

# HUNTINGTON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

*A Tradition of Excellence in Education since 1657*



## **Budget includes tax levy \$475,611 below state-mandated limit** *while maintaining and enhancing district programs*

Dear Huntington Resident:

Please find for your review the proposed budget for the 2018-19 school year. It features a tax levy that falls below the state-mandated limit while also maintaining the district's commitment to a strong K-12 educational program.

This year's budget development process has been among the more demanding in recent years, as it included increases in a number of non-discretionary expenses. Despite such challenges, Superintendent James W. Polansky, his administrative team and staff have worked diligently to realize cost efficiencies and increase use of alternative revenue sources such that the district's instructional program and student opportunities will remain as robust as ever.

The Huntington School District continues to receive accolades locally, regionally and nationally. The district was, once again, ranked near the top of the Washington Post's "Americas Most Challenging High Schools" list. Additionally, the district and Huntington High School were identified as among the top in New York State by niche.com.

The HHS Robotics team just this month received the FIRST Chairman's Award, the highest honor that can be conferred upon a participating team, and will take its talents to the upcoming international competition in Detroit. The school's mock trial team was just crowned County champion and will soon head to the state championship competition in Albany. Numerous students have captured top regional awards and have advanced to the National History Day state finals in Cooperstown. Students across the grade levels have impressed with their scientific research, having entered into a range of prestigious competitions throughout the year.

Huntington has just been recognized, once again, for its accomplishments in the arts, having been named as a "Best Community for Music Education" by the NAMM Foundation and having recently been presented with the Long Island Music Hall of Fame's inaugural Gold Award. Student-artists from across the district have earned awards and accolades in numerous exhibits, recognized for their work with a broad range of artistic media. Our interscholastic athletic programs continue to leave their mark at the league, county, state and national levels.

The proposed 2018-19 budget maintains class sizes at all grade levels that are below district guidelines, completes our elementary building realignment (four K-3 primary schools and two 4-6 intermediate-level schools with added STEM and world language opportunities), and expands enrollment in electives and Advanced Placement courses at Huntington High School.

The proposed capital proposition is comprehensive and addresses numerous needs related to the infrastructure of 60 year-old buildings, including roof replacement at three primary schools, security vestibules for the two remaining primary schools, refurbishment of the large group instruction (LGI) room at Finley Middle School, and more. Again, please note that all capital projects would be funded via already existing monies released from the district's capital reserves and will therefore have absolutely no impact on taxes.

On behalf of the Board of Education, I'd like to thank you for your past support of our budgets and schools. The proposed budget will provide for continued excellence in education for Huntington students and with fiscal responsibility at its core.

Sincerely,

*Tom DiGiacomo*

Tom DiGiacomo

President, Board of Education

# Voter Information

## Election Day:

Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Huntington High School  
Oakwood & McKay Roads  
Huntington, New York

## Board of Education:

Residents will have an opportunity to elect three members to the Huntington Board of Education on Election Day, Tuesday, May 15.

## Eligibility:

- U.S. citizen.
- 18 years of age or older.
- Resident of Huntington School District for at least 30 days.
- Registered to vote in a general election or with the school district.

Questions? Call the District Clerk's office at (631) 673-2126 during regular business hours.

## Absentee Ballots:

Applications for absentee ballots may be secured from the District Clerk at the Administrative Offices, 50 Tower Street, Huntington Station, at least seven days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter or up to the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots must be returned by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15 for them to be counted in the 2018 election and budget vote.

## Inspection of Budget:

The public may inspect a copy of the proposed budget on the district website ([www.hufsd.edu](http://www.hufsd.edu)), at the District Clerk's office (District Office, 50 Tower Street), at any school building on school days between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., or at either branch of the Huntington Public Library.

More information on the budget and capital reserve fund propositions can be found on the District's website—[www.hufsd.edu](http://www.hufsd.edu).

## Important Capital Project Propositions on the Ballot

Protecting the substantial investments taxpayers have made over the years in our school facilities requires constant vigilance. In order to keep our buildings and grounds well maintained, safe and efficient, school trustees have placed two important capital project propositions on the ballot. **Passage of these propositions will not increase taxes.**

**The first Capital Reserve Proposition**, if passed, would allow the district to spend \$7.151 million of existing Building Improvement Fund monies for roof replacement at Flower Hill, Jefferson and Southdown Primary Schools; replacement of two boilers at Woodhull Intermediate School; replacement of the rear shop area roll-up doors at Huntington High School; construction of security vestibules in the main lobby at Flower Hill and Washington; replacement of tiles in five bathrooms at Jefferson and 12 bathrooms at Woodhull; reconstruction/paving of the parking lot at Woodhull; replacement of floor tiles and seats in the J. Taylor Finley Middle School LGI/auditorium.

**The second Capital Reserve Proposition** seeks permission to create a new **2018 Building Improvement Fund** for the purpose of completing capital improvements to the district's facilities, including repairs and reconstruction (as needed) to the high school turf athletic field along with masonry and site work. The new fund would have a probable term of five years and an ultimate capitalization of \$1.5 million.

A transfer of current Repair Reserve Fund monies, surplus budget funds, interest and regular budget appropriations would be used to capitalize the new fund. This fund would utilize existing budget monies and allow the district to avoid borrowing funds through a bond issue and associated interest costs.

# *Your Vote Counts on Tuesday, May 15*

**Vote at Huntington High School 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.**

## **Sample Ballot**

**On Election Day voters will be asked to vote on Proposition No. 1 to fund school district operations from July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019:**

Shall the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District, Town of Huntington, Suffolk County, New York be authorized to expend \$129,812,991, the amount set forth in the proposed budget, and to accumulate the balance proposed in said budget during the school year beginning July 1, 2018, and to levy the necessary tax therefore.

**Residents will also be asked to vote on Proposition No. 2 to expend monies that already exist in the Building Improvement Fund for a variety of projects in district buildings. Passage of this proposition will not result in a tax increase.**

Shall the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District be authorized, to expend funds from the Capital Reserve (Building Improvement) Funds, which were established on May 20, 2008 ("2008 Building Improvement Fund") and May 21, 2013 ("2013 Building Improvement Fund") pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law, for the following capital improvement projects: (1) replacement of tile and seats in the large group instruction room (LGI) at J. Taylor Finley Middle School in the approximate amount of \$600,000; (2) replacement of the roof at Flower Hill Primary School in the approximate amount of \$1,560,000.00; (3) construction of a security vestibule at Flower Hill Primary School in the approximate amount of \$100,000.00; (4) replacement of two roll-up doors at Huntington High School in the approximate amount of \$125,000.00; (5) replacement of the roof at Jefferson Primary School in the approximate amount of \$1,500,000.00; (6) replacement of tiles in five bathrooms at Jefferson Primary School in the approximate amount of \$65,000.00; (7) replacement of the roof at Southdown Primary School in the approximate amount of \$1,560,000.00 (8) construction of a security vestibule at Washington Primary School in the approximate amount of \$100,000.00; (9) replacement of two boilers at Woodhull Intermediate School in the approximate amount of \$800,000.00; (10) repair/replace the parking lot and curbs at Woodhull Intermediate School in the approximate amount of \$705,000.00; (11) replacement of tiles in twelve bathrooms at Woodhull Intermediate School in the approximate amount of \$36,000.00, and to make expenditures from the Reserve Funds for the cost of other work required in connection therewith, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto in an amount not to exceed the estimated total cost of three hundred eighty five thousand eight hundred thirty-two dollars (\$385,832.00) from the 2008 Building Improvement Fund and six million seven hundred sixty-five thousand one hundred sixty-eight dollars (\$6,765,168.00) from the 2013 Building Improvement Fund provided that the Board of Education may allocate funds amongst the various projects within the overall total expenditure at its discretion.

**Finally, residents will have an opportunity to vote on Proposition No. 3 to create a new Building Improvement Fund from the existing Reserve Repair Fund and surplus monies to fund future building projects, including the renovation and reconstruction of facilities at all eight buildings in the district. Passage of this proposition will not result in a tax increase.**

Shall the Board of Education of the Huntington Union Free School District be authorized to establish a capital reserve fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the New York Education Law to be known as the Huntington Union Free School District "2018 Building Improvement Fund" for a probable term of five (5) years in an ultimate amount of one million five hundred thousand (\$1,500,000.00) dollars, whose purpose shall be to fund in whole or in part, capital improvements to the facilities of the District, including but not limited to, replacement/repair of the Huntington High School turf field, reconstruction and masonry work, and site and related work, with such funds to be obtained from the District's Repair Reserve, end-of-year budget surplus funds, budget appropriations and/or the interest accrued on such funds over the term of the capital reserve fund.

# Huntington School District

## 2018/19 Proposed Budget

Description	Adopted Budget 2017/18	Proposed Budget 2018/19	Amount (\$) Change
<b>General Support</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Board of Education</li> <li>• Central Administration</li> <li>• Buildings Operations and Maintenance</li> </ul>	\$11,658,440	\$11,934,633	\$276,193
<b>Instruction</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supervision</li> <li>• Curriculum</li> <li>• Salaries</li> <li>• BOCES</li> </ul>	69,439,704	70,430,513	990,809
<b>Transportation</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public, private and parochial school</li> </ul>	10,433,007	10,707,714	274,707
Employee Benefits	33,495,881	35,767,231	2,271,350
<b>Debt Service/ Inter-fund Transfers</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Interest/Bond Principal</li> <li>• Capital</li> <li>• Special Aid</li> </ul>	1,186,191	972,900	(213,291)
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$126,213,223</b>	<b>\$129,812,991</b>	<b>\$3,599,768</b>
Budget % Increase		2.85%	

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# Budgeted Revenues

Description	2017/18	2018/19	Amount Change
State Aid	\$16,890,039	\$17,487,062	\$597,023
Miscellaneous Revenue	1,474,077	1,360,716	(113,361)
Appropriated Fund Balance	1,400,000	1,400,000	0
Reserves	1,635,000	1,940,000	305,000
Property Taxes (Levy)	104,814,107	107,625,213	2,811,106 (\$475,611 below cap)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$126,213,223</b>	<b>\$129,812,991</b>	<b>\$3,599,768</b>

# Estimated Tax Rate to Fund the Budget

Description	2017/18	2018/19
Estimated tax rate per \$100 of assessed valuation for school district	\$232.38	\$238.61
Estimated percentage increase (for school district taxes only; dependent on district's assessed valuation received from Town in fall 2018)		2.68%
Projected increase per household based on average home assessment for school district		\$213.69 <u>Before</u> the STAR program
Total Assessed Value (Tentative for 2018/19)	\$45,105,429	\$45,105,429



## School Budget Supports Student Learning and Achievement ...

The proposed school budget continues Huntington's 361 year commitment to providing a top notch education for the young people of our community by maintaining our exceptionally strong academic program for approximately 4,550 students in grades K-12. Additionally, it ...

- Provides for an extensive line-up of Regents, Honors and Advanced Placement courses in every academic area.
- Allocates \$205,900 for new textbooks, \$164,935 for new workbooks, \$60,950 for new library resources, \$93,000 for new computer software and \$219,700 for new instructional equipment, including computers and tablet devices.
- Continues the district's 1:1 computing device initiative.
- Funds 64 athletic teams for high school and middle school students, 100 coaching positions and a full-time athletic trainer.
- Includes the introduction of computer science and the Virtual Enterprises program at HHS.
- Funds comprehensive art, music and physical education opportunities, including band, orchestra, chorus, marching band, music ensembles, specialized art courses and Project Adventure.
- Furthers interdisciplinary STEM initiatives throughout the district.
- Maintains the district's K-5 dual language program and expands the world language FLEX program to grade 5.
- Includes a comprehensive special education program for students with disabilities and support services for all students.
- Continues the SEARCH and Math Olympiad programs for academically talented fifth and sixth graders.
- Augments the district's commitment to the high school science research program and robotics programs.
- Provides a complete program of adult-supervised, after-school extracurricular activities, including dozens of clubs for students.
- Funds student drama club productions, newspapers, concerts, science fairs, the district art show, and much more.



The Huntington School District mirrors our nation's population, with students and teachers of every race, creed and ethnic background. It is in this atmosphere that our young people are challenged academically, artistically, musically and athletically and where they grow socially and culturally. Lasting friendships are frequently forged. New experiences are enjoyed and personal horizons are expanded. Our schools are a model of brotherhood and understanding. Our diversity makes us stronger.

## Stay Informed of Huntington UFSD News

### *Huntington on Social Media*

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## HUFSD Transportation

This year's transportation budget reflects the costs associated with transporting 5,290 eligible students residing in the Huntington School District, primarily to the eight district schools, but also to 39 parochial/private schools and 25 special needs schools on Long Island as required by law. The district currently contracts for 53 large buses and 87 vans to transport students.

As fourth grade students will now be attending intermediate-level, as opposed to primary schools, all fourth grade students (public and non-public) will be subject to a mileage limitation of 1/2 mile or further from their school.

## Huntington School Board Candidates

### Christine Biernacki



Christine Biernacki was first elected to the Huntington School Board in May 2015. She is a longtime volunteer in the Huntington School District, including serving as the PTA Council's president.

Raised in the town of Huntington, Mrs. Biernacki attended school in South Huntington. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in economics from the University of Connecticut and a Juris Doctor from Hofstra University School of Law. She is a partner in a New York City law firm.

Mrs. Biernacki and her husband, Dave, who is a 1983 graduate of Huntington High School, live with their two children in Halesite. Their daughter is a freshman at Huntington High School and their son is a seventh grader at J. Taylor Finley Middle School.

Over the years, Mrs. Biernacki has served on the district Safety and Shared Decision Making Committees and on the Committee on Special Education.

Mrs. Biernacki's service to the community's children predates the start of her own family. She served as president of the Huntington Sanctuary Project's advisory board. Mrs. Biernacki and her husband offered their house as a host home for Sanctuary, opening their doors to runaway youth so that the families could participate in mediation to resolve their issues and bring the youngsters home.

Mrs. Biernacki has also served as president of the Town of Huntington's Youth Bureau Board. She was recognized for her work with runaway and homeless youth by the Association of New York State Youth Bureaus and the Empire State Coalition of Youth and Family Services.

# Huntington School Board Candidates

Lynda D'Anna



A lifelong resident of the town, Lynda D'Anna has lived in Huntington village for the past 21 years. She graduated from Commack South High School and obtained an undergraduate degree cum laude in romance languages at Dowling College and a master's degree in Italian literature at Stony Brook University.

Mrs. D'Anna and her husband, Nick, are the parents of four children currently attending district schools, including a high school senior and sophomore; a J. Taylor Finley Middle School eighth grader and a sixth grader at Woodhull Intermediate School. Three of the children are graduates of the dual-language program.

A world language teacher in the Syosset school district since 1993, Mrs. D'Anna has also served in many professional leadership roles, including as a member of the high school steering committee for the Blue Ribbon School of Excellence application process, chair of the district's Middle State Accreditation Evaluation Committee and as a founding member of the high school's professional development program.

Mrs. D'Anna has served as a Huntington UFSD Special Education PTA board member and volunteer. She is a founding member and former president of a local non-profit focused on advocacy and education.

As a parent of four children with diverse abilities and strengths, Mrs. D'Anna has seen Huntington UFSD help each of them learn, grow and thrive.

Proud of the district's own growth, Mrs. D'Anna hopes to bring her experience as an involved parent, experienced educator and engaged community member to help Huntington schools continue to flourish.

Michele Deegan



Michele Deegan is a 26-year Huntington resident, where she resides with her husband Tim, a Huntington native and New York City school teacher and their son Nate, a freshman at Huntington High School. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in English at the State University of New York at Brockport in 1991.

A highlight of Mrs. Deegan's career as a recruiting professional is her current, long-term role at a leading New York City based architectural staffing firm. She has also worked as an administrative assistant at Project Excel of the Huntington Youth Bureau, a not-for-profit agency serving youth and families in Huntington.

A 2007 graduate of the Huntington Parent Leadership Initiative Mrs. Deegan has since served on the PTA executive boards of Washington Primary School, Woodhull Intermediate School and J. Taylor Finley Middle School in a variety of positions including recording secretary, corresponding secretary, vice president and president. She is currently the Huntington Booster Club's membership coordinator.

Mrs. Deegan volunteers with the Huntington Youth Bureau as a judge for its annual Huntington Youth Writes contest. She regularly attends PTA and Huntington School Board meetings, as well as a variety of sports, fine and performing arts and educational events throughout Huntington UFSD.

Mrs. Deegan actively encourages community participation and engages in every possible opportunity to support public education in the Huntington school community through the volunteerism she strongly values and models and which she believes strengthens the core of our school community.



# Huntington School Board Candidates

Thomas DiGiacomo



Thomas DiGiacomo was first elected to the Huntington School Board in May 2012. He is currently completing his second three-year term. His fellow trustees chose him as the Board of Education president in each of the past three years.

A 1979 Huntington High School graduate, Mr. DiGiacomo's family has been involved in the district for three generations. He holds an associate's degree in business from SUNY Farmingdale and has a professional background in the technology field, providing solutions for businesses ranging in size from small to Fortune 50.

Mr. DiGiacomo's professional experience includes project and budget management, finance and implementing technology solutions. He and his wife, Nancy are the parents of a son in his senior year at Huntington High School. Through the years, he has served as an active PTA member and co-chaired the district's Shared Decision-Making Committee.

Mr. DiGiacomo strives to utilize his background in business and technology solutions, along with a balanced approach to problem solving, to contribute to making the district the finest it can be.

The DiGiacomo family has deep roots in the community. Mr. DiGiacomo's father, Al, was a member of Huntington High School's Class of 1941. Al DiGiacomo was the architect that designed the replacement for Roosevelt School on Lowndes Avenue. The building today serves as Jack Abrams STEM Magnet School.

During his time as a trustee, Mr. DiGiacomo has been a member of the district's audit and policy committees. He is president of the Huntington Alumni Association.

Alvin White



Alvin White has resided in the district for more than four decades. He attended Huntington High School and later returned to work in the district, eventually retiring as director of facilities in December 2015. He previously served as the district's operations supervisor.

Prior to coming to the district, Mr. White was employed by the Internal Revenue Service in Holtsville. He began his career in Huntington USFD on a part-time basis at Robert L. Simpson Junior High School in 1974. He moved into a full-time position in 1979 and gradually climbed up the ranks.

Mr. White is the father of seven Huntington High School graduates and the grandfather of three current elementary school students. He is deeply involved in community and civic organizations, including the Porter-Trejo Action Network, Take Back the Block Advisory Board, Huntington Enrichment Center/Kids Café Board of Directors of the NAACP – Huntington chapter, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge No. 318 in Greenlawn, as well as numerous other local groups. He has served on the Huntington Comprehensive Plan Advisory Committee and Lowndes Avenue Task Force.

A familiar figure around the district, Mr. White is also an active fan of the Blue Devil athletic program. He regularly attends games and meets and even team dinners. He has mentored and encouraged many community members of all ages through the years.

Mr. White has been recognized as the NAACP's Man of the Year. He has also been honored by Tri-CYA, the Suffolk County Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and the Family Service League.

# School Budget/Tax Cap Questions and Answers

## How does the New York State property tax cap work?

New York's new property tax cap law establishes a tax levy limit for each school district. The limit allows an increase from year to year of the lesser of two percent or the rate of inflation, based on a multi-step formula. School districts are then allowed to take certain exemptions that result in a limit (cap) of more than two percent or the inflation rate. If a district's proposed tax levy increase is at or below its limit, a simple majority vote is needed for budget approval. If a district's proposed tax levy increase exceeds the levy limit, a supermajority of voters (60 percent or more) would be required for budget passage. Note that HUFSD's proposed 2018/19 budget includes a levy that is well below the established limit.

## What was the Huntington UFSD permitted to exempt from its tax levy limit?

There are a limited number of specific exemptions to the tax cap that school districts may take. For 2018/19, there were no exemptions for which HUFSD qualified.

## Does the tax levy indicate how much my taxes will rise?

No. The tax levy is the amount of money the school district can raise through property taxes. The amount an individual will pay to contribute to the levied amount is the *tax rate*. Tax rates paid by individual taxpayers may differ greatly from one household to another, based on assessed property values and equalization rates.

## Why did I receive a tax credit in prior years and will I receive one next year?

The Property Tax Freeze Credit was initially a two-year tax relief program that reimbursed qualifying New York State homeowners for increases in local property taxes on their primary residences. District taxpayers received the credit in 2014-15 and 2015-16 because the school district developed a budget that included a tax levy at or below the established "cap." The new tax law, 606(n-1), provides for a credit against income taxes, paid via refund check to the eligible taxpayers for the years 2016-2019. A school district must present a tax levy at or below the established limit for residents to receive the credit. This credit currently represents a percentage of STAR savings, which varies based on personal income levels.

## How was the proposed budget developed?

After extensive planning and study, school administrators and staff submitted budget requests in the fall. These requests were reviewed in considerable detail and reduced wherever possible; a draft budget was then developed and submitted to the school board. The administration and trustees examined the draft line-by-line, debating priorities, discussing goals and finalizing the proposed budget.

## What will happen if voters reject the proposed tax levy and the school budget does not pass?

If district voters reject the proposed budget on May 15, the school board may put up the same or a revised budget for a second vote, or adopt a contingency budget with a tax levy no greater than that levied the previous year – essentially a zero percent cap. If voters reject the spending plan twice, schools must adopt the contingency budget with that same zero percent cap. Should the district operate under a contingency budget, certain items, including the purchase of equipment, cannot be included. For 2018/19, the difference between the proposed budget and a contingency budget amounts to \$2,811,106.

## Has the district done anything to trim spending and costs to hold down taxes?

During the budget process, the administration and school board examined every single program and position. Efforts have been made to reduce costs, especially those not affecting classroom instruction. Budget managers are under strict instructions to look for savings wherever they can be found and to keep costs down. Budget requests were reduced and all areas of spending were subject to economizing.

## How does this budget improve the district's classroom education?

This budget maintains the universal pre-kindergarten program, maintains class sizes at or below established guidelines at all levels, and funds a wide range of course offerings and co-curricular activities at the secondary level. Every school will be provided with the supplies and materials that our academic program demands. This budget also contains funds to purchase a range of technological resources designed to support the instructional program.

## Does this budget reduce the district's debt?

The Huntington School District has among the lowest debts levels on Long Island and in the state. Monies are included in the proposed budget to further reduce the district's current long term debt by July 1, 2019. The district's particularly low debt level contributes to its very favorable Moody's Aa1 rating.

**The district continues to pursue energy cost savings in every building. During the 2016/17 school year, nearly 17,000 light bulbs were replaced with LEDs at no cost to taxpayers. The new bulbs are projected to result in 2018/19 savings of more than \$180,000.**

# Focus on Huntington's Top Students

Aidan Forbes



Aidan Forbes has enjoyed a remarkable four year run through Huntington High School. Valedictorian of the Class of 2018, he will attend Vanderbilt University, where he plans to pursue an academic major in economics with possible minors in computer science and Spanish.

A National Merit Scholarship Finalist, Mr. Forbes considered Middlebury College, Northeastern University, Fordham University, University of Michigan and the University of Rochester, before choosing Vanderbilt.

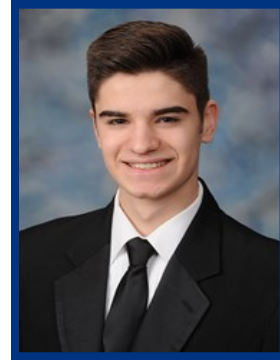
Since his first day of kindergarten at Flower Hill School, Mr. Forbes has been cherished by his classmates and teachers. The personable young man is one of the most well-liked members of Huntington's senior class.

President of both the Math Honor Society and the high school's Mathletes club, he's volunteered at Huntington Hospital and even accompanied the concert choir for three years on piano. Mr. Forbes captured first place honors in the State History Day competition in Cooperstown as a junior. He went on to claim third place in the national championships at the University of Maryland.

The senior started at defense on Huntington's first varsity boys' soccer team to win an outright league championship in 28 years. Mr. Forbes was named Suffolk Academic All-County following the sensational season.

"I have had so many great teachers at Huntington High School that I have genuinely enjoyed connecting with over the years," Mr. Forbes said. "They are people I continuously looked to as sources of both wisdom and insight."

Sebastian Stamatatos



Sebastian Stamatatos has a laser-like focus on his goals. Huntington High School's Class of 2018 salutatorian is headed to Villanova University, where he plans to study finance and entrepreneurship in its renowned business school.

Mr. Stamatatos commands the respect of the entire high school community. He's an articulate, thoughtful and well-informed young man who can hold his own in any conversation. He's a kind and compassionate soul, too.

The teenager is president of the high school's stock analysis club and has also participated in the Key Club and Mathletes. He's the treasurer of Huntington's Math Honor Society chapter and the tutoring coordinator of the Science Honor Society. Mr. Stamatatos is also a member of the National Honor Society and the English and Social Studies Honor Societies.

Mr. Stamatatos' senior year academic schedule includes classes in Advanced Placement Chemistry, AP Macroeconomics, AP Microeconomics, AP English Literature and Composition, AP Calculus BC and the science research program.

As he enters his final weeks as a Huntington senior, Mr. Stamatatos has plenty to feel good about as he looks back over his time in the district, especially the past four years.

"I've enjoyed my time at Huntington High School and will forever remember my experiences and friendships made along the way," Mr. Stamatatos said. "The education offered at Huntington allowed me to delve into areas of study that interest me. In turn, I was able to build a foundation of knowledge and experience that will be further built upon in the near future."

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School Budget Vote and Trustee Election  
Tuesday, May 15, 2018  
6:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
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# Huntington Union Free School District



**Our Mission:** Recognizing the strengths of our district's traditions, its history of community support, the diversity of our population and our commitment to educational excellence, the mission of the Huntington Union Free School District is to educate students by effectively teaching an enriched body of knowledge through the active participation of all students, building upon their unique talents and abilities to produce creative, self-assured, responsible citizens who are capable of critical thought and action.