



# North Shore Schools

*Discovering Your Dreams*

## 2009 - 2010 Preliminary Budget Proposal

*The Most Conservative Budget Increase in 15 years.*

### 2009- 2010 BUDGET GOALS

- **Maintain responsible fiscal management** practices and effective oversight.
- **Maintain class sizes** commensurate with the Nassau County Average.
- **Maintain range and quality** of current instructional programs.
- **Maintain scope** of extracurricular and interscholastic activities currently available to students.
- **Maintain community's** investment in our buildings and grounds.

### IF THE 2009- 10 PROPOSED BUDGET DOES NOT PASS

If the proposed budget does not pass, the NY State contingency budget cap may result in:

- Class sizes larger than the County average
- Cuts in academic/instructional programs
- Decrease in school security (specifically hours before/after-school & weekends)
- Decrease in opportunities for participation in extra-curricular activities, interscholastic athletics and the arts
- Elimination of community education programs

**A difference of about \$2 per month between the 2009-10 Proposed Budget and Contingency\* Budget for an average home owner.**

### 2009- 10 Proposed Budget

- *The budget for 2009-10 is \$83,682,596 or a 3.39% increase from last year. This represents the most conservative budget increase in 15 years.*
- *A contingency budget cap would allow for a budget of \$83,335,018, a 2.97% increase over last year.*
- *The difference between the contingency budget and the proposed 2009-10 budget is less than 1%.*

If you have any questions, contact Supt. Melnick at 277- 7801 or [melnicke@northshoreschools.org](mailto:melnicke@northshoreschools.org). For more budget information or for a Q&A with the Superintendent, visit [www.northshoreschools.org](http://www.northshoreschools.org)

### Important Dates

Meetings are held on Thursdays. Sessions begin at 8 PM in the H. S. Alumni Rm., unless otherwise noted.

- Apr 21: BOCES Budget Vote/ Meet the Candidates Night**
- 23: BOE Meeting (at the High School)**
- May 7: Town Meeting/ Budget Reading**

Please join us for our informal Budget Gatherings. If you would like to know the Budget Gathering schedule, please contact Shelly Newman at 277- 7840 or [newmans@northshoreschools.org](mailto:newmans@northshoreschools.org).

**BUDGET VOTE**

For Q&A with the Superintendent, visit [www.northshoreschools.org](http://www.northshoreschools.org)

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2009**

**HS Gym, 7 am - 10 pm**

**Voter Registration: May 2nd & 4th**

\*A contingency budget is the maximum budget permitted by the State to cover the costs of all essential services should the school budget not pass.