



# VALLEY STREAM UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTEEN

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Elizabeth Lison, Ed.D.  
Superintendent of Schools

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Dear Parent or Guardian,

Each year, residents of Valley Stream Thirteen UFSD are invited to work as Budget Ambassadors during the final phases of the budget process. The *Ambassadors* are kept informed of budget details and relevant local and state issues enabling them to serve as key communicators within the community.

Interested residents are invited to attend a meeting on March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM in the James A. Dever School cafeteria. At that time, the details of the proposed 2011-2012 budget will be presented. We will answer questions regarding the budget, district finances, tax bills, and programs. Suggestions for presenting the budget to the community will be discussed. Once the budget is finalized, *Ambassadors* will be provided with a list of questions and answers likely to arise when discussing district and budget issues with other parents, friends and neighbors. They will be informed spokespeople for the district, able to promote its positive aspects while addressing the questions and concerns of residents.

The second meeting will be held on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Meetings are not mandatory and those who cannot attend will be sent the necessary information.

We hope that you will be able to serve our district in this capacity and look forward to working together on behalf of our students.

Please call or e-mail Denise Michels at 568-6100 or [dmichels@valleystream13.com](mailto:dmichels@valleystream13.com) by Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> to let us know if you will be able to participate. If you would like to be a *Budget Ambassador* but cannot make the meeting, please let us know and we will schedule a time that is convenient to meet or speak with you.

Thank you and we hope to be working with you as we move forward with the budget process.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Lison  
Superintendent

Meredith Brosnan  
Assistant Superintendent for Business