

BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Education

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Dear Bethpage Community Residents:

The Bethpage Board of Education would like to provide an opportunity for interested community residents to participate in this year's budget development process. This process will begin in February and conclude with the adoption of the proposed budget by the Board in April.

There are two opportunities to participate. All community residents are invited to attend our regular Board of Education meetings. At these meetings, the Board will discuss the various budget areas. Also, the Board this year is again forming a Budget Advisory Committee. The ideal committee will be made up of no more than 20-23 residents who represent the various constituencies of our community. This includes residents without children, as well as parent representatives who will be chosen by the PTA. This committee will meet immediately after the regular Board budget meetings. There will be approximately four meetings planned that should be no longer than two hours in duration. This committee will be moderated by a Board member. The Administration will be in attendance to review the entire budget. Discussion and questions will be encouraged. Ultimately, the task of this committee is to provide a more detailed level of input to the Board so that the proposed budget will be supported by the community in May.

If you are interested in participating as a member of the Budget Advisory Committee, please call Elena Becker in the Superintendent's Office at 644-4001, or Frances Boullianne in the Assistant Superintendent for Business' Office at 644-4030.

The Board of Education will choose the committee from the volunteers and contact you. If you are interested, please call no later than Tuesday, February 1.

We look forward to a productive and inclusive budget process. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Joel Dauman
Board President

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