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2015-2016
PROPOSED BUDGET
AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

**BUDGET
VOTE**

**TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2015
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 2015–2016 Proposed Budget on the district website Lawrence.org.

CURRENT
BUDGET
2014–15

PROPOSED
BUDGET
2015–16

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)	\$9,124,060	\$10,298,647
◆ APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE PLUS SURPLUS	\$0	\$0
◆ OTHER SOURCES (Non-Tax Revenues)	\$2,743,186	\$3,260,186
◆ TAX LEVY	\$83,748,426	\$83,748,426
◆ TAX LEVY – CAPITAL PROJECT EXCLUSIONS	\$0	\$1,256,226
TOTAL REVENUES	\$95,615,672	\$98,563,486

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	\$8,600,037	\$9,242,753
◆ PROGRAM	\$79,386,535	\$80,302,190
◆ CAPITAL	\$7,263,100	\$9,018,543
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$95,615,672	\$98,563,486

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

	CURRENT BUDGET 2014–15	PROPOSED BUDGET 2015–16
CAPITAL, 9.150% OF THE BUDGET, \$9,018,543		
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	\$5,378,981	\$5,729,340
Debt Service — Includes payments, principal and interest on notes, and energy efficient bonds, copy machine leases	\$379,219	\$307,823
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 65	\$1,504,899	\$1,467,612
Interfund Transfer Capital Project	\$0	\$1,513,769
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$8,600,037	\$9,018,543

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

CURRENT
BUDGET 2014-15 **PROPOSED
BUDGET 2015-16**

ADMINISTRATION, 9.377% OF THE BUDGET, \$9,242,753

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	\$1,787,837	\$1,933,441
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	\$960,408	\$1,090,764
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	\$1,442,080	\$1,801,302
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	\$1,090,750	\$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	\$8,600,037	\$9,242,753

PROGRAM, 81.473% OF THE BUDGET, \$80,302,190

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	\$27,363,871	\$27,984,959
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	\$16,903,119	\$17,573,837
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	\$7,115,588	\$6,923,662
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	\$10,342,674	\$10,866,122
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.	\$16,551,941	\$15,360,678
Other — Special schools, academic support and grants-in-aid, instructional media and technology	\$1,073,236	\$1,252,973
Interfund Transfers — Local Share for Summer Handicapped and Section 4201 School	\$366,000	\$340,000
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$79,752,535	\$80,302,190

VOTING GUIDELINES

VOTER ELIGIBILITY — Anyone who is a citizen, at least 18 years of age, and a Lawrence School District 15 resident for more than 30 days is eligible to register. Those residents who have voted in one or more school, state, or national elections during the last four years are automatically registered and eligible to vote on Tuesday, May 19, 2015.

VOTER REGISTRATION — For information regarding voter registration, please contact Ms. Mohinder Bharaj, District Clerk, at 295-7032. Personal Voter Registration will be on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 between 4 pm and 8 pm at the Lawrence Middle School. **Two forms of identification will be required.** Until Thursday, May 7th, those who still wish to register can do so in the Clerk's office at the Lawrence Middle School located at 195 Broadway in Lawrence between 8 am and 11 am. This is the deadline for personal registration in School District 15.

ABSENTEE BALLOT APPLICATIONS — Applications for absentee ballots may be obtained by writing or calling the District Clerk, Lawrence Public Schools, P.O. Box 477, Lawrence, New York 11559, telephone 295-7032, or picked up from the Clerk's office during school hours. Residents may also download an absentee ballot application by visiting www.Lawrence.org. Look for the left side navigation link titled Budget Vote/Election Information. Applications must be received by May 12, 2015 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter.

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

- PROPOSITION NO. 1: SCHOOL BUDGET—To adopt the annual budget of the Lawrence Union Free School District 15 for the fiscal year 2015–2016 and to authorize the requisite portion thereof to be raised by taxation on the taxable property of the school district.
- PROPOSITION NO. 2: SCHOOL DISTRICT LIBRARY BUDGET—To adopt the annual budget of the Peninsula Public Library for the fiscal year 2015–2016 and that said amount be raised by tax upon the taxable property of the Lawrence Union Free School District 15 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.
- BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES—To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2015, and ending on June 30, 2018.
- PENINSULA PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE—To elect one (1) trustee of the Peninsula Public Library for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2020.

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

Qualified residents of the Lawrence Union Free School District #15 will be eligible to vote on the proposed 2015–2016 School Budget and to elect two candidates for the Board of Education.

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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.

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