8,987,306

* Adult Education programs are self-funded.

**The proposed budget includes year 2 of a 5-year contract extension for transportation services for big buses. The proposed budget includes year 1 of a 5-year contract extension for transportation services for mini buses.

Proposed Expenditures

<u>INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM BUDGET CONTINUED</u>	2016-2017 Adopted Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget
Employee Benefits..... Mandatory retirement system payments, social security, workers' compensation insurance and contractual health, life and dental insurance benefits	\$ 32,400,193	\$ 35,830,658
Community Services..... Includes all expenses for child care offered through the District for before-and-after school, and summer programs. These expenses are offset by revenues from the fees for child care services *	\$ 996,457	\$ 1,325,697
TOTAL PROGRAM:	\$ 131,769,467	\$ 137,295,025
<u>CAPITAL BUDGET</u> The Capital section of the budget contains all debt service, operations and maintenance costs, including utilities, employee benefits and maintenance of building and grounds		
Operations, Maintenance and Security..... Includes salaries, equipment, repairs, preventative maintenance expenses, maintenance expenses and supplies	\$ 12,145,832	\$ 12,347,647
Employee Benefits..... Mandatory retirement system payments, social security, workers' compensation insurance and contractual health, life and dental insurance benefits	\$ 3,425,791	\$ 3,779,321
Debt Service Interest on short term debt of the district	\$ 96,667	\$ 250,000
Transfers Transfer to Debt Service to pay down the long term debt in accordance with payment schedules; transfer to Special Aid Fund as necessary for summer Special Education program; transfers to the School Lunch and Capital Project Funds	\$ 13,202,905	\$ 13,007,953
TOTAL CAPITAL:	\$ 28,871,195	\$ 29,384,921
<u>ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET</u> The Administrative portion of the budget provides for the support of the other components of the budget		
Board of Education..... Includes memberships, travel, conferences, supplies, notices, District Clerk, voting costs and associated expenses	\$ 187,910	\$ 193,197
Central Administrative Support..... Includes salaries and expenses of the Superintendent, business office, fiscal agent fees, personnel, treasurer, advertising, and audit	\$ 2,138,294	\$ 2,233,545
Legal Services and Insurance Cost of attorney services and general liability insurance	\$ 1,445,601	\$ 1,404,086
Other Central Services..... Includes BOCES charges for administration and data services, postage and mailing fees	\$ 2,578,986	\$ 2,549,933
Instructional Educational Support Includes salaries and expenses of administrators and their support staff	\$ 6,322,782	\$ 6,480,066
Employee Benefits..... Mandatory retirement system payments, social security, workers' compensation insurance and contractual health, life and dental insurance benefits	\$ 4,019,596	\$ 4,410,295
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE:	\$ 16,693,169	\$ 17,271,122
TOTAL BUDGET.....	\$ 177,333,831	\$ 183,951,068

* Child care for before-and-after school and summer programs are self-funded.

District Highlights



ACADEMIC AND PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS FOR 2016-2017

- ★ Purchased new electronic keyboards for the music computer labs at the High School;
- ★ Purchased new art tables for the High School, South Ocean Middle School, and River Elementary Schools. The new tables will replace older tables in order to support classroom needs;
- ★ Purchased new mellophones to enhance the High School marching band program;
- ★ Purchased class sets of iPads district wide for K through 2 classrooms;
- ★ Purchased auditory assistance devices district wide to support simultaneous language interpretation;
- ★ Purchased Canyon Creek on-line scheduler for parent-teacher conferences.



NEW PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES FOR 2017-2018

- ★ Expansion of the AP course offerings to include a second AP Capstone course, as well as offering AP Computer Science Principles;
- ★ Expansion of electives offered at the High School to include Forensic Science, Meteorology, and Marine Science 2;
- ★ Introduction of a new Yoga, Meditation and Eastern Philosophy course to support the Districts' Mindfulness initiative;
- ★ Purchase of additional Tower Gardens for all buildings to expand hands on science lessons and promote healthier eating habits;
- ★ Phase in of the new elementary mathematics program for grades K-1;
- ★ Expansion of the Wilson Foundations Phonics Program to grade 2.
- ★ Wellness initiative – purchase of fitness stations for the remaining seven buildings: Barton, Bay, Canaan, River, Tremont, Oregon and Saxton.



District Highlights (Continued)



TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENTS IN 2016-2017

- ★ Various Smart Schools related upgrades including: high school infrastructure, student laptops for elementary school libraries, elementary and middle school computer lab upgrades, High School media arts computer lab upgrades.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN 2016-2017

- ★ Upgrade of the stage lighting and repaired curtains in the High School auditorium (upgrade of stage lighting to be completed in the Spring 2017);
- ★ Completed the upgrade of the stage lighting at South Ocean;
- ★ Completed Oregon Middle School roof recoating;
- ★ Purchased choral risers for all schools;
- ★ Purchased new stage curtains for Bay, Canaan and Medford Elementary Schools (to be installed Spring 2017);
- ★ Replaced and installed new floor tiles in the Barton and Bay Elementary School cafeterias.



TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR 2017-2018

- ★ Upgrade of districts' network Firewall;
- ★ District wide VOIP telephone upgrade;
- ★ District wide radio upgrade;
- ★ District-Wide wireless security enhancements.
- ★ Upgrade of districts' financial, payroll and human resources software to the new Finance Manager platform, nVision.

CAPITAL PROJECTS SCHEDULED FOR 2017-2018

- ★ District wide ADA renovations;
- ★ District wide pavement and curb replacement projects;
- ★ Refinish the High School east gymnasium floor and Oregon Middle School gymnasium floor;
- ★ Replace the expansion tanks in the High School and Eagle Elementary School;
- ★ Roof recoatings at Barton, Bay, Canaan, Eagle, Medford, and Tremont Elementary Schools and Saxton Middle School utilizing Capital Reserve Funds;
- ★ Installation of new windows on the south side of Medford Elementary School.

Questions and Answers

Are there any additional propositions to be presented for voter approval?

A voter proposition will be presented on the ballot that will authorize the District to spend the remaining \$3,000,000 million dollars from the Capital Reserve Fund. Last year, the voters authorized the District to spend \$5,000,000 million dollars from the Capital Reserve Fund in order to recoat roofs at the following buildings: Barton, Bay, Canaan, Eagle, Medford, Tremont and Saxton. In addition, the south windows at Medford were authorized to be replaced. After the proposition was approved last May, the District submitted paperwork to the State Education Department in order to ensure that the District received State Aid on the project. **After receiving State approval on the project, the District bid the project and awarded the project to two companies that would ultimately save the District almost three million dollars. The effectuated savings enables the District to recommend additional projects within the confines of the original five million dollar Capital Reserve Fund allocation.**

Proposition #2 seeks authorization from the residents to spend the balance of the funds available in the Capital Reserve on the following projects and in the following priority order: recoating the roofs at River Elementary School and the High School, renovate the tennis courts at the High School and replace the boys and girls lockers in the locker rooms at Saxton Middle School and South Ocean Middle School.

Are there any staffing changes proposed for the 2017-2018 school year?

Included in the proposed budget are fourteen additional teaching positions, one additional administrative position, fifteen teaching assistant positions, one bus driver, and two additional clerical positions.

Are there any special initiatives proposed for the 2017-2018 school year?

As part of the superintendent's Road to Success Plan, the district intends to continue to support the "Whole Child" theology with funds provided by the State Education Department for Community Schools. Included in the 2017-2018 budget are funds totaling more than \$323,000 that are specifically earmarked for the development of a community schools plan. Patchogue-Medford intends to use the State Aid allocation on a collaboration with Family Service League. Family Service League is a social empowerment organization that provides physical and emotional support services to Long Island residents. Through the partnership, a series of support services will be provided for students and parents, which will include workshops for students struggling with addictions, connecting families with available resources, monthly forums to assist parents with navigating the Eschool parent portal and much more. Through the partnership, the district will be able to provide intensive intervention support services to students in order for them to be afforded optimal opportunities for future success emotionally, socially and academically.

How does the tax cap impact the tax rate?

The 2% tax cap (with exclusions) implemented by the Governor and the Legislators does not cap the tax rate, it caps the tax levy. The levy is one component to calculating the tax rate. The assessed valuation is the other component used to calculate the tax rate. **The legislation only addressed one component of the calculation (the levy).** Depending on whether assessed valuation remains the same or declines, the estimated tax rate increase could range from 3.68% to 5.80%. The assessed valuation is determined by the Town and is provided to school districts in the Fall.

Does the proposed budget pierce the property tax cap?

The proposed Budget does not pierce the property tax cap.

What happens if the proposed budget is not approved?

If the budget fails on May 16, 2017, the Board may either recommend a re-vote on June 20, 2017 or adopt a contingency budget. If the Board chooses to adopt a contingency budget, it will require approximately \$2.2 million dollars of additional cuts, which will include elimination of the proposed additional bus driver. In addition, all equipment purchases would be eliminated from the General Fund budget. Interfund transfers of \$1,468,039 would also be eliminated.

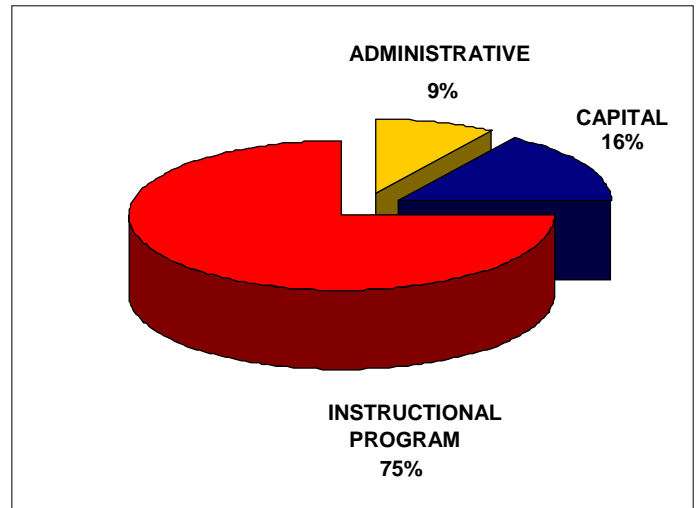
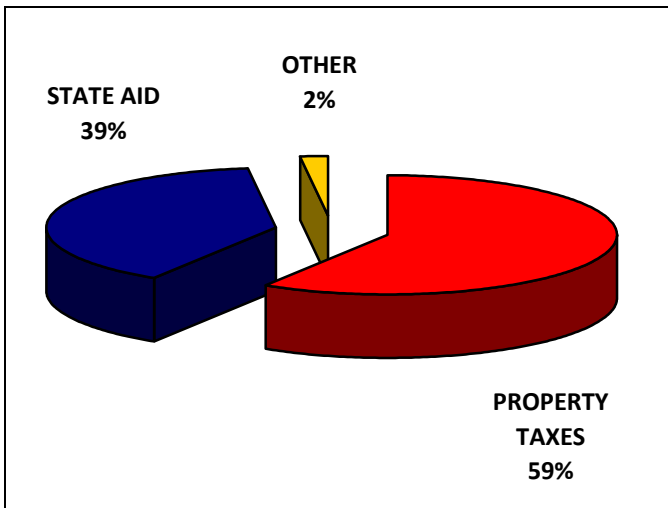
Budget Summary

Summary of Expenditures

	Adopted 2016-2017 Budget	Proposed 2017-2018 Budget	Change	% of Budget
Instructional Program	\$ 131,769,467	\$ 137,295,025	\$ 5,525,558	75%
Capital	\$ 28,871,195	\$ 29,384,921	\$ 513,726	16%
Administrative	\$ 16,693,169	\$ 17,271,122	\$ 577,953	9%
Total	\$ 177,333,831	\$ 183,951,068	\$ 6,617,237	100%

2017-2018

Budget to Budget Change	Tax Levy Change
\$6,617,237	\$3,789,266
3.73%	3.60%



Estimated Revenues	2016-2017	2017-2018
STATE AID Foundation Aid, Transportation Aid, Building Aid, Excess Cost Aid, BOCES Aid, Textbook, Hardware and Software Aid	\$ 66,157,205	\$ 70,978,294
OTHER SOURCES Admissions, BOCES refund, other refunds of expenses, taxes other than property taxes, donations, interest earnings, Medicaid reimbursement	\$ 3,681,936	\$ 4,052,460
PROPERTY TAXES Includes STAR payments from the State	\$ 105,131,048	\$ 108,920,314
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE AND RESERVES	\$ 2,363,642	\$ 0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 177,333,831	\$ 183,951,068

Proposition 1 – Budget

“Shall the Patchogue-Medford School District budget for fiscal 2017-2018 be adopted and the requisite portion thereof raised by taxation on the taxable property of the district?”

Proposition 2 – Capital Reserve Fund

“Shall the Board of Education of the Patchogue-Medford Union Free School District be authorized to expend funds already deposited in the capital reserve fund established by the voters of the School District at the Annual Meeting held on May 19, 2015 (“Reserve Fund”) pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law for the following capital improvement projects: recoating the roofs at River Elementary School and the High School, renovate the tennis courts at the High School, and replace the boys and girls lockers in the locker rooms at Saxton Middle School and South Ocean Middle School, and any ancillary or related work required in connection with such projects and to expend from the Reserve Fund therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of Three Million (\$3,000,000.00) dollars, provided that the Board of Education shall determine the allocation of the costs of each project, within said maximum amount, in the priority order as listed.”

Voter Qualifications

To be eligible to vote in school district elections, a person must:

- Be at least 18 years of age;
- Be a resident of the school district for at least 30 days prior to May 16, 2017;
- Be a citizen of the United States and;
- Be a registered voter with the Board of Registry or with the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

Voter Registration

Any school day at the Administrative Center,
241 South Ocean Avenue, Patchogue, New York
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Contact the District Clerk (687-6370) for further information.

Deadline to register with the School District Board of Registry is Friday, May 5, 2017 by 4 p.m.

District Polling Places

- District No. 1: South Ocean Middle School
- District No. 2: Medford Elementary School
- District No. 3: Saxton Middle School
- District No. 4: Tremont Elementary School
- District No. 5: Eagle Elementary School



Qualified voters with disabilities who seek information about access to polling places may, in advance of the day of the vote, contact the District Clerk at (631) 687-6370 for information about accessibility.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballot applications may be obtained at the Administrative Center, 241 South Ocean Avenue, Patchogue or via the District web site (www.pmschools.org). Ballots will be issued upon the satisfactory completion of the application form. The deadline for filing absentee ballot application, if the ballots are mailed to the resident is May 9, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. The deadline for filing absentee ballot applications, if the ballots are to be personally delivered to residents, is May 15, 2017 by 4:30 p.m. All absentee ballots must be filed with the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

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