

“The Return of El Pride”

**Building a Budget That Supports
Our Students, Families and the
Taxpayers of the East Islip UFSD**



Budget Presentation #1

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&

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A Clear Vision for Our Schools

Commitment:

The Board of Education is committed to presenting a tax levy cap-compliant budget for the 2015-2016 school year.

Program:

The proposed budget will not just aim to “maintain and preserve” but “enhance” and “improve” our current programs.

Strong Value/ Reasonable Costs

It will provide elements of the educational program both required and desired by our East Islip community.

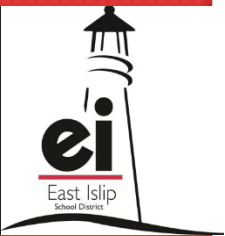
The budget that will be presented to voters in May will have an eye towards fiscal and educational excellence!



Budget Development

The Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent for Business and the leadership team collaboratively prepared the 2015-2016 budget using a zero-based philosophy. In doing so we:

1. Aligned our needs to district S.M.A.R.T. Goals and Performance Indicators.
2. Explored associated costs to reach our goals.
3. Made certain that everyone involved in the process justified all expenditures.





The Allowable Tax Levy Cap

School year 2015-2016 will be the 4th year of the NY State Property Tax Cap.

The tax cap 8-point formula allows for specific exclusions to the 2% cap (ex. voter approved capital work). These exclusions, when added into the equation, may result in a maximum allowable tax levy above 2%. In this case the budget proposed only requires a simple majority vote for approval (50% plus 1).

The tax levy represents the amount of funding a school district needs to raise through property taxes to balance its budget.



Calculating the Tax Levy Cap

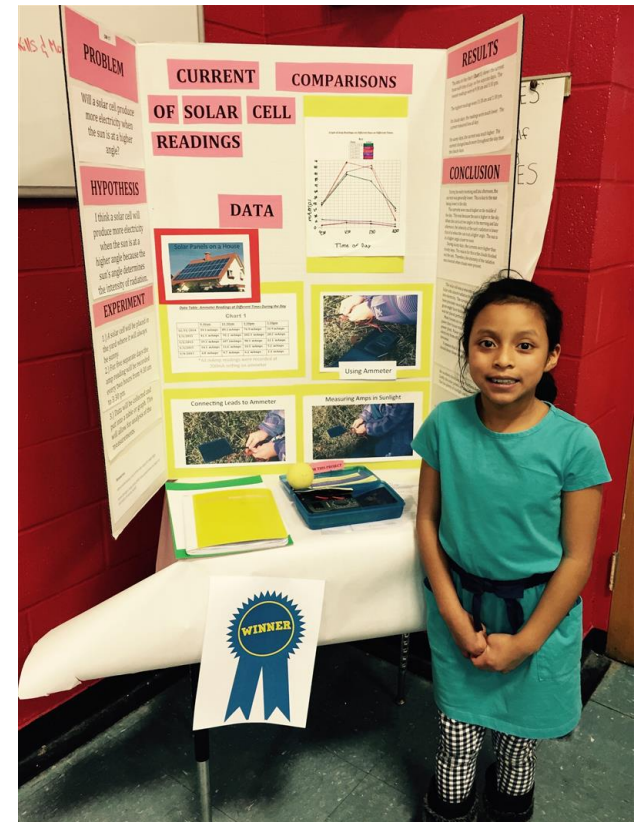
East Islip UFSD
2015/16
Property Tax Cap Threshold - Draft
Factors Impacting the Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Limit (requiring a simple majority vote)

	<u>Factors</u>		<u>\$</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Change</u>	<u>%</u> <u>Contribution</u>
2014/15 Prior Fiscal Year Tax Levy		\$	69,756,866		
Tax Base Growth Factor (ORPS)	1.0045	\$	313,906		17.31%
2014/15 PILOT Payments	\$ 508,678				
2015/16 PILOT Payments	\$ (531,036)				
	<u>\$ (22,358)</u>	\$	(22,358)		-1.23%
2014/15 Capital Tax Levy/Capital Local Expenditures	\$ (847,425)				
2015/16 Capital Tax Levy/Capital Local Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,239,136</u>				
	<u>\$ 391,711</u>	\$	391,711		21.61%
ERS and/or TRS Contribution Increase Greater than 2%		\$	-		0.00%
Allowable Levy Growth Factor (lessor of 2% or CPI)	\$ 69,732,025 1.62%	\$	1,129,659		62.31%
2015/16 Allowable Tax Levy (requires simple majority)		\$	71,569,783	2.60%	100.00%

Tax Cap 2015-2016

At this initial time, the district's projected tax levy cap represents a 2.6 % (or approximately \$1,812,917 increase) over the current levy.

By working collaboratively, we will arrive at a final proposed budget that makes a meaningful difference in the lives of students and families while at a cost that is under the allowable 2.6% levy cap.





Full Day Kindergarten



Academic Excellence & Low Class Size



Art (K-12)



MS/HS Competitive Sports & Extracurricular Activities



Technological Advances

These are just some of the educational programs and opportunities for students a proposed budget will preserve in 2015-2016.



Music (K-12)



2015-2016 Budget Challenges

- ✓ As of February, 2015 the Governor has neglected to provide executive state aid runs to districts , which is an unprecedented event in New York State.
- ✓ In 2014/2015 , the East Islip UFSD lost an additional \$3.2 million dollars due to the Gap Elimination Adjustment, or about \$824 dollars per student.
- ✓ From 2010/2011 through the 2014/2015 school years, our district has more than \$18 million dollars...that's 18 million dollars our students could have had if funding levels remained the same before the GEA was introduced.

2015-2016 Budget Challenges

- ✓ Modest depletion of reserve funds from the district over many years. This is a situation most districts will now face.
- ✓ The effects of reduced aid to Long Island school districts is disproportionate across the state.
- ✓ The over-payment of state aid to the district during the 2006 through 2011 school years on building projects that must now be re-paid by the district.

2015-2016 Budget Challenges Cont.

- ✓ Continued higher salary and benefit costs of \$484,761.
- ✓ Very little financial relief in the Executive Budget that neglects to support unfunded mandates, such as the following:
 - ✓ mandated health care benefits due to the Affordable Care Act
 - ✓ new federal mandates pertaining to servicing English Language Learners
 - ✓ academic intervention mandates
 - ✓ financial auditing and reporting mandates
 - ✓ special education regulations

Preliminary Budget Details Prior to Reductions:

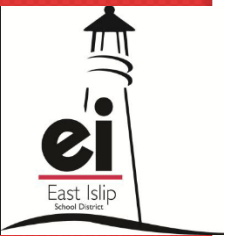
2015/2016 Preliminary Budget DRAFT #1.....\$111,931,073
2014/2015 Voter-Approved Budget.....\$110,785,649

Budget-to-Budget Increase: \$1,145,424 or 1.03 %

Major Areas of Increase:

Salaries	\$ 1,574,487
Benefits	\$ (1,089,726)
Supplies/Materials	\$ 144,249
Debt Service	\$ 92,402
All Other	\$ 424,012
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	= \$1,145,424

Revenue Increase: \$666,175





Thank You!

Audience Questions and Comments....