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2014-2015
PROPOSED BUDGET
AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**BUDGET
VOTE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 20, 2014
7:00 AM - 10:00 PM**

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DISTRICT POLLING LOCATIONS

Residents who wish to view the line-by-line details may view the 2014–2015 Proposed Budget on the district website Lawrence.org.

CURRENT
BUDGET
2013–14

PROPOSED
BUDGET
2014–15

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.

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| ◆ STATE AID (Non-Tax Revenues) | \$7,945,518 | \$9,124,060 |
| ◆ APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE PLUS SURPLUS | \$0 | \$0 |
| ◆ OTHER SOURCES (Non-Tax Revenues) | \$2,053,667 | \$2,743,186 |
| ◆ TAX LEVY | \$82,126,274 | \$83,748,426 |
| ◆ TAX LEVY–TRS EXCLUSIONS | \$875,139 | \$0 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | \$93,000,598 | \$95,615,672 |

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

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|---------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| ◆ ADMINISTRATION | \$6,903,572 | \$8,002,520 |
| ◆ PROGRAM | \$79,281,299 | \$80,756,411 |
| ◆ CAPITAL | \$6,815,727 | \$6,856,740 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | \$93,000,598 | \$95,615,672 |

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

| | CURRENT BUDGET 2013–14 | PROPOSED BUDGET 2014–15 |
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| CAPITAL, 7.373% OF THE BUDGET, \$6,856,740 | | |
| Operations and Plant Maintenance — Salaries of maintenance, grounds, cleaning and security crews and related supervisors for five 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 | \$5,235,000 | \$5,378,981 |
| Debt Service — Includes payments, principal and interest on notes, and energy efficient bonds, copy machine leases. | \$379,219 | \$379,219 |
| 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 | \$1,201,507 | \$1,098,540 |
| TOTAL CAPITAL | \$6,815,727 | \$6,856,740 |

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

CURRENT
BUDGET 2013-14 **PROPOSED
BUDGET 2014-15**

ADMINISTRATION, 8.605% OF THE BUDGET, \$8,002,520

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| 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 | \$1,724,855 | \$1,816,519 |
| 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 | \$775,134 | \$960,408 |
| Curriculum — Salaries of the Deputy 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 | \$1,405,477 | \$1,431,503 |
| 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 | \$1,062,015 | \$1,090,750 |
| 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 | \$1,936,092 | \$2,703,340 |
| TOTAL ADMINISTRATION | \$6,903,572 | \$8,002,520 |

PROGRAM, 86.834% OF THE BUDGET, \$80,756,411

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| 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 | \$27,060,906 | \$27,363,871 |
| 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 | \$16,727,618 | \$16,921,119 |
| 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 | \$6,360,265 | \$7,115,588 |
| Transportation — Transportation/Central Registration: salaries of supervisor, 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 | \$10,098,974 | \$10,342,674 |
| 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. | \$17,833,887 | \$17,939,922 |
| Other — Special schools, academic support and grants-in-aid, instructional media and technology | \$1,212,868 | \$1,073,236 |
| Interfund Transfers — Local Share for Summer Handicapped and Section 4201 School | \$366,000 | \$366,000 |
| TOTAL PROGRAM | \$79,281,299 | \$80,756,411 |

VOTING GUIDELINES

VOTER ELIGIBILITY — All voters must be United States citizens, 18 years old or older, and a resident of School District 15 for at least thirty days prior to the vote. In addition, a resident must be registered either with the school district or with the Nassau County Board of Elections. If you have voted in either a school district election within the past year or a local general election anytime in the past four years, you are already registered. If you are not already registered with either, you may register with the County by mail or in person.

VOTER REGISTRATION — You may register in person throughout the school year with the District Clerk. By doing so, you will be qualified only to vote in school district elections. Qualified residents should bring at least one document from each category below, to the District Clerk's office, 195 Broadway, Lawrence, NY 11559 on school days between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm.

EVIDENCE OF IDENTIFICATION (PHOTO ID)

- Valid NYS Driver's License
- Valid NYS Photo ID Card
- Valid US Passport

EVIDENCE OF RESIDENCY AND OCCUPANCY

- Recent gas bill, oil bill, electric bill, home telephone bill, cable bill, property tax bill showing address and name
- Copy of Lease
- Record of recent mortgage payment

LAST DAY TO REGISTER — Thursday, May 8, 2014, between the hours of 8:00 am and 11:00 am is the last day to register with the District Clerk for the May 20, 2014 budget vote and election.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS — An absentee ballot can be used by anyone who is unable to appear in person on the day of the school district election. Applications are available at www.lawrence.org under Budget Vote/Election Documents.

PROCEDURES

- An individual who wants to cast an absentee ballot must complete, sign and return the absentee ballot application to the District Clerk, Lawrence Union Free School District, P.O. Box 477, Lawrence, NY 11559 by May 13, 2014 if the ballot is to be mailed to the individual.
- If an absentee ballot application is received after May 13, 2014, the applicant must go to the District Clerk's office located at the Lawrence Middle School, 195 Broadway, Lawrence by May 19, 2014 in order to vote in person. Valid NYS Photo ID is required.
- Absentee ballots can only be delivered to the individual who applied for the absentee ballot.
- Any individual, who would like to fill out the absentee ballot application and receive and cast the absentee ballot at the same time, should do so at the Office of the District Clerk by May 19, 2014. Valid NYS Photo ID is required.
- Residents that are registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections as "Permanently Disabled" will be sent their ballots automatically and need not apply.
- Applications may not be transmitted electronically because an original signature is required.

Upon receipt, your application will be reviewed, pursuant to the provisions of the Education Law, to establish your entitlement to vote by Absentee Ballot. A Ballot will then be issued to you.

YOU WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE BY ABSENTEE BALLOT IF:

- Your application is incomplete, unsigned or undated
- You are not a qualified registered voter of the Lawrence School District

RETURNING YOUR ABSENTEE BALLOT

The ballot will come with instructions and a set of return envelopes. After making your choices on the ballot, you must enclose it in the smaller envelope that contains your name and address, sign and date the back. Then insert that envelope in the bigger envelope addressed to the District Clerk, place proper postage on it and mail it back. Alternatively, the ballot may be hand-delivered to the District Clerk's office by 5:00 pm on May 20, 2014. Your completed ballot cannot be delivered directly to your polling place on the day of the election.

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday
May 20, 2014

7:00 am – 10:00 pm

Qualified residents of the Lawrence Union Free School District #15 will be eligible to vote on the proposed 2014–2015 School Budget and to elect two candidates for the Board of Education.

POLLING LOCATIONS

- **NUMBER TWO SCHOOL**
1 Donahue Avenue, Inwood
- **LAWRENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL**
195 Broadway, Lawrence
- **LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL**
2 Reilly Road, Cedarhurst
- **ATLANTIC BEACH VILLAGE HALL**
65 The Plaza, Atlantic Beach

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Gary B. Schall
Superintendent of Schools

The Lawrence 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 Mr. Gary Schall, Superintendent, Lawrence School District Compliance Officer/Title IX and Sec. 504; Lawrence School District, P.O. Box 477, Lawrence, NY 11559. Tel. 516-295-7030.