School Budget

THANK YOU COMMUNITY! for supporting the children of Westbury by passing the budget and proposition #2 authorizing the School District to appropriate and expend $1,376,800 for Facilities Maintenance and Improvement Program from the capital reserve fund.

Administration and the Board of Education diligently analyzed and supported a fiscally responsible budget that is aligned to the sustainability of academic growth. The increased foundation aid and approved budget supports the following:

- 1/3 Property Tax Relief
- 1/3 Infrastructure Improvements
- 1/3 Instructional Enhancements

We strive to provide our children with a world-class education in the most conducive learning environment and your support serves as the foundation of this process.

Curriculum and Instruction

The district is excited to inform the community that Westbury High School received the following recognitions:

- Lindsey Cruz Rosales was selected as a Gates Scholar and a member of the Class of 2021, which is a highly selective full scholarship for high school seniors. The scholarship is awarded to 300 top student leaders each year with the intent of promoting their academic excellence through college graduation and providing them the opportunity to reach their full potential.

- Nassau County Council of School Superintendents Keynote Speaker Essay Contest was awarded to Balquees Shafique. Please click on the link to watch the video: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/111bVjU8vS_Hv9Ogu4nyMKacnpzrMyl/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/111bVjU8vS_Hv9Ogu4nyMKacnpzrMyl/view)

Phase I: Reentry of Schools: 5th, 7th and Seniors

Drexel Avenue School

- The Drexel family was thrilled to welcome our fifth graders to full-time, in-person instruction. The third and fourth grade students lined up on their socially distanced spots on the blacktop while our fifth graders walked under an arbor of balloons to the tune of Pharell’s “Happy” and other celebratory songs. The Drexel staff clapped and cheered as the students walked the perimeter of the blacktop while walking past the bubbles blowing in the air. Half of the fifth graders lined up on their designated spots on the blacktop, while the other half took their assigned desks in the cafeteria.
  - A total of 74 of 93 fifth grade Drexelites returned on May 10th. Students had received their bus passes and everything ran well with transportation. The building administrators and custodial staff worked diligently to ensure social distancing markers were in place as well as arrival, breakfast, lunch and dismissal procedures. A meeting was held with the parents to explain the changes in the aforementioned procedures.
  - The students were greeted with “Welcome Back” signs (designed by students in the lower grades) that were placed in front of their classrooms. They also received scrumptious cupcakes as a treat with their lunch. May 10th was indeed a memorable day.
Park Avenue School
- On Monday May 10th, Park Avenue welcomed back 109 of our 135 registered 5th grade students. We began the day outside at morning lineup; the school administration welcomed back the students and emphasized the importance of staying focused and working to their full potential over the next six weeks as we prepare for Middle School.
  - Many students were emotional and excited to see their peers. After morning announcements, our school counselors visited each class with a Social Emotional Learning message and reminders about who to go to for any issues or to just talk if necessary.
  - Throughout the day, the students could be found engaged and intently paying attention to who was in front of them- very reminiscent of the first day of school in the Fall.
  - To be in compliance with the current social distancing regulations, we opened a portion of our cafeteria at lunchtime to provide space for 5th grade students to have lunch at the required 6 feet apart.
  - Dismissal ran smoothly, as a majority of our 5th grade students are designated to walk home or are picked up.

Powells Lane School
- Yesterday was a wonderful day where 92 (of the 97 who were scheduled to return) of our 5th grade students returned to in-person school. The students were greeted by their school principal as they entered the Cafénasium.
  - The day began with a morning meeting of all 5th Grade students with their teachers, our interim acting assistant principal, and their principal. During the morning meeting we discussed procedures and protocols for arrival, movements throughout the building, safety precautions, academic expectations, dismissal, and Moving Up to middle school.
  - During lunch, the students selected their seats and interacted with their friends. Several students shared how excited they were to be back in the building. Our school psychologist and guidance counselors visited with the students during their lunch period.

Westbury Middle School
- On Monday, May 10, 2021, Westbury Middle School welcomed seventh grade students to the building for daily in-person instruction. Our virtual students were given the opportunity to change their instructional setting, and our hybrid students (Group A/Group B) were switched to daily in-person instruction.
  - Bus passes were hand delivered to our returning virtual students by our social workers Ms. Kira Bryant and Mr. Lew White to ensure they were ready for their first day of in-person school. Students in the hybrid setting were given their new bus pass in school in anticipation of daily attendance at school.
  - Ms. Crawford sent a Blackboard Connect message to the virtual students Sunday evening reminding them of their first day, items to bring daily, and where to report upon arrival at the middle school. The virtual students were met by the administrative team and Pupil Personnel staff to welcome them, provide the students with a schedule and water bottle, and then take the students on a tour and their first period class.
  - Students are excited to have additional students in class and to see their friends. Our lunch periods are relatively full, but we have been able to maintain the social distancing of six (6) feet to keep our students safe. The return of our seventh grade students has been whole-heartedly welcomed by students and staff!

Westbury High School
- On Monday, May 3, 2021, 156 12th grade students returned to full in-person Instruction from hybrid and full remote instruction.
  - Our transportation department created bus passes that were mailed home by our school clerical staff. Transportation made sure there was adequate safe space on each school bus.
  - Our nutrition department was well prepared and offered a “welcome back” snack for our returning students.
Upon entry to the building, students were greeted by the school administration and the school counseling team who ensured that all students felt comfortable returning to the school for full time, in-person instruction. This effort was further supported by our daily mindfulness moment at the beginning of the school day.

- Students observed hallway protocols to permit student movement while maintaining physical distance spacing.
- Throughout the day, large meeting spaces, such as cafeterias and gymnasiums were frequently monitored to verify students had adequate space to participate in physical education classes and eat safely.
- The collaborative efforts of the high school team proved successful as the scheduled students were able to return to in-person instruction safely being physically present while remaining socially distanced.

Scholar Athletes
Our Westbury Varsity Boys’ Soccer Team earned first place in their conference (Conference Champions for AA3). This is a well-deserved honor that was earned by hard work, dedication, perseverance and integrity. We qualified for the playoffs for the eighth consecutive year, continuing our winning tradition.

On May 7, 2021 the Westbury Junior Varsity Baseball team posted a 15-3 victory over Elmont. This win gave the Westbury JV Baseball team a 2-1 series win over Elmont after earning an 8-3 victory on May 6, 2021. Kevin Salinas pitched 3 strong innings in the series winning game. The offense was led by Ali Bowling with a game winning 2 RBI double. Third baseman, Tristan Ewing also contributed to the offense going 3-3 with 4 runs scored. Congratulations to the team for winning their first 3 game series of the season and job well done to first year head coach of the Junior Varsity Baseball team, WHS science teacher Andy Sanchez. Coach Sanchez was a former standout baseball player for Holy Trinity High School.

Data Update
Below is the COVID-19 data available as of May 20, 2021.

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Area | Cumulative Positive | 7-day Increase | Cases per 1K – Compared to Rest of County
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Westbury: | 2,015 | 4 | 132 | 41<sup>a</sup>
New Cassel: | 1,762 | 9 | 120 | 66<sup>b</sup>
Newsday: | https://projects.newsday.com/long-island/tracking-the-coronavirus-on-long-island/
Cases in the District
The following table represents the cumulative total of WUFSD COVID-19 cases to date:

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New Guidance from NYSDOH and CDC:
• 62.2% of New Yorkers over the age of 18 have received at least one dose of a vaccine.
• 53.0% of all New Yorkers over the age of 18 have completed their vaccination series.
• Effective Wednesday, May 19, 2021, New York State adopted the CDC’s Guidance on Mask Use and Social Distancing for fully vaccinated individuals. Please note, that consistent with this guidance, mask wearing will continue to be mandatory for all individuals in our school district.
• The 90-day limitation which an asymptomatic and fully vaccinated person is exempt from quarantine after exposure has been lifted. **Fully vaccinated individuals do not need to quarantine after exposure to COVID-19.** Fully vaccinated individuals who are symptomatic after exposure to COVID-19 must; however, isolate themselves, be clinically evaluated for COVID-19, and receive a COVID-19 test, if recommended by a healthcare provider.

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