



A Letter From Our BOARD OF EDUCATION

One year after making painful budget cuts in an effort to overcome financial challenges, the Eastport-South Manor Central School District has rebounded. We are proud to present to our community a budget that decreases class size in our elementary schools and maintains our High School's robust programming, while making the District fiscally stronger.

Thanks to smart budgeting and strong fiscal accountability this year, the District has been able to add to its strategic reserves for the first time in eight years. And for the second straight year, the District will not utilize any of those reserves to meet its financial obligations.

Your Board of Education understands the importance of smaller class sizes. This is why next year's budget calls for adding more elementary school teachers. ESM will also be investing in elementary level classroom libraries as we work to improve our reading programs. We will also be deploying the technology our teachers need to succeed at all levels.

Our Theater, Arts, and Music programs continue to showcase the talents of the students throughout the district. This past winter ESM sent three musicians to prestigious state and national competitions, while our Theater Department hosted sold out shows for its spring musical

The Little Mermaid. The acting, singing, and elaborate stage design of ESM's plays make our productions Broadway-caliber every year. This proposed budget enables this to continue into the 2019-2020 school year.

Next year we are offering exciting new STEM courses such as Game Development and web-based programming languages. There will also be new English electives including Science Fiction in Literature & Film as well as Heroism & Villainy—World Issues Through Non-fiction Literature. In addition, the High School Science program will carry on our tradition of sending students to study with some of the best scientists in the region at Brookhaven National Lab and SUNY Stony Brook. Our sports programs have continued to show ESM athletes to be among the best in the county and state. This year's proposed budget maintains all of our current Junior High, Junior Varsity, and Varsity teams for next year, as we look forward to adding more championship banners to the walls of the gymnasium.

Your Board of Education is excited about ESM's future. We are committed to remaining fiscally accountable to our taxpayers, while delivering the educational excellence our community deserves.



Eastport-South Manor students take part in the first-ever Kid-OYO Hack-a-thon.

PROPOSED BUDGET: NYS TAX CAP COMPLIANT AND PRESERVES OUR DISTRICT RESERVES



The ESM Theatre Department's Pit Band rehearses for *The Little Mermaid*.

SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE: TUESDAY, MAY 21, 2019

6:00 AM - 9:00 PM • Eastport-South Manor Junior-Senior High School

BALLOT PROPOSITIONS

PROPOSITION NO. 1

YOUR SCHOOL BUDGET

To adopt the annual budget of the School District for the 2019-20 school year, in the amount of \$96,551,702.30, and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on taxable property in the District.

*2.75% Tax Cap Compliant

*Requires 50% Voter Approval

PROPOSITION NO. 2

ARMED SECURITY GUARDS

In the event Proposition No. 1 is approved by sixty (60%) percent of the qualified voters present and voting, shall the Board of Education be authorized to retain armed security guards and as a result increase the annual budget of the School District for the 2019-2020 school year by \$512,411 for a total annual budget for the 2019-2020 school year in the amount of \$97,064,113.30.

Adoption of Proposition No. 1 alone does not exceed the statutory tax cap, and therefore, an affirmative vote by a simple majority of the qualified voters present and voting would be required for approval. Adoption of both Propositions 1 & 2 would require a total tax levy increase of \$512,411 which exceeds the statutory tax cap of \$55,679,957.09 for the 2019-20 school year and, therefore, an affirmative vote by sixty (60%) percent of the qualified voters present and voting would be required for both Proposition Nos. 1 & 2 to be approved.

*Pierce the Cap with a 3.69% Increase

*No Property Tax Relief Credit

PROPOSITION NO. 3

LIBRARY PRIVILEGES

To authorize the Board of Education, for the purpose of enabling the residents of the Eastport-South Manor Central School District to have the benefit of full library services, to enter into a contract with the Suffolk Cooperative Library System for library services for each resident to be provided by either the Westhampton Free Library, the Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Library, the Riverhead Free Library or the Center Moriches Free Library for the period of July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 and to expend therefore during the District's fiscal year 2019-20 a sum of money not exceeding \$2,809,145.34 and that the Board of Education be authorized to levy the necessary tax therefore.

Property Tax Relief Credit info:

If Proposition 2 passes (armed security guards) then the District pierces the cap and taxpayers of the District **will not** qualify for the Property Tax Relief Credit for the 2019-2020 school year only. To be eligible for the credit, taxpayers of the District must:

- Live in a school district that is complying with the New York State property tax cap
- Receive either the Basic or Enhanced STAR exemption or credit
- Have an income of \$275,000 or less
- Have paid school property taxes in 2018

For more information about the Property Tax Relief Credit please visit: www.tax.ny.gov/pit/property/property-tax-relief.htm

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VOTER INFORMATION

In order to vote on the budget, residents must be registered. Voter eligibility requires that you are:

1. A citizen of the US;
2. At least 18 years of age;
3. A district resident for at least 30 days;
4. A registered voter with the school district registry or with the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

In addition:

Qualified voters may register any business day, during office hours, at the District Clerk's office by May 16, 2019, or at the Board of Elections Office in Yaphank on or before May 20, 2019. Residents who have registered and voted within the last four years for either a school vote or a general election need not re-register.

Applications for absentee ballots are available online at www.esmonline.org. They are also available at the District Clerk's Office (District Administration Building, 149 Dayton Avenue, Manorville). An application must be completed prior to receiving an absentee ballot. Absentee ballots are available on or after May 1, 2019.

Applications for absentee ballots must be received by the District Clerk by 4:00 PM on May 20, 2019. You will then be issued an absentee ballot which, upon your completion, can either be mailed or returned in person to the District Clerk, who must receive it on or before 5:00 PM on May 21, 2019.

Please contact Ms. Sharon Murray, District Clerk, at 631-801-3045 for further information or questions. If you have any questions about the proposed budget, please call Assistant Superintendent for Business and Operations Tim Laube at 631-801-3001.

MEET THE
CANDIDATES
NIGHT
MAY 9
7:00 PM

Located in the ESM Junior-Senior High School
Room #1220
Board of Education Meeting Room

Candidates for the three Board seats will answer questions from the community and speak about their priorities as potential Board members.

Sponsored by:
The ESM Jr.-Sr. HS PTSO Connection and SEPTO



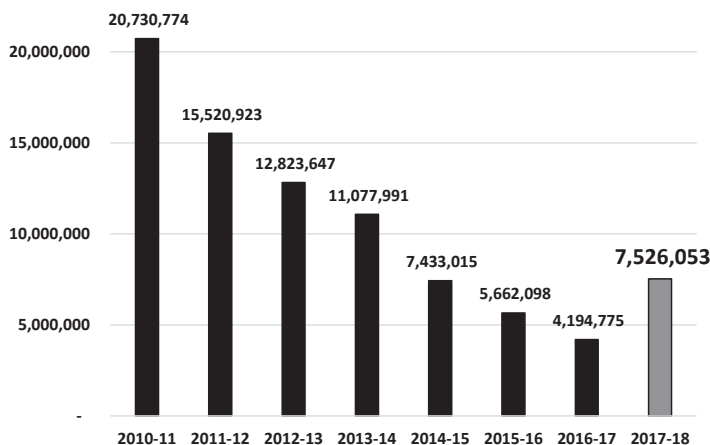
BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION

There are three (3) at-large seats open.
Vote for THREE candidates to serve three-year terms commencing July 1, 2019 and expiring June 30, 2022.

CANDIDATES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Donald Fox | <input type="checkbox"/> Francesco G. Ferraro |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michael R. Byrnes | <input type="checkbox"/> Marie Brown |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dennis Pastor | <input type="checkbox"/> Tara Mazovec |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Allison McGovern | |

EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR TOTAL RESERVES 2010-2018



ESM RESERVES ON THE RISE

For the first time in eight years, Eastport-South Manor Central School District's Reserves have increased. Meanwhile, the Board of Education and Administration have planned a 2019-20 operating budget that avoids utilizing reserves for a second straight year. This is an important positive step to help the District stabilize its fiscal standing with credit rating agencies.

ESM by the NUMBERS

EXPENDITURES: IF PROPOSITION 1 (TAX CAP COMPLIANT BUDGET) PASSES AT 2.75%

	2018-19 Adopted	2019-20 Projected	\$	%
Administrative	6,676,049	6,964,730	288,680	4.32%
Instructional	65,323,481	67,580,123	2,256,642	3.45%
Capital	21,502,854	22,006,849	503,996	2.34%
TOTAL	93,502,384	96,551,702	3,049,318	3.26%

REVENUES: IF PROPOSITION 1 (TAX CAP COMPLIANT BUDGET) PASSES AT 2.75%

	2018-19 Adopted	2019-20 Projected	\$	%
Local Revenues	2,028,682	3,252,622	1,223,940	60.33%
State Aid	37,281,766	37,619,123	337,357	0.90%
Tax Levy	54,191,936	55,679,957	1,488,021	2.75%
TOTAL	93,502,384	96,551,702	3,049,318	3.26%

TAX RATE INFORMATION: IF PROPOSITION 1 (TAX CAP COMPLIANT BUDGET) PASSES AT 2.75%

	Projected Tax Rates	Projected Tax Rate Increase	% Increase
Brookhaven (per 100)	\$277.77	\$7.42	2.75%
Southampton (per 1,000)	\$23.89	\$0.64	2.75%

A typical home in Brookhaven Town assessed at \$4,000 would see a tax increase of \$24.74 a month. A typical home in Southampton Town assessed at \$500,000 would see a tax increase of \$26.60 a month.

TAX RATE INFORMATION: IF PROPOSITION 2 (ARMED SECURITY GUARDS) PASSES AT 3.69%

	Projected Tax Rates	Projected Tax Rate Increase	% Increase
Brookhaven (per 100)	\$280.33	\$9.98	3.69%
Southampton (per 1,000)	\$24.11	\$0.86	3.69%

A typical home in Brookhaven Town assessed at \$4,000 would see a tax increase of \$33.26 a month. A typical home in Southampton Town assessed at \$500,000 would see a tax increase of \$35.76 a month.

These tax rate projections are based on current assessed values and equalization rates. Actual assessed values and equalization rates are set by the town and state, respectively, during the upcoming summer and fall months. As a result, the dollar amounts listed here are estimates. The District has no control over assessed values and equalization rates.

These estimated tax rates and increases do not include the savings from the New York State STAR Exemption and Property Tax Relief Credit programs.

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