

## Education

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## Welcome to the 2017-2018 School Year!

As always, your Civic will work to keep the lines of communication open between us, and our School Administration and Board. Fall 2017 opens with discussion on a multi-million dollar bond that will allow our district to make much needed improvements to the buildings and grounds of our schools. These improvements are needed to maintain North Babylon's competitiveness across Long Island in regards to academics, technology, athletics, the arts and safety. Improvements range from new sinks and labs in our High School science classrooms, cooking appliances that work for our home and life courses, to installing AC units, suitable heating units, fixing floors, yards, sinks and the all-purpose rooms in our elementary schools for the safety of our children. We qualify for these funds according to our District's rating however the decision to accept it will be up to you, the taxpayer. Please read all information you will receive this fall in order to make an informed vote. Bond vote date will most likely be December 2017. This is separate from the School Budget vote in May.

We welcome all new staff to the North Babylon School District including Celeste Archer, new Principal of Woods Road Elementary School.

New York State Reading and Math scores are available! Visit **data.nysed.gov** for your North Babylon School District 2017 Test Results.

We encourage you to communicate with your child's teachers regarding their scores as well as all education concerns you may have. There is always room for improvement. Whether a family decides to opt out of testing or not, secondary and college requirements must still be met. Our children are our most valuable assets. We owe it to them to go to open school nights, parent teacher conferences and to be proactive with their teachers.

## Where Do I Vote ...?

If you live in Election District 14 you should have received your new voting card informing that your Polling Place for general political elections has been changed. Election District 14 now votes at Robert Moses Middle School. If you live in Election District 56 and Election District 147 your Polling Place remains at Wyandanch High School. This Civic is communicating with our Republican and Democratic Suffolk County Board of Election staff to satisfy voting requirements for all of the Belmont Civic Association Area.

Stay Tuned ...



