



In Jericho High School's class of 2016, 99.3% of all seniors earned Regents diplomas and 89.2% received Regents Diplomas Awarded with Distinction. Also, 91% of our graduates completed at least one Advanced Placement course. Jericho's percentages in these categories are among the highest in New York State.

BOE Adopts Budget Below Tax Levy Limit

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Since January, the school district hosted a series of public workshops to review the financial status of the school district and create a budget for the coming year. The Board of Education and district administration requested input from members of the school community.

Voting on the budget will be on Tuesday, May 16. If the budget is not approved by residents with a simple majority, the district can resubmit the original budget or a revised budget in June.

On the Ballot

Also on the ballot are Propositions #2 and #3. These propositions will not have any additional financial impact on the taxpayers. They are explained in this newsletter.

Maintaining Programs

While preparing the budget, many strategies were considered, including keeping a multi-year perspective. All instructional programs will continue for next year, and there will also be enhancements to some of these programs.

The board also considered the district's plan to continue technology replacement and expand technological initiatives districtwide.

Included in the budget are plans to add over 550 Chromebooks and 285 iPads. The district will also replace over 255 desktops and 40 laptop computers; replace projectors, smartboards and printers as needed; and increase network speed, reliability, and storage.

This year, the technology department implemented a new learning management system, library system, math program, and a single-sign-on for many of our programs.

Board of Education Seats

There are three open seats on the Board of Education this year: two seats which have a three year term and one seat which holds a two year term, the remainder of the term vacated by Joseph Lorintz. Four candidates are running for these seats. Listed in ballot order, the candidates are Samuel Perlman, Pam Wasserman-Heath, incumbent Jill Citron, and incumbent Barbara Krieger. This is an "at large" election. The person with the third highest votes will begin serving the two-year term immediately and the two candidates with the highest votes will fill the three-year terms beginning in July. Gina Levy is not seeking re-election.

There is a Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the PTA, scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at 8 PM in the Little Theater.

Additional Information

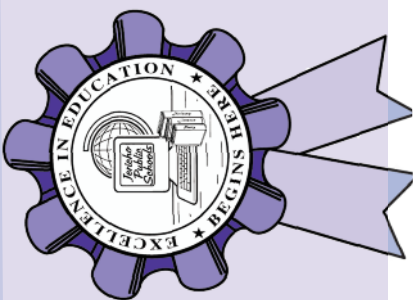
Copies of the presentations that were given during the budget workshops are available at www.jerichoschools.org.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

6 AM - 9 PM

Middle/High School Gym



ON THE BALLOT:

PROPOSITION #2

On May 16, 2017 voters will be asked to vote on Proposition #2. This proposition authorizes the Board of Education to expend a sum, not to exceed \$9,301,260, from the capital reserve fund known as “Facilities Improvement Program II – Jericho Public Schools,” established on May 19, 2015, for the purpose of completing capital improvements. This does not require raising additional taxes.

Capital improvements planned include: district-wide repairs, replacements, upgrades and installations such as flooring, ceiling and lighting, air handling and ventilation; burner replacements at Jackson and Cantiague Elementary Schools; air conditioning for the Seaman gymnasium;

replacement of exterior/interior doors/frames/hardware at Jackson Elementary School; replacing exterior/interior doors/frames/hardware; installing new cross corridor doors at Jericho High and Middle School; demolish existing and construct new work/storage building at maintenance facility; boiler and generator replacement and lighting/plumbing/sanitary system/masonry/asphalt replacement/upgrades at the transportation and buildings and grounds facilities; and renovation of the home and careers science labs at the Jericho High and Middle School. All of the foregoing will include all labor, materials, equipment apparatus and incidental costs associated therewith.

PROPOSITION #3

Residents will have the opportunity to vote on a Capital Reserve Recommendation. As presented at our budget workshops, approving this proposition would allow the district to establish a capital reserve fund and enable the district to set aside funds for future construction projects.

Creating this capital reserve fund does not require raising additional taxes.

However, voter authorization to fund a capital reserve and additional voter authorization to expend from a capital reserve are required. A capital reserve fund provides long-range funding and guidance for future capital improvement requirements.

Proposition #3

Shall the Board of Education, pursuant to Education Law section 3651, be authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund known as the “Facilities Improvement Program III – Jericho Public Schools. The maximum amount of the aforesaid Capital Reserve Fund shall be \$20 million, plus investment income. The term is to be 10 years; the funds are to be transferred from surplus monies remaining in the general fund and/or from existing reserves as allowed by General Municipal and Education Law including a sum not to exceed \$10 million from the 2016-2017 budget and thereafter not more than \$10 million for each remaining year of the probable term until the maximum amount of \$20 million is reached.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

Funds are allocated in the proposed budget (\$925,000) to begin/continue district-wide projects such as: playground equipment replacement, concrete/asphalt/drywells repairs/replacement, fencing replacement/installations, tennis court refurbishment, and replacement of the front entrance electronic sign at MS/HS.



JERICO ACCOLADES

100% GRADUATION RATE - CLASS OF 2016

99.3%

**REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE
(JERICO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016)**

89.2%

**REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE
WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION
(JERICO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016)**

95.8%

**4-YEAR COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATE
(JERICO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2016)**

**US NEWS & WORLD REPORTS RANKED
JERICO HIGH SCHOOL FIRST ON LONG ISLAND,
11TH IN NYS AND 67TH NATIONALLY**

**21 JERICO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
HONORED IN NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

**7 STUDENTS WERE NAMED REGENERON
SCHOLARS & 2 WERE NAMED FINALISTS IN 2017**

**NAMED BEST COMMUNITY IN AMERICA FOR
MUSIC EDUCATION FOR 18TH YEAR IN A ROW**

**NYS SCHOLAR ATHLETE SCHOOL OF
DISTINCTION FOR 12 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

2017-2018 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

BUDGET STRATEGIES:

- Deliver a high-quality, 21st Century education and remain committed to being a premier school district
- Commit to our district’s mission and goals
- Keep a multi-year perspective on the budget
- Develop long-range planning for our educational programs and goals
- Maintain and renovate our facilities
- Enhance technology replacement plans and expand technological initiatives
- Continue to pursue efficiencies in all areas of the school district

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY 2017-18:

- Continue district-wide tablet initiative, adding over 550 Chromebooks and 285 iPads
- Replace over 255 desktops and 40 laptops
- Replace network switches, projectors, Smartboards and printers as needed
- Increase network speed, reliability and storage
- Upgrade fiber connectivity between network closets in elementary schools



”Not Going to be in Jericho on May 16 and Want to Vote?”

Absentee Ballot Applications are available online at www.jerichoschools.org. Click on the “Vote” logo at the bottom of the page. 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 the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. More information is available online.

ELEMENTARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING IN 2017-18

- *S.T.E.A.M. Labs staffed by full-time science specialists (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art & Mathematics)*
- *Columbia Teachers College literacy program*
- *Math in Focus (Singapore Math)*
- *Band & Orchestra for grades 4 & 5*
- *Expanded library/media research programs*
- *Student Leaders/Safety Patrol*
- *After-School Cultural Arts Program*
- *Science Specialists*
- *World Languages*
- *Extensive Co-Teaching Program*
- *SEL/Mindfulness Programs*
- *Robotics/Coding Programs*
- *Exploratory Opportunities: STEAM Day, Genius Day*

BUDGET HEARING & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

A Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on Tuesday May 9, 2017, in the High School Little Theater, at 7:30 p.m. Community members are encouraged to attend.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Complete copies of the proposed 2017-2018 Jericho School District Budget are available on the district website and in the Central Administration Office at 99 Cedar Swamp Road. Reference copies are available for inspection at all district schools and the Jericho Public Library. Please do not hesitate to contact the Office of the Superintendent of Schools at 203-3600, extension 3201, with any questions. For information or questions regarding registration, voting and absentee ballots, please call 203-3600, extension 3214.

Athletics Highlights

- *The Jericho Athletic Program currently consists of 29 Varsity Teams, 14 Junior Varsity Teams, 31 Middle School teams*
- *Participation: 333 High School students participated on our 17 fall teams; 255 High School students participated on our 13 winter teams; 215 Middle School students participated on our 10 fall teams; 277 Middle School students participated on our 13 winter teams*
- *A New York State Scholar Athlete School of Distinction for 12 consecutive years, the most by any school district in New York State*
- *All Varsity teams qualified as New York State Scholar Athlete teams in 2015-16*
- *Girls Volleyball & Boys Soccer won Conference Championships 2016-17*
- *Boys Fencing won the Nassau County Championship in 2016*
- *Boys Volleyball Nassau County Runner's up in 2016-17*
- *In the past 10 years, the Jericho Athletic Program has won: 14 Nassau County Championships, 22 Conference Championships, 2 individual athletes earned State Championship honors in their respective sports, 15 individual athletes received All-State honors*



With an Eye and Ear Toward the Arts: Art & Music Highlights

- *7 Jericho musicians selected to perform at NY All-State Conference*
- *23 Jericho art students represented at Nassau Art Supervisors Association*
- *Art display panels in lobby*
- *26 concerts in ten months*
- *650 plus NYSSMA entries (New York State School Music Association)*
- *83 All-County Students - 30 LISFA Musicians*
- *Berklee & Herricks Jazz Festivals*
- *Music In the Parks Festivals*
- *Lincoln Center Chamber Music Competition*
- *Named one of the Best Communities in America for Music Education (20 consecutive years)*
- *Pep Rallies – Personal Best Days –Tri-M Music Honor Society supports “Rock-CAN-Roll”*
- *National Art Honor Society and Tri-M National Music Honor Society*



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2017-2018 SCHOOL BUDGET

(PROPOSITION #1)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2016-2017	%	2017-2018	%
INSTRUCTION	\$73,571,872	60.79%	\$74,776,467	60.96%
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$3,566,675	2.95%	\$3,606,308	2.94%
CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$900,000	0.74%	\$925,000	0.75%
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	\$7,922,079	6.55%	\$7,959,676	6.49%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$6,055,461	5.00%	\$6,099,907	4.97%
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$72,125	0.06%	\$78,000	0.06%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$26,496,883	21.89%	\$26,968,932	21.99%
DEBT SERVICE & UNDISTRIBUTED	\$2,438,956	2.02%	\$2,254,837	1.84%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$121,024,051	100%	\$122,669,127	100%

PROPOSED 2017-18 BUDGET

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Jericho Middle School was re-designated a National School to Watch, one of only 300 Middle Schools in the Nation to earn this designation!

SECONDARY PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING IN 2017-18

MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Class Meetings
- National History Day Projects Grade 7 & 8 (Local & state winners)
- Expanded Special Education Program
- Middle School Teaming/Student Team Advisors
- OLWEUS Anti-Bullying Program
- BRAVE (Bully Reduction Anti Violence Education) Program
- Co-teaching Program
- ENL Pilot Program
- Electives including Dance, Mock Trial, Little Chefs and SEEDLINGS
- Enhancements: Coding, Gadgets & Gizmos
- Parent Brunch and Learns
- Diversity Day
- Mobile Maker Space
- Family Booktalk
- Mathletes/Math Olympiad/American Math Competition
- Mathcounts (Long Island Champions)
- V.A.L.U.E. (Volunteer Activities Leave Us Enriched) Credit Program
- Project A.I.M. (Assisting Incoming Middle School Students - HS students mentoring 6th grade students)
- Response-to-Intervention Initiative
- Personal Best Initiative

HIGH SCHOOL

- Broad array of Advanced Placement opportunities
- Science/Social Science/ Pre-Calculus Research: Four year program that enables students to perform research with experts for the betterment of our world.
- BOLT (Building Outstanding Leaders for Tomorrow): Leadership class that challenges students to make a difference in the school and the world.
- Project Lead the Way: International pre-engineering program that offers up to 20 college engineering credits.
- Business: accounting, management, entrepreneurship, law, and virtual enterprise classes
- Extensive World Language Program: culture trips to Italy, Spain, China, and France
- Co-Teaching Program
- New Media Communications: Journalism program that enables students to explore communications in the digital age
- Wide range of elective and extracurricular opportunities

Budget Bulletin

School Budget Vote & Board Election Public Library Budget Vote & Board Election:

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

6 AM - 9 PM

Jericho Middle/High School Gym

Jericho Union Free School District

Jericho, New York 11753

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May 2017

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2017-2018 LIBRARY BUDGET (PROPOSITION #4)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2016-2017	2017-2018
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$468,750	\$468,800
PROGRAMMING	\$87,700	\$97,500
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	\$30,000	\$9,500
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	\$85,500	\$70,500
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$689,925	\$705,300
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$3,775,000	\$3,772,500
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$5,000	\$5,000
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$0	\$83,000
GASB 45	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,141,875	\$5,212,100
LESS TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$74,950	\$73,400
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$5,066,925	\$5,138,700

Percentage Increase in the [Library Tax Levy](#) 1.42%

The proposed levy will be within the allowable threshold as prescribed in Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011

Three candidates are running for three open Library Board seats:

Kwan T. Cheung **Edwin L. Smith** **Denise Cole**

Copies of the complete Jericho Library Proposed 2017-2018 Budget are available at the Jericho Public Library for inspection.

Voting Qualifications

Only persons who are qualified voters as of May 16, 2017 shall be permitted to vote in the election held on May 16, 2017 on matters affecting the Jericho School District and the Jericho Public Library.

A qualified voter is defined as:

- *A citizen of the United States
- *At least eighteen years of age
- *A resident in the Jericho Union Free School District for thirty days or more preceding the budget vote at which he/she offers to vote.

Persons disqualified from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law are not eligible to vote in school district elections.

NEW VOTERS MAY REGISTER AND VOTE ON THE DAY OF THE ELECTION. THEY WILL BE ASKED TO PROVIDE PROOF OF RESIDENCY AND AGE.