

Jericho Budget Bulletin

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In Jericho High School's class of 2017, 99.9% of all seniors earned Regents diplomas and 93% 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 With 0% Tax Levy Increase

Jericho's Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2018-2019 school district budget at an open meeting on March 28, 2018. The \$122,653,735 budget represents a 0% tax levy increase, which is below the New York State Tax Cap. This is the fourth year in a row that the tax levy has remained the same in Jericho.

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 15. 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 is Proposition #2. This proposition will not have any additional financial impact on the taxpayers. The District is embarking on the third phase of the Capital Improvement Plan. Proposition #2 would authorize the Board to spend \$16.2 million from the pre-existing Capital Reserves and fund balance to implement the third-phase projects from the Capital Facilities Plan. The bulk of this portion of the plan will include funds to provide cooling to all instructional spaces at the three elementary schools, as well as the Sam Springer Gym and Field House at the HS/MS complex.

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.

When adopting the budget, the Board also considered the district's plan to continue technology replacement and expand technological initiatives districtwide.

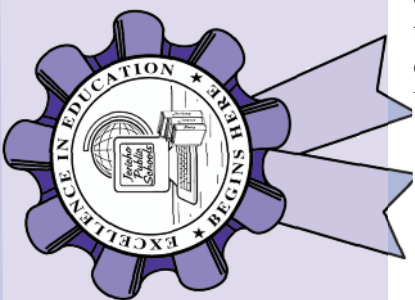
Included in the budget are plans to add over 765 Chromebooks and 342 iPads. The district will also replace over 290 desktops and 100 laptop computers; replace projectors, Smartboards and printers as needed; and increase network speed, reliability, and storage.

Board of Education Seats

There are two open seats on the Board of Education this year. William Ferro and Daborah Lee are both running unopposed for re-election.

Additional Information

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



SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE	Tuesday, May 15, 2018
	6 AM - 9 PM
	Middle/High School Gym

ON THE BALLOT:

PROPOSITION #2

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$16,125,134 as follows (1) \$783,337 plus additional interest earned after 11/30/17 from the capital reserve fund established on May 19, 2015 and (2) \$10,007,400 plus additional interest earned after 11/30/17 from the capital reserve fund established on May 16, 2017 and (3) \$5,334,397 from fund balance for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows: District-wide replacement of rooftop exhaust fans; District-wide electrical upgrades and replacement; replace classroom casework and unit ventilators with heating and cooling unit ventilators at Jackson and Cantiague Elementary Schools; replace classroom casework, replace VAT flooring with VCT, and install new cooling rooftop units to provide air conditioning to Seaman Elementary School; replace existing burners at Jackson Elementary School; remove existing H&V units and furnish and install new HVAC units at the field house and Sam Springer gym, continue to replace ceiling lighting, complete renovation of existing courtyard outside the research center, renovation of existing pool to include concrete repairs and replace deck, gutter, and pool shell tile at the High/Middle School; all of the above to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs associated therewith.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to the proposition, funds are allocated in the proposed budget (\$2,135,000) to upgrade the district-wide electrical systems.



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING IN 2018-19

- *Broad array of Advanced Placement opportunities including AP Capstone*
- *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, entrepreneurship, law, retail management 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*
- *Numerous competitions including some of these examples:*
- *National History Day, Ethics Bowl, Mock Trial, Model UN, Debate*
- *NCTE (National Council of Teachers of English) Writing Awards, Poetry Out Loud, Teen Ink, Walt Whitman Poetry, Hofstra Journalism, Canon Writing Program*
- *National Spanish/Italian/French/Latin Exams, Italian Poetry, Language Essay Competitions*
- *Regeneron, Siemens, Dupont, Toshiba, ExploraVision, National Science Bowl, MIT Think, Brain Bee, LI Science & Engineering Fair, VEX Robotics, Science Olympiad, Eco Challenge*



JERICHO ACCOLADES

100% GRADUATION RATE - CLASS OF 2017

99.9%

**REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE
(JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017)**

93%

**REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE
WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION
(JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017)**

97.5%

**4-YEAR COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATE
(JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2017)**

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

**45 JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS
HONORED IN NATIONAL MERIT
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

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

**NAMED BEST COMMUNITY IN AMERICA FOR
MUSIC EDUCATION FOR 19TH YEAR IN A ROW**

**NYS SCHOLAR ATHLETE SCHOOL OF
DISTINCTION FOR 13 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

2018-2019 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

BUDGET STRATEGIES:

- Remain committed to being a premier school district and continue to deliver a high-quality, 21st century education
- Continued commitment to our district’s mission and goals
- Keep a multi-year perspective on the budget
- Continue to develop long-range planning for our educational programs and goals
- Ongoing upgrades and renovations to our facilities
- Continue technology replacement plans and expand technological initiatives
- Continue to pursue efficiencies in all areas of the school district

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY 2018-19:

- Continue district-wide tablet initiative by the addition of 765 Chromebooks and 342 iPads
- Replace over 290 desktops and 100 laptops
- Replace network switches, projectors, Smartboards and printers as needed
- Increase network speed, reliability and storage



Not Going to be in Jericho on May 15 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 2018-2019

- *S.T.E.A.M. Labs Staffed by Full-time Science Specialists (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and 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*
- *Computer Labs, Chrome Book carts and iPads*
- *After-School Cultural Arts Program*
- *World Languages*
- *Extensive Co-Teaching Program*
- *SEL/Mindfulness Programs*
- *Robotics/Coding Programs*
- *Exploratory Opportunities: STEAM Day, Genius Hour, etc.*

Athletics Highlights

- *The Jericho Athletic Program currently consists of: 29 Varsity Teams, 14 Junior Varsity Teams, and 31 Middle School Teams*
- *Participation:*
338 High School students participated on our 17 fall teams
288 High School students participated on our 13 winter teams
206 Middle School students participated on our 10 fall teams
279 Middle School students participated on our 13 winter teams
- *A New York State Scholar Athlete High School of Distinction for 13 consecutive years – The most by any school district in NYS*
- *Boys Swimming & Boys Soccer won Conference Championships*
- *Girls Fencing, Boys Badminton & Girls Badminton won the Nassau County Championships*
- *Boys Fencing & Girls Golf won the Long Island Championships.*
- *In the past 11 years, the Jericho Athletic Program has won:*
17 Nassau County Championships
24 Conference Championships
2 individual athletes earned State Championship honors in their respective sports
17 individual athletes received All-State honors

BUDGET HEARING & SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

A Public Hearing on the Budget will be held on Tuesday May 8, 2018, in the High School Little Theater, at 7:30 p.m. Community members are encouraged to attend.

There are two open seats on the Board of Education this year. Each of the two seats is for a three year term. Two candidates are running for re-election - William Ferro and Daborah Lee. This is an “at large” election.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

Complete copies of the proposed 2018-2019 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.



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

- *11 All-State student-musicians & alternates*
- *All-National student-musician*
- *21 Art Supervisors Association All-County student-artists*
- *19 National Photo Contest Winners*
- *26 annual school concerts*
- *650+ NYS School Music Association adjudication entries*
- *128 All-County & P.E.A.K. musicians & 33 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 “Rock-CAN-Roll” fundraiser*
- *Jericho hosts NYSSMA Piano Festival (23rd year)*
- *National Art Honor Society & Tri-M National Music Honor Society*



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2018-2019 SCHOOL BUDGET

(PROPOSITION #1)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2017-2018	%	2018-2019	%
INSTRUCTION	\$74,776,467	60.96%	\$73,870,020	60.23%
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$3,606,308	2.94%	\$3,541,529	2.89%
CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$925,000	0.75%	\$2,135,000	1.74%
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	\$7,959,676	6.49%	\$7,785,301	6.35%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$6,099,907	4.97%	\$6,063,391	4.94%
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$78,000	0.06%	\$83,000	0.07%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$26,968,932	21.99%	\$27,051,152	22.05%
DEBT SERVICE & UNDISTRIBUTED	\$2,254,837	1.84%	\$2,124,342	1.73%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$122,669,127	100%	\$122,653,735	100%

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING IN 2018-2019

- *Class Meetings*
- *National History Day Projects Grades 7 & 8*
- *Middle School Teaming/Student Team Advisors*
- *OLWEUS Anti-Bullying Program*
- *BRAVE (Bully Reduction Anti Violence Education) Program/BRAVE Ambassadors*
- *ENL Pilot Program*
- *Balanced Literacy PD (extension of Elementary PD)*
- *Electives:*
 - Dance*
 - Mock Trial*
 - Little Chefs,*
 - SEEDLINGS*
 - Competitive Science*
 - 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-Community Service*
- *Mentoring Program*
- *Personal Best Initiative*
- *Instructional Support Team Protocols (New)*
- *Student Driven EdCamp (New)*
- *Peer-to-Peer Mentoring (6th and 8th Graders) (New)*
- *Redesigned Classroom Spaces*



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

Budget Bulletin

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

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

6 AM - 9 PM

Jericho Middle/High School Gym

Jericho Union Free School District

Jericho, New York 11753

(516) 203-3600

Board of Education

William Ferro, *President*

Jill Citron, *Vice President*

Barbara Krieger

Daborah Lee

Pam Wasserman-Heath

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2018-2019 LIBRARY BUDGET (PROPOSITION #3)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2017-2018	2018-2019
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$468,800	\$501,300
PROGRAMMING	\$97,500	\$111,000
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	\$14,500	\$9,500
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	\$75,500	\$73,500
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$723,300	\$725,000
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$3,744,500	\$3,869,000
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$5,000	\$5,000
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$83,000	\$80,000
GASB 45	\$0	\$0
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,212,100	\$5,374,300
LESS TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$73,400	\$148,000
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$5,138,700	\$5,226,300

Percentage Increase in the Library Tax Levy 1.676%

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

One candidate is running for one open Library Board seat:

Gloria Jacobson

Copies of the complete Jericho Library Proposed 2018-2019 Budget are available at the Jericho Public Library for inspection.

Voting Qualifications

Only persons who are qualified voters as of May 15, 2018 shall be permitted to vote in the election held on May 15, 2018 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.