



# 1.50% PROPOSED TAX LEVY INCREASE PROPOSED BUDGET BELOW TAX CAP

# PLAINEDGE

**BUDGET 2019**  
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# Press

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## BUILDING AND INNOVATING FOR THE FUTURE



### A Message from the Board of Education & Superintendent of Schools

Dear Plainedge Community,

We are very excited to present this year's proposed budget, which marks the third year in a row that we are proposing a budget below our allowable tax levy cap. Despite keeping our budget increases to a minimum, we have been able to complete many amazing capital projects, as well as provide educational program enhancements for our students.

On the ballot, we have several propositions for you to consider. The approval of these propositions (listed at right) carry no additional tax impact to residents. Most notably in these propositions is the fact that our Board of Education has your money hard at work. We use long-range planning so that our community can benefit from these capital improvements without the need for a long-term bond, thus saving the community considerable money.

To learn more about the budget and the propositions, we encourage all community residents to visit the district website at [www.plainedgeschools.org](http://www.plainedgeschools.org). We look forward to seeing you at the polls on May 21, 2019.

Sincerely,

Dr. Edward A. Salina, Jr., *Superintendent*  
and the Plainedge Board of Education  
Catherine Flanagan, *President*  
Raymond Paris, *Vice President*  
Jennifer Maggio, *Trustee*  
Dr. Lynnnda Nadien, *Trustee*  
Dr. Joseph Netto, *Trustee*  
Sonny Spagnuolo, *Trustee*  
Sisi Townson, *Trustee*

### Highlights of the 2019-2020 Budget

- Expansion of STARS Morning and Afternoon Enrichment Academies
- Continuation of our multi-year literacy initiative
- Expansion of the Plainedge Summer Enrichment Program for Grades K-8
- Expansion of the Plainedge Adult Education Program course offerings
- Full implementation of Teachers College Reading Program
- High School Heating/Air Conditioning Initiative in all educational spaces
- Continuing successful iPad 1:1 Program for Grades 4-6
- Implement iPad Pros in Art and Photography Curriculum
- Continuation of our successful Chromebooks 1:1 Program for Grade 8
- Introduction of Chromebooks 1:1 Program Grade 7
- Pilot Chromebook 1:1 Program with selected pilot groups in English, Social Studies, Science, and Foreign Language at the High School
- Grand opening and ribbon cutting of state-of-the-art STEAM studios at all elementary schools
- Security system expansion
- Installation of auto-locking doors in all classrooms for lockdown drills
- Continued support of teacher professional development opportunities in the integration of technology
- Continuation and expansion of Google Classroom
- Pilot new programs for the Next Generation Science Standards
- Increase professional development for all staff
- Continued support for small class sizes, among the lowest in Nassau County

#### Approval of Proposition 2:

Use of Capital Reserves  
= \$3,807,900

Approval of Proposition 2, which carries NO ADDITIONAL COST to the taxpayer, allows the district to expend \$3,807,900 from Capital Reserve Funds:

##### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS:

- High School Heating/Air Conditioning Initiative
- Plainedge Middle School Gymnasium Heating/Air Conditioning Upgrades
- Elementary Schools Air Conditioning Initiative
- Plainedge High School window replacements - Phase 1
- Two modular baseball dugouts plus storage room at Plainedge High School
- Eastplain Elementary School bathrooms
- Districtwide SmartBoards
- Districtwide door replacement
- Districtwide flooring upgrades

#### Approval of Proposition 3:

Use of Capital Reserve Fund III -  
Safety and Security Initiative = \$2,235,000

Approval of Proposition 3, which carries NO ADDITIONAL COST to the taxpayer, allows the district to expend \$2,235,000 from Capital Reserve Fund III - Safety & Security Initiative Fund.

##### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS:

- Districtwide wireless door lock assemblies
- Plainedge High School security gates system in the parking lot
- Districtwide digital signage for safety/communication

#### Approval of Proposition 4:

Create Capital Reserve Fund -  
Facilities Upgrades

Approval of Proposition 4, which carries NO ADDITIONAL COST to the taxpayer, allows the district to create Capital Reserve Fund - Facilities Upgrades. Initial funding of this reserve will be through the liquidation of split dollar life insurance policies owned by the Board of Education, unspent bond proceeds and interest remaining in the debt service fund, and surplus monies remaining in unreserved undesignated fund balance in the general fund.

The purpose of Capital Reserve Fund - Facilities Upgrades will be for improving and upgrading districtwide facilities.

#### PLAINEDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE

# TUESDAY MAY 21, 2019

6:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Plainedge High School Gymnasium

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# Plainedge Middle School: 2019 Essential Elements School-to-Watch

On March 25, Commissioner MaryEllen Elia announced that Plainedge Middle School was one out of five newly designated Essential Elements: Schools-to-Watch (EE: STW), which is both a national and state recognition. There are 465 Schools-to-Watch across the country. Out of those 465 schools, there are 35 in New York, 10 of which are on Long Island. The Schools-to-Watch Program was developed by the National Forum, which is an alliance of educators, national associations, and professional organizations and foundations. The EE: STW is affiliated with the National Forum, New York State Middle School Association, the New York State Education Department, the Statewide Network of Middle-Level Education Liaisons, the EE: STW Principals, Institutions of Higher Education, and the K-12 educational community. They recognize exemplary middle schools and programs. The designation identifies diverse, high-performing, and growth-oriented middle

schools that excel in the following four domains: academic excellence, developmental responsiveness, social equity, and organizational structures and processes. The Middle School has been involved in the application process since the spring of 2017. The application involved reflection of practices and collection and analysis of data. After the application review, Plainedge Middle School was selected to receive a site visit by a team of professionals in December to determine the designation. The process involved all stakeholders

including students, teachers, district and building administration, support staff, families, and community members

It is an honor to be recognized as a forward thinking, achievement and equity-driven organization committed to the development of the school's adolescent learners and adults. A designated school is provided with more opportunities for self-reflection and a focus for future professional development and consultation. Plainedge Middle School will serve as a model for successful and effective work in the middle school grades and a host for school visits. Members of the school team will present at local, state, and national conferences.

Our teachers and administrators continually raise the bar, hold the students to high expectations and standards, and always enhance instruction to develop each child academically and socially. Plainedge is proud of everyone's hard work and dedication in earning this designation. #WeArePlainedge



## Projects Proposed for the 2019-2020 School Year

Projects are based on the instructional and facility needs of the district and are evaluated each year prior to Board of Education and community approval.

- High School Heating/Air Conditioning Initiative Phase II of II
- High School Window Replacements - Phase I
- Plainedge Middle School Gymnasium Heating/Air Conditioning Upgrades
- Eastplain Bathroom (1)
- Eastplain Bathroom (2)
- Flooring Upgrades Districtwide
- Door Upgrades Districtwide School

- Digital Signage Initiative Districtwide
- Replace Security Cameras – Elementary Schools
- Two Modular Baseball Dugouts Plus Storage Room at Plainedge High School
- Districtwide SmartBoards
- Districtwide Door Replacement
- Districtwide Wireless Door Lock Installations
- Plainedge High School Security Gates System

## 3-PART BUDGET BREAKDOWN

BUDGET COMPONENT SUMMARY	2019-2020 PROPOSED BUDGET	% OF BUDGET	2018-2019 ADOPTED BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Administration	\$8,970,809	9.41%	\$8,615,532	9.18%
Capital	\$13,172,943	13.81%	\$12,967,133	13.82%
Program	\$73,232,066	76.78%	\$72,269,315	77.00%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$95,375,818</b>	<b>100.00%</b>	<b>\$93,851,980</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

For more information regarding the 2019-20 budget, please visit [bit.ly/PlainedgeUFSDBudget19](http://bit.ly/PlainedgeUFSDBudget19)

# 2018-2019 POINTS OF PRIDE



## Amazing ACHIEVEMENTS

- Plainedge Middle School was named in the 2019 Essential Elements: Schools-to-Watch Recognition Program.
- The Class of 2018 was awarded \$6.9 million in scholarships.
- 75 students were designated as Advanced Placement Scholars in 2018.
- 95% of graduates from the Class of 2018 received a Regents Diploma; 67% received a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation.
- 91.4% of all graduating seniors in 2018 enrolled in a two or four-year college with nearly 77% of graduates attending a four-year school.
- In 2018-2019, the Plainedge High School Robotics team competed in regional competitions in Utica, New York and at Hofstra University.
- 43 members of the Plainedge Class of 2018 were named Presidential Scholars.
- Student participation in the NYSSMA All-State Ensemble Winter Conference.
- 265 Plainedge students participated in NYSSMA.
- 57 students districtwide performed at the NYSSMA All-County Music Festival.
- Elementary, Middle School, and High School students created logos for 2019 Family STEAM Night.
- Plainedge High School's Varsity Football team became Nassau County Champions with a 11-0 record.
- Head Football Coach Robert Shaver was voted Coach of the Year.
- Plainedge High School Varsity Girls Soccer competed in the Nassau County playoffs.
- Plainedge High School Varsity Girls Basketball became Conference Champions.
- Varsity Cheerleading placed third at the Nassau County Championships and competed in the 2019 UCA National High School Cheerleading Championship.
- Plainedge High School Kickline attended the The 2019 National Dance Team Championship.
- Varsity Girls Bowling placed sixth in Nassau County.
- Varsity Boys Bowling became Conference Champions and competed in the Nassau County Championships.
- All Fall and Winter Plainedge athletic teams were Scholar Athlete Teams.
- The High School newspaper, Devil's Tale, won multiple individual and group awards at the annual Quill Awards at Adelphi University.
- K-8 students and teachers presented at the 2019 Long Island ASSET Conference.



## Overwhelming OUTREACH

- The John H. West PTA organized a successful fundraising campaign to collect dental waste for the Colgate/Palmolive Playground Challenge and won. The playground was installed Spring 2019.
- The PTSA and Key Club Blood Drive collected 100 pints of blood.
- English Honor Society sponsored a book drive for the Book Fairies and collected over 150 books.
- No Place For Hate activities in Social Studies and English classrooms focused on empathy, tolerance, and creating an inclusive school environment.
- English Honor Society collected over 300 meals through Island Harvest for the "Souper Bowl" food drive.
- Math Honor Society celebrated Pi Day with activities and Pie eating contests for students.
- Middle School Student Council collected 76 boxes of cereal for local food pantries for the World Cereal Drive.
- Plainedge Middle School donated 1,200 pounds of non-perishable food to Long Island Cares.
- The National Junior Honor Society donated six large boxes of pet supplies to be distributed to shelters across Long Island.
- Plainedge Middle School Student Council collected 57 pairs of shoes for Soles 4 Souls Drive.

## District ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Implemented Chromebooks 1:1 Program for 8th grade.
- Expanded Family STEAM/STREAM Night to include Grades K-8.
- Upgrade security cameras, door access, and DVR storage districtwide.
- Replaced and upgraded projectors districtwide.
- Expansion of media production in Plainedge High School's Athletic Complex.
- Cybersecurity Training – all staff districtwide.
- Implementation of visitor management system and security vestibules.
- Implementation of the New York State Next Generation Learning Standards -English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies.
- STEAM-based professional development for teachers and administrators.
- Expansion of the district's STEAM/STREAM initiatives by incorporating project-based learning.
- Improved IEP goal writing and progress monitoring tools through vetted state training.
- Continued to roll out TI Nspire calculators, technology and professional development.
- Piloted Here Comes the Bus, a school bus tracking application.
- Provided an international keynote speaker for Special Education staff.
- Teachers College Reading and Writing Workshop implemented in Elementary and Middle Schools.
- Full implementation of Running Records to assess students' reading habits and progress.
- Implementation of a new TC Phonics Unit of Study for grades K-1.
- Expanded robotics districtwide and hosted the Student Robot Connection.
- Acellus Robotics in Special Education classrooms.
- Best Buddies Program in the Middle School and High School.
- Expansion of a successful Summer Enrichment and Adult Education Program.
- Expanded Parent University workshops offerings.
- Furnished classrooms with flexible seating options to support student-centered academic experiences.



# 2019-2020 Board of Education Trustee Election

SEAT #1

## Raymond Paris - 1A



I am a 25 year resident of Plainedge, and a proud supporter of this community! I am passionate about public education. My children attended Plainedge schools. The district provides the best for our children, maintains

small class sizes, supports our dedicated faculty and staff, and creates graduates ready for college or careers. I believe the most important issues facing our district are enhancing educational programs while keeping within the guidelines of the tax cap. As a Board member for the past 6 years and Vice President for 4, I have helped lead our district during turbulent educational times. While other districts cut programs

and teachers or proposed bonds to repair buildings, I have helped guide our district to expand programs, restore teaching positions and enhance our facilities. My record shows that our district continues to strive to the highest levels, provide better program choices for our students, to allow them to reach for higher standards to handle whatever life has in store for them. I work with the Board to continue to implement our 5 year strategic plan that ensures we use district funds and keep our budget-to-budget increases as low as possible. Using my training from New York State School Boards Association and experience as a business leader, I will continue to strive for excellence, ask the tough questions and demand thorough and transparent answers for our children and the Plainedge community.

SEAT #2

## Jennifer Maggio- 2A



I have served as a Board Trustee for the 2018-2019 school year. I have been a Plainedge resident for 9 years. I have three daughters who are/will be attending Eastplain Elementary School. I have 20 years'

experience in the field of education as a classroom teacher and literacy specialist. As a Board Trustee, I am dedicated to making sure all children receive the high-quality education they deserve. I enjoyed serving this passionate community and look forward to the opportunity again.

## What's on the Ballot?

For this election, residents will vote on the following:

- Proposition 1: The proposed 2019-20 school budget.
- Proposition 2: The proposal to expend capital reserve funds for districtwide facility upgrades.
- Proposition 3: The proposal to expend funds from the Capital Reserve Fund III - Safety and Security reserves.
- Proposition 4: The proposal to create a Capital Reserve Fund - Facilities Upgrades.
- Proposition 5: The proposed 2019-20 Plainedge Public Library Budget.
- Board of Education Trustees: The election of two members to the Plainedge School District Board of Education.
- Plainedge Public Library Board Trustee: The election of one member to the Plainedge Library Board.

## Kindergarten Registration

Did you miss our kindergarten registration? You can still register your child for kindergarten for the 2019-20 school year. Children must be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2019. Registration forms are available at [www.plainedgeschools.org](http://www.plainedgeschools.org) and all elementary schools. Please call (516) 992-7450 if you have questions.

## Celebrate Plainedge Pride Day

May 18, 2019 from 10 AM to 2 PM

Brian Moore Athletic Center at Plainedge Park

For more information, visit: [www.plainedgeschools.org](http://www.plainedgeschools.org)

## VOTER INFORMATION

### Voter Requirements

If you are registered to vote with the Nassau County Board of Elections or with the school district, you are eligible to vote in the 2019-20 School District Budget and Board Election.

In order to vote in the School District Budget and Board Election, a person must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- A resident of the district for 30 days prior to voting
- A registered voter in either the school district, state or national elections

### Registration

Residents may register any school day until May 16, 2019 (five days before the vote), 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Central Administration Office, located at 241 Wyngate Drive, North Massapequa. Residents may also download and fill out a registration form online at [www.plainedgeschools.org](http://www.plainedgeschools.org). Completed forms should be mailed to the attention of the District Clerk, Plainedge Schools, 241 Wyngate Drive, North Massapequa, NY 11758. The forms must be received by May 16, 2019. Evening registration will be held May 16, 2019 from 3:00-7:00 PM in the District Clerk's Office, Central Administration Building.

### Absentee Ballots

The submission of absentee ballot applications must be received by the District Clerk seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter (May 14, 2019), or the day before the election if the ballot is to be issued to the voter in person (May 20, 2019). For further information, call the District Clerk's Office at (516) 992-7450.



## Remember to Vote

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 • 6:00 AM – 9:00 PM  
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