

Longwood Central School District's 20th Annual Regional Legislative Workshop

February 3, 2024

co-sponsored by Eastern Suffolk BOCES and Suffolk Region PTA



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Regional Legislative Breakfast Program

- 8:30 a.m. **Longwood Junior High School Chamber Orchestra**
Lauren Zagarello, Conductor
- 8:50 a.m. **National Anthem**
Longwood Junior High School Vocal Quartet
- Introductions and Welcoming Remarks**
Dr. Lance Lohman
Superintendent of Schools, Longwood Central School District
- Longwood Board of Education**
Legislative Committee Chairs Daniel Tomaszewski and
Penelope J. Blizzard-McGrath, Esq.
- Carlie Preudhomme**
Longwood High School Junior
- 9:05 a.m. **A Statewide Perspective**
Charles S. Dedrick, Ed.D.
Executive Director of the New York State Council of School Superintendents
- 9:25 a.m. **A Glimpse Into the Changing Needs and Demographics of our Students**
David Wicks
Chief Operating Officer of Eastern Suffolk BOCES
- 9:50 a.m. **Introduction of Legislators**
Victoria Molloy
President, Longwood Board of Education
- 10:00 a.m. **Constituents Speak with Legislators**
- 11:55 a.m. **Closing Remarks**
Carlie Preudhomme
Longwood High School Junior

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Questions for February 3, 2024 Legislative Workshop

1. Can we count on your support in the development and utilization of more accurate and reliable metrics to utilize as the basis for all federal formulas, including Title I?
2. How can we appropriately educate the Governor on the real challenges with the existing timeline for zero-emission buses regarding transition planning, funding, and infrastructure?
3. Can we count on your support to ensure that the promise of fully funding foundation aid is kept, and that save harmless is reinstated to avoid the potential devastating impacts to our schools and communities?
4. What is the long-term plan to sustain appropriate levels of State Aid, so that our districts, that are now constrained by the "Tax Levy Cap," can continue to offer comparable opportunities for our students and ensure that they are not penalized by the zip codes in which they live?
5. Would you support measures to help ensure that our Long Island schools are as safe as possible such as:
 - A. Providing for exemptions in the tax cap calculations for school safety-related expenditures inclusive of; capital projects to secure facilities, hiring security guards, hiring mental health staff, and providing safety-related training for school employees.
 - B. Extending the suspension of the limitation on earnings of more than \$35,000 for retirees receiving a State pension so that schools may continue to hire highly qualified retired law enforcement officers to protect our schools.
6. Would you support legislation that would raise the amount of CTE instructional salary that is aidable under the current BOCES Aid formula from \$30,000 to \$60,000 over the next three years?
7. Would you support reforms to Civil Service in order to help school leaders hire qualified employees in a much more efficient and effective way such as:
 - A. Providing that schools can canvass from the top five rather than the top three.
 - B. Introducing electronic canvassing.
 - C. Allowing for the permanent appointment of provisional employees who successfully occupy a position for nine months in which a test has yet to be offered.
8. Would you support legislative remedies that will establish dedicated funding to assist school districts with CVA settlements, including reimbursement to districts and/or tax cap exemptions for related expenditures?
9. What can you do as a State Senator / Assemblymember to make the island a more affordable place to live?

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