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Budget Issue 2014

VOTER INFORMATION

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 20, 2014,
7 a.m. – 9 p.m.

POLLING CENTERS

Finley Middle School,
Forest Ave.
(Election Districts A, B, & G)

Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club
Glen Cove Ave. (Election District D)

Landing School
McLoughlin St. (Election District E)

Connolly School
Ridge Dr. (Election District F)

QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS:

In order to vote, you must be:

- a United States citizen
- 18 years of age or older
- a district resident for at least 30 days prior to the vote date

Eligible voters include those who have voted in federal, state, county or school district elections within the past four years, those who have registered with the Nassau County Board of Elections, and residents who registered during the school district's registration period.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

If a voter wishes to vote with an absentee ballot, he/she must complete and submit an application to the district clerk, who will provide the absentee ballot. The application must be received on or before May 13, if it is to be mailed to the voter.

Persons designated by the Nassau County Board of Elections as "permanently disabled," pursuant to Election Law, will automatically receive an absentee ballot.

The district clerk's office is located in Thayer House on the Glen Cove High School campus, Dosoris Lane, Glen Cove, NY 11542. For more information, please call the district clerk at (516) 801-7037. Absentee ballots must be filed with the district.

GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Glen Cove, NY 11542

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Current Resident
Glen Cove, NY 11542

Proposed Budget for 2014-15:

Cap Compliant, Efficient and Educationally Solid

A Message from the Board of Education

The Board of Education and administration have worked diligently during the past several months to develop a budget that is educationally sound and fiscally responsible.

When the budget process began, the Board and administration were tasked with closing a gap of more than \$1.9 million just to sustain the current program. The increase was attributable to such factors as increased operating costs, increased health premiums, mandated retirement obligations and contractual obligations. To further complicate the matter, we continue to struggle with costs associated with unfunded mandates, decreases in state and federal grant monies and on-going tax certioraris.

Over the past school year, every area of the budget has been carefully examined:

- We have identified specific areas of spending that could be reduced and/or eliminated.
- We have found alternatives to conventional spending methods to decrease costs of necessary resources.
- We have reorganized departments to enhance efficiencies, while insuring all responsibilities are being properly met.
- All staff members have worked collaboratively to create a budget that would continue to deliver services and instruction that meet the varied needs of all students in an educational environment that is both safe and supportive, while being fiscally responsible.
- The Board has reached contractual agreements with four of the district's major bargaining units – agreements that are fair and sustainable for next year as well as future budgets.
- We continue our practice of using more environmentally conscious cleaning products, printing less and maximizing potential energy savings.

- This includes funding a new energy performance contract for enhanced/efficiency lighting and temperature controls.
- The district will also enter into a cooperative bid for transportation services that will also produce significant savings.



- We will continue to explore and implement other viable shared service opportunities.

After many months of examination, reorganization and alternative spending practices, we have achieved significant efficiencies while enhancing opportunities for children within our instructional programs. The proposed budget:

- restructures the way we deliver certain programs;
- adds important electives at the elementary, middle school and high school levels;
- provides academic support at all levels;
- continues to provide athletic and extracurricular programs, [with the understanding of the important skills and

character that are built and enhanced through such participation].

The tax levy increase associated with the 2014-15 proposed budget is 1.58%, which complies with New York State's tax levy cap. Staying within the tax levy cap is not only fiscally responsible but will allow the Glen Cove community to qualify for the Property Tax

1.58%

is the proposed tax levy increase – compliant with the NYS tax cap

Freeze Credit.

Improvements in student data collection and reporting will ensure that we receive the maximum amount of state aid in the coming years. In recent years, New York State has taken away once promised education aid dollars through measures such as the Gap Elimination Adjustment and freezes to Foundation Aid used for student materials and supplies, technology and maintenance, among other areas essential to functioning. This year, we are pleased to be receiving an additional \$710,636 in state aid, which has allowed us to maintain certain programs that enhance our students' educational experience. Additional information is available on the district website at www.glencove.k12.ny.us (see Budget Information under the District tab). You may also email us through the Board of Education webpage or call the business office at 801-7030 with any questions.

2014-15 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- ✓ Preserves current academic and extracurricular programs including athletics, music, clubs, Pre-K, etc. (minimal reductions based on participation/relevance).
- ✓ Adds elementary computer keyboarding program
- ✓ Adds middle school science research elective
- ✓ Restructures secondary-level ESL program to better align with graduation requirements, exceeding NYS state mandated requirements (savings)
- ✓ Funds Common Core staff and curriculum development (in-house for savings)
- ✓ Funds cooperative bid consortium for transportation (savings)
- ✓ Settles contracts with teacher, custodial, clerical and food services bargaining units for fair, sustainable compensation adjustments (stability)
- ✓ Re-allocates instructional staff (savings)
- ✓ Reduces positions: attrition with some excess (savings)
- ✓ Eliminates one budgeted administrative position (savings)
- ✓ Minimizes repetitiveness in course enrollment (savings)
- ✓ Improves student data reporting (ensures maximum NYS aid)
- ✓ Funds energy performance contract to install more efficient lighting and temperature controls (utility savings will pay for the new facilities over time)
- ✓ Funds continuance of security upgrades
- ✓ Applies \$8.75 million in NYS education aid (+\$710,636) to contain tax levy
- ✓ Applies \$1.2 million in reserves and \$750,000 in fund balance to contain the tax levy
- ✓ Funds health insurance premium – increase of 2% (mandated)
- ✓ Funds teacher retirement obligation increase of 0.50% (mandated)
- ✓ Funds employee retirement obligation – decrease of 0.80% (mandated)
- ✓ Complies with the NYS tax levy cap



2013-14 POINTS OF PRIDE:

- 35 Advanced Placement Scholars named at GCHS, including 2 with Honors and 8 with Distinction
- Record number of college applications processed by guidance dept. (1,300) for record number of schools (322)
- Acceptances to some of the nation's top post-secondary institutions including Boston College, Cornell University, Georgetown University, University of Notre Dame and University of Southern California
- DECA wins multiple awards at NYS competition
- Cove-r Times staffers win journalism awards
- Key Club wins Champions of Charity award
- Second consecutive Best in Show award for television media student
- Award-winning photography students featured at multiple galleries
- Artwork from all schools displayed at local/regional exhibits
- Several All-State and All-County singers & musicians, 1 All-National
- Select Chorale performs for President Obama at White House
- Marching Band performs and places 4th in NYC Columbus Day Parade
- State qualifiers for National Reflections contest– GCHS & FMS
- Numerous All-County, All-Conference, All-League athletes
- Multiple scholar-athlete teams (varsity girls soccer and girls basketball to date, spring season still in progress)
- Scoring and coaching milestones for varsity girls basketball
- Varsity football advances to Conf. III semifinals
- Undefeated middle school boys basketball team
- Middle school robotics team wins judges award
- Middle school Science Olympians win bronze medal
- Essayists recognized at multiple schools by multiple organizations:
 - Connolly ES: Scholastic and Presidential essay
 - GCHS, FMS, Gribbin ES, Landing ES: LIPC
 - GCHS: Nassau County MLK essay
- Gribbin School teams with NYIT athletes to provide physical fitness-themed fall festival for families
- Landing students raise more than \$7,000 for American Heart Association
- Connolly students published in Kidsday
- Deasy students perform musical tribute for Billy Joel
- GCHS hosts city mayoral debate
- PTA inducts 6 into inaugural Diamond Club
- Additional virtual learning through new online test prep
- New GCHS athletic lockers, renovated tennis courts
- New state-of-the-art GCTV equipment



About the NYS Tax Freeze: How It Affects the Glen Cove Taxpayer

As part of the New York State budget agreement between the governor and legislature, it was announced that a New York State school tax freeze would come into effect for the 2014-15 school year. Since the Board of Education has adopted a budget in compliance with the New York State tax levy cap, all primary residential homeowners with an income of \$500,000 or less that are currently eligible for the basic NYS STAR exemption are eligible for this NYS tax freeze this year. **According to NYS, every eligible Glen Cove School District homeowner will receive a rebate check from the state for the amount of this year's school tax increase, creating a 0% tax net impact on this year's budget.**



BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY FUNCTION *

ACCOUNT GROUP	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)	% Increase (Decrease)
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT				
1010....BOARD OF EDUCATION	35,000	45,750	10,750	
1040....DISTRICT CLERK	2,000	0	(2,000)	
1060....DISTRICT MEETING	38,400	38,400	0	
1240....CHIEF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR OPERATIONS	309,588	311,966	2,378	
1310....FINANCE/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	625,984	580,538	(45,446)	
1320....AUDITING	98,000	110,500	12,500	
1325....TREASURER	13,250	12,650	(600)	
1330....TAX COLLECTOR	50,000	50,000	0	
1380....FISCAL AGENT FEE	5,000	5,000	0	
1420....LEGAL	195,192	200,000	4,808	
1430....PERSONNEL	388,299	373,814	(14,485)	
1460....RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	48,581	51,199	2,618	
1480....PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES	79,881	66,826	(13,055)	
1670....CENTRAL PRINTING AND MAILING	23,500	169,722	146,222	
1910....UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	347,366	375,000	27,634	
1920....SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES	24,306	24,500	194	
1981....ADMIN CHARGE - BOCES	450,784	439,428	(11,356)	
2010....CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPERVISION	1,599,223	1,498,883	(100,340)	
2020....SUPERVISION - REGULAR SCHOOL	2,314,147	2,202,981	(111,166)	
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	6,648,501	6,557,157	(91,344)	(1.39)%
PROGRAM COMPONENT				
2110....TEACHING - REGULAR SCHOOL	24,210,575	23,470,464	(740,111)	
2250....HANDICAPPED PROGRAM	9,458,437	11,282,037	1,823,600	
2280....OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION	944,997	907,981	(37,016)	
2330....TEACHING - SPECIAL SCHOOLS	69,000	219,000	150,000	
2610....SCHOOL LIBRARY AND AUDIOVISUAL	786,720	656,989	(129,731)	
2620....EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION	30,960	29,989	(971)	
2630....COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTION	1,488,148	1,515,585	27,437	
2805....ATTENDANCE - REGULAR SCHOOL	87,561	93,865	6,304	
2810....GUIDANCE - REGULAR SCHOOL	800,093	879,155	79,062	
2815....HEALTH SERVICES - REGULAR SCHOOL	786,919	851,404	64,485	
2816....DIAGNOSTIC SCREENING	9,000	0	(9,000)	
2820....PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES - REGULAR SCHOOL	684,151	645,391	(38,760)	
2825....SOCIAL WORK SERVICES - REGULAR SCHOOL	343,223	344,531	1,308	
2850....COCURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - REGULAR SCHOOL	212,486	127,150	(85,336)	
2855....INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS - REGULAR SCHOOL	739,278	702,442	(36,836)	
5510....DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - OTHER	53,161	58,349	5,188	
5540....CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION	4,129,483	4,216,603	87,120	
7140....RECREATION	3,803	4,125	322	
7145....ADULT EDUCATION	0	18,850	18,850	
9000....EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	18,647,961	20,285,712	1,637,751	
9901....TRANSFER TO SPECIAL AID	80,000	133,898	53,898	
TOTAL PROGRAM COMPONENT	63,565,956	66,443,520	2,877,564	4.52%
CAPITAL COMPONENT				
1620....OPERATION OF PLANT	4,533,623	3,966,562	(567,061)	
1621....MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	601,149	594,787	(6,362)	
1964....REFUND ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES	1	800,000	799,999	
9711....SERIAL BOND	921,402	919,402	(2,000)	
9950....TRANSFER TO CAPITAL	400,000	0	(400,000)	
TOTAL CAPITAL COMPONENT	6,456,175	6,280,751	(175,424)	(2.79)%
GRAND TOTALS	\$76,670,632	\$79,281,428	\$2,610,796	3.41%

* Due to rounding in the financial accounting software used, a few line items may be off by \$1; however, the component subtotals and total budget will not exceed these amounts. Budget code listings are summarizations of expenditure areas and are inclusive of all associated costs which can entail support staff salaries, supplies, conferences and all required activities.



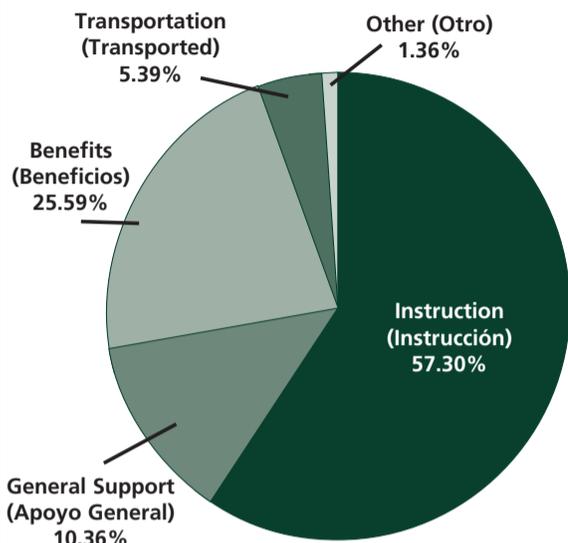
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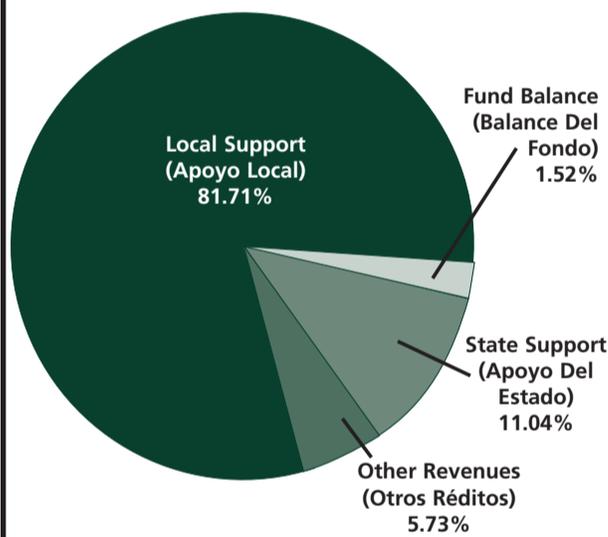
Questions & Answers



EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN



ESTIMATED REVENUE BREAKDOWN



Q. What are the expenditure and tax levy increases associated with the proposed budget?

A. The budget-to-budget expenditure increase is 3.41%. The associated tax levy increase is 1.58%, which complies with the NYS tax levy cap. The Board of Education has applied fund balance and existing reserves, as well as NYS aid, to contain the tax impact of the budget. NYS also approved a tax freeze this year which offers a rebate of the school tax levy increase to anyone who is eligible for the basic STAR exemption. For more information, please refer to page 2.

Q. Is it feasible to propose a lower budget?

A. No. As indicated on page 1, the Board of Education and administration were faced with the task of closing a \$1.9 million budget gap based on a rollover of all existing programs and services from the current school year. Numerous efficiencies have been created and the Board is using \$1.2 million in existing reserves and an additional \$750,000 in unassigned fund balance (savings) to contain the tax levy impact to 1.58%, which is still our lowest increase since the inception of the cap. Reducing the budget would require major cuts to staff and programs that benefit students.

Q. How is the tax levy cap determined?

A. District's must use the formula provided by the Office of State Comptroller. Included in this formula is the allowable levy growth factor, which is the lesser of 2% or inflation.

Q. What is the difference between the tax levy and the tax rate?

A. The tax levy is the total amount the Board of Education requests through property taxes. The Board does not set the tax rate – the assessor's office sets the tax rate after calculating the assessed valuation of properties within the district. It is important to note that the tax cap applies only to the tax levy, NOT to the tax rate or individual tax bill.

Q. What happens if the budget is defeated?

A. If the proposed budget is defeated on May 20, the Board of Education could

- propose the same budget again,
- recommend a reduced budget or
- immediately adopt a contingency budget.

If the budget fails a second time, the Board, by law, must adopt a contingency budget.

Q. What is a contingency (austerity) budget and how does it differ from the proposed budget?

A. Under the tax levy cap law, the contingency budget must carry a 0% increase in the tax levy. This would require a cut of \$1,009,782. The proposed budget supports and funds nearly all present academic and co-curricular programs needed to promote students' continued success, and supports a fiscally sound future. An approved budget gives the district more flexibility to purchase needed equipment and make desperately needed capital improvements that are not possible and/or prohibited under a contingency budget. Under contingency, the district would still be obligated to pay its own tax certioraris and support fixed and mandated costs in the budget, which would necessitate considerable reductions to staff that would ultimately cause reductions to student programs.

Q. Where can I get more information?

A. Complete copies of the proposed 2014-15 Glen Cove School District budget are available in the district office. Reference copies are available at all district schools and the public library. Budget information is also available on the district website at www.glencove.k12.ny.us.

2014-2015 REVENUES

	2013-14	2014-15	\$ CHANGE
TAX LEVY	\$63,770,937	\$64,780,719	\$1,009,782
P.I.L.O.T.S	\$1,583,090	\$1,908,060	\$324,970
TAX ON CONSUMER UTILITY BILLS	\$1,350,000	\$1,250,000	(\$100,000)
USE OF RESERVES	0	\$1,205,000	\$1,205,000
STATE AID	\$8,041,163	\$8,751,799	\$710,636
ALL OTHER REVENUES	\$975,442	\$635,850	(\$339,592)
APPROPRIATION OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$950,000	\$750,000	(\$200,000)
TOTAL	\$76,670,632	\$79,281,428	\$2,610,796



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