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2012-2013

PROPOSED BUDGET

AN EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

BUDGET HEARING

Monday, April 30, 2012, 8:00 PM
Lawrence Middle School

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 15, 2012
7:00 AM – 10:00 PM

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DISTRICT POLLING LOCATIONS

NOTE: NUMBER SIX SCHOOL VOTERS
NEW POLLING PLACE
IS LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

Dear Residents,

Based on a year to year budget increase of zero percent, the Board of Education has adopted a budget of \$93.1 million.

The administration was charged with constructing a budget that created efficiencies, enhanced programs, and maintained a flat budget. Program enhancements include:

1. A new Building Trades Vocational Program
2. A University Partnership for Universal Pre-K
3. S.A.T. Prep for all high school students
4. Increased Instructional Time at the High School
5. Upgrades in Technology
6. Middle School Science Projects Enrichment Program
7. Enhanced security systems

Due to increases in salaries and benefits and reductions in state and federal aid, the proposed budget, with a zero percent increase, reflects over \$5 million in cost savings. The largest decrease of \$2.1 million is in the area of salaries and benefits. The reductions in personnel were achieved as a result of attrition through retirements and realignment and redeployment of personnel.

Following the sale of the Number One School for \$29.1 million, the Board allocated \$17 million for capital improvements to the schools in the District and has judiciously applied portions of the remainder of the proceeds to reduce the burden of taxes on all community residents.

In the past five years, the tax levy has grown by less than 1% despite cost pressures primarily driven by contractual salary and benefit increases for District personnel. Nevertheless, we have worked hard to limit our expense growth and, as a result, the six year average budget increase is less than .5%, including the adopted 2012-2013 Budget.

We now educate approximately 3,060 children from pre-school (age four) to twelfth grade, as well as to provide services and support to the nearly 4,400 resident students in attendance in nonpublic schools. Such services are primarily comprised of busing, textbooks, and special education of all our students. We have a significant number of children eligible for free and reduced lunch, an indicator of poverty and are only one of two districts on Long Island that operates a Universal Pre-Kindergarten Program.

Our commitment as trustees and our track record of managing the District is one that we sincerely hope has gained your trust and confidence. Please do not forget to vote on May 15th.

Sincerely,

Asher Mansdorf, President
Lawrence Public Schools

Residents who wish to view the line-by-line details may view the 2012-2013 Proposed Budget on the district website Lawrence.org.

CURRENT
BUDGET
2011-12*

PROPOSED
BUDGET
2012-13

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)	\$6,475,023	\$6,962,454
◆ APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE PLUS SURPLUS	\$4,577,795	\$2,545,221
◆ OTHER SOURCES (Non-Tax Revenues)	\$3,160,087	\$3,126,485
◆ TAX LEVY	\$78,937,250	\$80,515,995
TOTAL REVENUES	\$93,150,155	\$93,150,155

*Actual revenue and August 15 tax levy

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	\$7,473,028	\$6,741,264
◆ PROGRAM	\$77,980,516	\$78,758,454
◆ CAPITAL	\$7,696,611	\$7,650,437
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$93,150,155	\$93,150,155

*Restated from prior year presentation

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

CAPITAL, 8.21% OF THE BUDGET, \$7,650,473

	CURRENT BUDGET 2011-12*	PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-13
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	\$5,963,494	\$5,765,559
Debt Service — Includes payments, principal and interest on notes, and energy efficient bonds, copy machine leases.	\$257,823	\$312,050
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	\$1,475,294	\$1,572,828
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$7,696,611	\$7,650,437

*Restatement from prior year

ITEMIZED EXPENDITURES

ADMINISTRATION, 7.24% OF THE BUDGET, \$6,741,264

	CURRENT BUDGET 2011-12*	PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-13
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	\$1,946,783	\$1,593,569
Central Services — Includes central printing, mailing, service contracts for equipment; data processing for all student administrative services, as well as BOCES programs for payroll, accounting, personnel and staff attendance	\$1,031,209	\$875,574
Curriculum — Salaries of the Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum 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	\$1,383,030	\$1,490,259
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	\$1,217,500	\$1,035,552
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	\$1,894,506	\$1,746,310
TOTAL ADMINISTRATION	\$7,473,028	\$6,741,264

PROGRAM, 84.55% OF THE BUDGET, \$78,758,454

	CURRENT BUDGET 2011-121*	PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-13
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	\$28,672,758	\$27,911,927
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	\$15,815,777	\$16,205,552
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	\$6,974,947	\$7,059,051
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	\$9,454,810	\$9,852,337
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.	\$15,594,729	\$16,538,692
Other — Special schools, academic support and grants-in-aid, instructional media and technology	\$1,467,495	\$1,190,895
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$77,980,516	\$78,758,454

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 15, 2012.

VOTER REGISTRATION

For information regarding voter registration, please contact Ms. Mohinder Bharaj, District Clerk, at 295-7032 during school hours. Personal Registration Day will be on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 from 4 PM – 8 PM at the Lawrence Middle School. Two forms of identification will be required. Until Friday, May 4, 2012, those who still wish to register can do so in the Clerk's office at the Lawrence Middle School, 195 Broadway, Lawrence between 9 AM – 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. Applications must be received by May 8, 2012 if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter.

WHAT IS ON THE BALLOT?

- **PROPOSITION NO. 1: 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 **\$93,155,150** during the 2012–2013 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: RESOLVED**, that the sum of **\$2,720,285** 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.
- **BOARD OF EDUCATION TRUSTEES**. To elect two (2) members of the Board of Education for a three (3) year term commencing July 1, 2012, and ending on June 30, 2015.
- **PENINSULA PUBLIC LIBRARY TRUSTEE**. To elect one (1) trustee of the Peninsula Public Library for a five (5) year term commencing July 1, 2012 and ending on June 30, 2017.

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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195 Broadway
Lawrence, NY, 11559-0477
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Gary B. Schall
Superintendent of Schools

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BUDGET HEARING

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ELECTION DISTRICT VOTING PLACES

◆ NUMBER TWO SCHOOL

1 Donahue Avenue, Inwood

◆ LAWRENCE MIDDLE SCHOOL

195 Broadway, Lawrence

◆ LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

2 Reilly Road, Cedarhurst

◆ ATLANTIC BEACH

The Village Hall

◆ NUMBER SIX SCHOOL VOTERS
NEW POLLING PLACE

IS LAWRENCE HIGH SCHOOL

*There is no voting at Number Four,
Five and Six Schools.*

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