



# Oceanside Schools

*Anchored Together*  
BY PURPOSE, PASSION, AND PEOPLE

## 1.97% Proposed 2017-18 Budget Increase

- ☑ Budget maintains excellent programs and class size guidelines while keeping expenses low (Pages 2-5)
- ☑ Oceanside spends less per student than the Nassau County average
- ☑ Budget continues to support all extracurricular and community activity programs (Page 2)
- ☑ Outstanding student achievement in academics, athletics, the arts and activities (Page 6)
- ☑ Proposed Tax Levy Increase 2.15%



### What Am I Voting On?

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

**Proposition 1:**  
School District Budget

**Proposition 2:**  
Public Library Budget

**Election:**  
Three seats on Board of Education (3 year terms)

**Terms Expiring on June 30, 2017:**  
Sandie Schoell • Donald Maresca • Mary Jane McGrath-Mulhern

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## How does this budget preserve the quality of our educational program?

Our school district remains a leader in educational excellence and student achievement, with programs that reflect the importance of technology and social emotional skills to prepare students for their future. The following are examples of some of our current and new initiatives:

- Use of Chromebooks in all 6th grade classrooms and iPads in grades 7-11



- Project Lead the Way program that provides genuine engineering experiences for high school students
- A Virtual Enterprise program that provides a global business simulation where students create and market a product, manage staff, and oversee payroll
- A hands on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) program for students in grades 4-6, expanding to grade 3 in 2017-18.
- New Maker Spaces in elementary schools and OHS Castleton that complement the OMS Fab Lab and allow students to tinker, invent, and explore the intersection of creativity, science and engineering

- A new Mathematics resource, Exemplars, that helps students analyze their problem-solving process leading to deeper understanding and application
- An upgraded state-of-the art film production studio at the high school
- One of the most comprehensive Fine and Performing Arts programs that includes art, music and theater experiences at every level and Dance and Choreography at the high school level
- A stellar research program for grades 7-12 that has produced numerous awards for students in the Regeneron (formerly Intel), Siemens, and other prestigious competitions
- Anti-bullying initiatives that exceed state law requirements and promote social emotional literacy (SEL)
- World Language course offerings including Spanish for grades K-6 and Spanish, Italian, French, Hebrew, Mandarin Chinese and American Sign Language for students in grades 7-12
- Parent informational programs on curriculum, internet safety, substance abuse prevention, technology, and more
- Extensive support programs for students who need additional help to be successful





# Passions and Possibilities

*“Passion is one great force that unleashes creativity, because if you’re passionate about something, then you’re more willing to take risks.” —Yo-Yo Ma, world-renowned cellist*

Here are just a few examples of courses, clubs and activities that engage students’ passions:

**Virtual Enterprise** - students create a product, market it, deal with staff, payroll and more.

**Materials Processing & Design** - students create beautiful, functional designs as shown in the picture on the left, below.

**Thespians, dancers, singers and musicians** showcase their talents throughout the year in concerts, plays and extracurricular events.

**Team Spirit** - engaging middle school students with music, skits and fun, friendly competition.

**Family and Consumer Sciences** - Foodies, fash-

ionistas/os, future educators and interior designers may find their niche here.

**Senior Seminars** go beyond the curriculum with innovative courses for the literary-minded student.

**Research** - science, math and social sciences research courses capture the curious, starting in grade 7.

**Robotics** - a club for students who are interested in programming and robotics. There are also Computer Science courses at OHS and opportunities to learn coding at every level.

Elementary teachers are always finding creative ways to spur learning via students’ interests, e.g. **Classroom jobs** modeled after the president’s cabinet during a time of high interest in government (top, right). **Solar System Museum** with astronomy themed games (bottom, right).







## What is the proposed budget for the 2017-18 school year?

The proposed expenditure budget needed to operate programs and services for students in 2017-18 is \$150,144,641. This represents a 1.97% budget-to-budget increase over the current school year.

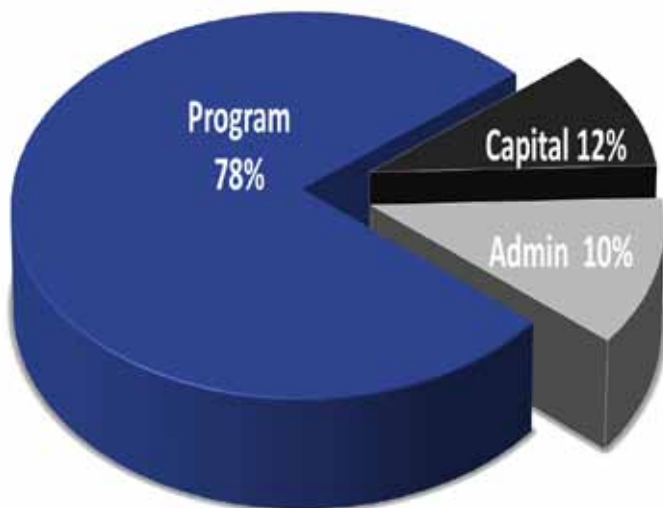
The **tax levy** is the total amount of property taxes a school district must collect to balance its expenditure budget after accounting for all other revenue sources including state aid. The District's tax levy for the 2017-18 school year is estimated to be \$119,670,036. This represents an increase of 2.15% over the current year and is in compliance with the District's allowable levy limit ("Tax Cap").

In June 2011, the New York State Legislature passed a law that restricts how municipalities can raise revenue. Although it has been referred to as a "**2% Tax Cap**", it is more accurately defined as a **Tax Levy Limit**. Each municipality is required to calculate its specific levy limit based on a multi-step formula as prescribed by the state. This formula contains certain exclusions that could result in tax levy increases above or below 2%.

It is important to understand that the new law applies to the **tax levy, not to tax rates or individual tax bills**. There are a number of factors that are used to determine a homeowner's school taxes. The school tax levy is only one of those factors. Shifts

*continued*

## Instructional Program Represents 78% of Budget



in assessed values, property classes, (which represent how the tax levy is distributed between commercial properties, utilities and different types of residential properties), and STAR exemptions from year to year will contribute to the calculation of a homeowner's school tax bill which could increase by less than the percentage of the tax levy limit, or more, or could stay the same.



## Where are they now? Some of our alumni are ...

**Teaching right here in  
Oceanside**

**Running a company  
that works with TV shows  
to create merchandise**

**Producing an off-Broadway  
play**

**Working as a chef/  
entrepreneur**

If the voters do not approve the proposed budget on May 16, the Board of Education may authorize a **second vote or adopt a contingency budget** which under the tax levy limit law must result in a tax levy equal to, or less than, the 2016-17 tax levy.

The 2017-18 budget includes principal and interest costs associated with the district's multi-year capital improvement bond project. To date, \$22.5 million of the approved \$30 million has been borrowed.

Completed projects include: roof reconstruction projects at Schools 2, 3, 4, 6, 7 & 8; floor tile replacements, classroom casework, site work, dual fuel capabilities, masonry repairs, new doors & hardware and bathroom partitions upgrades at a number of school buildings; new boilers at School 6; auditorium sound system at School 3; installation of new sound system on main HS field, Wi-Fi internet access at OHS and District-Wide security improvements.





# Our Students & Staff

## POINTS OF PRIDE

**11** AWARDS AND HONORS FOR STAFF WITHIN PAST YEAR

**600+** STUDENTS RECOGNIZED

AT BOARD HONORS (Approximate Total for Year)

**20** NATIONALLY BOARD CERTIFIED TEACHERS MORE THAN ANY LI DISTRICT

**STUDENTS**

STAFF & FAMILIES



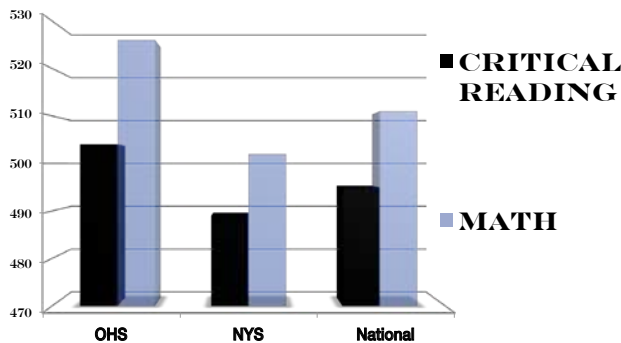
RAISE

**\$80-100K**

For Charity Annually



**SAT SCORES EXCEED**  
State & National Averages



Regeneron & Siemens  
**SEMIFINALISTS**  
ISEF & ISWEEP  
**Finalists**

Best In Fair, Semifinalists, 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Pl.  
NYSSEF, JSHS & Other Competitions

**Math Honor Society**  
Mathletes  
MATH OLYMPIAD  
HIGH SCORERS

**DECA**  
Top 10 Category Winners  
5 STUDENTS ADVANCED TO INTERNAT'L CONFERENCE



**OCEANSIDE MIDDLE SCHOOL**  
A Pioneer in Promoting Tolerance

*NO PLACE FOR HATE*

ONE OF FIVE SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE  
**Innovative, student-led campaign**  
GOAL: SOCIAL EQUITY, WELCOMING & INCLUSIVE SCHOOL CULTURE

**179**

ALL-STATE, HONORS BAND,  
All-County, LISFA & PEAK  
STUDENTS SELECTED

**Winners**  
PTA REFLECTIONS  
Nassau County  
Young Authors

**75+** CLUBS & SPORTS

CONCERTS & PLAYS

Art & Music

*At all levels*

**STEM** SCIENCE  
TECHNOLOGY  
ENGINEERING  
MATH

**25 ATHLETES**

Signed to College

SPORTS EACH YEAR

8 Scholar Athlete Teams

National Cheer Competition Invitation

NYSPHSAA Sportsmanship Award

**CAREER EDUCATION**

Exciting new courses at OHS in business, technology, dance & theater; Career Day; Teen Shadow Day and more

# Proposed Budget 2017-18

	<u>Actual Budget 2016-17</u>	<u>Proposed Budget 2017-18</u>
<b><u>ADMINISTRATION</u></b>		
Board of Education; Central Administration; Building Administration Personnel Administration; Auditing; Legal Counsel; Insurance		
<b>Total Administration</b>	<b>\$ 15,123,557</b>	<b>\$ 15,504,337</b>
<b><u>INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM</u></b>		
Professional Development for Teachers and Support Staff	620,962	359,304
Salaries for Teachers and Support Staff	61,906,234	61,725,976
Support for Instruction (Equipment, Supplies, Texts, BOCES, Library Media)	3,296,619	3,683,700
Special Programs (Special Education, Adult Education, Recreation, Summer School, Enrichment)	14,828,647	15,443,233
Transportation	5,843,000	6,068,403
Employee Benefits, Separation Payments & Interfund Transfers	28,769,714	29,387,924
<b>Total Instruction</b>	<b>\$ 115,265,176</b>	<b>\$ 116,668,540</b>
<b><u>CAPITAL</u></b>		
Buildings and Grounds, including Custodial Staff; Debt Service		
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>16,852,855</b>	<b>17,971,764</b>
<b>Total Expenditure Budget</b>	<b>\$ 147,241,588</b>	<b>\$ 150,144,641</b>
		1.97%
<b><u>Less Estimated Revenue and Fund Balance</u></b>		
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 3,250,000	\$ 3,000,000
State Aid	21,146,795	21,846,708
PILOT Payments	2,278,897	2,388,774
Rental Income	45,478	45,478
Tuition, Fees, Admissions	320,000	320,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	141,624	141,624
Interest Income	75,000	75,000
Dept. of Community Activities Revenue	2,290,609	2,290,609
Unneeded Authorization from Capital Fund	275,000	50,000
Medicaid Reimbursement	100,000	100,000
Reimbursement for Environmental Trips	171,050	216,412
<b>Total Estimated Fund Balance and Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 30,094,453</b>	<b>\$ 30,474,605</b>
<b>Amount to be Raised by Taxes (Tax Levy)</b>	<b>\$ 117,147,135</b>	<b>\$ 119,670,036</b>
		2.15%
<b>Total Revenue Budget</b>	<b>\$ 147,241,588</b>	<b>\$ 150,144,641</b>

**Important Note:**

*Oceanside's Tax Levy meets the legal NYS Tax Levy Limit, resulting in a simple majority vote needed on May 16, 2017 to pass the school district budget.*

# Oceanside Union Free School District Board of Education

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# Budget and Voting Information

### Dates to Remember

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 **BUDGET HEARING**  
7:30 pm School #6 Auditorium

May 1-May 16, 2017 Copy of proposed Budget statement and texts of any resolutions available at each school Monday through Friday.

Tuesday, May 16, 2017 **BUDGET VOTE & ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD ELECTIONS**

### Voter Eligibility & Registration

**Residents are registered and eligible to vote if they:** (1) Voted at or registered for a School District election subsequent to January 1, 2013 OR (2) Are validly registered to vote with the County Board of Elections for the General Election.

**Registration of voters shall take place** year round between 9 am and 4 pm weekdays at the District Clerk's office, 145 Merle Ave., except during the five working days prior to any school district election.

**Applications for absentee ballots** may be obtained from the District Clerk. Please mail your completed application to the District Clerk at least seven days before the election OR deliver by hand the day before the election. The ballot must be received by the District Clerk no later than 5 pm on the day of the election.

For more information, please call the District Clerk at 678-8580 or visit our website at [oceansideschools.org](http://oceansideschools.org) and click on [Voter Information](#).

**NOTE:** The Oceanside School District is divided into four school election districts. Voters must vote at the building within their election district. Voting locations are at Schools #5, #6, #7 (High School) and #8. Visit our website at [oceansideschools.org](http://oceansideschools.org) and click on [Voter Information](#) to find your voting location.

**Proposition 1 - School District Budget:** Resolved, that the statement of estimated expenses (budget) presented by the Board of Education of Oceanside Union Free School District, Town of Hempstead, County of Nassau, State of New York, for the School year 2017-2018 in the amount of \$150,144,641 for the purposes stated, be and same is approved, and said total amount, exclusive of public monies and other lawful income shall be raised by the levy on the taxable property within the school district and collected during the ensuing year as provided by law.

**Proposition 2 - Library Budget:** Resolved, that the Board of Education of Oceanside Union Free School District shall increase its contract with the Oceanside Library Association for the period July 1, 2017 to and including June 30, 2018 providing for free library services as is particularly described in said written contract for the sum of \$83,541 and that sum, together with the sum of \$4,408,811 heretofore authorized, for a total of \$4,492,352 to be appropriated to meet the payments due under said contract and that taxes shall be levied, assessed and collected against the taxable property of the School District for the ensuing year for above purposes.

**Budget Vote & School Board Election - Tuesday, May 16, 2017, 7 am to 10 pm**