

## **Central Islip Union Free School District 2022/23 Foundation Aid Financial Plan**

### **Introduction**

The 2022-2023 New York State budget requires districts that receive a Foundation Aid increase of more than 10% or \$10,000,000 in a school year to post a plan outlining how the funds will be used to address student performance and need, including but not limited to: increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap; reducing class size; providing supports for students who are not meeting, or who are at risk for not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas; addressing student social-emotional health; and providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness.

For the 2022-2023 school year, the Central Islip Union Free School District will receive a Foundation Aid increase of approximately \$22.3 million.

### **Increasing Graduation Rates and Eliminating the Achievement Gap**

The Central Islip Union Free School District is committed to increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap. Naviance Career Readiness Solutions will be administered in the 2022-2023 school year to students beginning in the 7th grade. Students will participate in the survey annually from grade 7 through 12. The goal is to gather student information in terms of interest and potential career paths to guide students appropriately to reach their highest potential and attain his or her goals. In doing so, the Central Islip Union Free School District middle and high school guidance counselors will assist students in selecting classes, guiding them towards available resources, and providing them with opportunities that align to post-secondary plans.

In addition, the District is offering afterschool and summer school programs to all students in grades K to 12 to combat pandemic related learning loss and to aid students in achieving their “personal best”.

### **Reducing Class Size**

The Central Islip Union Free School District will maintain reduced class sizes at the elementary buildings. Continued efforts to reduce class sizes will be made by the district by hiring additional secondary teachers.

### **Providing Supports for Students**

Additional assistant principals will be hired for the 2022-2023 school year. These administrators will assist building principals by facilitating IST meetings and providing staff development to teachers. Student instructional plans will be developed at the IST meetings. Student progress will be discussed and analyzed.

The District will offer additional college level courses in ELA and statistics as well as small engine repair and maintenance classes.

Motivational speakers will be employed to share their stories and to inspire students so that they, too, can reach their goals.

**Addressing Student Social-Emotional Health**

The District plans to update the Center of Peace at the high school and install a therapeutic center at the middle school. The Elementary Wellness Week will be expanded to take place throughout the year.

**Adequate Resources for English Language Learners, Students with Disabilities and Students Experiencing Homelessness**

Additional instructional staff will be hired to support English Language Learners, students experiencing homelessness, and students with disabilities.

**Additional Areas of Need**

The District will repair/replace aging infrastructure such as the track, roofs, baseball field, home economic rooms, student lockers and lavatories.

The Central Islip School District welcomes input from all stakeholders. Please contact the Business Office to share your thoughts.