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Budget Issue 2016

**✓ BUDGET VOTE: Tuesday, May 17, 2016 from 7 a.m.-9 p.m.**

## PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO OUR POLLING LOCATIONS

Residents who previously voted at Finley Middle School (Election Districts A, B and G), Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club (Election District D) and Landing School (Election District E) should report to Glen Cove High School. Residents in Election District F will continue to vote at Connolly School.

### Qualifications 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 Tuesday, May 10, 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.



# -0.32%

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

## PROPOSED BUDGET WITHIN TAX CAP & MAINTAINS PROGRAMS

The Board of Education and administration have worked tirelessly over 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 programs. The increase was attributable to such factors as higher operating costs, increased health premiums, mandated retirement obligations and contractual obligations. To further complicate the matter, the district continues 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 ensuring 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.
- 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 middle school and high school levels;
- provides academic support at all levels; and
- continues to provide athletic and extracurricular programs (with the understanding of the important skills and character traits that are built and enhanced through such participation).

The tax levy associated with the 2016-17 proposed budget is -0.32 percent, which complies with New York State's tax levy cap. Staying within the tax levy cap is not only fiscally responsible, but will also allow the Glen Cove community to qualify for the New York State Tax Rebate Program.

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 took away once-promised education aid dollars through measures such as the Gap Elimination Adjustment. This year, the state has restored the GEA in full, totaling \$383,365. The district will also receive additional state aid of \$348,733, which will allow us to preserve and expand certain programs that enhance our students' educational experience. More information is available on the district website at [www.glencove.k12.ny.us](http://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 516-801-7030 with any questions.

### GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Preserves current academic and extracurricular programs, including athletics, music, clubs, pre-K, etc. (minimal reductions based on participation/relevance).
- Expands middle school Humanities and Research electives.
- Funds enhanced instructional technology.
- Includes additional course offerings for high school students.
- Expands opportunities for all middle school students that will provide a pathway to challenge algebra and earth science Regents exams in eighth grade.
- Funds additional professional development for all staff.
- Reallocates instructional staff (savings).
- Reduces positions: attrition with some excess (savings).
- Improves student data reporting (ensuring maximum NYS aid).
- Funds continuance of security upgrades.
- Includes the installation of new bleachers in the high school gymnasium.
- Replaces the temporary oil tank at Connolly School with a permanent tank.
- Applies \$10.7 million in NYS Education Aid to contain tax levy.
- Applies \$2.2 million in reserves to contain tax levy.
- Complies with the NYS tax levy cap.



## NYS Tax Rebate Program

As part of the New York budget agreement between the governor and legislature, a New York State Tax Rebate Program will be in effect starting with the 2016-17 school year. Eligible Glen Cove School District taxpayers (must receive the STAR exception and make \$275,000 or less) will receive a rebate check of \$130. Eligibility for this rebate check is not determined by the district, but by New York State.

## 2015-16 POINTS OF PRIDE:

- 38 Advanced Placement Scholars were named at GCHS, including six with honors and eight with distinction.
- More than 1,030 college applications were processed by guidance department to 284 academic institutions.
- Valedictorian Maria Krisch was named a Commended Student in the 2016 National Merit Scholarship Program.
- Distributive Education Clubs of America received multiple awards at NYS competition.
- Freshman Matthew Tran was named a Long Island Young Scholar of Mathematics by the Institute of Creative Problem Solving for Gifted and Talented Students at SUNY College at Old Westbury.
- Cove-er Times staffers Roselle Cacio and Tami Gitlin received journalism awards at Adelphi University's Press Day.
- Artwork from all schools has been displayed at local/regional exhibits.
- The district celebrated multiple All-State and All-County singers and musicians.
- Select Chorale performed at the Vatican during a mass led by the Pope.
- The National Association of Music Merchants Foundation recognized the district as one of the Best Communities for Music Education.
- Glen Cove High School junior Julia Farley won Best in Show at the annual Long Island Media Arts Show at Five Towns College.
- The Men in Black and Impossible Mission Force robotics teams ended the season with two sportsmanship awards in the VEX Robotics competitions, along with four first-place awards, four design awards, three excellence awards, a programming skills award, three robot skills awards, and an Amaze Award in the VEX IQ competitions. Both teams also qualified for the World Championship Tournament in Louisville, Kentucky.
- Numerous All-County, All-Conference and All-League athletes recognized.
- Multiple scholar-athlete teams celebrated.
- The boys varsity football team was named Conference III Big Four Champions.
- The varsity cheerleaders placed runner-up in Small Division 2 varsity at the Nassau County tournament.
- The volunteerism of high school lacrosse athletes earned the district first place in the W20 Foundation's Team Up 4 Community's Long Island Holiday Heroes Community Service Challenge.
- Numerous college-bound student-athletes will play for Division 1, 2 and 3 teams.
- In collaboration with international charity and educational partner WE Free the Children, Finley students created a food pantry at the school and raised money to help feed students in an African village.
- Connolly School fifth-grader Allyson Rosado is the winner of Storyworks magazine's Worm Contest.
- The Glen Cove Council of PTAs inducted Mark Checola, Damon Garner, Maria Rivera Hlatky, Stephanie Liptzin, Chris MacDonald, Vincent Martinez and Denise Reynolds into the Diamond Club.
- English language arts teacher Lauren Jensen was a recipient of the Milken Educator Award.





# BUDGET BREAKDOWN BY FUNCTION\*

ACCOUNT GROUP	2015-16 Budget	2016-17 Proposed Budget	Increase (Decrease)
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</b>			
1010....BOARD OF EDUCATION	\$45,750	\$43,750	(\$2,000)
1060....DISTRICT MEETING	62,800	38,000	(24,800)
1240....SUPERINTENDENT	320,071	324,272	4,201
1310....FINANCE/BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION	600,608	598,635	(1,973)
1320....AUDITING	130,500	130,000	(500)
1325....TREASURER	10,300	10,650	350
1330....TAX COLLECTOR	50,000	50,000	-
1380....FISCAL AGENT FEE	20,000	5,000	(15,000)
1420....LEGAL	180,500	212,875	32,375
1430....PERSONNEL	357,884	218,601	(139,283)
1460....RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER	54,889	54,623	(266)
1480....PUBLIC INFORMATION AND SERVICES	49,850	51,500	1,650
1670....CENTRAL PRINTING AND MAILING	179,160	201,780	22,620
1910....UNALLOCATED INSURANCE	355,925	384,275	28,350
1920....SCHOOL ASSOCIATION DUES	25,500	30,500	5,000
1981....ADMIN CHARGE - BOCES	455,439	450,816	(4,623)
2010....CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT AND SUPERVISION	1,777,901	1,778,600	699
2020....SUPERVISION - REGULAR SCHOOL	2,250,252	1,992,629	(257,623)
<b>TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPONENT</b>	<b>6,927,329</b>	<b>6,576,506</b>	<b>(350,823)</b>
<b>PROGRAM COMPONENT</b>			
2110....TEACHING - REGULAR SCHOOL	24,493,527	24,135,831	(357,696)
2250....HANDICAPPED PROGRAM	12,836,585	13,289,615	453,030
2280....OCCUPATIONAL EDUCATION	984,381	998,576	14,195
2330....TEACHING - SPECIAL SCHOOLS	315,500	330,500	15,000
2610....SCHOOL LIBRARY AND AUDIOVISUAL	613,575	528,985	(84,590)
2620....EDUCATIONAL TELEVISION	33,073	33,910	837
2630....COMPUTER-ASSISTED INSTRUCTION	1,490,105	1,523,717	33,612
2805....ATTENDANCE - REGULAR SCHOOL	96,080	99,080	3,000
2810....GUIDANCE - REGULAR SCHOOL	891,158	927,752	36,594
2815....HEALTH SERVICES - REGULAR SCHOOL	861,816	962,381	100,565
2820....PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES - REGULAR SCHOOL	659,723	683,204	23,481
2825....SOCIAL WORK SERVICES - REGULAR SCHOOL	353,008	359,476	6,468
2850....CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES - REGULAR SCHOOL	140,800	153,529	12,729
2855....INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS - REGULAR SCHOOL	749,821	788,222	38,401
5510....DISTRICT TRANSPORTATION SERVICES - OTHER	59,358	52,900	(6,458)
5540....CONTRACT TRANSPORTATION	4,296,691	4,341,191	44,500
7140....RECREATION	4,150	4,150	-
7145....ADULT EDUCATION	19,200	19,200	-
9010....EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM	1,332,017	1,336,500	4,483
9020....TEACHERS' RETIREMENT SYSTEM	4,818,288	4,052,536	(765,752)
9030....FICA	3,291,180	3,293,860	2,680
9040....WORKERS' COMPENSATION	375,000	375,000	-
9045....LIFE INSURANCE	6,450	6,450	-
9050....UNEMPLOYMENT	25,000	35,000	10,000
9055....DISABILITY INSURANCE	5,000	5,000	-
9060....HEALTH INSURANCE	9,379,389	10,279,309	899,920
9089....OTHER	-	2,800	2,800
9901....TRANSFER TO SPECIAL AID	145,000	165,000	20,000
<b>TOTAL PROGRAM COMPONENT</b>	<b>68,275,874</b>	<b>68,783,674</b>	<b>507,800</b>
<b>CAPITAL COMPONENT</b>			
1620....OPERATION OF PLANT	4,127,831	4,333,063	205,232
1621....MAINTENANCE OF PLANT	614,682	647,909	33,227
1964....REFUND ON REAL PROPERTY TAXES	1,600,000	2,000,000	400,000
9711....SERIAL BOND	940,402	930,278	(10,124)
9950....TRANSFER TO CAPITAL	-	434,330	434,330
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL COMPONENT</b>	<b>7,282,915</b>	<b>8,345,580</b>	<b>1,062,665</b>
<b>GRAND TOTALS</b>	<b>\$82,486,118</b>	<b>\$83,705,760</b>	<b>\$1,219,642 1.48%</b>

\* 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.



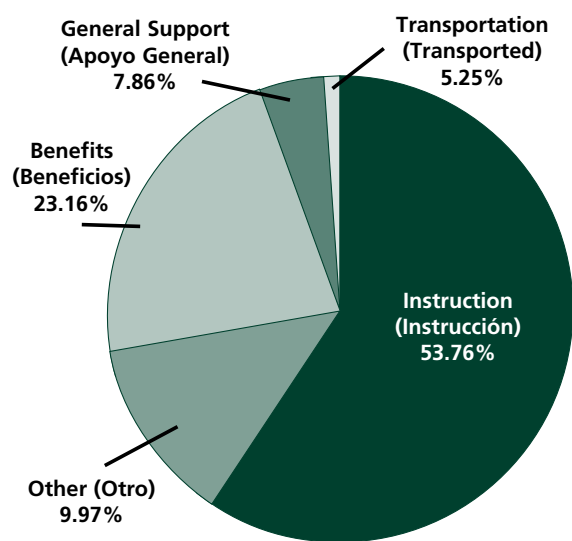
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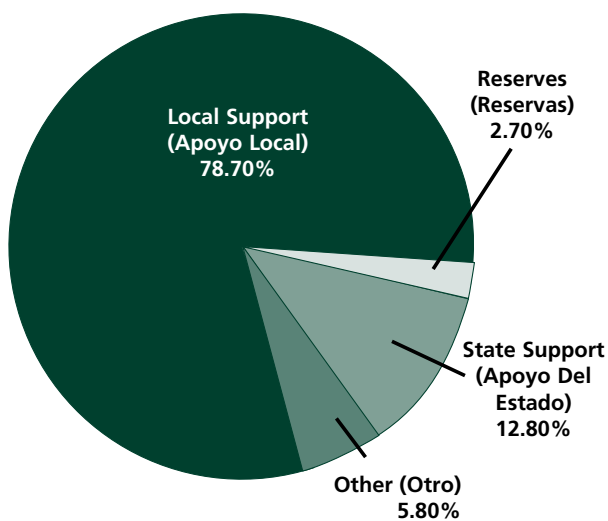


# Questions & Answers

## EXPENDITURE BREAKDOWN



## ESTIMATED REVENUE BREAKDOWN



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

A. The budget-to-budget expenditure increase is 1.48 percent. The associated tax levy decrease is -0.32 percent, which complies with the NYS tax levy cap. The Board of Education has applied existing reserves, as well as NYS aid to contain the tax impact of the budget. NYS also approved a Tax Rebate Program this year that offers a rebate of \$130 to anyone is eligible for the STAR exemption and makes less than \$275,000. 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 existing programs and services from the current school year. Numerous efficiencies have been created and the Board is using \$2.285 million in existing reserves to contain the tax levy impact to -0.32 percent. 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 the New York State

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

**Q. What happens if the budget is defeated?**

A. If the proposed budget is defeated on May 17, 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, 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 zero percent increase in the tax levy. This would require an increase of \$212,370 in the tax levy. 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 2016-17 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.glen Cove.k12.ny.us](http://www.glen Cove.k12.ny.us).

## 2016-2017 REVENUES

	2015-16	2016-17	\$ CHANGE
TAX LEVY	\$66,104,265	\$65,891,895	(\$212,370)
PILOTS	\$1,823,254	\$2,885,065	\$1,061,811
TAX ON CONSUMER UTILITY BILLS	\$1,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$0
USE OF RESERVES	\$1,875,000	\$2,285,000	\$410,000
STATE AID	\$9,906,749	\$10,732,300	\$825,551
ALL OTHER REVENUES	\$726,850	\$611,500	(\$115,350)
APPROPRIATION OF UNASSIGNED FUND BALANCE	\$750,000	\$0	(\$750,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$82,486,118</b>	<b>\$83,705,760</b>	<b>\$1,219,642</b>



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