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Budget Issue 2015

VOTER INFORMATION

BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, May 19, 2015,
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 12, 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 2015-16:

Perserving Programs While Remaining Cap-Compliant

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 \$1.2 million just to sustain the current program. The increase was attributable to factors such 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 and ongoing 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 a safe and supportive educational environment, while being fiscally responsible.
- This includes funding a new energy performance contract for enhanced/efficiency lighting and temperature controls.
- The district requested new proposals for transportation services that will 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 2015-16 proposed budget is 2.04%, 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 freeze credit.

2.04%
is the proposed tax levy increase – compliant with the NYS tax cap

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 \$1,154,950 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.



BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Preserves current academic and extracurricular programs, including athletics, music, clubs, pre-K, etc. (minimal reductions based on participation/relevance).
- Enhances middle school Research elective.
- Enhances STEM opportunities for all students.
- Funds enhanced instructional technology.
- Enhances academic readiness by providing additional support services.
- Funds Common Core curriculum development (in-house for savings).
- Includes additional course offerings for high school students.
- Funds middle school Humanities elective.
- Funds additional professional development for all staff.
- Re-allocates instructional staff (savings).
- Reduces positions: attrition with some excess (savings).
- Improves student data reporting (ensuring maximum NYS aid).
- Funds continuance of security upgrades.
- Applies \$9.9 million in NYS education aid (+\$1,154,950) to contain tax levy.
- Applies \$1.875 million in reserves and \$750,000 in fund balance to contain the tax levy.
- Complies with NYS tax levy cap.



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, a New York State school tax freeze is in effect for the 2014-15 school year. It is important for residents to note that the Board of Education has adopted a 2015-2016 budget in compliance with the New York State school tax levy cap and that the district will submit an efficiency plan, which is required for the continuation of the freeze in the 2015-2016 school year for eligible taxpayers. **According to New York State, eligible Glen Cove School District taxpayers will receive a rebate check from the state for the amount of this year's school tax increase, creating a 0% net tax impact on this year's budget. Eligibility for the credit is not determined by the district, but by New York State.**

2014-15 POINTS OF PRIDE:

- 35 Advanced Placement Scholars named at GCHS, including two with Honors and eight with Distinction.
- Record number of college applications (1,300) processed by guidance department for record number of schools (322).
- Acceptances to some of the nations' top postsecondary 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-er 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 and regional exhibits.
- Several All-State and All-County singers and musicians, one All-National.
- Select Chorale performs for President Obama at White House.
- Marching band performs and places fourth in NYC Columbus Day Parade.
- State qualifiers for National Reflections contest – GCHS and FMS.
- Numerous All-County, All-Conference and 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 Conference III semifinals.
- Undefeated middle school boys basketball team.
- Middle school robotics team wins judge's 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 six 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.



BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY FUNCTION*

ACCOUNT GROUP	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)
ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT			
1010....BOARD OF EDUCATION	45,750	45,750	0
1060....DISTRICT MEETING	38,400	62,800	24,400
1240....SUPERINTENDENT	311,966	320,071	8,105
1310....FINANCE/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	580,538	600,608	20,070
1320....AUDITING	110,500	130,500	20,000
1325....TREASURER	12,650	10,300	(2,350)
1330....TAX COLLECTOR	50,000	50,000	0
1380....FISCAL AGENT FEE	5,000	20,000	15,000
1420....LEGAL	200,000	180,500	(19,500)
1430....PERSONNEL	373,814	357,884	(15,930)
1460....RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	51,199	54,889	3,690
1480....PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES	66,826	49,850	(16,976)
1670....CENTRAL PRINTING AND MAILING	169,722	179,160	9,438
1910....UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	375,000	355,925	(19,075)
1920....SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES	24,500	25,500	1,000
1981....ADMIN CHARGE - BOCES	439,428	455,439	16,011
2010....CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPERVISION	1,498,883	1,777,901	279,018
2020....SUPERVISION - REGULAR SCHOOL	2,202,981	2,250,252	47,271
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT	6,557,157	6,927,329	370,172
PROGRAM COMPONENT			
2110....TEACHING - REGULAR SCHOOL	23,470,464	24,493,527	1,023,062
2250....HANDICAPPED PROGRAM	11,282,037	12,836,585	1,554,548
2280....OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION	907,981	984,381	76,400
2330....TEACHING - SPECIAL SCHOOLS	219,000	315,500	96,500
2610....SCHOOL LIBRARY AND AUDIOVISUAL	656,989	613,575	(43,414)
2620....EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION	29,989	33,073	3,084
2630....COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTION	1,515,585	1,490,105	(25,480)
2805....ATTENDANCE - REGULAR SCHOOL	93,865	96,080	2,215
2810....GUIDANCE - REGULAR SCHOOL	879,155	891,158	12,003
2815....HEALTH SERVICES - REGULAR SCHOOL	851,404	861,816	10,412
2820....PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES - REGULAR SCHOOL	645,391	659,723	14,332
2825....SOCIAL WORK SERVICES - REGULAR SCHOOL	344,531	353,008	8,477
2850....CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - REGULAR SCHOOL	127,150	140,800	13,650
2855....INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS - REGULAR SCHOOL	702,442	749,821	47,379
5510....DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - OTHER	58,349	59,358	1,009
5540....CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION	4,216,603	4,296,691	80,088
7140....RECREATION	4,125	4,150	25
7145....ADULT EDUCATION	18,850	19,200	350
9010....EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	1,232,780	1,332,017	99,237
9020....TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	6,334,000	4,818,288	(1,515,712)
9030....FICA	3,140,483	3,291,180	150,697
9040....WORKERS' COMPENSATION	515,000	375,000	(140,000)
9045....LIFE INSURANCE	6,450	6,450	0
9050....UNEMPLOYMENT	55,000	25,000	(30,000)
9055....DISABILITY INSURANCE	5,000	5,000	0
9060....HEALTH INSURANCE	8,996,999	9,379,389	382,390
9901....TRANSFER TO SPECIAL AID	133,898	145,000	11,102
TOTAL PROGRAM COMPONENT	66,443,520	68,275,874	1,832,354
CAPITAL COMPONENT			
1620....OPERATION OF PLANT	3,966,562	4,127,831	161,269
1621....MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	594,787	614,682	19,895
1964....REFUND ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES	800,000	1,600,000	800,000
9711....SERIAL BOND	919,402	940,402	21,000
TOTAL CAPITAL COMPONENT	6,280,751	7,282,915	1,002,164
GRAND TOTALS	\$79,281,428	\$82,486,118	\$3,204,690 4.04%

* 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.



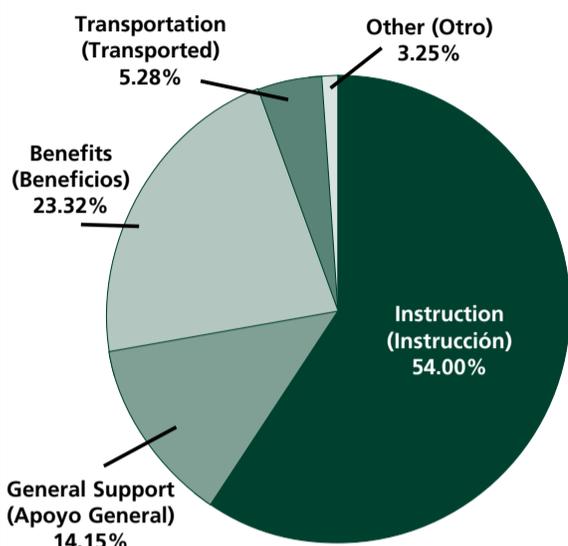
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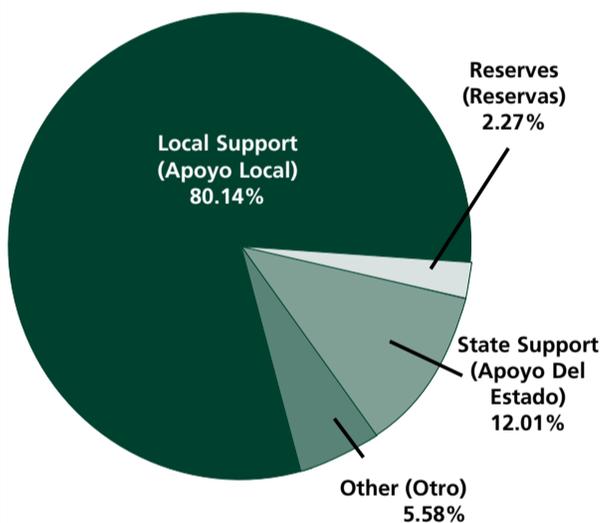
Questions & Answers



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 4.04%. The associated tax levy increase is 2.04%, 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 \$1.2 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 \$1.875 million in existing reserves and an additional \$750,000 in unassigned fund balance (savings) to contain the tax levy impact to 2.04%. Reducing the budget would require major cuts to staff and programs that benefit students.

Q. How is the tax levy cap determined?

A. Districts must use the formula provided by the Office of New York State

Comptroller. Included in this formula is the allowable levy growth factor, which is the lesser of 2% or inflation.

Q. What happens if the budget is defeated?

A. If the proposed budget is defeated on May 19, 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 must, 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 \$1,323,546. 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 2015-16 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.

2015-2016 REVENUES

	2014-15	2015-16	\$ CHANGE
TAX LEVY	\$64,780,719	\$66,104,265	\$1,323,546
PILOTS	\$1,908,060	\$1,823,254	(\$84,806)
TAX ON CONSUMER UTILITY BILLS	\$1,250,000	\$1,300,000	\$50,000
USE OF RESERVES	\$1,205,000	\$1,875,000	\$670,000
STATE AID	\$8,751,799	\$9,906,749	\$1,154,950
ALL OTHER REVENUES	\$635,850	\$726,850	\$91,000
APPROPRIATION OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$750,000	\$750,000	\$0
TOTAL	\$79,281,428	\$82,486,118	\$3,204,690



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