

BUDGET VOTE/ELECTION OF TRUSTEES MAY 19TH

PROPOSITIONS 1 & 2

Maintain what we currently have for only \$2 dollars a month

In a conscientious effort to remain very sensitive to the current economic climate and to proactively plan ahead for long-term savings, the North Shore Board of Education continues to seek ways to provide relief in school property taxes for our residents. On Tuesday, May 19, 2009, the ballot will include Propositions 1 & 2.

What is Proposition 1? The 2009-10 School Budget Proposal of \$83,682,596, a 3.39% budget increase from 2008-09. The difference between the contingency budget and the proposed 2009-10 budget is less than 1% or a difference of approximately \$2 per month for the average District home. This small increase will allow us to maintain class sizes at the Nassau County average, maintain the current scope and quality of our academic/instructional programs, provide opportunities for student involvement in interscholastic athletics, arts and extracurricular activities, and maintain our buildings and grounds.

What is Proposition 2? Approval to use existing funds in the Capital Reserve at no additional cost to North Shore residents. If approved, it will allow the district to use existing funds for:

- Replacement of the internal ceilings in the older portions of the High School, Middle School Glen Head and Glenwood Landing Schools
- Replacement of the original boilers in the Middle School
- Replacement of the Middle School Library and Cafeteria Atrium Roofs

Last year, the Capital Reserve Fund was established with the approval from residents to help provide long-term savings for our community. Since this money is already in the Capital Reserve Fund, taxes will not increase for North Shore families.

Trustees continue to proactively plan, not only for the school year ahead, but for the generations of children and families that will utilize the North Shore Schools. Projects initiated by the Board of Education include the transportation facility and the energy management contract which are saving residents over 1 million dollars annually. Strong public schools keep a community vital and vibrant, and the North Shore School District certainly deserves nothing less.

The Budget Vote and Election of Trustees will take place on Tuesday, May 19, from 7:00 am - 10:00 pm at the HS Gym. There are two seats available. Igor Webb is seeking re-election and Herman Berliner is seeking election to the Board of Education. If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Dr. Edward Melnick by phone at 277-7801 or online at melnicke@northshoreschools.org.