



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

A Message from the Board

In a conscientious effort to remain sensitive to the economic climate, we have worked very hard to provide residents with a fiscally conservative, yet responsible budget proposal - one that keeps us on a prudent steady course and maintains our budget goals.

Early in the budget process, residents clearly communicated that they wished to maintain the quality and scope of our academic programs and retain class sizes at or near the Nassau County average.

The 2009-10 adopted budget represents a 3.39% increase from last year, actually below what a contingency budget would allow. It is the most conservative budget increase in 15 years.

The difference between the contingency budget and the 2009-10 proposed budget is less than 1% or \$2 per month for the average North Shore home owner. This small difference will enable us to:

- Maintain the current level of security
- Preserve current instructional/academic programs
- Provide opportunities for student involvement in interscholastic athletics, extracurricular arts and clubs

In addition, we are asking the permission of our residents to utilize existing funds in the Capital Reserve (Proposition 2) for required repairs in our schools. This is another example similar to the new Bus Facility and Energy Management Contract of how Trustees continue to proactively plan ahead to help provide long-term savings for our residents. Since the money is already in the Capital Reserve Fund, it will not increase taxes for our residents.

We value your continued support and welcome any questions or comments.

The North Shore Board of Education

SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

The Most Conservative Budget Increase in 15 years.



Budget Summary:

2008-09 Current Budget	2009-10 Proposed Budget	2009-10 Contingency Budget
\$80,933,386	\$83,682,596 (3.39% increase over last yr)	\$83,335,018 (2.97% increase over last yr)

Estimated school property tax for a \$700,000 home:

2008-09 Current Taxes	2009-10 Proposed Budget	2009-10 Contingency Budget
\$7,201/year	\$7,306/year	\$7,280/year
	<i>A difference of approximately \$2 per month</i>	

Two Propositions on the Ballot:

Proposition 1: 2009-10 School Budget Proposal: \$83,682,596

- A fiscally responsible budget with a 3.39% budget increase from last year, the most conservative budget increase in 15 years.
- The difference between the contingency budget and the proposed 2009-10 budget is less than 1%. This small increase will allow us to:
 - Maintain class sizes at the Nassau County average
 - Maintain current level of security
 - Maintain current academic/instructional programs

Proposition 2: Approval To Use Existing Funds In The Capital Reserve For The Following Projects:

- 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 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 our residents.

**BUDGET VOTE/
ELECTION OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009**

7 am - 10 pm, H.S. Gym

2009 - 2010 Proposed School Budget:

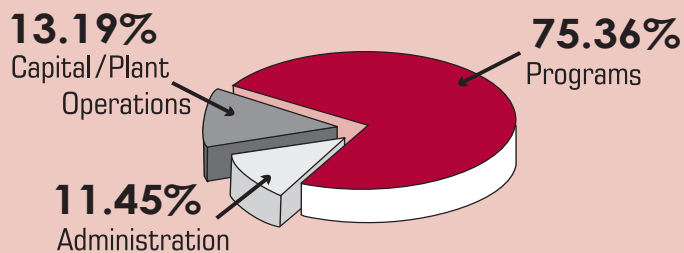
Estimated Expenditures

	2008-09 Current Budget	2009-10 Proposed Budget	Dollar Difference	% Difference
ADMINISTRATION				
Board of Education (General Counsel/District Clerk/Budget Vote/Treasurer)	252,878	241,195	(11,683)	-4.62%
Central Office	384,491	404,312	19,821	5.16%
Public Affairs	140,944	141,099	155	0.11%
Business Office/Auditing/Personnel	1,096,330	1,091,624	(4,706)	-0.43%
Instructional Supervision/Other Supervision	6,560,421	6,808,480	248,059	3.78%
BOCES Administration/Insurance/Legal	856,292	890,945	34,653	4.05%
Administration Sub-Total	9,291,356	9,577,655	286,299	3.08%
CAPITAL/PLANT OPERATIONS				
Operation and Maintenance	6,362,169	6,428,609	66,440	1.04%
Purchase of Buses	113,000	113,000	---	0.00%
Debt Service/Interfund Transfer	4,689,255	4,493,182	(196,073)	-4.18%
Capital Sub-Total	11,164,424	11,034,791	(129,633)	-1.16%
PROGRAM				
Teaching/Instruction	54,401,231	56,760,062	2,358,831	4.34%
Pupil Services	2,994,300	3,198,990	204,690	6.84%
Transportation Services	2,943,275	2,975,864	32,589	1.11%
Community Services	138,800	135,234	(3,566)	-2.57%
Program Sub-Total	60,477,606	63,070,150	2,592,544	4.29%
TOTAL BUDGET	80,933,386	83,682,596	2,749,210	3.397%

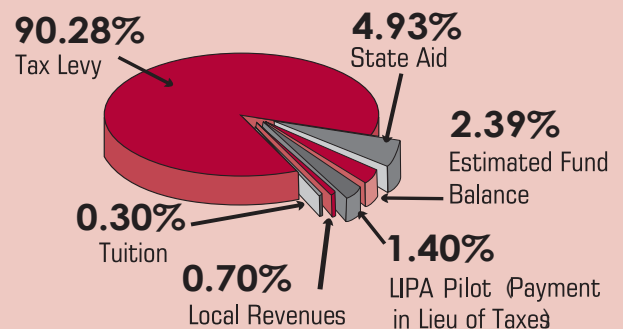
Estimated Revenues

CATEGORY	2008-09 Current Budget	2009-10 Proposed Budget	Dollar Difference	% Difference
State Aid	4,067,527	4,128,207	60,680	1.49%
LIPA PILOT (Payment in Lieu of Taxes)	1,075,249	1,174,894	99,645	9.27%
Tuition-St. Christopher-Otillie	250,000	250,000	---	0.00%
Estimated Fund Balance	2,000,000	2,000,000	---	0.00%
Local Revenues	657,500	582,500	(75,000)	-11.41%
Tax Levy (all four property classes)	72,883,110	75,546,995	2,663,885	3.66%
TOTAL BUDGET	80,933,386	83,682,596	2,749,210	3.397%

How Tax Dollars Are Spent



Revenues



2009-10 Budget Goals:

- Maintain class sizes at the Nassau County average
- Maintain scope and quality of our current educational programs
- Cover growth in enrollment
- Protect the health and safety of all North Shore students
- Maintain condition of our buildings and grounds

If the proposed budget does not pass, we will be forced to be on a contingency* budget which will result in the following for our students:

- Elimination of teaching positions resulting in class sizes larger than the Nassau County average
- Reduction of funds for security outside of the school day
- Limited public use of our school buildings or grounds during non-school hours (before/after school and weekends) which can result in:
 - Reduction of school plays, dances, student run organizations and community service activities
 - No parent association after school enrichment programs
 - No parent association programs or activities (i.e., parent group meetings and fundraisers)
- Removal of up to 25% of budgeted funds for all interscholastic athletics, extracurricular arts and clubs
- Elimination of all new instructional technology equipment (including all new computers and SMART Boards)
- No community education or recreation programs

***Please Note: A contingency budget is the maximum budget permitted by the State to cover the costs of all essential services if the school budget fails. Passing the budget allows the community (through the BOE) to maintain local control over many aspects of our school finances. Being on a contingency budget moves much of the control from our local Trustees to the State.**



North Shore Schools: A District of Excellence

With one of the highest graduation rates in Nassau County, 97% -100% of our graduates attend college.

The achievements of our North Shore students have been widely recognized and rewarded by:

- National Merit Scholarship Program
- Intel Science Talent Search
- Siemens Westinghouse Science Competition
- Junior Science and Humanities Symposium
- College Board Advanced Placement Scholars Program
- Long Island Science and Engineering Fair
- SUNY College Old Westbury LI Young Scholar of Mathematics
- Long Island Math Fair
- Nassau Reading Council Young Author's Contest
- NY State Scholarship for Academic Excellence Program
- Citibank/News 12 Scholar Athlete Program
- Harvard Book Prize

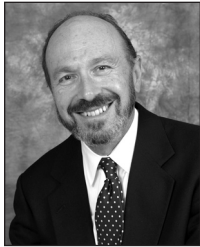
The achievements of our North Shore students have been widely recognized and rewarded by:

- US Department of Education School of Excellence
- New York State Outstanding High School
- New York State Compact for Learning Partnership School
- New York State English Council Program of Excellence
- New York Model IIC Middle School

In addition to a strong core curriculum, North Shore offers a balanced program to support individual student development:

- Over 80% of our students participate in a voluntary community service program while over 70% of MS and HS students are active in interscholastic athletics.
- Over 60% of students join in the fine & performing arts.
- Over 75% of students are active in extracurricular clubs and activities.

BOARD OF EDUCATION CANDIDATES



Igor Webb

Occupation: A resident of Sea Cliff since 1998, is Professor of English and formerly Provost at Adelphi University.

Qualifications: Currently BOE Vice President and a Trustee for North Shore Schools since 2003. He is seeking re-election.

Personal: Dr. Webb is a native of Slovakia and grew up in Manhattan, where he attended the public schools. He is a graduate of Tufts and Stanford Universities. He is married to Marianne Walters, a practicing psychologist, and they have four children (three currently in North Shore Schools.)

Statement of Purpose: "It is important to offer a fine education while reducing costs to taxpayers." His goals include emphasizing genuine learning over testing and sustaining local control over the schools by showing that we can be masters of our own ship.



Herman Berliner

Occupation: The Provost and Senior VP for Academic Affairs at Hofstra University. Chief Academic Officer and second in command to the President. Oversees all schools, colleges and a budget that exceeds 100 million dollars.

Qualifications: Has served on the Board of Westbury Friends School, the Board of Project Grad Long Island and the Advisory Board of the Holocaust Center in Glen Cove.

Personal: Dr. Berliner joined Hofstra University in 1970 as an Assistant Professor of Economics after having earned a Ph.D. in economics from the City University of New York Graduate School. He is a resident of Glen Head for over 30 years. He and his wife, Annette, have two children who currently attend GWL Elementary School.

Statement of Purpose: "My goal is to make sure our children are well educated while still paying careful attention to limiting costs and tax increases. As part of an excellent education, I want our students to not only excel at standardized tests but also learn the importance of integrity, compassion, respect and community service."



Please join us for
"A Celebration of Student Work"
on
Tuesday, May 19, 2009
NSHS, 3:30 -10 pm



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BUDGET VOTE

Budget Vote and Election of Trustees

May 19, 2009

**High School Gymnasium
7:00 am to 10:00 pm**

For the latest budget news, visit us at
www.northshoreschools.org

Residents may obtain a copy of the budget in the main office of any of our schools during school hours.

Voter Registration High School Lobby

May 2: 10 am to 3 pm

May 4: 3 pm to 8 pm

If you are a new resident you must re-register to vote.

Registration Requirements

You must be a U.S. Citizen, be 18 years old by the end of the year, a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote and not claim the right to vote elsewhere. **To vote, you must be registered and have attained the age of 18 by the date of the vote.**

Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots are available at all North Shore district school buildings and must be completed and returned to the Central Office, 112 Franklin Avenue, Sea Cliff, before an actual ballot may be issued. **The deadline for returning absentee ballots by mail or personal delivery is May 19 at 5:00 pm.**

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SPECIAL BUDGET ISSUE

Please Remember to Vote: May 19, 2009, 7 am -10 pm, H.S. Gym