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# Commack U.F.S.D. Board of Education

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT  
APRIL 22, 2021

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# Agenda

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Updates

Community  
Outreach

Budget  
Proposal

Committee  
Updates

# Community COVID-19 Rates

Data as of April 8, 2021

		Cumulative	Cases per 1,000 Residents	7 Day Average		
				Daily Increase	Daily increase per 1,000	Daily Increase, prior 7 Days
<b>SUFFOLK COUNTY</b>						
1	Brentwood	11087	176.15	29.57	0.47	26.57
2	Central Islip	5499	172.67	17.43	0.55	22.29
3	Centereach	3785	118.18	15.86	0.5	21.71
4	West Babylon	5223	121.7	19.86	0.46	21
5	Coram	4332	108.36	17.86	0.45	19.14
6	Lindenhurst Village	3044	112.52	12.86	0.48	17.71
7	Smithtown	3229	122.79	13.57	0.52	17.57
8	Deer Park	3500	128.33	12.29	0.45	16.29
9	Holbrook	3063	116.53	9.71	0.37	16
10	Shirley	2968	103.42	12.57	0.44	14.71
11	Huntington Station	4439	133.47	16.86	0.51	14.57
12	Bay Shore	3756	122.41	12.57	0.41	14
<b>13</b>	<b>Commack</b>	<b>4092</b>	<b>110.79</b>	<b>17.86</b>	<b>0.48</b>	<b>14</b>
14	Holtsville	2478	127.96	10.14	0.52	13.57
15	Copiague	3018	127.26	9.57	0.4	13.43
16	Selden	2346	118.66	10.71	0.54	12.71
17	East Patchogue	2758	121.84	9.43	0.42	12.57
18	West Islip	3357	123.65	14.57	0.54	12.57
19	Ronkonkoma	2252	123.05	11.43	0.62	12.43
20	Medford	3053	125.91	12.43	0.51	12.14
21	North Babylon	2183	130.41	6.86	0.41	11.71
22	North Bay Shore	3241	154	8.57	0.41	11.14
23	Manorville	1303	90.45	8.29	0.58	11
24	Islip	2151	120.03	8.57	0.48	9.71
25	East Northport	1947	96.69	7.71	0.38	9.14

Data as of April 22, 2021

		Cumulative	Cases per 1,000 Residents	7 Day Average		
				Daily Increase	Daily increase per 1,000	Daily Increase, prior 7 Days
<b>SUFFOLK COUNTY</b>		194,512	130.73	448	0.3	604
1	Brentwood	11396	181.06	19.14	0.3	25
2	Coram	4554	113.92	14.43	0.36	17.29
3	Centereach	3992	124.64	13.14	0.41	16.43
4	West Babylon	5431	126.54	13.57	0.32	16.14
5	Central Islip	5684	178.48	11.86	0.37	14.57
6	West Islip	3492	128.62	5.57	0.21	13.71
7	Huntington Station	4599	138.28	9.43	0.28	13.43
8	Holbrook	3212	122.19	8	0.3	13.29
<b>9</b>	<b>Commack</b>	<b>4238</b>	<b>114.74</b>	<b>8.71</b>	<b>0.24</b>	<b>12.14</b>
10	Medford	3201	122.22	8.29	0.28	11.86
11	Bay Shore	3801	122.41	8.29	0.26	11.71
12	Deer Park	3601	122.41	8.29	0.37	11.57
13	Dix Hills	2601	122.41	8.29	0.21	11.14
14	Smithtown	3301	122.41	8.29	0.28	11.14
15	Shirley	3101	122.41	8.29	0.32	10.86
16	East Northport	2051	101.86	4.29	0.21	10.57
17	Ronkonkoma	2364	129.17	5.71	0.31	10.29
18	Holtsville	2595	134	6.71	0.35	10
19	Lindenhurst Village	3170	117.18	8.43	0.31	9.57
20	East Patchogue	2872	126.87	6.86	0.3	9.43
21	Mastic	1974	134.49	4.71	0.32	8.57
22	Farmingville	2002	129.2	7	0.45	8.29
23	Rocky Point	1483	114.94	6.14	0.48	8.29
24	Lake Ronkonkoma	2415	116.22	5.14	0.25	8.14
25	Copiague	3130	131.98	8.14	0.34	7.86

For Suffolk County we are ranked 9 out of 163 communities

# COVID-19 Cases 7-Day Average 0.16%

Number of Positive Cases Reported: **As of April 21, 4:00 p.m.**

	Indian Hollow		North Ridge		Rolling Hills		Wood Park		Burr		Sawmill		Middle School		High School		Total	Total Students in Quarantine K-12
	Students	Staff	Students	Staff	Students	Staff	Students	Staff	Students	Staff	Students	Staff	Students	Staff	Students	Staff		
4/15/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	59
4/16/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	54
4/17/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4/18/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
4/19/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	46
4/20/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	4	0	1	50
4/21/2021	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	3	48
<b>Total</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	13	0	11	

0.16%

*Note: Staff includes all district employees (e.g. teachers, administrators, aides, monitors, secretaries, custodians, and more). Data represents cases from our 8 schools.*

**With approximately 7,000 students and staff in the Commack School community, the positive COVID-19 cases represent 0.16% of the population!**

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# Commack Program Updates

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# State Funded Pre-K for All Eligible Students 21-22

**Eligible age for 2021-2022 Program:  
Child must be 4 years of age on or before  
December 1, 2021 (must be born  
between 12/2/2016 and 12/01/2017)**

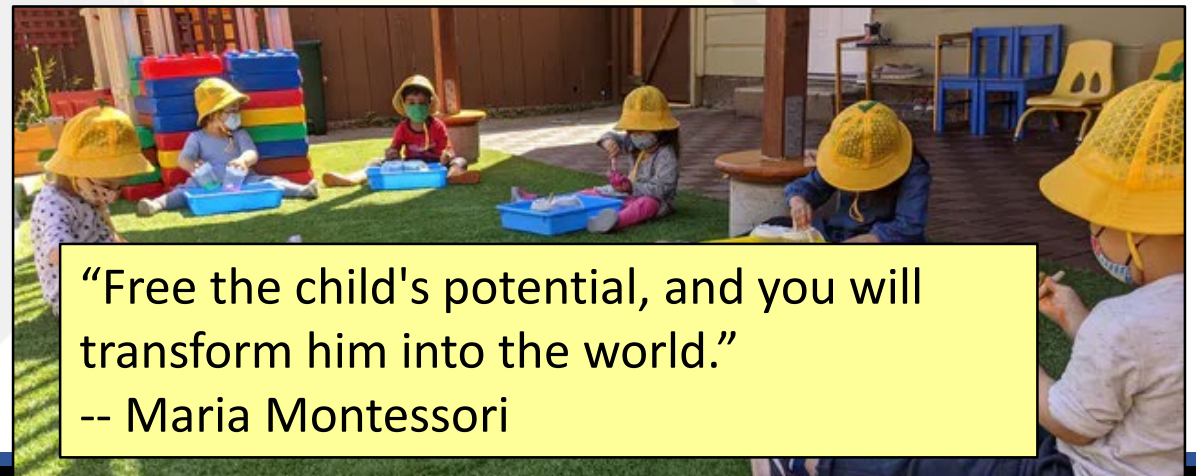
## **Current Providers:**

- Kiddie Care
- SCOPE
- Building Blocks

**More information will be distributed by  
the end of the month**



State allocation of \$955,800 fully funds Pre-Kindergarten for all projected students in 2020-2021.



“Free the child's potential, and you will transform him into the world.”  
-- Maria Montessori

# Summer 2021 Programs

**Federally Funded Summer Camp July/August  
Free to Parents**

## Cougar Camp Modified

**Grades 3 – 8**

**Dates: June 28 to July 23**

**Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

**NEW**

- Free Lunch
- Tennis
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Track
- Badminton
- Kickline
- Cheer
- Football
- Etc.

### Announcing Cougar Camp Fridays

- July 30
- August 6
- August 13
- August 20



# Summer 2021 Programs

Federally Funded Summer Camp July/August  
Free to Parents

## Reconnecting and Discovery Camp

Grades K – 12

Dates: July 26 to August 19

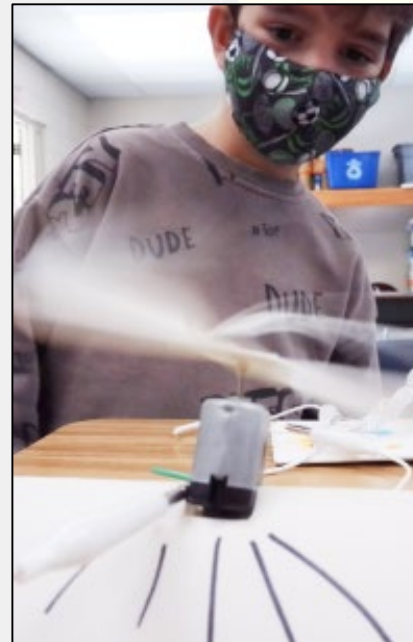
Monday – Thursday from 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

**NEW**

- Free Lunch
- Science and Exploration
- Project Based Literature
- Creative Writing
- Arts and Crafts
- Maker Space
- Forensics
- Outdoor Activities
- Movement in the Arts
- Music
- Academic Support for Those in Need
- And More

### Announcing Cougar Camp Fridays

- July 30
- August 6
- August 13
- August 20





# Federally Funded Emotional Support Programs 2021-22

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Training for all staff who work directly with students (teachers, monitors, aides, administrators, coaches, etc.) to recognize signs and symptoms of emotional distress/adjustment concerns and/or any other changes in behavior that may be signs of a social emotional issue that needs support.

## **Support Currently Available:**

- Social-Emotional Programs
- Guidance Counselors
- Social Workers
- Psychologists
- Nurses



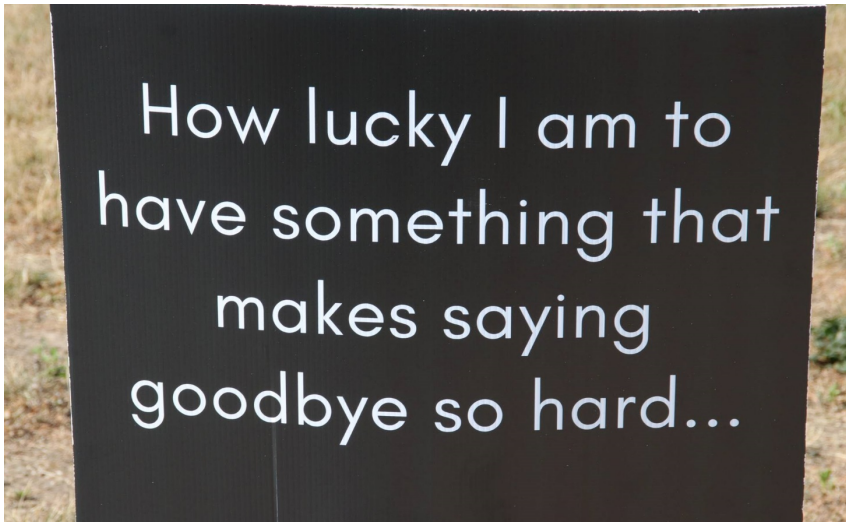
## **New Supports Available:**

- Counselors available for students in need throughout the summer
- Summer office hours and emergency contact numbers available for students and families in need
- Access to before and after school counseling for the 2021-2022 school year
- Access to free outside agency support for those we are unable to serve with our own staff. (i.e., substance abuse, severe anxiety, etc.)



# Commitment Day and Senior Celebration Day Parade

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**College Commitment Days  
(official College Commitment Day  
is Saturday May 1)**

April 30 for B Day and May 3 for A Day

Photo Booth  
Hall Decorating  
Senior Give Aways  
And More



**Senior Celebration Day Parade**

June 14

# Class of 2022 Vintage Country Fair

Country Fair Entertainment Park  
3351 Route 112, Medford, NY 11763

Wednesday, May 26<sup>TH</sup>

4:00 pm to 8:00 pm

(Rain Date: Wednesday, June 9<sup>TH</sup>)

Commack High School Juniors have exclusive reign of the entire park to enjoy mini golf, bumper cars, go-carts, driving range, batting cages, arcade, laser tag.

We will be hiring a D.J. for dancing and fun, catering food and offering all the accoutrements of a country fair such as popcorn, cotton candy, and funnel cake.

Class of 2022 Vintage  
Country Fair





Senior Prom June 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Professionally Catered  
Music, Photographer,  
and More  
Details to Follow





# Moving Up Ceremonies

## Commack Middle School

- **June 21 and 24** at the High School Stadium, Details to Follow

## Burr and Sawmill

- **June 21 through the 23**
  - More Information to Follow

## Rolling Hills, Wood Park, North Ridge and Indian Hollow

- **June 17 and 18**
  - More Information to Follow



# HS Graduation June 25th at NOON Stony Brook's Kenneth LaValle Stadium

(rain date June 26th at 3:00  
p.m. same location)



# May 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Senior Trip Permission Slip & Payment Due  Start of Survivor Competition: First 8pm Trivia Question Posted to Google Classrooms  Float Building Begins– (Senior Cafe/Courtyard)  Music Video Submission Opens  Food Truck 9:30am- 1:30pm  After School Tutoring For All  Connections Program Grs. 9-12	Survivor: Second 8pm Trivia Question Posted to Google Classrooms  Float Building Continues  Food Truck 9:30am- 1:30pm  After School Tutoring For All  Connections Program Grs. 9-12	Survivor: Third 8pm Trivia Question Posted to Google Classrooms  Float Building Continues  Food Truck 9:30am- 1:30pm  After School Tutoring For All  Connections Program Grs. 9-12	Survivor: Final 8pm Trivia Question Posted to Google Classrooms  Float Building Continues  Food Truck 9:30am- 1:30pm  After School Tutoring For All  Connections Program Grs. 9-12	Survivor Competition Night, 3:30 in the Cafeteria (210 competition points)  Float Building Night Open Until 7:30 pm  Food Truck 9:30am- 1:30pm  After School Tutoring For All  Connections Program Grs. 9-12		
10	11	12	13	14	15	16

Other High School Events Posted Under News and Announcements on the High School Web Site at:

<https://www.commack.k12.ny.us/commackhighschoolhome.aspx>





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# Community Outreach

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PHASE 2: 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR AND BEYOND?



# 2021 – 2022 and Beyond, School Year Strategic Planning Commission



## Why

### Phase 1 – Identify a Need, Purpose, and Engage a Commission

As a result of our culture of continuous review and improvement, identified shifts in student interest, teacher strengths, staffing trends, and declining enrollment, have resulted in the need for the renewal of the District's desired future state, including its K-12 educational programs, and ongoing COVID-19 impact

## How

### Phase 2 – Activate the “Growing THE Vision” focus groups to Renew the District’s Future Desired State Through Engagement

*The Growing THE Vision: Student Success Committee will identify how stakeholders envision the improvement of the overall student experience at Commack.*

## What

### Phase 3 - Activate Design Teams

## Phase 4 - Community Feedback

- Share September opening plan with Focus Groups
- Make adjustments based upon feedback from focus groups
- Share and publish final draft with Board of Education and community at large
- Make final adjustments and publish final plan, submit to New York State Education Department and Suffolk County Department of Health
- Begin implementation

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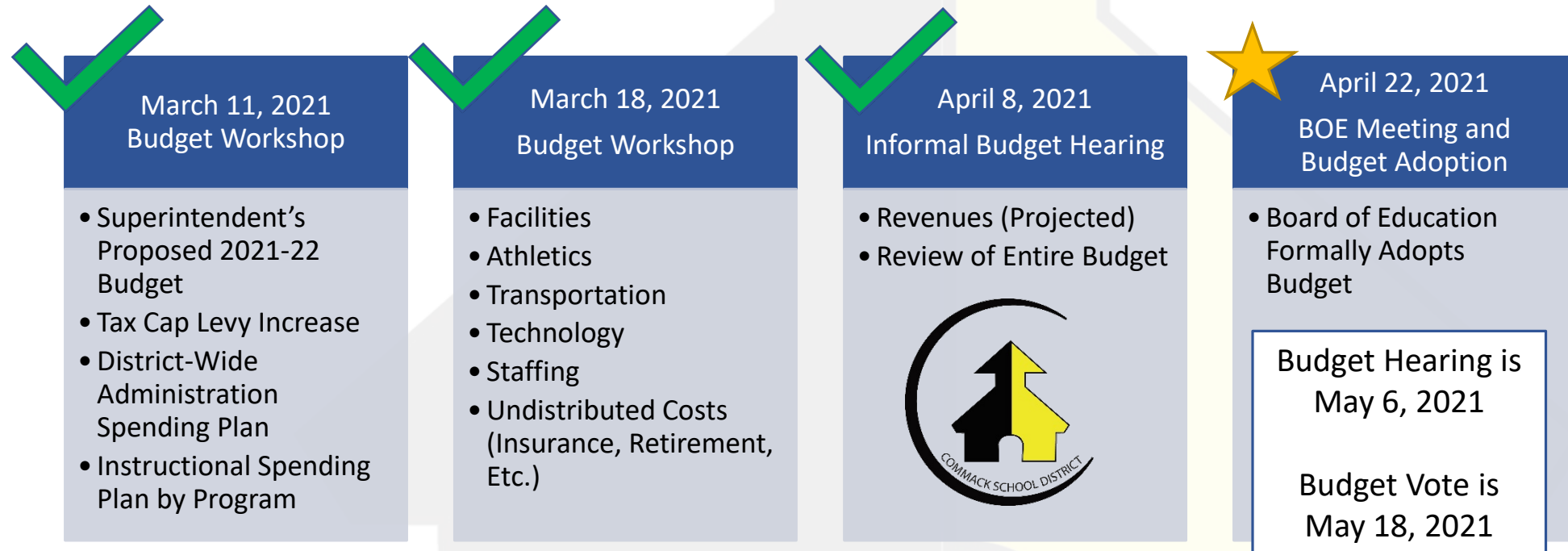
# Commack UFSD 2021-22 Budget Adoption

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# Upcoming Budget Events

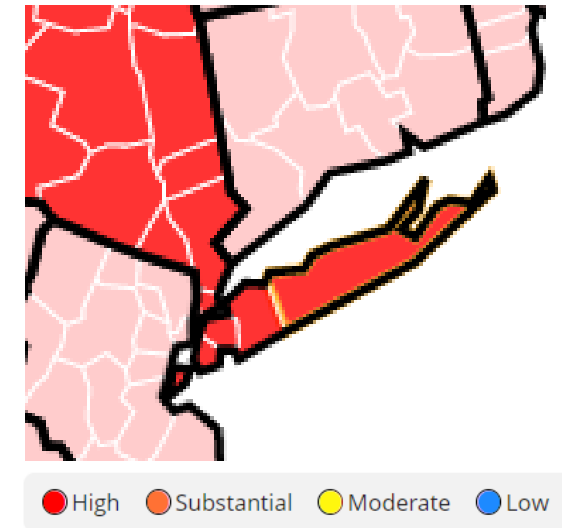


# Reopening Regulations from the NYSDOH:

In counties with high risk of transmission, elementary schools can maintain physical distancing of at least three feet between students in classrooms and cohorting is recommended when possible. However, in middle and high schools three feet between students in classrooms is recommended only when schools can use cohorting. **When schools cannot maintain cohorting, middle and high schools must maintain physical distancing of at least six feet between students in classrooms.**

## Exceptions Where A Minimum of Six Feet of Distance Must be Maintained:

- Six feet is always the required distancing between adults (teachers, staff, visitors) and between students and adults.
- Six feet of distance is required when eating meals or snacks, or drinking, or other times masks must be removed. This may mean that meals cannot be eaten in classrooms that have been converted to three feet of physical distance during instruction time.
- Individuals participating in activities that require projecting the voice (e.g., singing) or playing a wind instrument must be six feet apart and there must be six feet of distance between the performers and the audience during performances and concerts.
- Six feet of physical distance must be maintained in common areas and outside of classrooms (e.g. lobbies, auditoriums, gymnasiums, cafeterias, and hallways), where possible.



# Assumption Used To Develop The Budget

*For the 2021-2022 school year, may districts plan to reopen “brick and mortar” classes with student desks less than six (6) feet apart with adequate safety precautions in place such as required face coverings, “sneeze guards” installed on desks, disinfecting protocols in place, attestations regarding travel and contact with infected individuals, temperature scanners, AND sufficiently low levels of Covid-19 in their schools (less than 4% community spread within the school)?*

Per the guidance on page 8, other levels of reduced transmission would allow us to return students to schools, three feet apart following other associated regulations.

[https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Pre-K to Grade 12 Schools MasterGuidance.pdf](https://www.governor.ny.gov/sites/default/files/atoms/files/Pre-K%20to%20Grade%2012%20Schools%20MasterGuidance.pdf)

**Presumptive answer, YES.**



# Multi-Year Budgeting Allows for Commack's Continued Success



Support Academic and SEL Recovery from COVID Closure



Balanced Academic and SEL Programs  
(including Art, Music, PE, Math, ELA, Science, Social Studies, etc.)



Increased Access and Opportunity



Long-Term Fiscal and Academic Stability

# In short, what this means

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**The integrity of the entire program in 2019-2020 is fully supported in this budget.**

**Including but not limited to:**

- Small Class Sizes
- Mental Health Supports
- Enrichment for All
- Enrichment in the Middle School
- Athletics
- Movement in the Arts
- Robust Electives
- Technology
- And more...

***The integrity of  
all programs  
remain intact,  
nothing was cut.***



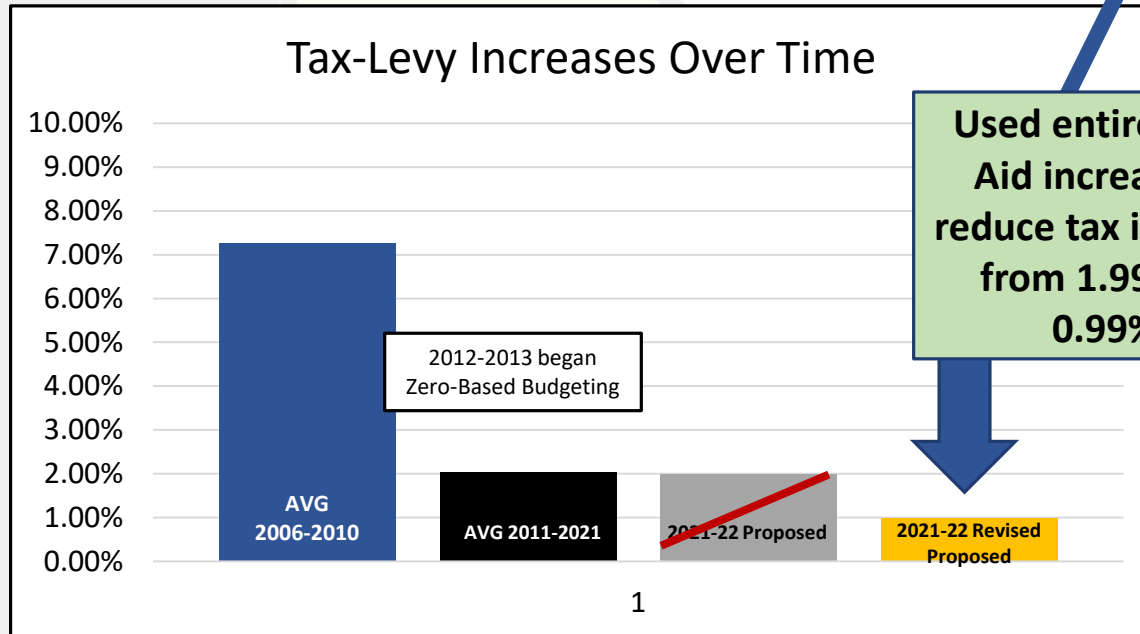


# Tax-Levy Increases Over Time

Proposed Budget-Spending Plan 2021-2022			
	2020-21	2021-22	Change
Total Proposed Budget	\$199,759,525	\$205,126,576	2.69%
Proposed Budget-to-Budget Increase		\$5,367,051	
Tax-Levy		\$146,818,484	

The average tax increase per homeowner is approximately \$114 for the year

Tax-Cap History		Actual Tax-Levy Increase
2015-2016	1.27%	0.95%
2016-2017	0.38%	0.38%
2017-2018	1.996%	1.99%
2018-2019	2.91%	2.51%
2019-2020	2.95%	2.95%
2020-2021	1.99%	1.99%
<b>Proposed 2021-2022</b>	<b>2.33%</b>	<del>1.99%</del>
<b>Revised Proposed 2021-2022</b>	<b>2.33%</b>	<b>0.99%</b>



Used entire State Aid increase to reduce tax increase from 1.99% to 0.99%



## Proposed Spending Plan Three-Part Budget Format

	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
<b>Program/Teaching and Learning (75%)</b>	150,237,846	154,771,039	4,533,193	3.02%
<b>Capital/Cost of Operations (15%)</b>	29,026,596	29,845,244	818,648	2.82%
<b>Administration/General Management (10%)</b>	\$20,495,083	\$20,510,293	\$15,210	0.07%
<b>Total Budget (100%)</b>	<b>\$199,759,525</b>	<b>\$205,126,576</b>	<b>\$5,367,051</b>	<b>2.69%</b>

- **Program/Teaching and Learning** includes, but is not limited to, teachers, textbooks, classroom supplies, transportation, special education and support services, classroom technology, teacher assistants, teacher aides, monitors, etc.
- **Capital/Cost of Operations** includes, but is not limited to, Facilities and Operations. For example, maintenance, utilities, etc. and all debt services and borrowings.
- **Administration/General Management** includes, but is not limited to, Legal, Supervision of Curriculum and Instruction, Finance, Human Resources, Auditing, Data Processing, School Building Administrators, Directors, and Coordinators, District Clerk's Office, General Insurance and Professional Development of Staff.

# Superintendent's Proposed Budget Highlights

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Proposed Tax  
Levy Increase is  
0.99%

Budget-to-  
Budget Increase  
is 2.69%





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# Questions from the Board of Education?

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# Committee Reports

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# Legislative Advocacy Committee Updates

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The Legislative Advocacy Committee met on Thursday, April 15.

The committee discussed restructuring in order to expand and enhance their voice. The committee is in the process of developing the following new subcommittees:

- Internal Community Outreach
- External Community Outreach
- Communication



# TAKE DOWN TOBACCO



## Anti-Vaping Task Force

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April 26 - 30th is Take Down Tobacco week. During Take Down Tobacco week, participating schools will share a video discussing the dangers of e-cigarettes. Students watch the video and then sign the pledge to remain tobacco-free.

Commack High School students created PSAs with the goal of raising awareness and changing public attitudes and behavior related to vaping.

Parents will be asked to view three (3) PSAs created by Commack High School health students and vote for the PSA they think would have the greatest impact on parents in our community.

# Multiracial Curriculum Review Panel

On Tuesday, April 20, 2021, members of the Multiracial Curriculum Review Panel met with students to gain insights into their current curriculum perspectives.

Students shared their opinions on the literature used in their courses and how literature can connect with current events. The group also had the chance to hear about the proposed new Grade 11 U.S. History Book and the digital components, which offer multiple perspectives and historical connections to current events.

*The next meeting will be scheduled in May 2021.*



Multiracial Curriculum Review Panel		
<b>Jordan</b>	Cox	Executive Director of Instructional Services
<b>Jose</b>	Santiago	Administrative Associate for Instructional Technology
<b>Donald</b>	James	Superintendent of Schools
<b>Justin</b>	Varughese	Board of Education Trustee
<b>Debbie</b>	Virga	District Clerk
<b>Jeffrey</b>	Sautner	Director of Social Studies
<b>Charles</b>	Schulz	Director of English
<b>Patrick</b>	Friel	Director of Health, Physical Education and Athletics
<b>Evelyn</b>	Cardenas	Commack Middle School Assistant Principal
<b>Toby</b>	Elmore	Dean of Students
<b>Jessica</b>	Santarpia	Rolling Hills Primary School
<b>Michael</b>	Jeziorski	CHS Social Studies Teacher
<b>Chris</b>	Boundy	CMS Social Studies Teacher
<b>Katrina</b>	Laboy	CHS English Teacher
<b>Sonia</b>	Moronta	CMS English Teacher
<b>Jennifer</b>	Barricelle	ENL Teacher
<b>Laurie</b>	Katz	Elementary Teacher
<b>Anthony</b>	Pellicone	Parent Representative
<b>Madhu</b>	Dutta	Parent Representative
<b>Nicole</b>	Perez	Parent Representative
<b>Kerri</b>	Nuccio	Parent Representative
<b>David</b>	Gelchie	Parent Representative