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Dr. Adele V. Pecora,
Superintendent of Schools

Points of Pride

- ✓ Based on their high achievement on Advanced Placement exams, 106 students at Seaford High School were named AP Scholars, the most in school history.

✓ Forty-one students from fifth through twelfth grade were selected for the All-County Music Festival. Two Seaford High School students were named to New York State School Music Association All-State ensembles.

✓ The district was named one of the Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM Foundation.

✓ Seaford High School again was recognized for its financial literacy program with the Blue Star Award from WISE - and a social studies educator was named a Gold Star teacher.

✓ A pair of seventh graders from Seaford Middle School won first place in the Nassau Community College Honors Program Science Fair Competition.

✓ A Seaford High School science research student advanced to the second round of the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair. Another student in the program entered his project into the national Regeneron Science Talent Search competition.


✓ Six student-artists from Seaford High School were recognized in the regional portion of the 2020 Scholastic Art & Writing Contest.

✓ A Seaford High School student is a finalist in the National PTA Reflections theme contest.

✓ A Seaford High School student earned regional recognition at the FIRST Robotics competition.

✓ Two Seaford High School students attended the Best Buddies leadership conference in Indiana.

✓ 24 student-athletes have committed to playing for college teams.



✓ The varsity football team won the Nassau County Conference IV championship.

✓ A Seaford High School senior was recognized with the Richard Daoust Scholar-Athlete Memorial Award from the Nassau County Soccer Coaches Association for his leadership.

✓ Thirteen fall and winter teams were named New York State Scholar Athlete teams.

✓ The girls varsity volleyball team won the Long Island championship.

✓ The varsity cheerleading squad won its fourth consecutive Nassau County championship, placed second at the state level and fourth at the national level.

✓ The boys and girls varsity bowling teams both earned their third consecutive Nassau County championships.

✓ Five members of the winter track team were conference champions in their events.

✓ Students at the elementary, middle and high school level demonstrated commitment to community with charitable initiatives, including food, mitten, pet supply and toy drives.

✓ The 16 Habits of Mind are incorporated into daily life at the Harbor and Manor elementary schools.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION
Tuesday, June 9 by mail-in absentee ballot only

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All qualified voters of the Seaford Union Free School District will receive an absentee ballot along with a postage-paid return envelope. Ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 9.

VOTER REGISTRATION AND REQUIREMENTS

Any resident of the School District who is not already a registered voter and wishes to be a registered voter for this election may register with the Board of Elections by submitting an online application for

voter registration with the Department of Motor Vehicles at <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>.

To vote, you must be 18 years of age or older, a U.S. citizen and a District resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote. You must be registered to vote with the Seaford School District or the Nassau County Board of Elections or have voted in a political or general election within the past four years.

In compliance with Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act of 1965, the United States Census Bureau has designated Nassau and Suffolk counties as “coverage jurisdictions” that must provide election information in BOTH English and Spanish.

Budget
2020



BUDGET *Spotlight*
Yesterday’s traditions, today’s achievements,
tomorrow’s goals

QUESTIONS
& ANSWERS

Q. What is on the ballot?
A. The following propositions are on the ballot:
• **Proposition 1 – 2020-2021 School Budget.** A budget of \$73,005,631.
• **Proposition 2 – 2020-2021 Seaford Public Library Budget. *Separate from the School Budget.***
See www.seafordlibrary.org for more information.
• **Election of two School Board Trustees for three-year terms.**

Q. What is the proposed budget?
A. The proposed expenditure budget for the 2020-2021 school year is \$73,005,631. This represents a budget-to-budget increase of \$2,348,682, or 3.32%.
Q. What is the tax levy increase?
A. The tax levy is \$55,047,849, an increase of \$1,901,670, or 3.58%, which is within the allowable tax cap.

Q. If the tax levy increases, does that mean my property taxes will go up?
A. Not necessarily. The tax levy does not raise everyone’s property taxes by the same amount. It is possible that a homeowner’s property taxes will be higher, or even lower, than the tax levy limit. The increase depends on the assessed valuation of the property, which the District does not control. For questions about your property’s assessment, contact the Nassau County Assessor’s office.

Q. What happens if the budget is not approved?
A. Executive Order No. 202.67 does not specify the date for a budget revote should the budget fail. Without further guidance from the Governor’s office, we are uncertain about the ability to schedule a revote or whether a contingency budget would be adopted by the Board of Education. A contingency budget for Seaford would force the Board and Administration to seek \$1,901,670 in cuts. The effect of this, along with the strong potential of state aid cuts that could be as high as 20%, would translate into drastic cuts to school programs including academic, extracurricular, athletic and staffing across the District as well as reduction in transportation services (late buses for Seaford District and private school students). The contingency budget would also prevent the District from purchasing any new equipment and would not allow for any increase to the tax levy.

BUDGET SUPPORTS STUDENTS,
STAYS WITHIN ALLOWABLE TAX CAP

Dear Seaford Residents,
We hope this message finds you and your family doing well amid these trying times. As a community, we have accomplished many wonderful things over the past few months. Our first responders, health care workers and many others have willingly risked their own health and safety to keep essential services operating. These actions truly embody Seaford Pride.
This situation has presented many challenges, including the need to educate students remotely; however, our community-supported Personalized Digital Learning initiative has allowed for continuous instruction. A special thanks must be extended to all the parents and guardians who are collaborating with our teachers to support the education of our students. We understand balancing personal responsibilities with assisting your own children with their remote learning is not easy.
Student access to these personal learning devices would not have been possible without careful long-term planning and community-supported school budgets. Our administrative team began building the proposed 2020-2021 budget in October 2019 and presented it to the Board of Education prior to the pandemic. The Board reviewed the proposed budget anticipating another wonderful upcoming school year.
Unfortunately, when the New York State budget was passed in April, there was no increase to the District’s Foundation Aid for 2020-2021, which was less funding than the previous projection from the state. Also disturbing is that our actual state aid for 2019-2020 was over \$420,000 less than the projected amount last year. These fluctuations are troublesome. Trying to project the state aid for next year is even more challenging. Governor Cuomo has stated publicly that the Director of the Budget has the authority to reduce school aid three times during the budget year. This is unprecedented and creates a real cause for concern due to the potential loss of millions of dollars in aid.

As you may recall, when we presented our budget last year, we had a tax cap limit of 4.04%, yet we asked the community to support a 2.98% tax levy increase. In terms of dollars, this represented more than \$540,000 that was not raised by our community and funds that are technically lost annually given the way the tax cap is calculated. Every year, we look to find efficiencies and reduce spending, and weigh and balance the needs for our students and programs with the burden placed on our taxpayers.
Given the vulnerability of state aid and the potential loss of millions of dollars, this year we are presenting a tax levy increase of 3.58%, which is within our allowable tax cap. With the overwhelming support of the community, Seaford students have excelled in all areas. The proposed budget will continue to maintain those opportunities for our students. In anticipation of the state aid reductions, we have already begun to identify projects that can be delayed to a future date without impacting the instructional programs for students.
The budget includes continuing our Personalized Digital Learning initiative, which will place more devices in students’ hands. To optimize the functionality of our infrastructure, we are upgrading the wiring in all four schools with over \$1 million secured through the New York State Smart Schools Bond Act. To begin this work at the Seaford Harbor School, we need to simultaneously do an asbestos abatement and replace all of the ceiling tiles.
All registered voters will automatically receive a paper ballot with a postage-paid return envelope. Once again, thank you for your continuous support. Together we will maintain educational excellence for our children.

Yours in Seaford Pride,

Bruce A. Kahn, President
Stacie Stark, Vice President
Kevin Devlin, Trustee
Andrea Parisi, Trustee
Natalie Pedisich, Trustee

Dr. Adele V. Pecora, Superintendent
John A. Strifolino, Assistant Superintendent
Marie Donnelly, Assistant Superintendent

VOTE by Tuesday, June 9 – Absentee Ballot Only

BUDGETING FOR 2020-2021 AND THE FUTURE

	Approved Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	Percent Change
GENERAL SUPPORT			
Board of Education	\$47,339	\$47,589	
Central Administration	296,701	302,605	
Finance	719,158	720,414	
Staff.....	239,372	264,860	
Central Services.....	4,044,794	4,459,187	
Census and Textbook Services	22,066	22,066	
Special Items	683,242	709,181	
Total General Support	\$6,052,672	\$6,525,902	7.82%

INSTRUCTION			
Instruction Admin and Improvement.....	\$2,170,100	\$2,427,398	
Teaching Regular Day School.....	21,028,085	21,747,623	
Teaching Special Education	10,225,983	10,561,200	
Teaching Occupational Education.....	1,142,406	1,072,768	
Teaching Special Schools	128,983	169,772	
Instructional Media.....	3,675,203	3,775,485	
Pupil Personnel Services	3,312,916	3,698,604	
Total Instruction.....	\$41,683,676	\$43,452,850	4.24%

TRANSPORTATION			
District Transportation Services.....	\$130,664	\$141,571	
Contract Transportation	2,784,163	3,112,830	
Field Trips and Interscholastic	183,300	195,736	
Total Transportation	\$3,098,127	\$3,450,137	11.36%

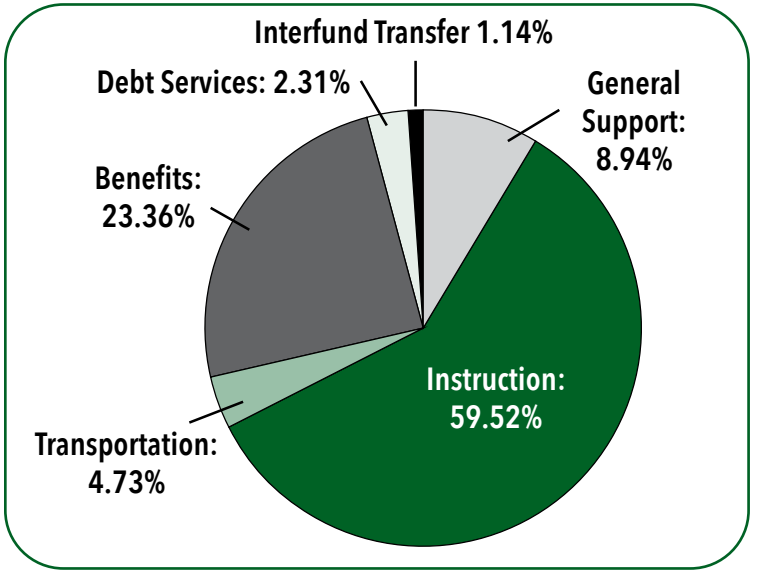
UNDISTRIBUTED EXPENSES			
Employee Benefits	\$17,351,130	\$17,050,973	
Debt Services.....	43,025	50,000	
Interfund Transfer to Capital Fund.....	650,000	750,000	
Interfund Transfer to Debt Service	1,691,994	1,639,444	
Interfund Transfer to Special Aid Fund.....	86,325	86,325	
Total Undistributed Expenses	\$19,822,474	\$19,576,742	-1.24%
Total Expenditures	\$70,656,949	\$73,005,631	3.32%



BUDGETING FOR 2020-2021 AND THE FUTURE

	Approved Budget 2019-2020	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	Percent Change
PROJECTED REVENUE			
State Aid	\$13,687,444	\$13,779,172	
Interest on Investments	45,000	85,000	
Health Services.....	350,000	355,000	
Nonresident Tuition	1,000,000	950,000	
E-Rate Funding.....	15,000	12,500	
Miscellaneous (Refunds, Interfund Transfers)	358,500	398,300	
Driver Education.....	86,500	110,000	
PILOT Payments (Nassau County, LIPA).....	668,326	670,755	
Subtotal.....	\$16,210,770	\$16,360,727	
Reserve for Tax Reduction	650,000	947,055	
Appropriated Fund Balance.....	650,000	650,000	
Total Revenues	17,510,770	17,957,782	
Final Tax Levy.....	\$53,146,179	\$55,047,849	3.58%

Expenditures	Dollar Amount	Percentage
General Support	6,525,902	8.94
Instruction	43,452,850	59.52
Transportation	3,450,137	4.73
Benefits	17,050,973	23.36
Debt Services	1,689,444	2.31
Interfund Transfer	836,325	1.14
	\$73,005,631	100.00%



THREE-PART BUDGET

All schools in New York State are required, by law, to present a three-part budget consisting of administrative, instructional and capital components. The following is a breakdown of that budget by dollar amount. Copies of the complete 2020-2021 budget are available on the District website at www.seaford.k12.ny.us.

Budget Component	Proposed Budget 2020-2021	Percentage of Budget
Administrative	\$6,280,218	8.60%
Program	\$59,048,151	80.88%
Capital	\$7,677,262	10.52%
Total Budget	\$73,005,631	100.00%
Total Budget Increase	\$2,348,682	

The 2020-2021 budget includes the following lease/purchase information for technology:

Vendor	Item	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
Nassau BOCES	Instructional Laptops for HS, MS, Manor, Harbor	\$244,414	\$239,368	\$230,485	\$230,561	\$229,964