



# SCHOOL BUDGET

## *Hempstead*

**Students First**

**MAY 2019**

**Proposed 2019–20 Budget \$221,507,736**

**Tax Levy Increase is 0%**

### ***A Message from the Acting Superintendent of Schools***

Dear Residents:

It is hard to believe we are preparing for another school year. The 2018-19 School Year was rewarding in that we are beginning to see the academic growth in all our schools. However, we recognize that we still have much further to go in order to close the achievement gap. I would like to officially take this opportunity to thank the Board of Education, staff, and community for their patience last August, as we strategized to resolve the relocation of our kindergarten students as a result of the fire at Prospect School. I am excited to report we will be able to reopen Prospect School in the Fall of 2019.

The preparation of the 2019–20 School Budget was met with great challenges due to the rapidly increasing cost needed to fund Charter Schools. The District's charter obligation has increased from approximately \$26 million in 2017–18 to an expected overall expense of \$45 million for 2019–20 School Year. This represents a \$19 million increase in just three years. In order to balance next year's budget and keep the tax levy increase at zero (0) percent, the District will need to cut \$10.3 million in expenditures, as well as use funds from the District's appropriated reserves and unassigned fund balance.

Despite the financial obstacles we are facing as a District, it is still my belief that we, the Board of Education and Administration, were able to create a budget for the 2019–20 School Year that is fiscally responsible while maintaining and enhancing current academic programs for students. The budget presented is based on a collaborative effort of stakeholders who provided valuable input to guarantee that programs and systems are incorporated which address the development of the whole child. We commend our staff, students, and the members of our school community for their dedication and hard work as we continue to strive to secure a better future for all students in a safe and nurturing environment.

On April 11th, 2019, the Board of Education adopted a budget of **\$221,507,736** for the 2019–20 School Year. A Public Hearing on the budget is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 14th, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. in the High School Auditorium**. District residents may vote on the proposed budget (Proposition # 1) and Proposition # 2 on **Tuesday, May 21st, 2019 from 7:00 A.M. to 9:00 P.M. at the ABGS Middle School**. Proposition # 2 is to establish a Capital Reserve which will partially address some of the capital needs of the District in a proactive and strategic manner. Every vote counts!

Thank you for your support.

Students First!

Regina Armstrong

*Acting Superintendent of Schools*



**School Budget Vote:**  
**Tuesday, May 21, 2019**  
**7 a.m. to 9 p.m.**



**ABGS Middle School, 70 Greenwich St., Hempstead, NY 11550**

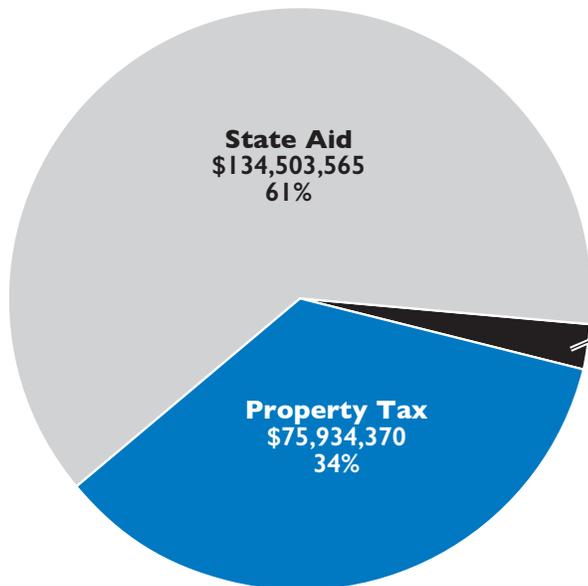
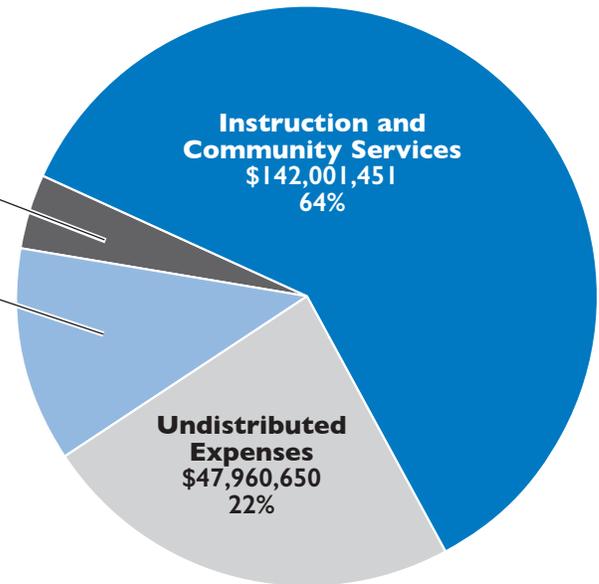
## 2019-2020 THREE PART BUDGET

Function	Includes Budget Codes:	Total	Admin.	Program	Capital
Board of Education	1010, 1040, 1060	\$ 313,012	\$ 313,012		
Central Administration	1240	\$ 683,518	\$ 683,518		
Business and Finance	1310, 1320, 1325, 1345	\$ 1,872,583	\$ 1,872,583		
Legal Services	1420	\$ 1,155,000	\$ 830,000	\$ 325,000	
Personnel and Administration	1430	\$ 816,258	\$ 816,258		
Public Information	1480	\$ 354,300	\$ 354,300		
Operation of Plant	1620, 1622	\$ 11,204,394			\$ 11,204,394
Maintenance of Plant	1621	\$ 1,710,652			\$ 1,710,652
Other Central Services	1670, 1680, 1690	\$ 1,964,202	\$ 1,964,202		
Other Special Items	1910, 1920, 1930, 1981	\$ 2,730,484	\$ 2,730,484		
Curriculum Dev. and Sup.	2010	\$ 1,166,419	\$ 1,166,419		
Sup. Regular School	2020	\$ 5,538,345	\$ 5,538,345		
Res. Evaluation and Planning	2070	\$ 417,000	\$ 417,000		
Instruction (Net of Supervision)	2110-2855	\$ 134,872,487		\$ 134,872,487	
Contract Transportation	5510-5581	\$ 8,741,232		\$ 8,741,232	
Community Service	7140	\$ 7,200		\$ 7,200	
Employee Benefits	9010-9070	\$ 40,791,248	\$ 3,822,140	\$ 32,367,855	\$ 4,601,253
Debt Service	9711-9760	\$ 6,133,912			\$ 6,133,912
Transfer to Special Aid	9901-9950	\$ 1,035,490			\$ 1,035,490
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 221,507,736</b>	<b>\$ 20,508,261</b>	<b>\$ 176,313,774</b>	<b>\$ 24,685,701</b>

### 2019-20 Budget Expenditures (Five Component Budget) \$221,507,736

**Transportation**  
\$8,741,232  
4%

**General Support**  
\$22,804,703  
10%



### 2019-20 Budget Revenues \$221,507,736

**PILOTS, Reserves, Appropriated Surplus,  
Misc. Sources**  
\$11,069,801  
5%

## Tax Levy Increase is 0%

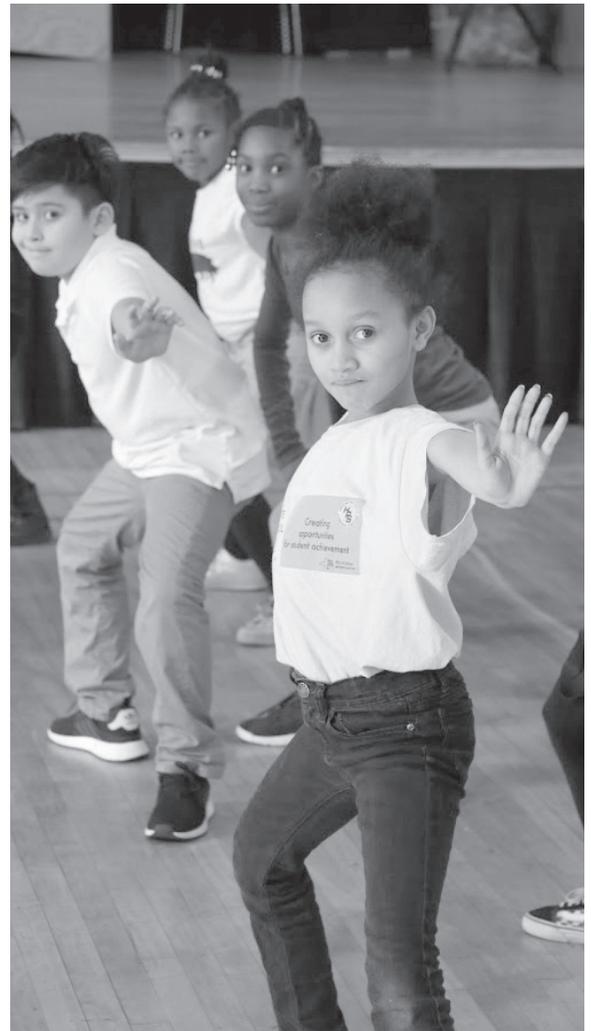
The 2019–20 school budget of **\$221,507,736** supports student enrollment growth in the Charter Schools and all current District instructional programs. To assist students’ academic growth, we will continue to provide instructional AIS support staff in the elementary schools, as well as ensure teachers in grades Pre-K – 1 have a full-time teaching assistant. The budget also supports the following academic initiatives: Integrated Co-Teaching Model at Barack Obama School and David Paterson School, International Baccalaureate (IB) Elementary and Middle Years Programs, increase in Advanced Placement and CTE offerings for our high school students, small learning academies at ABGS and HHS, Dual Language, and STEAM. For the 2019–20 year, we will bring back Foreign Language in the Elementary Schools (FLES) and offering the Grade 6 Global Thinkers Academy at David Paterson and Barack Obama. It will also enable the District to reconfigure current grades served at Joseph A. McNeil (Franklin) to Grade 6. Marshall School will add a couple of Kindergarten classes, so they can become a candidate school under the International Baccalaureate Elementary Program.

### The 2019–20 budget supports the mission of the district:

1. **Student Achievement:** is the central focus in making the effective and efficient use of resources to ensure a world class learning environment that continuously improves student achievement.
2. **Quality Teachers:** the district will continue to recruit and retain highly qualified personnel and teachers, as central to the success of student achievement.
3. **Fiscal Transparency and Budget Solvency:** in order to create a budget that is fiscally transparent and solvent, the district thoroughly analyzed the current operating budget and projected fund balance.
4. **Data Management Sustainability:** the updating of our data management system is crucial in aggregating student data. Maintaining and upgrading technology infrastructure resources will allow students and users to receive, communicate, and access pertinent information in a more effective and timely manner.
5. **Community and Parental Support:** an extremely important part of the development process for presenting a budget that supports the educational values of the community, while demonstrating fiscal prudence in preparing our Hempstead students with competencies to compete globally.

To this end, we have developed a budget which continues to support and strengthen the current academic program offered within the Hempstead Union Free School District. This proposed budget is based on, among other things, fiscal responsibility and academic excellence. The budget adopted by the Board of Education includes:

- Proposed multi-year lease at the St. Ladislaus Church not to exceed ten (10) years
- Proposed multi-year lease at 100 Main Street not to exceed five (5) years
- Continuation of Career Technical Education (CTE) programs at 100 Main Street and Hempstead High School
- Students attending Charter Schools totaling \$43,397,412
- Students attending BOCES special education totaling \$23,027,000
- Utilizing \$2,100,000 of Unassigned Fund Balance and \$3,469,801 of Appropriated Reserves for educational programs, increases in health insurance and retirement systems
- Reconstruction to transform existing space into useful educational facilities; health and safety projects to rehabilitate and upgrade roofs, floors and windows at various school buildings in the amount of \$500,000



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**IMPORTANT VOTER INFORMATION**

**Voting Requirements:**

To participate in the May 21st annual budget vote and election of Trustees, you do not need to register if, during the last four years, you either:

- Voted in a general election in Nassau County
- Voted in a Hempstead School District election
- Registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections
- Registered with the Hempstead School District

To register to vote in future elections, please call the District Clerk at 516-434-4002.

A voter must be:

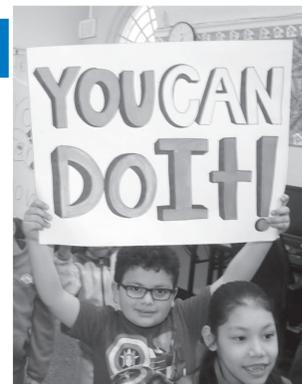
- 18 years of age or older
- A U.S. citizen
- A school district resident for 30 days prior to the election

**When and Where to Vote:**

Voting is at the Alverta B. Gray Schultz Middle School, 70 Greenwich St., on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

**Absentee Ballots**

Registered voters who want to cast absentee ballots must request an application from the District Clerk at 516-434-4002. An absentee ballot will be sent upon receipt of a completed application. Alternatively, applications can be picked up at the Administration Office at 185 Peninsula Blvd. from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, prior to the election. Ballots must be filed with the District Clerk by 5 p.m. on Election Day. Persons who have been designated “permanently disabled” by the Nassau Board of Elections will automatically receive absentee ballots.



**Remember to vote on Tuesday, May 21, 2019, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. at ABGS Middle School**