

**SOUTH COUNTRY CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET HEARING**

**DISTRICT OFFICE**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 4, 2016**

The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m., for the possible purpose of considering a motion to enter executive session to discuss personnel matters. If there is an executive session, the meeting will return to public session at approximately 7:00 p.m. to consider the agenda and all other items which may properly come before the Board of Education. The tentative agenda and supporting information for this meeting will be posted at [www.southcountry.org](http://www.southcountry.org) once it becomes available.

- A. Call to Order
  - Pledge of Allegiance
  
- B. Emergency Evacuation Procedures
  - Smoke Free School District
  
- C. Introduction of Candidates for Board of Education
  - Gino Cruz
  - Cheryl Felice
  - Brian Gilligan
  - Anthony Griffin
  - Carol Herrmann
  - Marybel Kasten
  - Cameron Trent
  
- D. Budget Presentation
  - Budget Hearing- Three Part Budget
  
- E. Public Participation
  
- F. Adjournment



**South Country**

Central School District

## **Budget Hearing Three Part Budget**

Budget Presentation #8  
May 4, 2016

### **Three Part Budget**

The three part budget consists of three components:

- Administrative
- Capital
- Educational

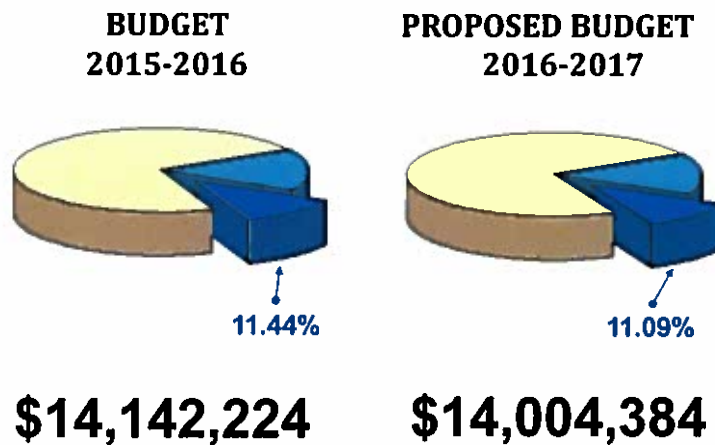
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## Budget by Administrative Component

	BUDGET 2015-2016	PROPOSED 2016-2017	CHANGE
Board of Education	\$ 92,446	\$ 93,028	\$ 582
Central Administration	\$ 375,307	\$ 377,582	\$ 2,275
Finance	\$ 889,922	\$ 836,160	(\$ 53,762)
Legal Services	\$363,500	\$ 369,000	\$ 5,500
Personnel Services	\$ 433,799	\$ 415,646	(\$ 18,153)
Public Information	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	
Central Services	\$ 2,156,904	\$ 1,655,057	(\$ 501,847)
Insurance, BOCES & Other Items	\$ 1,192,000	\$ 1,203,800	\$ 11,800
Curr Development & Supervision	\$ 482,319	\$ 863,908	\$ 381,589
Supervising Regular Schools	\$ 3,628,867	\$ 3,698,528	\$ 69,661
Research, Evaluation & Planning	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	
Employee Benefits	\$ 4,509,660	\$ 4,474,175	(\$ 35,485)
<b>Total Administrative Component</b>	<b>\$ 14,142,224</b>	<b>\$ 14,004,384</b>	<b>(\$ 137,840)</b>

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## Budget by Administrative Component



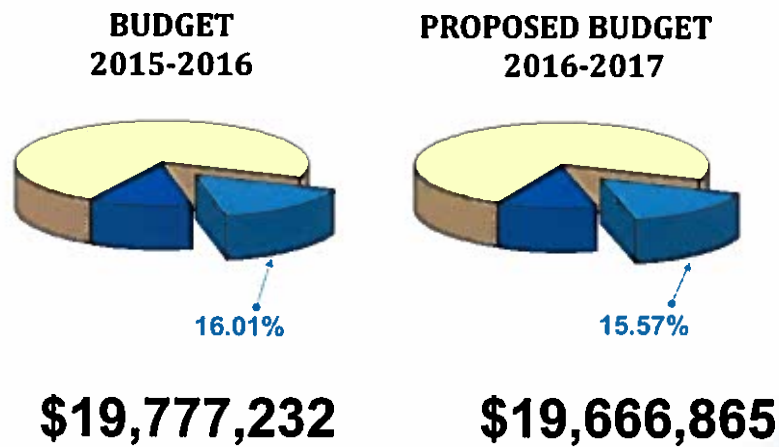
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## Budget by Capital Component

	BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED 2016-17	CHANGE
Operation of Plant	\$ 6,461,051	\$ 6,531,392	\$ 70,341
Maintenance of Plant	\$ 285,772	\$ 296,258	\$ 10,486
Employee Benefits	\$ 3,006,440	\$ 2,982,783	(\$ 23,657)
Debt Service	\$ 10,023,969	\$ 9,856,432	(\$ 167,537)
Transfer to Capital			
<b>Total Capital Component</b>	<b>\$ 19,777,232</b>	<b>\$ 19,666,865</b>	<b>(\$ 110,367)</b>

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## Budget by Capital Component



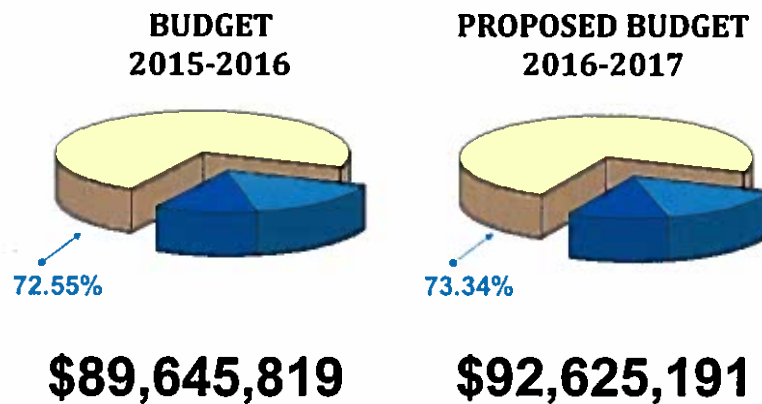
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## Budget by Educational Component

	BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED 2016-17	CHANGE
Instruction (w/o supervision)	\$ 58,997,121	\$ 61,527,469	\$ 2,530,348
Other District Transportation	\$ 370,200	\$ 408,948	\$ 38,748
Contract Transportation	\$ 7,605,200	\$ 8,167,900	\$ 562,700
Employee Benefits	\$ 22,548,298	\$ 22,370,874	(\$ 177,424)
Transfer to Special Aid Fund	\$ 125,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 25,000
<b>Total Educational Component</b>	<b>\$ 89,645,819</b>	<b>\$ 92,625,191</b>	<b>\$ 2,979,372</b>

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## Budget by Educational Component



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## Tax Levy Limit

Prior year tax levy (2015-16)	\$57,381,312
Multiply tax base growth factor	X 1.0070 \$57,782,981
Add PILOT receivable during prior year (2015-16)	<del>±\$7,186,011</del> \$64,968,992
Add taxes levied to pay for local capital expenditures (2015-16)	±\$0 \$64,968,992
<i>Adjusted Prior Year Tax Levy</i>	\$64,968,992
Allowable levy growth factor (lesser of 2% or CPI) <i>Assumed Rate</i>	X .12% \$65,046,955
Less PILOT receivable in the coming year (2016-17)	<del>±\$7,194,634</del> \$57,852,321
Add available carryover, if any <i>Tax Levy Limit</i>	±\$0 \$57,852,321
Add 2016-17 school year exemptions/exclusions- <i>Currently</i>	±\$0
<i>Maximum Allowable Tax Levy (requiring simple majority)</i>	\$57,852,321
<i>Allowable Tax Levy Increase</i>	\$471,009 .82%

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## Property Tax Report Card

Total Spending 2015-16 Budget:	\$ 123,565,275
Total Proposed 2016-17 Budget:	\$ 126,296,440
Budget to Budget Increase:	\$ 2,731,165
Total Actual Tax Levy 2015-16:	\$ 57,381,312
Total Estimated Tax Levy 2016-17:	\$ 57,852,321
Tax Levy Increase:	\$ 471,009
Percentage Increase Spending:	2.2103%
Percentage Increase Tax Levy:	.82 %

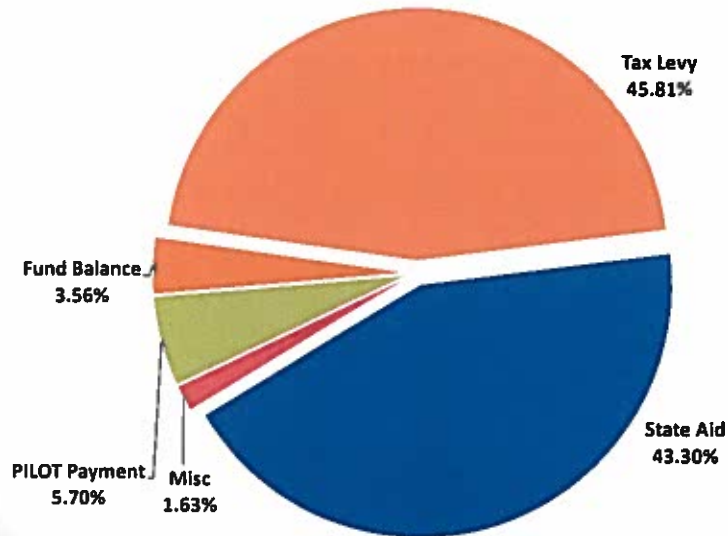
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## Revenue Breakdown

Tax Levy	\$ 57,852,321
State Aid	\$ 54,689,057
PILOT Payments	\$ 7,194,634
Reserve Appropriation	\$ 4,500,000
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 2,060,428
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$ 126,296,440</b>

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## Revenue Breakdown



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## How do we contain costs?

- Evaluation of all expenditures at both the building and district levels
- Independent Claims Auditor reviews every expenditure
- Using RFPs (Request for Proposals) for all services
- Using "Best Value" provision for purchases
- Using BOCES Bidding Services
- Using State and County Contracts
- Using Cooperative Purchasing Agreements
- Membership in New York State Insurance Reciprocal
- Membership in the New York State Fuel Cooperative
- Membership in the Suffolk County Natural Gas Cooperative
- Applying for Grants to Fund District Programs
- Refunding of existing debt for lower interest rates and overall cost
- Good fiscal management leading to improved bond rating, resulting in lower interest rate on borrowing
- Continue to explore new streams of revenue

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## Impact of the STAR Program

- STAR is the New York State Tax Relief Program that provides a partial exemption from school property taxes for owner occupied, primary residences.
- Each homeowner who applies for the BASIC STAR Program will receive a reduction in their assessed value and their school property taxes!
- Also, each homeowner who is 65, or older, can apply each year for the ENHANCED STAR program. They may be eligible for a larger exemption based on their income.

	Reduced Assessment	Reduced Taxes	Number of Households
Avg. SC Resident	\$ 30,000	\$ 500.00	5,357
Avg. SC Senior	\$ 65,300	\$ 1,090.00	820

- STAR amounts provided by Office of Real Property Taxes
- New Enhanced Exemption beginning in 16-17 school year

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## What the budget means to the average homeowner

### Proposed Budget

- Amount \$ 126,296,440
- Increase \$ 2,731,165
- Tax Levy \$ 57,852,321 (.82%)

### What is the estimated annual tax Increase on the average home in South Country Schools?\*

- Average Assessed Home \$ 2,610
- Proposed Increase \$ 47.24/year

\*Average home assessment provided by the Town of Brookhaven Assessor's Office

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## What happens if....

- What happens if voters defeat the school district budget on May 17<sup>th</sup>?
  - Option 1 - Resubmit same proposal or revised proposal for revote on June 21<sup>st</sup>
  - Option 2 - Adopt a contingent budget
- If voters defeat school district budget a second time (June 21) the district must adopt a contingent budget
  - Contingency means 0% increase on the Tax Levy
- What would our contingent budget look like?
  - Using an appropriation of \$4.5MM from fund balance and reserves, the budget would need to be reduced by \$471,009.

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# **Voting for 2016-2017 School Budget and Election of Trustees**

**TUESDAY MAY 17, 2016**

**7 A.M - 9:00 P.M.**

**LOCATION: Bellport Middle School**

**Proposition 1 - School Budget**

**Proposition 2 - Establishment of Capital Reserve**

**Proposition 3 - Reduce Board from 9 to 7 members**

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