



**YOUR PROPERTY TAXES...**

The Saratoga County Board of Supervisors is providing this information to all property taxpayers in Saratoga County to inform them about how State & Federal mandates affect their annual property tax bills.

- The 2016 County General Fund Budget totals \$247,924,904. Of that amount, \$90,382,510 is for programs mandated by New York State Government with a net cost of \$56,866,018 to the taxpayers of Saratoga County. County government has little or no control over these costs.

*“Mandates” are federal or State created programs that are required to be operated by lower level governments. In New York State, most of these mandates are not accompanied by State money to pay for them or are only partially paid for. Because County government relies upon property taxes to operate, expensive State mandates become expensive property taxes on local taxpayers.*

**New York State Unfunded Mandates**

Medicaid	\$23,897,740
Pensions	9,958,960
Community Colleges	7,150,000
Early Intervention & Pre-School	5,744,238
Social Services	6,302,978
Probation	2,055,645
Legal Defense	1,120,030
Public Health Early Intervention	<u>636,427</u>
	<b>\$56,866,018</b>

- In 2016, these Unfunded Mandates will exceed the **\$54,170,081 Property Tax Levy by \$2,695,937**. This means that all County property taxes plus an additional \$2.69 Million from sales tax revenues are needed to cover the State mandates.