



## **BETHPAGE UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT** **2008-2009 Budget Fact Sheet**

The Budget-to-Budget increase for next year is **4.9%\***, compared with an average annual increase of **6.63%** over The past ten years.

*Even with the reduced budget increase, resources will be reallocated next year so that:*

**Full-Day Kindergarten will be launched in September, 2008.**

**There will be reduced class sizes in grades 4 and 5. In both cases, the class size maximum goes from 28 to 26 students.**

**More students with special needs who are in out-of-district placements will be brought back to our District's schools. We will expand the Grades K and 1 Inclusion Program, as well as the GOAL Program in Grade 10, to accommodate additional students.**

**An extracurricular club is being added at each elementary school and Astronomy Clubs are being established in the secondary schools.**

**New textbooks are being purchased district-wide for the K-5 English Language Arts program and the new State-mandated "Integrated Algebra" course.**

**Enrichment activities will continue, including "Read to Achieve," Astronomy Night, Cultural Arts Programs, Field Trips, and Author Visits.**

**An array of Summer School programs will continue to be provided, including Elementary Summer School (Remedial and Enrichment), an expanded Technology Camp, SAT Camp, and Secondary Summer School in which we will partner with the Plainview-Old Bethpage School District this year.**

**There will be a new 21<sup>st</sup> Century Schools initiative for the Secondary Schools.**

**Successful technology-based programs such as Infinite Campus, Connect-ED, and Transfinder will continue to support District operations.**

**\* Includes Bethpage Public Library Debt Service.**

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