# Maximizing Our Students' Talents and Achievements, While Maintaining our Hard Fought Restorations

Longwood Board of Education Adopted Budget for 2016-2017

April 21, 2016

#### Issues Impacting our Budget:

- \* NYS Tax CAP: lower of 2% or the CPI. 2016-17 cap will be CPI of 0.12%
- Inadequate State Aid: GEA Continues to Siphon Millions of Dollars from our State Aid. We Need 100% Restoration NOW!!!!
- State Aid has Decreased from 47% of revenue in 2001 to \*38% in 2017
- State Education Unfunded Mandates
- Charter School Tuition
  - \* Denotes full restoration of GEA funding

# Students Remain our First Priority

- Ensure a Comprehensive Academic Program Aligned with Higher Learning Standards
- Provide a Safe, Supportive and Challenging Educational Experience
- Continue to Fund our District-Wide STEM, Literacy and Math Support Programs
- Continue our Efforts with the K-12 Students' Success Initiative (SSI)
- Build our secondary level program "Pathways To Learning Academies"

# Students Remain our First Priority

- Expand our Partnerships with Local SUNY Colleges for Credit-Bearing Courses within our Learning Academies
- Continue Implementation of the NYSED Smart School Bond Act for Technology
- Continue to Strengthen our Elementary Math and Literacy Instruction through the implementation of "Blended Learning"

## Maximum Allowable Tax Levy for 2016-17

- Exemptions/exclusions include estimated local capital expenditures for 2016-17.
- \* Longwood's Maximum Allowable 2016-17 Tax Levy requiring a simple majority vote reflects an increase of 2.01% over 2015-16.

#### Anticipated Revenue Budget

Real Estate Taxes \$ 134,022,359 57.03%

Estimated State Aid \$ 90,106,025 38.34%

Applied Fund

Balance/Reserves \$ 6,600,000 2.81%

Other Revenue \$ 4,271,616 1.82%

#### Budget Outlook for 2016-17

Current Budget \$227,000,000

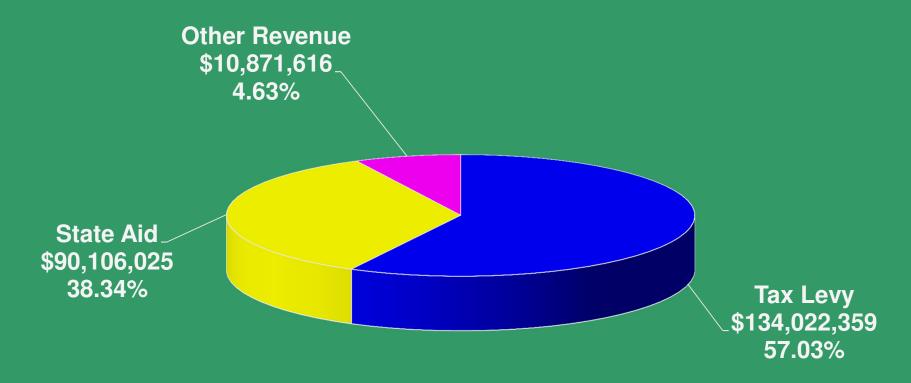
Proposed Budget \$235,000,000

Budget Increase 3.52%

Tax Levy Increase 2.01%

#### 2016-17 Revenue Budget

Proposed Budget for 2016-2017 \$235,000,000



## Program Enhancement Priorities

- Continue to Implement NYSED Part 154
- Expand on the use of our I-Ready Diagnostic Tool
- Increase Professional Development for our Elementary Literacy and Math Instruction with our Summer Math Institute

## Program Enhancement Priorities

- Maintain Current Levels of Occupational Education Opportunities to High School Juniors and Seniors
- Enhanced Special Education Program at our Yaphank Facility, Providing Occupational Education Experiences for our Secondary Special Education Students Currently Being Served through BOCES

## Program Enhancement Priorities Con't

- Maintain the Transition Services for Academically "At-Risk" Children Entering 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Grades
- Continue to Support Professional Development for our Staff and Administrators, Aligned with the Higher Learning Standards.

#### Maintaining Our Facilities

- Provide a Safe and Secure School Atmosphere
- Increase School Building Security Utilizing Advanced Technology
- Protect Investment in our Facilities by Moving Forward with the Completion of the Energy Savings Project
- Enhance our Technology Infrastructure and Hardware with the use of the Smart Bond Act

## What Happens if the Budget Fails?

- Limited Opportunities for Students
- Reduced Services for Students
- Increased class size
- Elimination of Staff: Administrators, Teachers, CSEA
- Adopt a Contingent Budget (required)
- No Increase in the Current Tax Levy (a zero percent cap)

## What Happens if the Budget Fails?

- Eliminate All New Equipment Purchases
- Reduce Building Repairs and Eliminate Capital Projects
- Limit use of Buildings & Grounds by Community Organizations (impose fees required by law)
- \* Total Reductions Needed for a Contingent Budget: \$2,637,030

- Passed School Budget for thirteen consecutive years
- Increased Ratio of YES to NO Votes Each Year
- Increased Community Confidence and Support
- Maintained Outstanding Financial Credit Rating AA+
- \* HS Graduation Rate increased to 90%, up from 78% in June 2001

- Four Longwood High School Students were Named Commended Students in the 2016 National Merit Scholarships Program.
- First Ever, Two HS Seniors Named Candidates for the Prestigious U.S. Presidential Scholars Program
- Our HS Boasts a Record Number of Varsity Teams who Qualify for NYS Public School Athletic Association Awards by maintaining Academic Averages of 90%, or above

- \$15,000,000 in Scholarships Awarded to the Class of 2015 – Up from \$10,000,000 in 2014
- Increased Parent Participation Throughout all School Buildings
- \* Renewed School-to-Business

  Partnerships Program with Numerous

  Local Businesses
- New Middle School Application for Designation as a NYS Essential School to Watch

- Entering the Third Year of a Five Year Implementation Plan for the \$1.7 Million Climate Transformation Grant
- The Longwood Lions Football Team .....Long Island Championship Class 1 Title
- Top Student Musicians were Chosen to Participate in the All-State, and All-County Festivals
- Two Building Administrators in One Year - Honored by NYSCOSS

#### In Spite Of .....

We Work Diligently to keep Academic Excellence our Highest Priority, and the Community's Investment in Education our Top Commitment!



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