

EAST MORICHES UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

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2022 – 2023 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE

and

SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

1:00 pm to 9:00 pm

East Moriches Elementary School Cafetorium

Please take time out of your busy schedule to vote.

VOTER INFORMATION

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Budget Hearing

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022 – 7:00 p.m.
Elementary School Cafetorium**

Last Day to Register to Vote: Thursday, May 12, 2022

Budget Vote and Election

**Tuesday, May 17, 2022- 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Elementary School Cafetorium**

VOTER QUALIFICATIONS

To vote in school district elections you must be:

- a citizen of the United States
- a resident of the district for at least 30 days preceding the election
- at least 18 years of age
- not otherwise prohibited from voting under the provisions of Section 5-106 of the Election Law (e.g. a person who has been adjudged to be mentally incompetent).

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Written applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk seven days before the election on May 10, 2022. If an absentee voter intends to pick up the ballot in person, that application must be received at least one day before the election. All completed absentee ballots must be filed with the district clerk by 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote.

Did You Know?

Tax Relief

Senior Citizens (65 or older) whose annual income is under \$36,399 may receive tax relief of between 5% and 50%. BOE Policy 4601

Physically Disabled residents who make improvements to property to facilitate the use and accessibility of their residence may have such improvements exempt from taxation. BOE Policy 4603

Volunteer Companies (Firefighters' and Ambulance Workers'): Resident members of at least 5 years may be eligible for a reduction in property taxes equal to 10% of assessed valuation. BOE Policy 4602

"STAR": All resident property owners are eligible for tax relief under the New York State STAR program. If you have already applied, you need not do so again. Senior citizens whose adjusted gross income is under \$90,550 (in 2021) and under \$92,000 (in 2022) are entitled to an enhanced STAR reduction and must re-apply each year.

If you feel that you may be entitled to any of the above, please contact the Brookhaven Town Assessor's Office at 451-9051 for information or forms or log onto www.brookhaven.org.

<u>Expenditures</u>	2021-2022 Approved Budget	2022-2023 Proposed Budget
General Support	\$2,062,302	\$2,122,328
Instruction	\$20,368,912	\$20,802,534
Transportation	\$1,424,920	\$1,478,625
Employee Benefits	\$4,156,479	\$4,557,434
Debt Service	\$1,401,488	\$1,342,709
Interfund Transfer	\$105,000	\$95,000
TOTAL	\$29,519,101	\$30,398,630
<u>Revenue</u>		
State Aid	\$7,283,193	\$7,880,781
Tax Levy*	\$21,581,202	\$21,437,511
Miscellaneous	\$206,031	\$206,031
Tuition	\$448,675	\$550,000
Appropriation of Unreserved Fund Balance	\$0	\$314,307
Reserve for Unemployment	\$0	\$10,000
TOTAL	\$29,519,101	\$30,398,630

*Approved 21-22 levy, actual levy lowered by the Board of Education on September 29, 2021 to \$21,437,511.

PROPOSITION I: To adopt the annual budget of said School District for the fiscal year 2022-2023 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation of the taxable property of the District at a tax levy increase of 0%

PROPOSITON II: To designate high schools of the following school districts as receiving high schools for the residents of East Moriches Union Free School District for up to five (5) years beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2027 for the grades set forth after each high school: Center Moriches, grades 9-12; Eastport South-Manor, grades 9-12; Westhampton Beach, grades 9-12.

PROPOSITION III: That the Board of Education of the East Moriches Union Free School District be authorized to contract with the Suffolk Cooperative Library System for a period of one year only, commencing July 1, 2022 for direct access library services, for a sum not to exceed \$873,839.20, in addition to the sum set forth in Proposition I, and to raise the requisite portion thereof by taxation on the taxable property of the district.

PROPOSITION IV: That the Board of Education of the East Moriches Union Free School District, in the County of Suffolk, New York (the "District") is hereby authorized to undertake (i) building-wide HVAC improvements, cafeteria lighting replacement, flooring and security vestibule reconstruction, at the East Moriches Elementary School and (ii) playground reconstruction, kitchen upgrades, interior reconstruction and installation of new condensers to provide colling to recently installed unit ventilators, at the East Moriches Middle School (collectively, the "Project"); the foregoing to include the original furnishings, equipment machinery, apparatus and ancillary or related site, demolition and other work required in connection therewith; and to expend therefor, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto, an amount not to exceed \$5,200,000 and (b) that such amount is hereby appropriated from available funds of the District and hereby authorized to pay the cost of the Project. *This expenditure shall not require the levy of any additional taxes.*

BOARD OF EDUCATION
One 3-Year Term, 7/1/22 to 6/30/25

VOTE FOR TWO MEMBERS

Paul Wendel

Scott Baierwalter

