



## Wainscott School

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Dear Wainscott School District Taxpayer:

Your Board of Trustees is proposing a budget for 2019-2020 of \$3,324,651, representing an \$8,626 or a .26 % decrease from last year's budget. The Board is also proposing an 18.51% increase in our tax levy and a corresponding increase in our tax rate from \$141.42 to \$167.62 per thousand assessed valuation in East Hampton and \$8.20 to \$9.72 per thousand assessed valuation in Southampton. The proposed 18.5% (\$416,374) increase in our tax levy will pierce the District's 2.93% effective statutory Tax Cap by 15.60%. Despite these significant increases, Wainscott's school tax rate will remain the lowest of the East End Schools by a wide margin.

The Board fully recognizes the magnitude of the proposed increase and asks that you consider the following facts and circumstances that have brought our unique District to this juncture. We also caution you a further tax levy increase is likely for the 2020-2021 budget.

You will recall that over the last seven years the District has been working toward "right sizing" our annual budget and reducing our unrestricted fund balance to a more realistic level closer to legally mandated maximums. The Board has successfully achieved both these goals. Including its proposed 2019-2020 budget, the Board has reduced the amount of its annual budget in seven of the last eight years while expanding and increasing our program and student services in response to the changing needs of our students attending our highly acclaimed K-3 educational program in our Schoolhouse. During that period, we have also reduced our unrestricted fund balance by \$2,250,000 by giving it back to our taxpayers through reduced tax levies in each of the past seven years. As we stated in our last two budget messages, our reliance on our unrestricted fund balance to decrease your tax payments was not sustainable and as a result this year's tax levy increase is inevitable.

During this same time period, Wainscott has experienced a dramatic increase in the number of students residing in our district, particularly during the last two years. The number of students who attend the schoolhouse (K-3) or who are tuitioned out to East Hampton or Sag Harbor Schools (pre-K; 4-12) has increased a staggering 236% since the 2012-2013 school year (46 vs. 117). This has resulted in the two significant impacts. It has increased our student population in the Schoolhouse to 28 students which represents 116% of its capacity (there are already 32 K-3 students registered for next year which would increase our overcapacity to

133%). It has also increased our tuition costs (the largest line item in our annual budget) dramatically over that period in a cumulative amount far larger than this next year's proposed tax levy increase. For example, our tuition payments have increased \$365,000.00 over the last two years alone. To put these student increases in perspective, our neighbor the Sagaponack District has a slightly larger total population but only 38 total students residing in their District. (Wainscott has 128 –including 11 private students not funded by our District).

These increases have brought our District to a crossroads which threatens not only our District's long held mission of individualized instruction delivered to our students in our Schoolhouse's open classroom format, but also the very existence of our Schoolhouse. You will be receiving our separate writing on this subject which we ask you to consider and act upon.

In the meantime, the Trustees invite you to participate in the budget vote and the District Election to be held on May 21, 2019 at our Schoolhouse. Your support is particularly requested this year since a sixty percent (60%) super majority vote is needed to pass the proposed 2019-2020 budget as it exceeds our statutory Tax Cap.

As always, your Board of Trustees thanks you for your continued support and understanding.

Sincerely yours,  
David E. Eagan, President  
Kelly Anderson  
William A. Babinski, Jr.



**WAINSCOTT COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT**

<b>CODES</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>		<b>2018-19 Budget</b>	<b>2019-20 Budget</b>
<b>1000.00</b>	<b>GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>ADMIN</b>		
1040.16	DISTRICT CLERK		58,546.00	60,302.00
1040.45	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES		0.00	5,000.00
1240.15	SUPERINTENDENT SALARY		51,500.00	53,045.00
1240.40	PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT		1,000.00	1,000.00
1240.42	PROFESSIONAL DUES		500.00	500.00
1240.45	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES		1,300.00	1,100.00
1310.16	NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SALARIES		34,269.00	30,900.00
1310.40	CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES		1,500.00	1,500.00
1310.45	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES		0.00	750.00
1345.49	BOCES PURCHASING		1,050.00	1,070.00
1420.40	LEGAL		8,000.00	3,000.00
1480.40	PUBLIC INFORMATION		3,000.00	4,400.00
1480.49	PUBLIC INFORMATION BOCES		0.00	5,625.00
9000.00	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS		56,560.00	62,200.00
<b>1900.00</b>	<b>SPECIAL ITEMS</b>			
1910.40	INSURANCE		31,000.00	32,000.00
1920.40	SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES		400.00	700.00
1981.49	BOCES ADMINISTRATION		45,000.00	44,750.00
	<b><u>TOTAL ADMINISTRATION</u></b>		<b>293,625.00</b>	<b>307,842.00</b>
		<b>CAPITAL</b>		
<b>1620.00</b>	<b>OPERATION &amp; MAINTENANCE</b>			
1620.20	EQUIPMENT		12,500.00	6,250.00
1620.40	UTILITIES		28,000.00	28,000.00
1620.45	MATERIALS & SUPPLIES		5,000.00	5,000.00
1621.40	CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES		71,000.00	35,000.00
1680.49	BOCES CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING		14,200.00	24,200.00
9711.00	DEBT SERVICE/CAPITAL RESERVE		125,813.00	125,956.00
	<b><u>TOTAL CAPITAL</u></b>		<b>256,513.00</b>	<b>224,406.00</b>
		<b>PROGRAM</b>		
<b>2010.00</b>	<b>INSTRUCTION</b>			
2010.49	BOCES CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT		2,000.00	500.00
2070.40	IN-SERVICE TRAINING		2,500.00	1,000.00
2110.12	TEACHERS SALARIES K-6		241,469.00	265,098.00
2110.13	TEACHER SALARIES SPECIAL AREAS		0.00	61,675.00
2110.14	SUBSTITUTES		3,000.00	2,000.00
2110.15	TEACHER AIDE		46,680.00	25,750.00
2110.20	EQUIPMENT		11,311.00	6,100.00
2110.40	CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES		32,098.00	20,000.00

<b>CODES</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>2018-19 Budget</b>	<b>2019-20 Budget</b>
2110.45	MATERIAL SUPPLIES	32,962.00	29,250.00
2110.47	TUITION	1,519,566.00	1,582,740.00
2110.48	TEXTBOOKS	2,000.00	2,500.00
2110.49	BOCES TEACHING-REGULAR SCHOOL	10,000.00	2,200.00
2250.13	SPECIAL EDUCATION DIRECTOR SALARY	63,357.00	41,200.00
2250.14	SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS @ROSS	0.00	70,040.00
2250.16	SPECIAL EDUCATION AIDE@ROSS	23,731.00	25,000.00
2250.40	SPECIAL EDUCATION-CONTRACTUAL	75,000.00	5,000.00
2250.41	SPECIAL ED CONTRACTUAL @ROSS	0.00	70,000.00
2250.45	MATERIALS & Supplies Special Ed	0.00	750.00
2250.47	TUITION - SPECIAL EDUCATION/EH	204,780.00	128,000.00
2250.49	BOCES SPECIAL EDUCATION	31,000.00	9,600.00
2610.49	BOCES SCHOOL LIB & AUDIOVISUAL	3,950.00	3,700.00
2630.22	COMPUTER HARDWARE	9,000.00	5,000.00
2630.46	INSTRUCTIONAL MEDIA - SOFTWARE	13,095.00	8,000.00
2815.15	NURSE SALARY	7,000.00	4,000.00
2815.40	HEALTH SERVICES	9,000.00	9,000.00
2820.15	PSYCHOLOGICAL SALARIES@ROSS	8,600.00	9,000.00
2825.15	SOCIAL WORKER SALARIES	16,040.00	12,500.00
<b>5000.00</b>	<b>TRANSPORTATION &amp; UNDISTRIBUTED</b>		
5540.40	CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION	280,000.00	265,000.00
9001.00	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	135,000.00	127,800.00
	<b>TOTAL PROGRAM</b>	<b>2,783,139.00</b>	<b>2,792,403.00</b>
	<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE BUDGET</b>	<b>3,333,277.00</b>	<b>3,324,651.00</b>
		<b>Amount of Increase</b>	<b>-8.626.00</b>
	<b>REVENUE BUDGET</b>	<b>2018-19</b>	<b>2019-20</b>
	SERVICES OTHER DISTRICTS	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 140,000.00
	FEDERAL AID	\$ -	\$ 90,000.00
	OTHER REVENUE	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
	FUND BALANCE REDUCTION	\$ 985,000.00	\$ 400,000.00
	<b>TOTAL REVENUE BUDGET</b>	<b>\$ 1,085,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 660,000.00</b>
	<b>AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>	<b>\$ 2,248,277.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,664,651.00</b>

**Budget Vote and Election**  
**Wainscott Common School District #2**  
**May 21, 2019**

**Proposition 1:** Resolved that the Board of Trustees of the Wainscott Common School District, Wainscott, New York, hereby is authorized to expend sums set forth in their proposed budget for 2019-2020 in the total amount of \$3,324,651.00 and to levy the necessary tax therefor.

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes      \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Proposition 2:** Election of School Trustee to a three-year term:

\_\_\_\_\_ William A. Babinski Jr

\_\_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_\_

## School District Budget Notice

Overall Budget Proposal	Budget Adopted for the 2018-19 School Year	Budget Proposed for the 2019-20 School Year	Contingency Budget for the 2019-20 School Year *
Total Budgeted Amount, Not Including Separate Propositions	\$ 3,333,277	\$3,324,651	\$3,324,651
Increase/Decrease for the 2019-20 School Year		\$(8,626)	\$(8,626)
Percentage Increase/Decrease in Proposed Budget		(.25) %	(.25)%
Change in the Consumer Price Index		2.44%	
A. Proposed Levy to Support the Total Budgeted Amount	2,248,277	2,664,651	
B. Levy to Support Library Debt, if Applicable			
C. Levy for Non-Excludable Propositions, if Applicable **			
D. Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy		-	
E. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy (A + B + C - D)	2,248,277	2,664,651	2,664,651
F. Total Permissible Exclusions	\$125,813	\$125,956	
G. School Tax Levy Limit, <u>Excluding</u> Levy for Permissible Exclusions	\$2,190,349	\$2,193,981	
H. Total Proposed School Year Tax Levy, <u>Excluding</u> Levy to Support Library Debt and/or Permissible Exclusions (E - B - F + D)	\$2,122,464	\$2,538,695	
I. Difference: G - H (Negative Value Requires 60.0% Voter Approval - See Note Below Regarding Separate Propositions) **	\$67,885	\$(344,714)	
Administrative Component	\$293,625	\$307,842	\$307,842
Program Component	\$2,783,139	\$2,792,403	\$2,792,403
Capital Component	\$256,513	\$224,406	\$224,406

\* Provide a statement of assumptions made in projecting a contingency budget for the 2019-20 school year, should the proposed budget be defeated pursuant to Section 2023 of the Education Law.

\*\* List Separate Propositions that are not included in the Total Budgeted Amount: (Tax Levy associated with educational or transportation services propositions are not eligible for exclusion and may affect voter approval requirements)

Description	Amount

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Under the Budget Proposed  
for the 2019-20 School Year

Estimated Basic STAR Exemption Savings<sup>1</sup>

\$ 41.50

The annual budget vote for the fiscal year 2019-20 by the qualified voters of the Wainscott Common School District, Suffolk County, New York, will be held at Wainscott School in said district on Tuesday, May 21, 2019 between the hours of 2:00pm and 8:00pm, prevailing time in the Wainscott School, at which time the polls will be opened to vote by voting ballot or machine.

<sup>1</sup> The basic school tax relief (STAR) exemption is authorized by section 425 of the Real Property Tax Law.

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