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## Proposed Budget Within Tax Cap

### *Includes Program, Support Staff Enhancements*

The Valley Stream Central High School District Board of Education is pleased to announce that, once again, it is proposing a responsible school budget that will maintain academic programs, facilities, clubs and sports. It will also incorporate educational and support staff additions and restorations.

The Board of Education and central administration began serious planning for the proposed 2015-16 school budget in January with the district's annual building tour. Budget priorities were discussed with district principals, and challenges, including the uncertainty of state funding and the property tax cap legislation, were taken into consideration during early planning.

After great consideration, the Board of Education is presenting a responsible proposed budget that carries a minimal 2.13 percent tax levy increase, keeping the spending plan within the tax cap. Under the plan, all programs and services are maintained and student clubs are restored at all four of the district's schools. The budget also provides for the addition of new positions, including English Language Learner teachers, in accordance with new mandates from the State Education Department. It restores guidance counselors, psychologists and social workers, as well.

In measure with its fiscally responsible practices, the district finished repaying its bond debt last year. In addition, a stabilizing economy has resulted in the district paying less in teacher retirements and pension systems. The Central High School District Board of Education, along with the Boards of Education of Valley Stream Districts 13, 24 and 30 and the Valley Stream Teachers' Association, approved a five-year agreement from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. The deal will save the Central High School District more than \$2.5 million in salary expenses, funds that are being used to add and restore staff in the district.

"Once again, we are pleased to announce a fiscally responsible, tax cap-compliant budget for our Valley Stream taxpayers," said Superintendent of Schools Dr. Bill Heidenreich. "The proposed budget maintains all academic programs and services and calls for additions in staff positions as well as the restoration of clubs in our schools, all while maintaining a low tax levy and a minimal budget-to-budget increase."

In addition to the projects recommended for inclusion in the district's operating budget, the district has capital projects for consideration that are being recommended as part of a separate capital reserve proposition. The total for all districtwide and school capital projects is \$2.5 million. In order for the improvement projects to move forward, the community must approve Proposition No. 2. **The separate proposition will not impact the proposed tax levy increase of the 2015-16 budget.**

The district is also moving forward with a separate energy performance contract for the 2015-16 fiscal year to maintain its facilities and grounds. The contract was approved by the Board of Education, and ultimately has to be approved by the State Education Department. The energy performance contract is with Johnson Controls and comes at no cost to taxpayers. The contract is an agreement that allows the school district to take budgeted utility and operational costs and reallocate them into energy-saving capital improvements without the need for increased taxes.

As the budget vote approaches, the district invites all Valley Stream residents to attend the budget hearings at their designated elementary schools. Budget hearing and voter registration information is available on page 8 of this Observer. Community residents can also find information on the budget on the district's website at [www.vsчhsd.org](http://www.vsчhsd.org). The district encourages all community residents to vote at the polls on Tuesday, May 19.



**Remember  
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Tuesday, May 19**

### **The proposed budget includes:**

- A minimal 2.13 percent projected tax levy increase.
- Preservation of the district's core academic program as well as co-curricular and extracurricular activities, including clubs and sports.
- Program enhancements, including the addition of English Language Learner teachers, restoration of student clubs at the district's four schools and restoration of the district air rifle team.
- Support staff enhancements and restorations, including guidance counselors, psychologists and social workers, as well as an English Language Arts chairperson at Memorial Junior High School and social studies chairpersons at North and South high schools.
- Approximately \$1 million for capital projects for facilities upgrades, including the enhancement of existing security systems, such as new classroom door locks.
- Funding toward technology initiatives districtwide.
- Resources to continue the implementation of the Common Core, new principal and teacher evaluation system, and Dignity for All Students Act.

# A TRADITION OF ACHIEVEMENT IN OUR SCHOOLS

Join us in celebrating these outstanding accolades that our students have achieved just this year alone:



- One student earned national honors in the prestigious Siemens Competition in Math, Science and Technology.
- Two finalists were named in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.
- Two scholars were named in the National Hispanic Recognition Program.
- Four students were named National Merit Scholarship Commended Students.
- Two students were named Outstanding Participants in the National Achievement Scholarship Program.
- A record-high number of 290 students earned AP Scholar Awards for outstanding achievement on Advanced Placement exams.
- A student essay was recognized at the 4th Annual Student Symposium at Hofstra University.
- The district had top winners in the 2nd Annual Nassau County High School Drug Awareness Public Service Announcement Contest.
- Four students were selected to participate in the New York State Legislative Mock Assembly, where one freshman will sponsor a bill.
- A number of students were inducted into respective national honor societies.
- The district is home to an exemplary culinary program that prepares students for acceptance into award-winning college culinary programs.
- The district provides numerous opportunities for students to explore their futures through career days and college workshops.
- The district is home to an exceptional performing arts program that involves students from different schools.
- Our teachers have been selected to present at state and national conferences.
- Two students were selected to the National Association for Music Education All-Eastern Division Conference.
- Four students were selected to the New York State School Music Association All-State Festival.
- 101 students were selected to the Nassau Music Educators Association All-County Festival.
- 10 students were selected to perform in Long Island String Festival Association concerts.
- The artwork of 33 students was selected for display in the All-County Art Exhibit.
- One student was named a winner in the Long Island Scholar Artist Competition.
- The artwork of five students was selected for the Long Island's Best Young Artists exhibit at the Heckscher Museum, with the winner of Best in Show from Central High School.
- Best Actor, Best Scenic Design and Best Costume Design were won by performing arts students in the annual Hofstra Shakespeare Festival competition.
- There were 24 Scholar-Athlete teams.
- There was one Long Island Championship team.
- There were four county championship teams.
- There were seven conference championship teams.
- There were three All-State athletes.
- There were four All-Long Island athletes.
- There were 16 individual county champions.
- There were 69 All-County athletes.
- More than 90 student-athletes were designated All-Conference.

## Our Graduates Excel

District graduation rate, including June and

August 2014 graduates: 100%

Percentage earning a Regents diploma: 96%

Percentage earning an Advanced Regents diploma: 56%

Percentage attending a two- or four-year college: 93%

College acceptances for the Class of 2015 (to date): Albany University, Binghamton University, Buffalo University, Case Western Reserve University, Columbia University, Cornell University, Cornell University (The College of Agriculture and Life Science), CUNY Macaulay Honors College (Baruch, Brooklyn, City College, Hunter, Queens), Duke University, George Mason University, George Washington University, Georgetown University, Georgia Institute of Technology, Northeastern University, Pennsylvania State University (Honors College), Pennsylvania State University (7 Year Medical Degree Program), Stony Brook University, University of Delaware, University of Massachusetts, University of North Carolina, University of Texas (The School of Business), Villanova University, Yale University

## SUCCESSFUL STUDENT EXPERIENCES

The district is fully committed to ensuring that all students achieve and believes that students succeed when provided with the proper tools to do so. With this in mind, we have made it a priority to provide students with the best tools our taxpayers can afford. These include:

- Comprehensive academic support.
- Comprehensive professional development for probationary and tenured teachers.
- Continued enhancements to state-of-the-art instructional technology.
- Keeping textbooks current with a scheduled replacement plan.
- Ongoing facility maintenance for the safety of all students and staff.

# Proposition No. 2

## *Capital Reserves for Additional Building Improvements*

In addition to the projects recommended for inclusion in the district's 2015-16 proposed budget, the district has capital projects for consideration that are being recommended as part of a separate capital reserve proposition. All of the recommended items are considered high-priority. These improvements are necessary to keep the schools structurally, environmentally and educationally sound now and into the future. Just as any homeowner must periodically update basic building systems, so must school districts.

Projects at North High School include the renovation of gymnasium restrooms, the replacement of exterior doors in several areas in the school, and the installation of smoke detectors and horn/strobe units in the basement area.

At South High School, recommended capital projects include the renovation of gymnasium restrooms, the replacement of exterior front doors and the replacement of a rooftop exhaust fan.

Items at Central High School include the renovation of auditorium restrooms, the replacement of lobby-side gymnasium doors, the replacement of exterior front doors, the replacement of a gym exhaust fan, repairing a leak near the cosmetology suite, the reconstruction of the ramp for ADA compliance and the installation of ADA-compliant side pushbuttons on motorized doors.

Memorial Junior High School is in need of renovated bathrooms, the replacement of the roof and skylights over auxiliary gymnasium/cafeteria areas, the replacement of seven rooftop ladders, the replacement of pitch pockets on the library roof and the replacement of roofing on the south stairwell. In addition, the school requires smoke detectors/horn/strobe units in the basement cage area as well as heat detection in locker rooms.

Districtwide recommended items include a building emergency communication system; public address system; classroom phone, bell, clock and lockout enhancements; strobe light systems; and a carbon monoxide detection system.

The total for all districtwide and school capital projects is \$2.5 million. In order to move forward with the improvements listed above, the proposition must be approved by the public. **Since the money is being drawn from the capital reserve funds, there will be no additional tax impact for residents if the proposition is approved.**



## The Tax Cap: An Explanation

The commonly referred to "2 percent property tax cap" is not technically a 2 percent restriction. Rather, it is a calculated percentage that may fall below or rise above 2 percent and still be within a district's allowable cap guidelines. These calculations are determined by the state, and the formula is finalized with school districts. The tax levy limit applies only to the school district's tax levy, not to the tax rate or the individual's tax bill.

The allowable cap for the district in the 2015-16 school budget is 2.13 percent. Since we are not planning to exceed the cap, our proposed budget will require the standard majority vote of 50 percent plus one for approval.

If the proposed budget carried a tax levy increase greater than 2.13 percent, it would require a supermajority voter approval of 60 percent. Just because we are within the cap does not mean the proposed budget is automatically adopted! Voter approval is still required.

If the proposed budget is defeated in May, the district has the option of putting up the same or a revised budget for revote. Unlike in past years, should voters defeat a proposed budget in a second vote, the new law requires districts to adopt a budget that carries a hard zero percent tax levy increase.

In previous years, under this scenario, districts could adopt a contingency budget that would often carry a smaller tax increase. Similar to a contingency budget, a failed budget carrying a zero percent tax levy increase would prohibit spending in specific areas, including community use of buildings, certain salary increases and new equipment purchases. However, due to fixed costs in the budget, additional cuts would have to be made, which could severely impact the programs and services we provide students.

# 2015-16 Proposed Budget

## ACADEMIC PROGRAM BUDGET FOR STUDENTS

The largest part of the budget is the Academic Program Budget. It includes all expenses for instruction, such as student textbooks and classroom supplies; regular and special education; career and technical education; summer school; adult education; libraries; computer hardware and software; attendance; guidance; health, psychological and social work services; co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics; transportation; community services; and teacher salaries and benefits.

	2013-14 ACTUAL EXPENSES	2014-15 CURRENT BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
<b>2110. Teaching – Regular Day School</b>	<b>\$31,720,827</b>	<b>\$34,900,977</b>	<b>\$35,894,477</b>
Concerned with instructing pupils in a teaching-learning environment where the teacher is regularly in the presence of the pupil taught, or in regular communication with pupils in a systemic program designed to assist pupils in acquiring new or improved knowledge, skills and understanding. Included here are salaries of teachers, teaching assistants, substitutes, school monitors, instructional equipment, tuition, textbooks and other contractual expenditures. Funds also included to lease high-speed digital copier systems for 60 months, including maintenance.			
<b>2250. Special Education</b>	<b>\$14,508,893</b>	<b>\$15,549,014</b>	<b>\$16,874,896</b>
Provides for teachers, teaching assistants and teacher aides, for students in-district with special needs and tuition for students attending specialized out-of-district schools; expenses for Committee on Special Education; and CSE chairperson and office staff. Increase reflects higher tuition and service costs for special education students in BOCES and private schools.			
<b>2280. Career &amp; Technical Education</b>	<b>\$577,826</b>	<b>\$685,881</b>	<b>\$673,099</b>
Provides for teachers and equipment for three in-district career prep programs (computer business operations, cosmetology, culinary arts) and tuition for students attending BOCES vocational programs.			
<b>2320. Summer School</b>	<b>\$492,377</b>	<b>\$784,233</b>	<b>\$783,000</b>
Provides for remedial, enrichment and music programs for district students. Cost partly offset by tuition. Partnership with BOCES, started in summer 2003, provides additional state aid.			
<b>2330. Adult Education &amp; Alternative Program</b>	<b>\$88,980</b>	<b>\$370,000</b>	<b>\$370,000</b>
Provides for fall and spring Adult Education, with approximately 100 courses and more than 1,500 enrollments. Cost partially offset by tuition. Also includes BOCES GED (General Education Development) and alternative and summer arts programs for school-aged students.			
<b>2610. School Libraries</b>	<b>\$1,104,883</b>	<b>\$1,231,844</b>	<b>\$1,261,759</b>
Provides for staffing and supplies for the four school library media centers, library books, print and electronic reference materials, and BOCES library automation services.			
<b>2630. Computer-Assisted Instruction</b>	<b>\$694,371</b>	<b>\$1,397,703</b>	<b>\$1,466,967</b>
Includes instructional hardware, software, training and computer repair; BOCES services; four computer teaching assistants and four BOCES technicians in the four schools; and two contract personnel. Provides for additional software and hardware for each school.			
<b>2805. Attendance</b>	<b>\$452,622</b>	<b>\$515,118</b>	<b>\$498,566</b>
Provides for staffing of the four school attendance offices and residency investigative services and hearings.			
<b>2810. Guidance</b>	<b>\$2,879,260</b>	<b>\$3,003,179</b>	<b>\$3,203,582</b>
Includes staffing and supplies in the four school guidance offices for course, career and college counseling services for students. Also included under this code is the Director of Guidance & Chief Information Officer, and one secretarial position.			
<b>2815. Health Services</b>	<b>\$640,928</b>	<b>\$748,350</b>	<b>\$750,830</b>
Provides for a registered nurse in each school and for the services of two physicians. Also included is the cost for clinic supplies, equipment and repairs, and health services provided to resident students attending private and parochial schools, as well as utilization of the BOCES Health and Safety service.			
<b>2820. Psychological Services</b>	<b>\$495,457</b>	<b>\$560,797</b>	<b>\$656,165</b>
Includes salaries of 7.5 school psychologists and psychological testing.			
<b>2825. Social Work Services</b>	<b>\$539,937</b>	<b>\$575,818</b>	<b>\$596,326</b>
Includes salaries of 5 school social workers and social services rendered as part of the pupil personnel program.			
<b>2850. Co-Curricular Activities</b>	<b>\$730,094</b>	<b>\$757,944</b>	<b>\$805,900</b>
Provides student co-curricular activities such as academic clubs, musical and dramatic performing arts, school newspapers, literary magazines, yearbooks and BOCES cultural arts program.			

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	2013-14 ACTUAL EXPENSES	2014-15 CURRENT BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
<b>2855. Interscholastic Activities</b> Provides for school athletic directors, coaches, supervisors and referees for more than 140 interscholastic teams; also athletic uniforms and equipment and student accident and athletic insurance.	\$1,605,977	\$1,760,482	\$1,789,828
<b>5500. Transportation</b> Provides for contracted costs of transporting students to in-district career prep programs and to out-of-district nonpublic schools, BOCES programs, special education schools and athletic/co-curricular activities. Also includes 20% of salary for Assistant Superintendent for Finance and 50% of a clerk's salary.	\$3,001,648	\$4,168,953	\$4,176,540
<b>7140. Community Services</b> Provides for summer concerts and community use of buildings, in addition to expenses for providing custodial services for these programs.	\$13,769	\$17,150	\$18,150
<b>9000. Employee Benefits in This Section</b> Reflects state-mandated increases in retirement system contributions and health insurance costs.	\$17,688,656	\$20,987,701	\$19,372,636
<b>9901. Transfer to Other Funds</b> This transfer covers a percentage of costs of a mandated summer program for students with disabilities.	\$119,072	\$189,167	\$190,000
<b>TOTAL ACADEMIC PROGRAM BUDGET FOR STUDENTS:</b>	<b>\$77,355,578</b>	<b>\$88,204,311</b>	<b>\$89,382,721</b>

## ADMINISTRATION & PROGRAM SUPPORT BUDGET

This section of the budget includes salaries and benefits for district and school administrators and central office staff; expenses of the curriculum, business, personnel and pupil personnel offices; Board of Education expenses; legal services; public information; instructional services; and insurance and BOCES administrative costs.

<b>1099. Board of Education</b> Includes Board expenses, travel to workshops and salary of part-time district clerk.	\$36,013	\$45,625	\$45,125
<b>1299. Central Administration</b> Provides for salary and supplies of office of Superintendent of Schools and two office staffers.	\$344,944	\$356,785	\$393,924
<b>1399. Business Administration</b> Provides for staffing, equipment, supplies and district postage for office of Assistant Superintendent for Finance and 10.5 members of business office staff handling payroll, purchasing, accounting, health insurance, school lunches, etc; also includes services of independent auditor, internal auditor, claims auditor, part-time district treasurer and bank charges. Funds are also included to lease high-speed digital copier systems and postage meter machines, including maintenance.	\$1,106,849	\$1,177,723	\$1,256,348
<b>1420. Legal Services</b> Includes services of school district counsel, bonding attorney and labor negotiators.	\$245,386	\$445,200	\$385,200
<b>1430. Personnel &amp; Administration</b> Provides for recruitment of educational and civil service personnel, salary of Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Administration, 2.5 staff members and BOCES personnel services.	\$367,431	\$398,848	\$422,124
<b>1480. Public Information</b> Includes public information costs associated with production, printing and postage for district publications.	\$46,603	\$103,600	\$103,600
<b>1670. Instructional Services</b> Provides equipment, repairs and printing supplies for District Instructional Services, which includes district printing, records management and textbooks for nonpublic school students. Funds are also included to lease one high-speed digital copier system, including maintenance.	\$242,055	\$199,700	\$199,700
<b>1680. Administrative Technology</b> Provides for updated equipment, training for administrative technology services, and BOCES charges for student scheduling, grade reporting and student data warehousing.	\$2,075,357	\$630,000	\$730,000
<b>1900. Insurance, Memberships &amp; BOCES Administration</b> Includes insurance premiums, school board dues and the district's share of BOCES administrative and rental costs.	\$1,215,809	\$1,463,556	\$1,445,200
<b>2010. Curriculum Development &amp; Supervision</b> Includes salary of Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction, Director of Instructional Services, 1.0 member of curriculum office staff, and funds for districtwide staff development and curriculum development.	\$455,037	\$537,227	\$544,419

# 2015-16 Proposed Budget

	2013-14 ACTUAL EXPENSES	2014-15 CURRENT BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
<b>2020. Supervision – Regular Day School</b> Provides for staffing and supplies for offices of the four building principals, their assistant principals, deans and 15.5 members of the school building office staffs.	<b>\$3,080,939</b>	<b>\$3,292,230</b>	<b>\$3,414,372</b>
<b>2040. Program Supervision</b> Provides for salary, equipment and supplies of District Director of Special Education and 50% of an office staffer.	<b>\$154,480</b>	<b>\$169,360</b>	<b>\$164,030</b>
<b>2060. Administrative Services</b> Provides for student testing materials, supplies and BOCES research services.	<b>\$2,772</b>	<b>\$23,250</b>	<b>\$23,250</b>
<b>9000. Employee Benefits in This Section</b> Reflects cost of mandated retirement system contributions and health insurance payments.	<b>\$1,873,761</b>	<b>\$2,275,362</b>	<b>\$2,180,349</b>
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION &amp; PROGRAM SUPPORT:</b>	<b>\$11,247,437</b>	<b>\$11,118,466</b>	<b>\$11,307,641</b>

## CAPITAL BUDGET

This section of the budget includes expenditures for custodial, maintenance and security salaries and benefits; the operation of the physical plant; capital projects; tax anticipation notes; and debt services.

<b>1620. Facilities – Operations</b> Provides for 33 custodial staff in the four schools and a Director of Facilities; fuel oil, electricity, gas, water and telephone; contracted services; and equipment and cleaning supplies.	<b>\$4,067,044</b>	<b>\$3,979,047</b>	<b>\$4,115,626</b>
<b>1621. Facilities – Maintenance</b> Provides for 14.5 maintenance workers and an office staffer; contracted services; equipment/supplies for indoor and outdoor maintenance and repair of physical plant; and specific maintenance projects.	<b>\$1,954,102</b>	<b>\$2,006,676</b>	<b>\$1,743,174</b>
<b>1622. Facilities – Security</b> Provides for 16 security personnel in the four schools during day, evening and weekend events. Also accounts for security systems.	<b>\$769,813</b>	<b>\$800,838</b>	<b>\$804,024</b>
<b>9000. Employee Benefits in This Section</b> Reflects cost of mandated retirement system contributions and health insurance payments.	<b>\$1,469,352</b>	<b>\$1,604,663</b>	<b>\$1,582,954</b>
<b>9550. Contracts for Capital Projects</b> Provides for major facility repairs and upgrades to our buildings to maintain their educational and structural integrity. This budget provides for projects such as: ceiling replacement, installation of fencing, miscellaneous concrete and blacktop repairs, and various other safety-related improvements.	<b>\$1,486, 650</b>	<b>\$795,000</b>	<b>\$716,000</b>
<b>9760. Tax Anticipation Notes</b> Includes costs of borrowing funds, pending receipt of local revenues.	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>	<b>\$50,000</b>
<b>9711. Bond Principal</b>	<b>\$2,960,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>9711. Bond Interest</b>	<b>\$148,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$12,854,961</b>	<b>\$9,236,224</b>	<b>\$9,011,778</b>

## Summary of Proposed Expenditures

<b>Academic Program Budget for Students</b>	<b>\$77,355,578</b>	<b>\$88,204,311</b>	<b>\$89,382,721</b>
<b>Administration &amp; Program Support Budget</b>	<b>\$11,247,437</b>	<b>\$11,118,466</b>	<b>\$11,307,641</b>
<b>Capital Budget</b>	<b>\$12,854,961</b>	<b>\$9,236,224</b>	<b>\$9,011,778</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$101,457,976</b>	<b>\$108,559,001</b>	<b>\$109,702,140</b>

# 2015-16 Proposed Budget

## Estimated Revenues for the 2015-16 Proposed Budget

	2013-14 ACTUAL REVENUES	2014-15 CURRENT BUDGET	2015-16 PROPOSED
<b>Local Revenues</b>			
Continuing Education	\$43,910	\$60,000	\$60,000
Tuition – Other Districts	\$50,256	\$25,000	\$25,000
Summer School	\$32,354	\$100,000	\$100,000
Interest	\$90,960	\$105,000	\$105,000
Rental	\$0	\$5,000	\$5,000
Refund of Prior Years	\$258,984	\$125,000	\$125,000
Due from Other Districts & Gov'ts	\$264,590	\$65,000	\$65,000
Insurance Recoveries	\$33,002	\$10,000	\$10,000
Interfund Transfers	\$2,175,000	\$2,140,000	\$2,030,000
Medicare/Medicaid Reimbursement	\$93,846	\$325,000	\$325,000
Miscellaneous	\$394,251	\$100,000	\$100,000
Applied Fund Balance to Reduce Taxes	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000	\$3,000,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,437,152</b>	<b>\$6,060,000</b>	<b>\$5,950,000</b>
<b>State Aid</b>			
Foundation Aid	\$8,916,475	\$9,824,103	\$9,833,348
Transportation	\$1,594,468	\$1,650,667	\$1,650,667
Excess Cost Aid	\$1,983,644	\$1,957,741	\$1,957,741
Tax Limitation/High Tax Aid	\$475,099	\$475,099	\$475,099
Building Aid	\$2,156,415	\$2,190,132	\$2,190,132
BOCES Aid	\$2,251,225	\$2,039,052	\$2,039,052
Textbook, Library, Software Aid	\$455,624	\$456,683	\$456,683
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$17,832,950</b>	<b>\$18,593,477</b>	<b>\$18,602,722</b>

### Summary of Estimated Revenues

Local Revenues	\$6,437,152	\$6,060,000	\$5,950,000
State Aid	\$17,832,950	\$18,593,477	\$18,602,722
Local Tax Levy	\$83,597,051	\$83,372,366	\$85,149,418
<b>TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET:</b>	<b>\$107,867,153</b>	<b>\$108,025,843</b>	<b>\$109,702,140</b>

**BUDGET-TO-BUDGET INCREASE: 1.55%  
ESTIMATED INCREASE IN TAX LEVY: 2.13%**



# Central High School District: Budget At-A-Glance

Proposed Budget: \$109,702,140

Budget-to-Budget Increase: 1.55%

Estimated Increase in Tax Levy: 2.13%

Estimated Tax Impact of CHSD on Average Home\*:

District	Estimated Tax Rate	Estimated Avg. Assessment	Estimated Increase
#13	\$450.12	*748	\$-86.03
#24	\$404.31	*718	\$+2.60
#30	\$452.89	*717	\$+10.08

\*Note: All figures are approximations based on the latest information received from the Nassau County Assessor's Office. Final calculations will vary.

Itemized copies of the budget are available in the Valley Stream elementary or secondary schools and in the public libraries.

#### Here is how Proposition No. 1 will appear on the ballot:

Resolved, that the proposed budget of expenditures of Valley Stream Central High School District, Nassau County, New York for the year 2015-2016 be approved in the amount of \$109,702,140 and that the sum be raised through a levy upon the taxable property in the Valley Stream High School District, after first deducting the monies from state aid and other sources, as provided by law.

#### Here is how Proposition No. 2 will appear on the ballot:

Shall the Board of Education be authorized pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law to appropriate and expend the maximum amount of \$2,500,000 from the capital reserve fund, established by voters on May 17, 2011, for projects as listed below?

Capital improvements to various District school buildings substantially as described in the summary report developed by the District completed on January 10, 2015 (the "Summary"), which is on file and available for public inspection at the office of the District Clerk, such improvements consisting of restroom renovations, fire safety upgrades, rooftop exhaust fan replacements, exterior door replacements, ADA compliance upgrades, roofing and roof ladder repairs and replacements, installation of carbon monoxide detection and the installation of an emergency communication system; the foregoing to include the original equipment, machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related work required in connection therewith, provided the detailed costs of the components of the Capital improvements as set forth in the Summary may be reallocated among such components if the Board of Education shall determine that such reallocation is in the best interest of the District.

Remember  
to Vote  
Tuesday, May 19



## SAVE THE DATE BUDGET HEARINGS FOR OUR SCHOOLS

Wednesday, May 6

James A. Dever School (District #13) @ 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 6

William L. Buck School (District #24) @ 8:15 p.m.

Monday, May 11

Shaw Avenue School (District #30) @ 7:00 p.m.

## VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

For a mail-in voter registration form, call the Nassau County Board of Elections at 516-571-2411, pick one up at your local library, or download one from the New York State website at [www.elections.ny.gov](http://www.elections.ny.gov). Elementary school districts 13, 24 and 30 have continuous voter registration throughout the year at their local elementary schools and district clerks' offices. The last day for voter registration is Tuesday, May 12.

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