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2020-2021

PROPOSED BUDGET
AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

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Ballots must be received by 5:00 pm on June 9, 2020.
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Residents who wish to view the line-by-line details may view the 2020–2021 Proposed Budget on the district website Lawrence.org.

CURRENT
BUDGET
2019–20

PROPOSED
BUDGET
2020–21

REVENUES

As a school district, we have limited sources of income. We aggressively pursue and are awarded grants, state and federal funds, and maximize our investments.

◆ STATE AID (Non-Tax Revenues)	\$12,880,481	\$12,881,253
◆ APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE PLUS SURPLUS	\$0	\$0
◆ OTHER SOURCES (Non-Tax Revenues)	\$3,614,500	\$3,654,500
◆ TAX LEVY	\$85,954,300	\$85,954,300
◆ TAX LEVY – CAPITAL PROJECT EXCLUSIONS	\$0	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$102,449,281	\$102,490,053

EXPENDITURES

New York State requires that all public schools report their spending in the “Three-Part Budget” format in categories of Administration, Program, and Capital.

THREE-PART BUDGET

◆ ADMINISTRATION	\$10,822,502	\$10,792,437
◆ PROGRAM	\$80,830,403	\$80,336,365
◆ CAPITAL	\$10,796,376	\$11,361,251
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$102,449,281	\$102,490,053

ADMINISTRATION, 10.530% OF THE BUDGET, \$10,792,437

	CURRENT BUDGET 2019–20	PROPOSED BUDGET 2020–21
Administrative Services — Offices of the Superintendent, Human Resources, and Business; salaries of administrators, secretarial and support staff; supplies, equipment and contractual services, and all related expenses, including BOCES services, legal fees, including annual retainer for Board of Education attorneys	\$2,783,541	\$2,943,197
Central Services — Includes central printing, mailing, service contracts for equipment; data processing for all student administrative services, as well as maintenance fees of financial programs for payroll, accounting, personnel and staff attendance	\$1,986,920	\$1,560,110
Curriculum — Salaries of the Assistant Superintendent and Curriculum Office staff; supplies, related expenses; salaries of building principals, supervisors, their administrative staffs and clerical personnel, hall monitors and aides; related expenses for equipment purchase, rental and service agreements	\$1,305,359	\$1,400,303
Special Items — Insurance, mandated charges such as the district’s BOCES administrative cost, fees to Villages of Cedarhurst and Lawrence, School Association dues; investigative services for nonresident cases	\$1,061,275	\$1,061,275
Employee Benefits — Includes employer’s FICA obligation, Medicare, health, dental, optical and life insurance. Employees contribute to the aforementioned benefits. Where possible, the district utilizes self-insurance programs as a cost-containing measure. Also includes workers’ compensation, unemployment, health insurance, and reimbursement of Medicare Part B expenses for retirees over age 65.	\$3,685,407	\$3,827,552
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$10,822,502	\$10,792,437

PROGRAM, 78.385% OF THE BUDGET, \$80,336,365

	CURRENT BUDGET 2019-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-21
Classroom Instruction/Regular School — Salaries for all teachers, aides, and substitutes; furniture and equipment, contractual expenses, textbooks for public and nonpublic students; supplies and materials and BOCES-related expenses	\$25,242,011	\$24,552,825
Special Education — Salaries for all special education teachers, aides, support and clerical staff for all programs conducted within the district; equipment, supplies; tuition and legal services for special education students and foster children receiving BOCES services	\$19,511,576	\$19,847,188
Pupil Services and Activities — Salaries for Attendance, Guidance, Health Services, Psychological Services, Social Work Services, Co-curricular and Interscholastic Athletics staff and clerical support; supplies, fees and testing costs where applicable	\$7,361,724	\$6,915,064
Transportation — Transportation/Central Registration: staff and special education bus monitors; medical exams, training, expenses for Central Registration. Contract Transportation: costs related to transport of public and nonpublic students, handicapped pupils, field trips, and school activities	\$11,038,848	\$11,594,721
Employee Benefits — Includes employer's FICA obligation, Medicare, health, dental, optical and life insurance. Employees contribute to the aforementioned benefits. Where possible, the district utilizes self-insurance programs as a cost-containing measure. Also includes workers' compensation, unemployment, health insurance, and reimbursement of Medicare Part B expenses for retirees over age 65.	\$16,573,725	\$16,345,678
Other — Special schools, academic support and grants-in-aid, instructional media and technology	\$762,519	\$740,889
Interfund Transfers — Local Share for Summer Handicapped and Section 4201 School	\$340,000	\$340,000
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$80,830,403	\$80,336,365

CAPITAL, 11.085% OF THE BUDGET, \$11,361,251

	CURRENT BUDGET 2019-20	PROPOSED BUDGET 2020-21
Operations and Plant Maintenance — Salaries of maintenance, grounds, cleaning and security crews and related supervisors for four buildings; equipment; contracted services for property repairs, property insurance; BOCES/health and safety officials; utilities and WAN/Fiber optic internet lines; cleaning supplies and materials	\$5,319,381	\$5,798,354
Debt Service — Includes payments, principal and interest on notes, and energy efficient bonds, copy machine leases	\$75,000	\$75,000
Employee Benefits — Includes employer's FICA obligation, Medicare, health, dental, optical and life insurance. Employees contribute to the aforementioned benefits. Where possible, the district utilizes self-insurance programs as a cost-containing measure. Also includes workers' compensation, unemployment, health insurance, and reimbursement of Medicare Part B expenses for retirees over age 65.	\$1,437,048	\$1,522,950
Interfund Transfer FEMA Capital Projects	\$3,964,947	\$3,964,947
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$10,796,376	\$11,361,251

BUDGET VOTE

Voting Ends at 5:00 pm, Tuesday, June 9, 2020

VOTING INFORMATION

Pursuant to the Governor's Executive Order 202.26, the annual budget vote and school board election has been scheduled for June 9, 2020, and will be held by absentee ballot only. All qualified voters of the Lawrence Union Free School District will be sent an absentee ballot together with a postage-paid return envelope and instructions for completing the same. To be counted, all completed absentee ballots must be received in the Office of the District Clerk by 5:00 pm on June 9, 2020.

The public hearing on this year's proposed budget will be held remotely on Tuesday, May 26, 2020 at 8:00 pm. Information on how to access the hearing will be posted on the District website at <https://www.lawrence.org/o/lawrence-school-district/page/meeting-notice-schedule>.

In light of the limitations posed by COVID-19, there will be no in-person voter registration held at school district offices prior to the June 9, 2020 vote. If you are not currently registered to vote, registration with the County Board of Elections is available online through the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles website at <https://dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application>. Those wishing to register online must do so by May 26, 2020. Residents may visit the Board of Education Budget Vote/Election Information page located on our website, www.lawrence.org for in depth information. There are links that will enable residents to check their voter registration status along with absentee ballot information.

◆ VOTER ELIGIBILITY

A qualified voter is a person who is a citizen of the United States, at least eighteen years of age, a resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to the date of the election, and who is not otherwise ineligible to vote under the provisions of section 5-106 of the Election Law (e.g. a person who has been adjudged to be mentally incompetent by a court). Eligible voters also include those who have voted in school district elections within the past four years and those who are registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections. It is not required that a voter who registers with the school district for the annual election also be registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections.

Personal registration of voters is required either pursuant to Section 2014 of the New York State Education Law or pursuant to Article 5 of the New York State Election Law. If a voter has heretofore registered pursuant to Section 2014 of the New York State Education Law and has voted at any annual or special district meeting within the past four (4) calendar years, such voter is eligible to vote at this election; if a voter is registered and eligible to vote pursuant to Article 5 of the New York State Election Law, such voter is also eligible to vote at this election. All other persons who wish to vote must register online no later than May 26, 2020. There is no provision for in-person registration for this election. Those wishing to register to vote should visit <https://www.dmv.ny.gov/more-info/electronic-voter-registration-application> in order to do so online.

◆ CONTACT INFORMATION

Ms. Mohinder Bharaj, District Clerk, 516-295-7032
Lawrence Union Free School District, Board of Education
2 Reilly Road, Cedarhurst, New York 11516
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 477, Lawrence, New York 11559

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Ann Pedersen, Ed.D., Superintendent of Schools

The Lawrence Union Free School District hereby advises students, parents, employees, and the general public that it offers employment and educational opportunities, including vocational educational opportunities, without regard to sex, race, color, national origin, or handicap. Inquiries regarding this nondiscrimination policy may be directed to Dr. Ann Pedersen, Superintendent, Lawrence School District Compliance Officer/Title IX and Sec. 504; Lawrence Union Free School District, P.O. Box 477, Lawrence, NY 11559. Tel. 516-295-7030.

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

◆ PROPOSITION NO. 1: SCHOOL BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, be authorized to expend the sum of **One Hundred Two Million Four Hundred Ninety Thousand Fifty Three Dollars (\$102,490,053.00)** for the fiscal year 2020-2021, and is further authorized to levy the necessary tax for the above purpose upon the taxable property of the School District, after first deducting the monies available from State aid and other sources.

◆ PROPOSITION NO. 2: LIBRARY BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the sum of **Three Million One Hundred Eleven Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$3,111,750.00)** be appropriated for the Peninsula Public Library for the fiscal year 2020-2021 and that said amount be raised by tax upon the taxable property of the Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York, pursuant to § 259 of the Education Law, and be levied and collected in the same manner as are other general taxes, after first deducting the monies available from State aid and other sources.

◆ PROPOSITION NO. 3: 2020 BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CREATION AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lawrence Union Free School District 15 is hereby authorized to establish a Building Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the "2020 Building Capital Reserve Fund") and expend funds from such Reserve for the purpose of financing reconstruction, renovation and equipping of: 1) Lawrence High School, including Athletic Wing Improvements, Gymnasium HVAC Improvements, Library Renovation, Classroom Renovations and Conversions, Air Conditioning Installation and Improvements; 2) Lawrence Middle School, including Classroom Renovation, Cafeteria Renovation, Locker Replacement, Gymnasium Roof Replacement, Roof Access Stairs; and 3) Lawrence Primary School, including Parking and Playground Improvements. The ultimate amount of such Reserve is not to exceed \$4,000,000.00, plus interest and earnings thereon. The probable term of such Reserve is to be ten (10) years, but such Reserve shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted. The sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are unappropriated fund balances made available by the Board of Education from the 2019-2020 budget.

◆ PROPOSITION NO. 4: 2021 BUILDING CAPITAL RESERVE FUND CREATION AND EXPENDITURE AUTHORIZATION

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lawrence Union Free School District 15 is hereby authorized to establish a Building Capital Reserve Fund pursuant to Section 3651 of the Education Law (to be known as the "2021 Building Capital Reserve Fund") and expend funds from such Reserve for the purpose of financing reconstruction, renovation and equipping of: 1) Lawrence High School, including Athletic Wing Improvements, Gymnasium HVAC Improvements, Library Renovation, Classroom Renovations and Conversions, Air Conditioning Installation and Improvements; 2) Lawrence Middle School, including Classroom Renovation, Cafeteria Renovation, Locker Replacement, Gymnasium Roof Replacement, Roof Access Stairs; and 3) Lawrence Primary School, including Parking and Playground Improvements. The ultimate amount of such Reserve is not to exceed \$5,000,000.00, plus interest and earnings thereon. The probable term of such Reserve is to be ten (10) years, but such Reserve shall continue in existence until liquidated in accordance with the Education Law or until the funds are exhausted. The sources from which the funds shall be obtained for such Reserve are unappropriated fund balances made available by the Board of Education from the 2020-2021 budget.

◆ **SCHOOL BOARD TRUSTEE:** To elect two (2) trustees of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2023.

◆ **LIBRARY BOARD TRUSTEE:** To elect one (1) trustee of the Peninsula Public Library for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2020, and ending on June 30, 2025.