

Syosset Central School District

Budget Hearing

May 13, 2019

2019–2020 Budget

2019-20 Budget Planning

IMPORTANT DATES

- ✓ January 14 - Budget Presentation I
- ✓ February 11 - Budget Presentation II
- ✓ March 18 - Budget Presentation III
- ✓ April 16 - Budget Presentation IV & Budget Adoption
- **May 13 - Budget Hearing**
 - **May 21, 2019 - BUDGET VOTE**

SYOSSET BUDGET 2019-20

Budget Amount = \$236,977,020

Budget Increase = 2.88%

Syosset Central School District

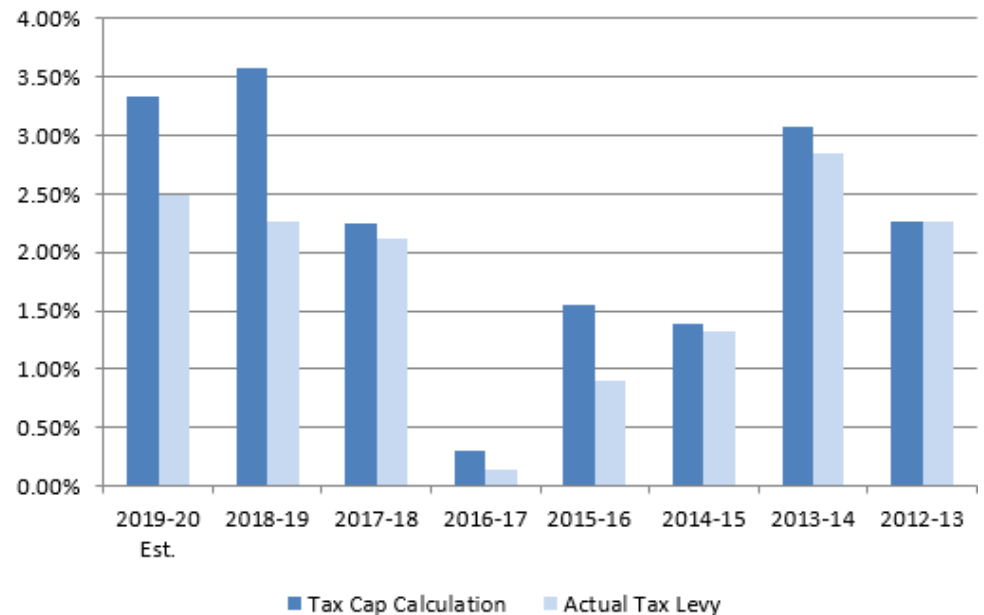
'State Category (3-Part Budget) Report'

Fiscal Year: 2020

State	Description	2019-2020 Proposed Budget	2018-2019 Adopted Budget
Administration		23,918,362.00	23,542,187.00
Capital		30,658,474.00	26,067,714.00
Program		182,400,184.00	180,736,119.00
Total		236,977,020.00	230,346,020.00

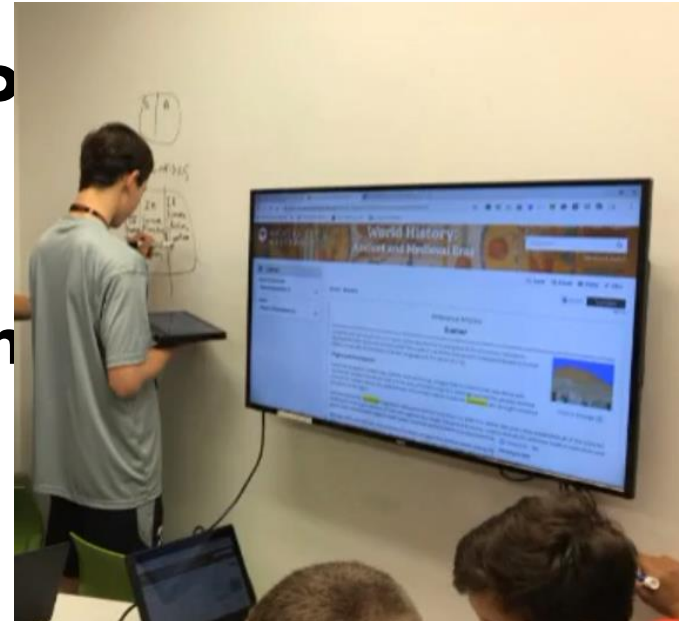
SYOSSET TAX CAP CALCULATION TREND

	Tax Cap Calculation	Actual Tax Levy
2019-20 Est.	3.34%	2.49%
2018-19	3.57%	2.26%
2017-18	2.24%	2.12%
2016-17	0.30%	0.14%
2015-16	1.56%	0.91%
2014-15	1.39%	1.33%
2013-14	3.08%	2.84%
2012-13	2.26%	2.26%



The 2019-20 Budget Continues to Support All Current Instructional Programs and Services and District Initiatives

- **Continue to build learning pathways in coding**
- **Interactive instructional technology**
- **Two additional positions to support student social/emotional health & development**



2019-20 Budget Supports Continued Facilities and Security Improvements

- BCS/Capital Projects
- Security Projects
- Flexible Classroom furniture
- Equipment replacement
including athletic equipment,
classroom & office furniture,
and security
equipment & vehicles

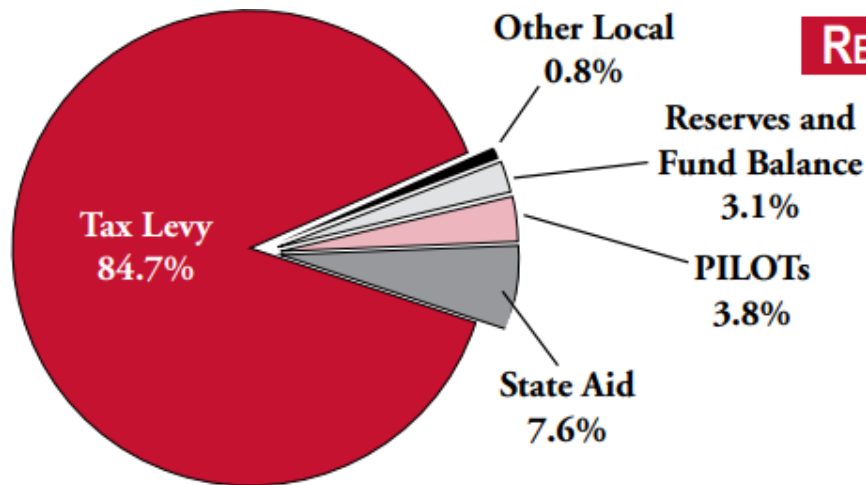


Capital Projects – Transfer to Capital

- HS Pool Deck Renovation
- Continuation of Elementary Library Renovations and elementary flooring and lighting replacements
- Security – HS Vestibule Enhancement and Guard Booth and Bollards Throughout the District
- HBT Dust Collection in Shop Room
- Roofing at South Woods



Revenue



REVENUES

	Budget 2018-19	Proposed 2019-20
Net State Aid	\$16,302,931	\$ 17,918,722
Restricted Reserves	\$3,880,000	\$ 3,880,000
Appropriated Fund Balance:		
-General Purpose	\$1,600,000	\$1,200,000
-Capital Work	\$1,400,000	\$2,200,000
-Security Upgrades	\$1,000,000	--
Other Local Revenues	\$1,616,436	\$ 1,867,424
PILOTs	\$8,591,699	\$ 9,080,555
Tax Levy	\$195,954,954	\$ 200,830,319
TOTAL REVENUE	\$230,346,020	\$236,977,020

Continue to utilize reserves to support the budget:

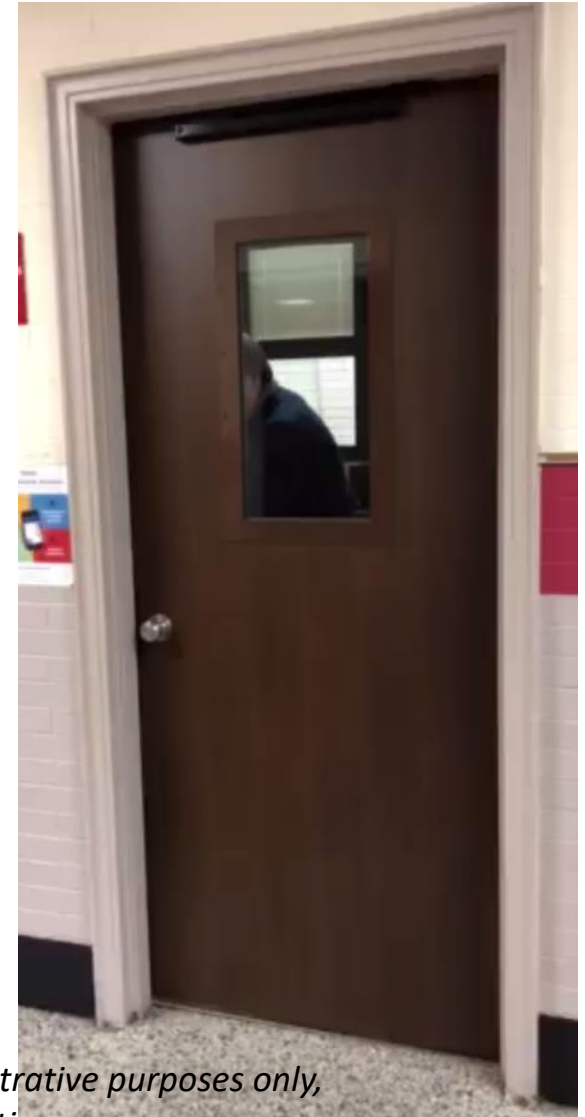
- Fund capital projects in the budget
- Fund direct expenses in the budget (*ERS, Workers Compensation, Unemployment*)

Proposition 2

Proposition No.2 Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds

SHALL the Board of Education of the Syosset Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of (a) \$2,000,000 from the Security Capital Improvement Program 2018; (b) 942,521.00 from the 2014 Capital Reserve Fund established on May 20, 2014; and (c) \$2,000,000 from undesignated unreserved fund balance, less funds anticipated from the District's Smart Bond allocation in an amount not to exceed \$1,197,042 for the purpose of installing ballistic doors District-wide, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto.

Uses Existing Reserve Funds and State Smart Bonds to purchase classroom doors that provide firearm resistance and remotely controlled lock functionality



Photos indicate an equivalent door in another school for illustrative purposes only, district's actual doors will vary based on architect specifications.

Budget Information Available:

- District Website Presentations & Budget Detail Voting Information
- Budget Brochure and Budget Notice are mailed to homes in May

Soyset Central School District Budget Notice			
Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year*
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$230,346,020	\$236,977,020	\$232,101,655
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$6,631,000	\$1,756,635
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		2.88%	0.76%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	\$195,954,954	\$200,630,319	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable	\$0	\$0	
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **	\$0	\$0	
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	\$0	\$0	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C + D)	\$195,954,954	\$200,630,319	\$195,954,954
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$2,239,375	\$2,945,729	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, Excluding Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$196,229,415	\$199,546,070	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, Excluding Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$193,715,579	\$197,684,590	
I. Difference 0 - (H) (Negative Value Requires 60% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$2,513,836	\$1,661,480	
Administrative Component	\$23,542,187	\$23,918,362	\$23,426,286
Program Component	\$180,736,119	\$182,400,184	\$178,647,637
Capital Component	\$26,067,714	\$30,658,474	\$30,027,732

*Should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 203 of the Education Law, the district is required to operate under a contingent budget. Under a contingent budget, the school district would be required to eliminate certain expenses to conform to the requirements of the law. Reductions could be made in equipment and other expenses as required by law. Flooring and lighting work at elementary schools, elementary library renovations, IT's pool deck renovation, replacement of 1187 dust collection system, partial roof replacement at South Woods, and school security upgrades including bollards, enhancements to the IT's website and IT's guard booth would be delayed by at least one year.

**Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount are listed below.

Proposition No. 2: Expenditure of Capital Reserve Funds
SHALL the Board of Education of the Soyset Central School District be authorized to expend the sum of (a) \$2,000,000 from the Security Capital Improvement Program 2018 Reserve established on May 15, 2018; (b) \$942,521 from the 2014 Capital Reserve Fund established on May 20, 2014; and (c) \$2,000,000 from undesignated unreserved fund balance. New funds anticipated from the District's Smart Bond allocation in an amount not to exceed \$1,975,042 for the purpose of installing bollards districtwide, all of the foregoing to include all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus and incidental costs related thereto.

Estimated Basic (STAD) Exemplary Savings (Under the Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year)	\$1,443
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*The basic school tax rate (STAD) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-2020 by the qualified voters of the Soyset Central School District, Nassau County, New York, will be held at Robb Lane Elementary School, 118 Thompson Middle School and Soyset High School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 6:00am and 9:00pm, prevailing time, at which time ballot boxes will be opened by ballot voting or machine.

This information is provided to you in the English language and Spanish language pursuant to Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act.

BUDGET 2019

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Building on Success

SUSTAINING AND ENHANCING DISTRICTWIDE INITIATIVES WHILE REMAINING BELOW THE TAX CAP

Dear Soyset Community,

On May 21, the community will vote on the proposed budget adopted by the Board of Education for the 2019-20 school year. The budget not only allows the District to maintain all the current academic offerings as well as extra-curricular and co-curricular programs that make a Soyset education truly exceptional, but also build on the many new initiatives begun in recent years to advance our curriculum and facilities, empowering us to provide an unmatched education that prepares our students for a rapidly advancing society.

The proposed budget underscores the priorities of the District, including deepening K-12 curriculum alignment in science, math and ELA, building learning pathways in coding, supporting the curriculum with instructional technology, enhancing the facilities, and providing a safe and supportive environment for our school community while remaining below the New York State tax levy cap. While the calculated tax levy cap is 3.14% for Soyset this year, the proposed budget carries a tax levy increase of 2.49%. The Board remains sensitive to the tax burden on our community and continues to seek efficiencies and utilize reserves to offset the tax levy and fund capital projects.

The District is in the midst of a multi-year process of modernizing learning spaces, and upgrading school libraries has been a focus of this process. Several of the school libraries have been redesigned, with the remaining elementary libraries slated for the upcoming school year. Not only are the redesigned libraries more visually appealing, but they better support the way students learn today. The redesigned spaces allow for increased collaboration and enhanced instruction with technology. Flexible furniture adapts to a variety of learning modalities and teaching methods, and empowers students to make choices regarding their environment to best position themselves to be focused and productive. This promotes essential higher-order thinking skills and engagement in the learning process and has the added benefit of making the school day more interesting and fun.

The budget also supports the continued use of leading-edge technology to enhance the curriculum. This year, several new technology products were piloted throughout the District. Equipment was put to the test by students and teachers, and only those products that met our high level of expectations have been considered for purchase. Based on the success we have seen with interactive boards, the budget supports the expansion of this technology.

Coding has become a core competency, and Soyset students have been actively engaged in the coding program KixiVO, which was recently rolled out Districtwide. Soyset has become a model district for the program, with our students earning thousands of coding badges while engaging in increasingly complex language and collaborative, multi-class projects. The proposed budget maintains this program, and we look forward to continuing to provide the opportunity for students to build their digital portfolio.

The mental health and well-being of our students has long been a priority for the District. Students today face many pressures and we understand this need to provide appropriate support. The proposed budget includes the addition of two mental health positions, including a board-certified behavior therapist.

As part of the previously approved Phase 1 construction project, the District will replace classroom doors Districtwide. Recently a door product that can be approved in a school setting became available which would enable us to have not only intruder-resistant, but fire-rated entrance doors, although at an added expense over the original proposal. Therefore, a second proposition on the May ballot seeks the public's approval to authorize the District to use a combination of security reserve and grant monies to pay the cost difference for the upgraded replacement classroom doors and for a "one-burner lockdown" remotely-controlled locking mechanism.

If approved, this proposition would have no impact on the tax levy. Last year, the community approved establishing a Capital Reserve Fund for Security which was funded by existing savings. The funds were set aside to be used specifically for security-related projects. Approval of this proposition allows the District to use these funds directly on-site to purchase the upgraded security doors.

In addition to the 2019-20 budget and capital reserve fund propositions, candidates for the annual Board of Education trustee election will appear on the May 21 ballot. All voting will take place from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. at Robb Lane Elementary School, 118 Thompson Middle School and Soyset High School. For more information on voting locations, please refer to the back of this newsletter or the District website. We encourage you to attend the public budget hearing on May 15 at South Woods Middle School beginning at 7:30 p.m. You may also refer to the Board of Education tab of the District website or call the District Office at 516-564-5600 to contact us. The Board and administration value your input. Please reach out to us with any thoughts, questions or concerns.

Respectfully,
The Soyset Board of Education

Proposition No. 2: Capital Reserve Authorization

The May 21 ballot contains a second proposition, separate from the proposed 2019-20 school district budget.

Proposition No. 2 seeks voter approval to authorize the District to use a combination of reserves and grant funds to upgrade the specification of classroom doors to include firearm resistance.

Section 203 of the Federal Voting Rights Act requires school districts in Nassau County to provide election information in English and Spanish. In accordance with this Act, materials produced by Soyset Central School District pertaining to the 2019-20 District Election and School Budget Vote will be distributed in both languages.

2019-20 BUDGET PLANNING

Annual District Election and
Budget Vote

May 21, 2019