BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- **No tax levy increase.** In fact, it is a 0.12% decrease.
- Maintains and increases programs, services and staffing. Supports all learners by providing both enrichment and academic supports, and preparing students for college, career and life readiness.
- Increases programming in Social Emotional Learning, including adding guidance counselors, social workers and support staff, creates Wellness Centers to further support mental health and wellness.
- Program enhancements and additions including English Language Arts and Social Studies curriculum materials, expanded music and athletics programs, modular cafeteria furniture and flexible furniture in learning spaces.
- New High School course offerings such as Artificial Intelligence, American Sign Language, Sculpture 1, Music Technology, AP African American Studies, AP Precalculus and Studio Broadcasting.
- Enhances support services for ELL students and students with special needs, including BOCES services.
- Includes after-school programs and clubs, enhanced summer programs for students including academics, the arts, athletics and STEM.
- Significant increase to allocations for capital improvements including maintenance and upgrades for safety and program spaces.
- Proposition No. 2 for the Capital Reserve Fund approves $2.5 million to be spent on capital projects at no additional cost to taxpayers.

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2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET TAX LEVY DECREASE

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FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

- The tax levy has not been increased for the last eight out of the nine years.
- The district’s Standard and Poor’s bond rating earned by only a few of the 300 districts in New York State.
- By refinancing outstanding bond payments, the district saved taxpayers $6.5 million in interest costs.
- Freeport spends approximately $6,715 less per pupil and collects approximately $11,270 less in tax levy per student than the average school district in Nassau County.
- $29.2 million in capital projects completed using the capital reserve funds at no additional cost.
- $6.3 million is districtwide improvements completed through an energy performance contract, lowered the carbon footprint by 30% annually, at no additional cost.
- Freeport Public Schools received over $37 million in 2021-2022 from the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) Act and from the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER II) to be used over a three-year period. The district planned for and is utilizing the funding to address learning loss and after school and summer programming, and for capital project upgrades and improvements including upgrades to ventilation and improvements to program related spaces such as classrooms and athletic fields.
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FISCAL SUMMARY
NO TAX LEVY INCREASE PROPOSED FOR 2023-2024

TAX LEVY HISTORY
► The Proposed Budget Represents No Tax Levy Increase. In Fact, It is a 0.12% Tax Levy Decrease.
► No Tax Levy Increase for the Last Eight Out of Nine Years.
► The District’s Tax Levy Per Pupil and Expenditures Per Pupil Are Lower Than the Nassau County Average.

Tax Levy Per Pupil

Tax Levy Comparison

Expenditures Per Pupil

Average Per Pupil
Expenditures Comparison

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