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Jericho Budget Bulletin



In Jericho High School's class of 2018, 99.9% of all seniors earned Regents diplomas and 91% received Regents Diplomas Awarded with Distinction. Also, 92% 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 That's Below Tax Levy Limit

Jericho's Board of Education unanimously adopted the proposed 2019-2020 school district budget at an open meeting on March 21, 2019. The \$124,341,752 budget represents a 1.46% tax levy increase, which is below the New York State Tax Cap. This is the first increase that the district has had in five years.

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 21. 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

The District is embarking on the fourth phase of a District-wide Capital Improvement Plan. On May 21, 2019 voters will be asked to vote on two additional propositions.

Proposition #2 would authorize the Board to spend \$9.9 million

from the already existing Capital Reserve III, fund balance, and a \$500,000 donation to implement the fourth-phase projects from the Capital Facilities Plan. The bulk of this portion of the plan will include funds to provide district-wide site work, fencing, playgrounds, safety surfaces, electrical upgrades, security upgrades, renovation of the HS Cafeteria, and cooling to the remainder of instructional spaces in the HS/MS complex.

Proposition #3 would authorize the Board to create an additional capital reserve (Capital Reserve IV), not to exceed \$20 million, which would be funded over the next several years, and provide funding for future capital projects.

Projects included in the Capital Improvement Plan can be found online in the Budget portion of the website.

Maintaining Programs

While preparing the budget, many strategies were considered, including keeping a multi-year, long-term perspective on the district's financial plans. All instructional programs will continue for next year, and there will also be enhancements to some of these pro-

grams.

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

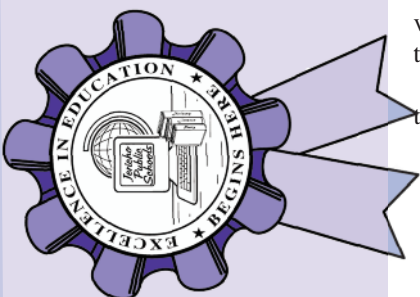
Included in the budget are plans to expand the tablet initiative throughout the district and add 170 iPads and 330 Chromebooks. Almost 500 desktops will be replaced and an additional 35 laptops will be added. There are plans to replace projectors, Smartboards and printers as needed. This is all part of the district's five-year technology plan.

Board of Education Seats

There is one open seat on the Board of Education this year. Two candidates are running for this seat, which holds a three-year term. Listed in ballot order, the candidates are incumbent Pam Wasserman-Heath and Maria Sy-Rangel. There is a Meet the Candidates Night, sponsored by the PTA, scheduled for May 14, 2019 at 7:30 PM in the Little Theater.

Additional Information

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



Tuesday, May 21, 2019
6 AM - 9 PM
Middle/High School Gym

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

ON THE BALLOT:

PROPOSITIONS #2 & #3

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANS

PROPOSITION #2

SHALL the Board of Education be authorized to expend a sum not to exceed \$9,831,850 as follows (1) \$500,000 from a donation and (2) \$6,000,000 from the capital reserve fund established on May 16, 2017 and (3) \$3,331,850 from fund balance for the purpose of completing capital improvements as follows: District-wide site work, fencing, playgrounds, and safety surface; district-wide electrical upgrades and replacement; replace classroom casework and unit ventilators with heating and cooling unit ventilators at the high and middle schools; district-wide ceiling and lighting upgrades; renovation of the high school cafeteria; district-wide building energy management systems upgrades; district-wide security upgrades; all of the above to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs associated therewith.

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 IV – Jericho Public Schools" for the purpose of district-wide replacements, renovations, upgrades, reconstruction, additions, and remediation of: roofs, exhaust fans, windows, masonry, doors, stairs, elevators, ceilings, lightings, plumbing, boilers, burners, floors, walls, bathrooms, ADA compliance, classrooms, labs casework, cafeteria/

kitchen, electrical service, HVAC units, air handling, unit ventilators, security, emergency generators, energy efficiency projects, additional new space/new building additions, site-work, pavement, curbs, sidewalks, courtyard, athletic fields, tennis courts, stadium lighting, bleacher/concession stands, playgrounds, lockers, locker room, gymnasium, pool, weight room, technology/communication, hazardous material remediation, bus garage, auditoriums, storage, furnishings and equipment incidental to said projects. 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 \$5 million from the 2018-2019 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. Upon the establishment and funding of said reserve, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall be directed to deposit monies of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "Facilities Improvement Program IV – Jericho Public Schools." Upon the establishment and funding of said reserve, the Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee shall be authorized to invest, from time to time, the monies of this fund pursuant to section 1723-a of the Education Law.



HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING IN 2019-2020

- 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, 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:

- 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 2018

99.3%

**REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE
(JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018)**

91%

**REGENTS DIPLOMA PASS RATE
WITH ADVANCED DESIGNATION
(JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018)**

95%

**4-YEAR COLLEGE ENROLLMENT RATE
(JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 2018)**

**NICHE.COM RANKED JERICHO SCHOOL DISTRICT
THE BEST SCHOOL DISTRICT
IN THE UNITED STATES IN 2018**

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

**8 STUDENTS WERE NAMED REGENERON
SCHOLARS & 1 WAS NAMED A FINALIST IN 2018**

**NAMED BEST COMMUNITY IN AMERICA FOR
MUSIC EDUCATION FOR 20TH YEAR IN A ROW**

**NYS SCHOLAR ATHLETE SCHOOL OF
DISTINCTION FOR 14 CONSECUTIVE YEARS**

2019-2020 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

BUDGET STRATEGIES:

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

COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY:

- In 2018-19, a mobile device cart was set up for every MS & HS class room, 340 iPads and 765 Chromebooks were added, over 200 desktops and 90 laptops were replaced, and 120 WiFi access points were replaced.
- In 2019-2020, we plan to continue expanding the tablet initiative throughout the district, adding 170 iPads and 330 Chromebooks.
- In accordance with our five year plan, 496 desktops will be replaced and 35 laptops will be added.
- Projectors, Smartboards and printers will be replaced as needed.

Voting Qualifications

Only persons who are qualified voters as of May 21, 2019 shall be permitted to vote in the election held on May 21, 2019 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.



Not Going to be in Jericho on May 21 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

- *STEAM 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*
- *World Languages*
- *Extensive Co-Teaching Program*
- *SEL/Mindfulness Programs*
- *Robotics/Coding Programs*
- *Arts in Education/Outdoor Education Field Experiences*
- *Exploratory Opportunities: STEAM Day, Genius Hour, etc.*

Athletics Highlights

- *The Jericho athletic program currently consists of 29 varsity teams, 15 junior varsity teams, and 31 Middle School teams*
- *Participation:*
 - 323 High School students participated on our 17 fall teams
 - 298 High School students participated on our 13 winter teams
 - 228 Middle School students participated on our 10 fall teams
 - 201 Middle School students participated on our 7 Winter I teams
- *A New York State Scholar Athlete High School of Distinction for 14 consecutive years (the most by any school district in New York State.)*
- *Girls Badminton, Girls Golf, Boys Badminton & Girls Tennis won Conference Championships in 2018.*
- *Boys Volleyball and Girls Golf finished as Nassau County runners-up*
- *Boys and Girls Badminton won the Nassau County Championships.*
- *In the past 12 years, the Jericho Athletic Program has won:*
 - 19 Nassau County Championships
 - 29 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 14, 2019, 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 2019-2020 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

- *12 All-State student-musicians & alternates*
- *All-National & All-Eastern student-musician*
- *23 Art Supervisors Association All-County student-artists*
- *National, State, & Local Art Contest winners*
- *26 annual school concerts*
- *650+ NYS School Music Association adjudication entries*
- *139 All-County & P.E.A.K. musicians & 34 LISFA musicians*
- *Berklee & Herricks Jazz Festivals*
- *Music In the Parks & Dixie Classic Music 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” fundraisers*
- *Jericho hosts NYSSMA Piano Festival (24th year)*
- *National Art Honor Society & Tri-M National Music Honor Society*
- *Cookies & Canvas Night of Painting for Jericho Families*



SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

(PROPOSITION #1)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2018-2019	%	2019-2020	%
INSTRUCTION	\$73,870,020	60.23%	\$75,312,704	60.57%
CENTRAL SERVICES	\$3,541,529	2.89%	\$3,603,563	2.90%
CAPITAL BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS	\$2,135,000	1.74%	\$2,140,130	1.72%
BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS	\$7,785,301	6.35%	\$8,012,801	6.44%
PUPIL TRANSPORTATION	\$6,063,391	4.94%	\$6,255,141	5.03%
COMMUNITY SERVICES	\$83,000	0.07%	\$83,000	0.07%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$27,051,152	22.05%	\$28,034,413	22.55%
DEBT SERVICE & UNDISTRIBUTED	\$2,124,342	1.73%	\$900,000	0.72%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$122,653,735	100%	\$124,341,752	100%

PROPOSED 2019-20 BUDGET

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MIDDLE SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUING IN 2019-2020

- Restorative Practice Initiative (New)
- 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 Program
- Balanced Literacy PD (extension of Elementary PD)
- Electives
Dance, Mock Trial, Little Chefs, SEEDLINGS, Competitive Science
- 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)
- Incoming 6th Grade Buddy Program (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!

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

In addition to the propositions, funds are allocated in the proposed budget (\$2,140,130) to replace boilers at the HS/MS complex and district-wide ceiling, lighting, and security upgrades.

Budget Bulletin

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

Tuesday, May 21, 2019

6 AM - 9 PM

Jericho Middle/High School Gym

Jericho Union Free School District

Jericho, New York 11753

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SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2019-2020 LIBRARY BUDGET

(PROPOSITION #4)

ESTIMATED EXPENSES	2018-2019	2019-2020
LIBRARY MATERIALS	\$501,300	\$528,100
PROGRAMMING	\$111,000	\$112,000
PROPERTY IMPROVEMENTS	\$9,500	\$9,500
FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT	\$73,500	\$73,500
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$725,000	\$752,500
SALARIES & BENEFITS	\$3,869,000	\$3,897,300
CAPITAL RESERVE	\$5,000	\$5,000
CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$80,000	\$70,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$5,374,300	\$5,447,900
LESS TOTAL ANTICIPATED INCOME	\$148,000	\$140,400
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXES	\$5,226,300	\$5,307,500

Percentage Increase in the Library Tax Levy 1.554%

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

Gayle Dolowich is running unopposed for one open Library Board seat

Proposition #5: (As it appears on the ballot)

That the Jericho Public Library, in Jericho, New York (the "Library"), is hereby authorized to construct additions, alterations and improvements to the Library, and to expend therefor \$9,000,000; (b) that a tax is hereby voted in the amount of not to exceed \$9,000,000 to pay the cost thereof, such tax to be levied and collected in installments in such years and in such amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Education of the District; and bonds of the District are authorized to be issued in the principal amount of not to exceed \$9,000,000 and a school tax is hereby authorized to pay the principal of and interest on such bonds as the same shall become due and payable; and (c) that a Library tax is hereby authorized to be levied and collected in installments in such years and amounts as shall be determined by said Board of Trustees of the Library sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the not to exceed \$9,000,000 bonds herein referred to, and such Library tax shall offset and reduce by like amount the school taxes herein authorized.

A Note From Tina Brenner

Director of the Jericho Public Library

The Jericho Public Library has become a community center for all age groups. It is a multi-functioned space that enables patrons to attend programs, study, collaborate and socialize. The Library proposes to improve, expand and renovate interior space to the present Library building to better accommodate our community. The improvements will include; additional multipurpose and quiet rooms for additional programs and quiet study; additional handicapped accessible bathrooms; new windows and the installation of a fire sprinkler system for patron safety. The construction of the new 2-story circular addition will allow for an enlarged café area, more efficient space for clerical staff, custodial area, storage and the relocation of Administration, Technology and Programming office space for a more productive work flow. The interior space renovation will be patron friendly, with more public seating and tables for patrons to sit comfortably, read and/or socialize.

Copies of the complete Jericho Library Proposed 2019-2020 Budget are available at the Jericho Public Library for inspection.