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2016-2017
PROPOSED BUDGET
AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BUDGET
VOTE

TUESDAY, MAY 17, 2016

7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

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Qualified residents of the
Lawrence Union Free School District #15
will be eligible to vote on the proposed
2016-2017 School Budget and to elect
three candidates for the Board of Education.

POLLING LOCATIONS

PRIMARY SCHOOL AT 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

Residents who wish to view the line-by-line details may view the 2016–2017 Proposed Budget on the district website Lawrence.org.

CURRENT
BUDGET
2015–16

PROPOSED
BUDGET
2016–17

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)	\$10,298,647	\$11,271,647
◆ APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE PLUS SURPLUS	\$0	\$0
◆ OTHER SOURCES (Non-Tax Revenues)	\$3,260,187	\$4,519,693
◆ TAX LEVY	\$83,748,426	\$83,770,595
◆ TAX LEVY – CAPITAL PROJECT EXCLUSIONS	\$1,256,226	\$0
TOTAL REVENUES	\$98,563,486	\$99,561,935

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	\$9,242,753	\$9,133,463
◆ PROGRAM	\$80,302,190	\$81,272,080
◆ CAPITAL	\$9,018,543	\$9,156,392
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$98,563,486	\$99,561,935

ADMINISTRATION, 9.174% OF THE BUDGET, \$9,133,463

	CURRENT BUDGET 2015–16	PROPOSED BUDGET 2016–17
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	\$1,933,441	\$2,206,500
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	\$1,090,764	\$1,194,453
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	\$1,801,302	\$1,681,993
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	\$1,137,035	\$1,137,035
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	\$3,318,963	\$3,280,211
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$9,242,753	\$9,133,463

PROGRAM, 81.630% OF THE BUDGET, \$81,272,080

	CURRENT BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-17
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	\$27,984,959	\$27,233,923
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	\$17,573,837	\$19,087,653
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 applicabl	\$6,923,662	\$7,239,575
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	\$10,866,122	\$11,043,510
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.	\$15,360,678	\$15,465,851
Other — Special schools, academic support and grants-in-aid, instructional media and technology	\$1,252,973	\$861,568
Interfund Transfers — Local Share for Summer Handicapped and Section 4201 School	\$340,000	\$340,000
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$80,302,190	\$81,272,080

CAPITAL, 9.197% OF THE BUDGET, \$9,156,392

	CURRENT BUDGET 2015-16	PROPOSED BUDGET 2016-17
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	\$5,729,340	\$5,231,024
Debt Service — Includes payments, principal and interest on notes, and energy efficient bonds, copy machine leases	\$307,823	\$332,823
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 6	\$1,467,612	\$1,334,567
Interfund Transfer Capital Project	\$1,513,769	\$2,257,978
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$9,018,543	\$9,156,392

**BUDGET VOTE
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Voting/Election Information:
Ms. Mohinder Bharaj, District Clerk
2 Reilly Road, Cedarhurst, NY 11516
Mailing Address: P.O. Box 477, Lawrence, NY 11559
516-295-7032

VOTING GUIDELINES

Residents may visit the **Budget Vote/Election Information** page located on our website, Lawrence.org for in depth information. The link is located on the left of the home page under the blue translation widget. There are links that will enable residents to check their voter registration status, polling locations along with absentee ballot information.

VOTER ELIGIBILITY

Anyone who is a United States citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a resident of School District 15 for more than 30 days prior to the vote is eligible to register. 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.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Eligible voters may register in person throughout the school year with the District Clerk. Personal Voter Registration will be on Tuesday, May 3rd between 4 and 8 pm in the Lawrence Middle School lobby. **Two forms of identification will be required.** This will only register you for the school district election. It will not register you for the general elections. **The deadline for personal registration is at 11 am on Wednesday, May 4th.**

Residents may also register by mail to be eligible to vote for all elections by downloading a New York State Voter Registration Form from the Nassau County Board of Elections website: www.co.nassau.ny.us/boe or the NYS website: www.elections.ny.gov. Your mailed registration form must be received by the Nassau County Board of Elections by May 4th.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS

Qualified registered voters can obtain applications for absentee ballots from the District Clerk or download one from the website. Applications must be received at least 7 days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election, if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Absentee ballots are automatically sent to residents who are qualified voters whose registration records have been marked "permanently disabled" by the Board of Elections.

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

• PROPOSITION NO. 1: 2016–2017 SCHOOL BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of the Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York is authorized to expend the sum of **\$99,561,935** during the 2016-2017 School Year, 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 for state aid and other sources.

• PROPOSITION NO. 2: 2016–2017 LIBRARY BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the sum of **\$2,888,510** be appropriated for library purposes for the Peninsula Public Library, and that said amount be raised by tax upon the taxable property of the Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15, pursuant to § 259 of the Education Law, and be levied and collected in the same manner as are general taxes, after first deducting the monies available from state aid and other sources.

• PROPOSITION NO. 3: TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2015–2016 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York be authorized to transfer up to One Million Eight Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$1,800,000**) of unexpended, unreserved funds to the Capital Reserve Fund to construct improvements to Lawrence High School during the 2015-2016 school year, which improvements include: renovation of the cafeteria, asbestos removal, installation of HVAC systems, replacement of interior doors, renovation of science laboratory rooms, and other improvements and costs incidental thereto.

• PROPOSITION NO. 4: TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2016–2017 CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of Lawrence Union Free School District No. 15, Town of Hempstead, Nassau County, New York be authorized to transfer up to Three Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$3,300,000**) of unexpended, unreserved funds to the Capital Reserve Fund to construct improvements to school buildings during the 2016-2017 school year, which improvements include: auditorium renovations at Lawrence Middle School at Broadway Campus and Lawrence High School, renovation of bathrooms at Lawrence High School, repair of cupolas, renovation of bleachers at Lawrence High School, repair and renovation of the exterior façade of the auditorium at Broadway Campus, installation of an ADA-compliant elevator at Lawrence High School, exterior paving at Broadway Campus, and other improvements and costs incidental thereto.

• BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES

To elect three (3) trustees of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2019.

• PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE

To elect one (1) trustee of the Public Library for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2021.

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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.