

ROSLYN PUBLIC SCHOOLS SCHOOL BUDGET 2011-12

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For 2011-12, Third Consecutive Budget With Little Change in Spending or Taxes

Dear School District Residents:

With all of the economic uncertainty the country is facing, and all of the changes that are being contemplated in Albany, it would be understandable if residents expected to hear only about educational cuts and tax increases regarding the proposed 2011-12 school budget. However, we are pleased to report that Roslyn’s fiscal health remains very strong, and that its educational health is as vital as ever.

Nevertheless, like every other school district in New York, we are facing major challenges. While we did receive a cut in state aid, the mandate relief that we had expected never materialized. In fact, the state continually imposes new standards and regulations, while cutting back on funding. Many of these changes necessitate administrative overhead but add no educational value. At the same time, the district’s mandated contributions for employee pensions continue to rise sharply, as do health insurance premiums.

So how have we managed to keep our financial house in such good order, despite all of these continuing challenges? Over the last few years, we have committed ourselves to targeting our resources to educational innovations, reorganizing our operations to maximize efficiency, keeping our debt levels low, and maintaining strong reserves to weather the economic storm. This effort has included tough but fair negotiations with our teachers and other employee groups, reductions in staff wherever possible, and spending reductions in non-instructional areas. Even before the current downturn, we embarked on a strategic, multi-year plan to apply our reserve funds in a way that could mitigate the effects of year-to-year changes in economic conditions.

The results of these efforts are plain to see: the tax levy increased by only about 1 percent in each of the last two years. In fact, the average school property tax bill in Roslyn actually declined slightly in 2010-11. The tax levy for 2011-12, which is projected to be 1.9 percent higher than the current year’s, will give taxpayers three consecutive years with very little change in spending or taxes. In effect, we have imposed a “tax cap” upon ourselves, even though it has not yet become state law.

Most important, at a time when many districts have been forced to take draconian measures—including significant teacher layoffs (and the concomitant increase in class sizes), and the reduction or elimination of athletics, clubs, marching bands and other co-curricular activities—we have maintained a very strong commitment, not merely to sustain, but to enhance our educational programs. Initiatives in literacy, math, languages, technology and other areas will continue in 2011-12.

For 2011-12, we are proposing to draw upon reserve funds—and to establish a new fund—to maintain the community’s commitment and investment in the district’s infrastructure. Please review the information about Propositions 3 and 4 (page 6). If they are approved, there will be no impact on the 2011-12 tax levy, nor will the district incur any additional debt. Going forward, we will also continue to use reserves to reduce the tax levy, just as we have done in prior years.

In brief, the 2011-12 school budget:

- preserves and enhances existing programs and educational initiatives;
- maintains the district’s very strong fiscal health; and
- includes planning for anticipated budget challenges in the years ahead.

Please remember to vote on May 17 at Roslyn High School between 7am and 9pm.

— Roslyn Board of Education

ONLINE RESOURCES

About Your School Budget

A series of articles on the school district’s website helps to explain some of the more arcane aspects of school budgets. The articles cover:

- **Budget Codes**
- **School Budget Vote**
- **Contingency Budgets**
- **Fund Balance**
- **Reserve Funds**
- **Property Taxes**

Visit www.roslynschools.org, then click on “Business & Finance.” The articles are under the heading, “The School Budget Explained.”

Absentee Ballot Application

For an application and instructions, go to:

www.roslynschools.org/code/absentee.htm

Applications for ballots must be received by May 10 if by mail, by May 16 if delivered in person. Call the District Clerk at 801-5002 for assistance.

Tax Calculator

An interactive, online tax calculator allows homeowners to calculate how their school taxes may change next year. Go to the “Business & Finance” page of www.roslynschools.org. Below is a paper-and-pencil version.

First, you will need your home’s assessed value (AV) for both 2010-11 and 2011-12. If you don’t know your assessed value, check your tax statements or visit the website of the Nassau County Assessor (www.nassaucountyny.gov/mynassauproperty – select “Property Search”).

(1) First, calculate your school taxes for the current year. Multiply your assessed value (AV) by the tax rate and divide by \$100:

$$AV \text{ '10-11} \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \times 649.885 / 100 = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(2) Next, calculate your school taxes for next year the same way. Use next year’s assessed value (AV) and the *projected* tax rate:

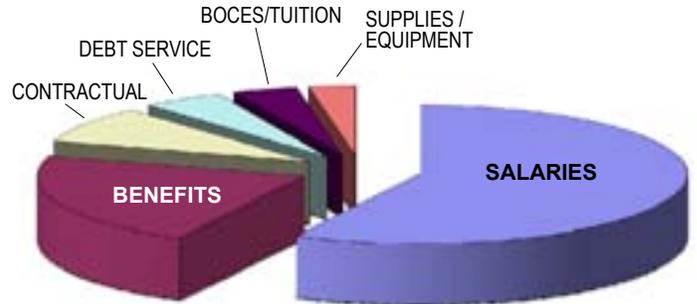
$$AV \text{ '11-12} \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \times 692.284 / 100 = \$ \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

(3) Now, subtract the taxes for the current year from the taxes for next year to determine the *projected* difference.

A more accurate tax estimate can be made after the Board of Education approves the tax levy in August. For assistance, please call the Business Office at 801-5030.

HOW TAX DOLLARS ARE SPENT

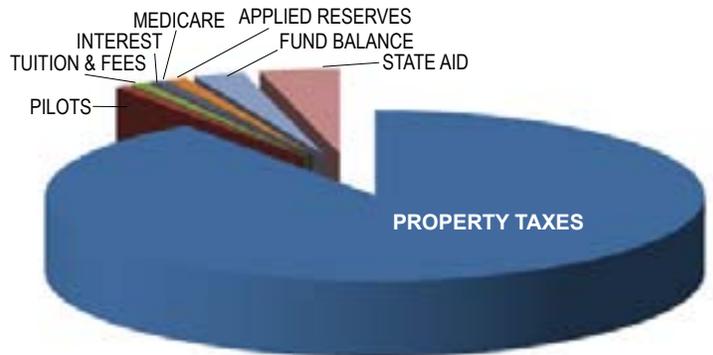
Because education is labor intensive, salaries and benefits comprise the largest part of the school budget. Recent contract agreements require employees to pay a larger share of their health insurance, which represents significant savings for taxpayers. An expenditure summary is on pages 4-5. More detailed budget documents are available at www.roslynschools.org.



- Employee Benefits **25.8%**
- Contractual Services & Utilities **7.9%**
- Debt Service & Interfund Transfers **4.3%**
- BOCES Services & Tuition **3.6%**
- Materials, Supplies, Textbooks & Equipment **2.6%**
- Salaries **55.9%**

SOURCES OF REVENUE

Like many Long Island school districts, Roslyn receives very little aid from New York State, with less than 4 percent of the district’s overall revenue expected to come from the state in 2011-12. Property taxes comprise by far the largest source of funding. The Board of Education plans to allocate \$1.85 million from the district’s reserve funds to reduce the tax levy.



- Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS) **0.7%**
- Tuition & Fees **0.9%**
- Interest Income **0.3%**
- Medicare Part D Reimbursement **0.2%**
- Applied Reserves **1.9%**
- Fund Balance **2.4%**
- State Aid **3.9%**
- Property Tax **89.7%**

Percentages may not add up to 100% because of rounding.

Revenue & Property Tax Projections

Revenue and tax projections are based on the most current available information from Nassau County and New York State.

| | BUDGET 2010-11 | PROPOSED 2011-12 | \$ CHANGE | % CHANGE |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Budget | \$95,816,235 | \$97,634,983 | \$1,818,748 | 1.90% |
| REVENUE SOURCE | | | | |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | \$ 650,000 | \$650,000 | 0 | |
| Adult Education Fees | 240,000 | 300,000 | 60,000 | |
| Tuition - Special/Alt Ed. | 600,000 | 600,000 | 0 | |
| Interest and Earnings | 400,000 | 250,000 | (150,000) | |
| Insurance Recovery | 400,000 | 24,000 | (376,000) | |
| Medicare Part D Reimbursement | 225,000 | 225,000 | 0 | |
| <u>Basic State Aid</u> | <u>3,769,211</u> | <u>3,886,972</u> | <u>117,761</u> | |
| Total Revenues | \$ 6,284,211 | \$5,935,972 | (348,239) | |
| Fund Balance | 2,400,000 | 2,300,000 | (100,000) | |
| <u>Applied Reserves</u> | <u>1,166,531</u> | <u>1,773,914</u> | <u>607,383</u> | |
| Tax Levy * | \$85,965,493 | \$87,625,097 | \$1,659,604 | 1.93% |
| Estimated MEDIAN Annual School Taxes ** | | | | |
| North Hempstead | \$11,984 | \$12,170 | \$186 | 1.56% |
| Oyster Bay | \$ 6,343 | \$ 6,376 | \$ 33 | 0.52% |

Notes

* The tax levy is the total amount raised in property taxes annually. It is equal to the school budget minus all other forms of revenue, as shown above. The school district receives in taxes exactly the amount of the tax levy, regardless of changes in assessment or any other factors.

** Estimated taxes are based on the *median* assessed home in the school district (i.e., half the homes in the districts are assessed at a higher value, and half at a lower value). Individual tax bills will vary. Actual taxes paid on a particular property are determined by multiplying the assessed value by the tax rate.

The total assessed value of homes in the school district

decreased by 4.3% in the last year. This lower overall value will result in a higher tax rate in 2011-12. However, if a home's value decreases at the same 4.3% rate as the community's overall value, then the home's *tax bill* would increase at the same rate as the tax levy, which is 1.93%.

A more comprehensive explanation of property taxes can be found on the school district's website at:

www.roslynschools.org/business/propertytax.htm

An interactive tax calculator on the website enables homeowners to calculate the taxes on their individual homes:

www.roslynschools.org/business/taxcalc11.htm

PROPOSITION 1

Proposed Expenditures 2011-12

| | CODE...ITEM | BUDGET 2010-11 | PROPOSED 2011-12 |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| BOARD OF EDUCATION | | | |
| Supplies to support the work of the 7-member unsalaried Board; salary for the District Clerk; annual budget vote and trustee election and legal notices. Includes costs for up to one additional public vote. | 1010...BOARD OF EDUCATION | \$ 13,750 | \$ 14,250 |
| | 1040...DISTRICT CLERK | 61,240 | 63,700 |
| | 1060...DISTRICT MEETING | 80,473 | 102,013 |
| SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS | | | |
| Salary for the superintendent and his secretary and associated office expenses such as supplies and equipment. | 1240...CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR | 382,674 | 377,006 |
| BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | | | |
| The district's business operations, including the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Business, and the costs of the district's treasurer, internal auditor, claims auditor and independent auditor. | 1310...BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION | 455,363 | 458,205 |
| | 1311...ACCOUNTING | 454,275 | 408,370 |
| | 1320...AUDITING | 172,500 | 187,600 |
| | 1325...TREASURER | 31,518 | 25,375 |
| | 1345...PURCHASING | 188,668 | 194,190 |
| | 1420...LEGAL | 540,000 | 540,000 |
| HUMAN RESOURCES | | | |
| The Assistant Superintendent for Administration's office oversees negotiations, employee benefits, civil service, contract enforcement, and teacher certification. The increase is matched by a corresponding decrease in Accounting above (1311) because of a shift in responsibilities and personnel from one department to the other. | 1430...HUMAN RESOURCES | 472,490 | 517,340 |
| PUBLIC INFORMATION | | | |
| The Community Relations Department oversees the district's communications and media relations program, including the district website, as well as Adult Education (Code 2330). | 1480...PUBLIC INFORMATION | 189,650 | 194,023 |
| OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE | | | |
| Maintenance and custodial services for all of the district's buildings and grounds and the cost of utilities. | 1620...OPERATION OF PLANT | 4,661,418 | 4,805,451 |
| | 1621...MAINTENANCE OF PLANT | 1,636,006 | 1,583,609 |
| CENTRAL PRINTING & MAILING | | | |
| Includes funds necessary for electronic document management systems. | 1670...CENTRAL PRINTING & MAILING | 455,427 | 499,035 |
| CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING | | | |
| Funding for all non-instructional technology, including administrative computing, financial management, student data management and internet-based telephone system. Continuing reductions are the result of savings realized through the lease/purchase of equipment through BOCES, as part of a multi-year plan to increase efficiencies in this area. | 1680...CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING | 1,271,092 | 1,188,231 |
| SPECIAL ITEMS | | | |
| Includes general insurance policies, administrative charges for BOCES (required of all school districts) and membership dues in regional and national educational associations. The MTA payroll tax is a relatively new state mandate for all employers in the downstate region. | 1910...UNALLOCATED INSURANCE | 513,620 | 513,264 |
| | 1920...SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES | 21,368 | 21,600 |
| | 1930...JUDGMENTS & CLAIMS | 48,500 | 48,500 |
| | 1980...MTA PAYROLL TAX | 187,000 | 187,000 |
| | 1981...ADMINISTRATIVE CHARGE - BOCES | 470,102 | 466,081 |
| CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT & SUPERVISION | | | |
| Expenses related to the supervision of the teaching staff and implementation of instructional programs, including the office of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction, principals, assistant principals and directors. Savings are the result of retirements as well as the elimination of an assistant principal position. | 2010...CURRICULUM DEVELOP. & SUPERVISION | 366,038 | 331,244 |
| | 2020...SUPERVISION - REGULAR SCHOOL | 4,396,298 | 4,350,172 |
| RESEARCH, PLANNING & EVALUATION | | | |
| Consultant services and materials in support of the instructional program. | 2060...RESEARCH, PLANNING, & EVALUATION | 58,826 | 70,136 |
| PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/INSERVICE TRAINING | | | |
| The district supports ongoing professional development for all staff. | 2070...INSERVICE TRAINING - INSTRUCTION | 195,540 | 188,800 |

| | CODE...ITEM | BUDGET 2010-11 | PROPOSED 2011-12 |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| TEACHING - REGULAR SCHOOL | | | |
| This code includes salaries for teachers and teacher assistants, textbooks, student supplies and equipment. Reflects reduction of four teaching positions, resulting from changes in enrollment. | 2110...TEACHING - REGULAR SCHOOL | \$29,749,167 | \$30,137,011 |
| SPECIAL EDUCATION | | | |
| Appropriations for both in-district and out-of-district services and placements for students with special needs. Reflects reductions in costs for contracted services. | 2250...SPECIAL EDUCATION | 9,707,097 | 9,374,013 |
| SPECIAL SCHOOLS & ADULT EDUCATION | | | |
| Includes expenses for Adult Education, Parent-Child Program, and Summer Academic Programs. Increase reflects greater enrollment in Adult Education, which is more than offset by a corresponding increase in fees collected. | 2330...TEACHING - SPECIAL SCHOOLS | 588,135 | 607,298 |
| INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA & COMPUTER EDUCATION | | | |
| School libraries, audio and visual media for classrooms, computer expenses related to the instructional program, and technical support staff. | 2610...INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA | 724,536 | 760,314 |
| | 2630...COMPUTER ASSISTED INSTRUCTION | 874,317 | 842,268 |
| PUPIL PERSONNEL SERVICES | | | |
| Counselors at the middle school and high school (including college guidance support), school nurses and psychologists in all five schools, and social workers for the elementary, middle and high school levels. | 2810...GUIDANCE - REGULAR SCHOOL | 1,714,544 | 1,548,213 |
| | 2815...HEALTH SERVICES-REGULAR SCHOOL | 483,027 | 501,633 |
| | 2820...PSYCHOLOGY SERVICES | 599,667 | 576,217 |
| | 2825...SOCIAL WORK SVCS-REGULAR SCHOOL | 319,880 | 324,832 |
| ATHLETICS & CO-CURRICULAR PROGRAMS | | | |
| Supervision, supplies and equipment for interscholastic athletics in grades 7-12 as well as after-school club activities. | 2850...CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES | 545,928 | 489,893 |
| | 2855...INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS | 1,382,850 | 1,403,689 |
| TRANSPORTATION | | | |
| The costs of daily transportation of students to public and private/parochial schools as well as field trips, athletics and other school events; operation of the garage facility. Includes lease/purchase of three new buses, to replace vehicles that have come to the end of their useful life. | 5510...DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES | 3,430,201 | 3,634,568 |
| | 5530...GARAGE BUILDING | 131,350 | 61,850 |
| | 5540...CONTRACTED TRANSPORTATION | 730,617 | 814,971 |
| | 5550...PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION | 500 | 500 |
| RECREATION | | | |
| Bulldog Intensive Training Experiences and professional development for physical education teachers. | 7140...RECREATION | 13,822 | 14,025 |
| EMPLOYEE BENEFITS | | | |
| District payments to the Employee Retirement System (Code 9010) and Teachers Retirement System (Code 9020) continue to rise sharply, primarily as a result of market conditions. Use of reserve funds is helping to mitigate increases in the district's self-insured worker's compensation fund (Code 9040). Employee contributions to their health insurance premiums helps to offset the cost to the district. Every \$1 spent for health insurance opt-out (Code 9065) represents a \$2 savings to the district in premium payments. | 9010...EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM | 1,387,041 | 1,730,107 |
| | 9020...TEACHERS RETIREMENT SYSTEM | 3,801,717 | 4,871,696 |
| | 9030...FICA (SOCIAL SECURITY) | 3,913,290 | 4,025,401 |
| | 9040...WORKER'S COMPENSATION | 421,196 | 501,305 |
| | 9045...LIFE INSURANCE | 52,377 | 51,843 |
| | 9050...UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE | 75,000 | 85,000 |
| | 9055...DISABILITY INSURANCE | 6,300 | 6,300 |
| | 9060...HEALTH INSURANCE | 11,485,433 | 11,983,838 |
| | 9065...HEALTH INSURANCE OPT-OUT | 708,525 | 804,176 |
| | 9070...DENTAL INSURANCE | 161,001 | 174,528 |
| | 9075...UNION WELFARE TRUST | 698,750 | 708,750 |
| | 9080...NONCASH ANNUITY | 138,150 | 138,150 |
| | 9711...SERIAL BOND | 2,820,518 | 2,736,355 |
| | 9720...ENERGY PERFORMANCE CONTRACT | 359,702 | 359,703 |
| | 9760...TAX ANTICIPATION NOTES | 480,000 | 180,000 |
| | 9785...INSTALLMENT PURCHASE DEBT | 114,341 | 114,341 |
| | 9901...TRANSFER TO OTHER FUNDS | 261,420 | 225,000 |
| | 9950...TRANSFER TO CAPITAL FUND | 612,000 | 512,000 |
| | TOTAL | \$95,816,235 | \$97,634,983 |

PROPOSITIONS 3 AND 4

Capital Project Approvals Would Carry No Tax Increase

The Board of Education is asking voters to approve two measures regarding capital improvements. The first would authorize the expenditure of funds already held in reserve. The second would authorize the establishment of a new reserve fund to enable the community to continue investing in its school facilities. Neither of these measures would have any effect on the tax levy in 2011-12.

The judicious allocation of reserve funds helps to prevent abrupt changes in the tax levy and, in the case of capital reserves, avoids the costs of additional long-term borrowing.

PROPOSITION 3

In 2007, voters authorized the Board of Education to establish a Capital Reserve Fund to address ongoing capital needs. Expenditures from the fund require voter approval. Proposition 3 authorizes the Board to expend \$3,500,000 from the Fund to continue the capital improvement program. The scope of projects that would be undertaken with these funds is described in the proposition on this page.

Approval of this referendum *will not increase taxes* in the 2011-12 school year because these funds were previously set aside by the voters for this purpose.

PROPOSITION 4

The 2007 Capital Reserve Fund allowed the district to set aside a maximum of \$10 million. To date, \$8.5 million has been set aside. In anticipation of capital projects in excess of the \$1.5 million that could still be put into the fund, the Board of Education is asking voters to approve a new fund, called the **2011 Capital Reserve Fund**. The maximum amount of this new fund would be \$5 million.

Proposition 4 will have *no impact on the tax levy* in 2011-12. Just like the 2007 fund, monies would be transferred from the general fund, when and if they are available at the end of each school year. Expending these funds for particular projects would have to be authorized by voters in subsequent years.

A PENDING PROJECT

Among the projects authorized by voters in 2010 was the renovation of the field house at Roslyn High School. The Board elected to delay this project after an anticipated state grant of \$100,000 did not come through. The Board felt that the community should be aware of the changed financial circumstance of the project before proceeding. The Bulldog Booster Club remains an important partner in raising private funds toward this project. A new authorization is sought this year under the capital expenditure line in the regular budget (code 9950 on page 5).

More information on the district's capital program can be found at: www.roslynschools.org/capital/capital.htm.

PROPOSITION 3: CAPITAL RESERVE

To expend out of the capital reserve fund established on May 15, 2007 a sum not to exceed \$3,500,000 for the purpose of completing capital improvements including district-wide security camera system installations; district wide fence replacements; district-wide heating & ventilation reconstruction; district-wide toilet room reconstruction; district-wide masonry reconstruction; district-wide window and door replacements and repairs; district-wide site and parking lot reconstruction; roofing reconstruction at the Heights Elementary School and the Transportation Building; gas service installations at Harbor Hills and East Hills Elementary Schools; fire alarm system installation at the Administration Building; installation of a new partition at the Roslyn Middle School gymnasium; electrical/mechanical upgrades to the wood shop and surrounding areas, wrestling equipment installations, exterior wall flood remediation work, tennis court reconstruction and generator installation at the Roslyn High School including all labor, materials, equipment, apparatus, and incidental costs thereof.

PROPOSITION 4: 2011 CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

RESOLVED that pursuant to Education Law Section 3651, the Board of Education of the School District is hereby authorized to establish a Capital Reserve Fund ("2011 Construction Capital Reserve Fund") for the purpose of masonry renovation, plumbing upgrades, electrical upgrades, mechanical upgrades, technology upgrades, telephone upgrades, roof replacement on District buildings, door replacement, window replacement, site work, renovation/reconstruction of interior and exterior instructional spaces and/or the purchase of furnishings/equipment. The ultimate amount of the aforesaid Capital Reserve Fund is \$5,000,000 and the probable term is to be ten (10) years; the funds are to be transferred from surplus monies remaining in the general fund including a sum not to exceed \$2,000,000 from the 2010-2011 budget and thereafter in an annual amount of not more than \$1,000,000 for each remaining year of the probable term.

The Superintendent of Schools or his/her designee is hereby directed to deposit monies of this reserve fund in a separate bank account to be known as the "2011 Construction Capital Reserve Fund."

2010-11 ACHIEVEMENTS

HONORS & COMPETITIONS

- ✓ 1 Roslyn High School senior was a National Merit Scholarship winner and 2 others were finalists.
- ✓ A Roslyn High School senior was named one of 10 regional finalists in the Robert Wood Johnson Young Epidemiology Scholars (YES) Competition. Three others were semifinalists in this year's competition.
- ✓ A Roslyn High School student advanced to the American Chemical Society's National Exam Level of the 2011 Chemistry Olympiad.
- ✓ 9 Roslyn High School students earned medals at the NY Distributive Educational Clubs of America (DECA) State Career Conference.
- ✓ The Roslyn Middle School Team took 1st place overall in the team competition of the Fifth Annual Nassau Math Olympiad Tournament.
- ✓ A Roslyn High School junior qualified for the National Forensics League Championship by winning fourth place in Dramatic Interpretation at the National Forensic League competition.
- ✓ 5 Roslyn High School students advanced to the final round of the Long Island Science and Engineering Fair (LISEF).
- ✓ The Roslyn High School team at the Western Long Island Science Olympiad Regional Competition placed sixth out of 67 teams, making Roslyn one of the seven schools to qualify to attend the New York State Competition in West Point. The team received 17 medals in eight different events.
- ✓ A Roslyn High School junior was a finalist in this year's MIT THINK Competition.
- ✓ The Roslyn High School Mock Trial team advanced to the quarterfinals of the Nassau County Mock Trial Tournament.
- ✓ Four Roslyn High School students were named Best in Category at the 2011 Long Island High School Psychology Fair capturing 4 of 6 Top Awards.
- ✓ 3 Roslyn High School seniors were semifinalists in the prestigious INTEL Science Talent Search (STS).
- ✓ 5 Roslyn High School students earned medal status after taking the WISE Financial Literacy Exam in December. Roslyn students overall scored 20 percent higher than the national average, with one Roslyn student scoring a perfect 100.
- ✓ A Roslyn High School senior and his teammates were named the 4th Place team in the National Finals of this year's Siemens Science, Math, and Technology Competition after he was named a Regional Finalist. Three other Roslyn High School students were awarded semifinalist status.
- ✓ A Roslyn High School student was a Prudential Spirit of Community honoree to be considered for state-level recognition.



Roslyn High School Graduation, June 2010

- ✓ 148 current students and recent graduates at Roslyn High School have earned the designation of AP Scholar by the College Board in recognition of their exceptional achievement on the college-level Advanced Placement Program (AP) Examinations.
- ✓ 2 Roslyn High School students' essays have been published online at "This I Believe," an international project engaging people in writing and sharing essays describing the core values that guide their daily lives.

ATHLETICS

- ✓ 9 Roslyn High School varsity teams earned Scholar Athlete Team awards in the fall season; 173 individual students achieved scholar-athlete honors. In the winter season, there were 6 scholar-athlete teams and 100 scholar athletes.
- ✓ A Roslyn High School Junior and his fellow Section VIII All-Star Bowling teammates finished 3rd in the New York State Public High School Athletic Association Bowling Championships. He had placed 2nd in the Nassau County Bowling Championships.
- ✓ 3 members of the Roslyn High School wrestling team advanced to the Nassau County Wrestling Championships. All received All County honors.
- ✓ A Roslyn High School swimmer, a member of the Port Washington-Roslyn Swim Team, finished fourth in the 50-yard freestyle in the Nassau County Championships held at the Aquatic Center at Eisenhower Park.

VISUAL AND PERFORMING ARTS

- ✓ A high school senior wrote the book and lyrics for an original musical that premiered at Roslyn High School in March, in collaboration with a teacher who composed the score. It was the Royal Crown Players' 2nd musical production of the year. Roslyn Middle School also presented its annual musical in February.
- ✓ A Roslyn High School musician was named a 2010-11 Scholar Artist "Award of Excellence" winner by the Long Island Arts Alliance.
- ✓ 64 students from the Roslyn schools were selected to participate in the 2011 Nassau Music Educators Association All County Music Festival held at the Tilles Center in January.
- ✓ The Roslyn Marching Bulldogs competed in the New York State Field Band Championships (NYSFBC) at the Carrier Dome in Syracuse, finishing 4th in their division.
- ✓ 6 Roslyn High School students were selected to perform at the New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Winter Festival in Rochester.
- ✓ 7 Roslyn Middle School and High School students were selected to represent the Roslyn School District in the Long Island String Festival. Three Roslyn Middle School students participated in the Elementary Long Island String Festival in March.



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BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

Tuesday, May 17, 2011

7 am to 9 pm • Roslyn High School

What's On the Ballot ?

PROPOSITION 1:

The Roslyn School District's **Proposed Budget** for the 2011-12 school year of **\$97,634,983**

PROPOSITION 2:

The Bryant Library's **Proposed Budget** for 2011-12 (*for library budget information call 621-2240 or visit www.nassaulibrary.org/bryant*)

PROPOSITION 3:

Approval to transfer \$3,500,000 from the **Capital Reserve Fund** for new capital projects (*details on page 6*)

PROPOSITION 4:

Approval to establish a new **Capital Reserve Fund** (*details on page 6*)

ELECTION OF TWO BOARD TRUSTEES:

Two individuals have filed petitions to be candidates for two seats on the Board of Education. In the order in which they will appear on the ballot, they are:

Meryl Waxman Ben-Levy
Clifford Saffron

Are you Eligible to Vote ?

To vote in a school election, an individual must be:

1. a U.S. citizen.
2. 18 years old by election day.
3. a resident in the Roslyn School District for at least 30 days by election day.
4. registered to vote.

If you have not voted in a Roslyn School District election or general election within the last four years, or are a new resident and have not registered to vote with the Board of Elections, you must register **IN ADVANCE** to vote in the election and budget vote which will take place on Tuesday, May 17. No person shall be entitled to vote unless qualified to vote pursuant to law.

For absentee ballots and additional voter information, call the District Clerk at 801-5002 or visit www.roslynschools.org.