



**BUDGET 2013**

# The Beacon of Hope

**EAST ISLIP UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## Budget at Tax Cap, Preserves Programs

**Proposed Budget Remains at State Tax Cap While Retaining Key Programs Including Athletics, Music and Full-Day Kindergarten**

Fellow Community Members, Taxpayers, Parents:

**W**e as a Board of Education and as members of this community can never allow our commitment to educational excellence to falter, yet we must likewise be cognizant of the financial difficulties the East Islip School District faces as we work to adopt a viable budget for the coming year.

Contractual salary expenditures rose by about \$1.9 million since last year, while benefits skyrocketed by over \$3 million. Pension contributions alone accounted for added costs of over \$2.4 million. Despite considerable citizen advocacy, relief from state-imposed mandates did not materialize. Most importantly, our community's voters have strongly affirmed their wish that the district's budget remain within the New York State tax levy cap, which determines the maximum allowable tax levy increase for all municipal entities.

The East Islip School District's proposed budget of \$109,476,684 for 2013-2014 reflects a 3.42 percent increase over 2012-13. It represents a tax levy increase of 3.86 percent, which is \$2,567,189 above the current levy.

In addition to all educational services mandated by New York State, this tax cap-compliant budget includes what we and the East Islip school community feel are core program elements:

- Our proud athletic program (both varsity and JV)
- The award-winning music program (grades 4-12)
- Full-day kindergarten

The looming budget gap caused by minimal revenue gains and increased expenditures was filled through painstaking efforts by district administration to reduce spending in all areas, from the elimination of staff and teacher positions to the reduction of expenses



*Senior Courtney Kenyon and junior Leah Stevens were named All-State musicians and performed at the 2013 NYSSMA Winter Conference.*

for supplies, materials, equipment, technology, utilities and BOCES programs. Application of ERS reserves and a last-minute infusion of additional state aid, thanks to efforts by our diligent state senators, also contributed to this budget remaining at the cap while the district retained crucial programs.

The Board also initiated a Long Range Planning Committee this year, comprised of community residents. The committee is currently examining building utilization and other potential cost-saving issues in planning for future budgets.

As always, the Board seeks to bring awareness to the budget process and urges school district residents to attend upcoming budget presentations and to check the district website ([www.eischools.org](http://www.eischools.org)) for further updates. We encourage your participation and your commitment to taking the time to vote on May 21.

Sincerely,

**Ken Cronin, President  
East Islip Board of Education**

# 2013-14 Proposed Budget

## Expenditures

Description	2012-13 Final Budget	2013-14 Adopted Budget	Difference from 2012-13
Board of Education Includes operational expenses, district clerk, district meetings, etc.	\$65,018	\$66,257	\$1,239
Central Administration Includes operational expenses and salaries for all staff in the office of the superintendent.	333,766	355,529	21,763
Finance Includes expenses for accounting, treasurer, purchasing and fiscal advisers.	755,470	785,610	30,140
Staff Includes expenses for legal costs, personnel, public information and administration.	648,904	607,431	-41,473
Central Services (Operations & Maintenance) Includes expenses and salaries related to the operation and maintenance of district buildings, third-year lease payment on a district vehicle, and central services.	6,924,747	6,769,112	-155,635
Special Items Includes costs for insurance, dues and BOCES.	1,074,644	1,091,595	16,951
<b>Total GENERAL SUPPORT</b>	<b>9,802,549</b>	<b>9,675,534</b>	<b>-127,015</b>
Administration & Improvement: Building	4,913,144	5,018,922	105,778
Teaching Expenses: Regular School Includes second-year expenses for technology upgrade through BOCES	37,726,448	38,030,076	303,628
Special Education	12,428,356	13,039,662	611,306
Occupational Education	107,730	0	-107,730
Special School Services	3,000	3,300	300
Computer & Media Services	202,245	194,696	-7,549
Pupil Personnel	3,411,496	3,451,120	39,624
<b>Total INSTRUCTION</b>	<b>58,792,419</b>	<b>59,737,776</b>	<b>945,357</b>
<b>Total TRANSPORTATION</b> Includes 3% increase with remaining contract obligation to be met with two-year extension at 4% each	<b>5,449,398</b>	<b>5,477,938</b>	<b>28,540</b>
<b>Total COMMUNITY SERVICES (RECREATION)</b>	<b>259,738</b>	<b>241,534</b>	<b>-18,204</b>
Fringe Benefits	25,110,679	28,175,506	3,064,827
Tax Anticipation Notes (TANS)	515,000	379,000	-136,000
Interfund Transfers	5,929,188	5,789,396	-139,792
<b>Total UNDISTRIBUTED</b>	<b>31,554,867</b>	<b>34,343,902</b>	<b>2,789,035</b>
<b>TOTAL BUDGET</b>	<b>\$105,858,971</b>	<b>\$109,476,684</b>	<b>\$3,617,713</b>
Percent Increase			3.42%

# PRESERVED...

*Three key programs that, while not mandated by the state, have always helped define the quality of an East Islip education and will continue to do so under this proposed budget:*



## 1. ATHLETICS

The long and successful history of the Redmen varsity and JV sports program has always brought a deep sense of community pride to East Islip, while providing not only strong lessons in teamwork, honor and responsibility for its student-athletes, but also a valuable source of university scholarships.

## 2. MUSIC

East Islip's comprehensive music program for grades 4-12 has continued to win awards across the county and state. From studious practices to biannual concerts, music greatly enhances the many participating student-musicians' creative and scholastic abilities while contributing immensely to the cultural life of the school community.



## 3. KINDERGARTEN

Numerous studies have confirmed the importance of full-day kindergarten for the future academic success and social development of the district's youngsters, and we affirm their need to start their school careers without a diminished early childhood program.

# 2013-14 Proposed Budget


## Revenues

Description	2012-13	2013-14	Difference from 2012-13
	Final Budget	Adopted Budget	
State Aid	\$32,889,398	\$32,914,515	\$25,117
Other Revenue	2,737,410	2,375,000	-362,410
This revenue comes from areas such as interest income, rental of facilities, tuition and other fees.			
Applied Surplus (FUND BALANCE)	1,942,900	1,942,900	0
Appropriated Reserves	1,626,983	2,634,800	1,007,817
Legislative Grant in Aid	120,000	500,000	380,000
Tax Levy	66,542,280	69,109,469	2,567,189
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$105,858,971</b>	<b>\$109,476,684</b>	<b>\$3,617,713</b>
Tax Rate Per \$100 Assessed Value	\$18.962	\$19.694	\$0.732
<b>Tax Levy Increase</b>	<b>2.99%</b>	<b>3.86%</b>	
<b>Tax Rate Increase</b>	<b>3.81%</b>	<b>3.86%</b>	
Total Assessed Value	350,919,479	350,919,479	0
Homestead Assessed Value	312,187,942	312,187,942	0
Non-Homestead Assessed Value	38,731,537	38,731,537	0

## Sample Tax Bill

The total school tax is based upon the school tax rate and the assessed value of your home. If your home's assessed value does not change and the budget is approved, your school tax will increase by 3.86% next year.

Homestead Assessment	Annual Tax Levy Increase	Monthly Increase
\$33,450	\$234	\$19.50
\$40,000	\$280	\$23.33
\$50,000	\$350	\$29.17

<p>SEE THE COUNTY TREASURER'S NOTICE ON THE REVERSE SIDE.</p> <p>22,129</p>		<p><b>STATEMENT OF TAXES</b></p> <p>DECEMBER 1, 2011 thru NOVEMBER 30, 2012 TAX LEVY TOWN OF ISLIP, SUFFOLK COUNTY, NEW YORK TAXABLE STATUS DATE MARCH 1, 2011</p>		<p>ITEM NUMBER</p> <p>1698051</p>  <p>* 1 6 9 8 0 5 1</p>	
<p>MAKE FUNDS PAYABLE TO:</p> <p><b>Alexis Weik</b> RECEIVER OF TAXES 40 NASSAU AVE., ISLIP, NEW YORK 11751-3643</p>		<p>OFFICE PAYMENT HOURS MON. TO FRI. 8:30 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M. PHONE 631-224-5580</p>		<p>IF PROPERTY HAS BEEN SOLD OR TRANSFERRED AFTER MARCH 1, PLEASE FORWARD THIS STATEMENT TO THE NEW OWNER OR RETURN TO THIS OFFICE. SCHOOL: (631) 581-160</p>	
<p>OWNER AS OF TAXABLE STATUS DATE MARCH 1, 2011</p>		<p>ISLIP TERRACE 11752</p>		<p>ISLIP TERRACE 11752</p>	
<p>Tax Map Number 0500 209.00 02.00 009.000 Physical Address ISLIP TERRACE 11752</p>		<p>Property Type 210 Tax Code 207 Roll Section 1</p>		<p><b>This is the assessed value. In our district, the average home's assessed value is \$40,000, according to the Islip Town Assessor.</b></p>	
<p>Acreage 0.25 Swis Code 472889 Designation HOMESTEAD NYS School Code 161 Bank &amp; Mort. No</p>		<p>Limit Assessment Total Assessment Uniform % of Value Full Value as of July 1, 2010 True Tax</p> <p>33,450 287,124 8,520.84</p>			

# SAMPLE BALLOT

In the interest of voter awareness, the East Islip School District is presenting this sample ballot for the annual school district election and budget vote on May 21.

## Side One:

PROPOSITION NO. 1



Shall the following proposition be adopted, to wit:

“RESOLVED that the budget of the East Islip Union Free School District of the Town of Islip, Suffolk County, N.Y., for the fiscal year 2013-14 as proposed by the Board of Education in accordance with Section 1716 of the Education Law shall be approved and a tax levied therefore upon the taxable property of said School District.”

Yes  No

Election for the seat held by incumbent Ken Cronin expiring June 30, 2013 for a three-year term

## Side Two:

OFFICE	1 Trustee Three year term (Vote for One)
	Jessica Carney 1A <input type="radio"/>
	Steven Behan 1B <input type="radio"/>

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR THE SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION - MAY 15, 2012

### INSTRUCTIONS:

Mark only with a writing instrument provided by the School District.  
To vote for a candidate whose name is printed on this ballot fill in the oval above or next to the name of the candidate.  
To vote for a person whose name is not printed on this ballot write or stamp his or her name in the space labeled "WRITE" that appears at the bottom of the column for such office.  
To vote yes or no on a proposal, if any, that appears on the back side of the ballot, fill in the oval that corresponds to your vote.  
Any other mark or writing, or any erasure made on this ballot outside the voting squares or blank spaces provided for voting will void this entire ballot.

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6) Do not overvote. If you select a greater number of candidates than there are vacancies to be filled, your ballot will be void for that public office, party position or proposal.  
7) If you tear, or deface, or wrongly mark this ballot, return it and obtain another. Do not attempt to correct mistakes on the ballot by making erasures or cross outs. Erasures or cross outs may invalidate all or part of your ballot. Prior to submitting your ballot, if you make a mistake in completing the ballot or wish to change your ballot choices, you may obtain and complete a new ballot. You have a right to a replacement ballot upon return of the original ballot.  
8) After completing your ballot, insert it into the ballot scanner and wait for the notice that your ballot has been successfully scanned. If no such notice appears, seek the assistance of an election inspector.

Ballot ID: 5001

Total  
Reductions  
of More Than  
\$1.7 Million

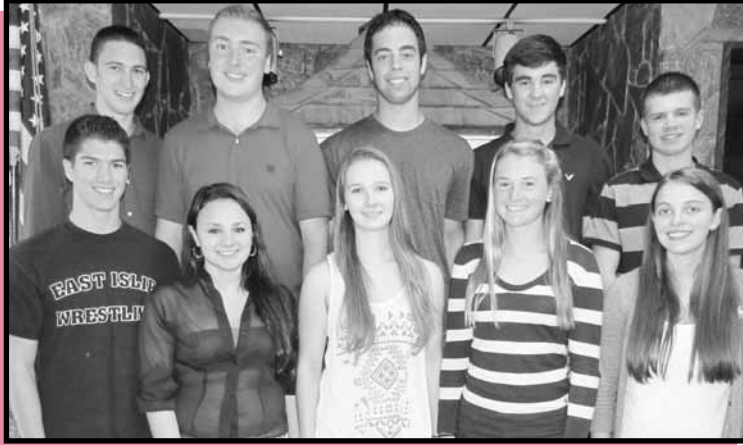
- **Staffing Reduced**  
Reductions include several high school teaching positions (achieved through the consolidation of sections), one elementary teacher (through the class size limit agreement), teacher retirements, one grounds position and one custodial position.
- **Technology Plan Upgrade Expenses Reduced**
- **Contractual Expenses Reduced**
- **Supplies and Material Expenses Reduced**

## IMPACT OF CONTINGENT BUDGET:

In the event of a contingency budget, in order to meet the contingency budget tax levy requirement of \$2,567,189 in spending reductions, necessary programmatic cuts would include the elimination of the entire kindergarten program and all athletic programs, the reduction of most non-mandated music programs (which would include an eight-period day at EIMS), and the reduction of other expenses in equipment, supplies and materials.

DESCRIPTION	STAFF	BUDGET REDUCTIONS	TAX LEVY IMPACT
Athletics (varsity and JV)	-	-\$700,000	-1.05%
Entire kindergarten program	-10.0	-1,038,998	-1.56%
Music program cuts/8-period day	-9.0	-714,325	-1.08%
Equipment, supplies, materials, etc.		-113,866	-1.17%
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>-2,567,189</b>	<b>-3.86%</b>

# EAST ISLIP SCHOOLS



Class of 2013 top 10 seniors: (clockwise from top left) Vincent Sheppard, Tyler D'Agostino, Kevin Irace, Terence Nixdorf, James Burke, Ashley Tarduno, Grace Revello, Julia O'Connor, Allison Casey, Justin Morena.



- Timber Point Elementary named a 2012 **National Blue Ribbon School**, one of only 268 nationwide.
- Five members of East Islip High School's Class of 2013 named **AP Scholars with Distinction** by College Board.
- Boys varsity bowling team won the **Suffolk County championship** and finished in second place in New York State.
- Four East Islip High School Photography Club students won Cablevision's "Get Ready for Winter" photo contest; one student selected as a finalist in the **College & High School Photography Contest**.
- High school winter track athlete earned **All-State** status and fourth-place medal in state high jump.
- Two staff members of high school newspaper The Broadcaster won recognition at Adelphi University's 2013 **Quill Awards**.
- Two high school students had work displayed in Albany at **New York State Art Teachers Association Legislative Exhibit**.
- Four young scientists at high school presented papers at **Long Island Science and Engineering Fair**.

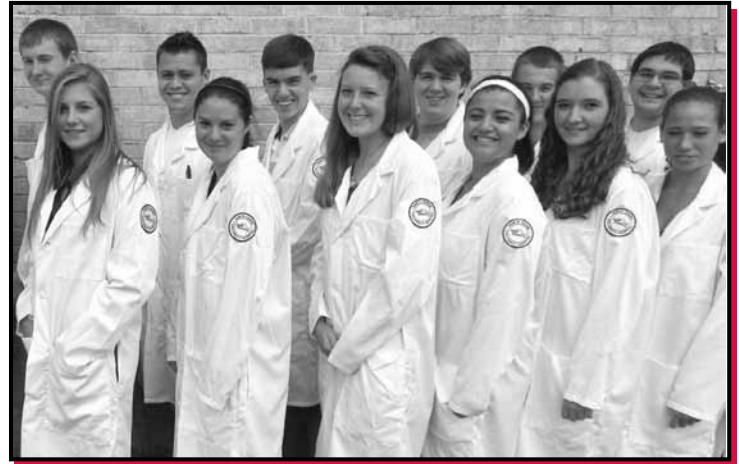
- The Class of 2013 has been offered hundreds of thousands of dollars in **college scholarships** to date and seniors have been accepted to prestigious colleges and universities, including Cornell, Notre Dame, Boston College, Villanova, Syracuse, UPenn, Loyola, RPI, University of Richmond and Penn State.
- Five students inducted in **Keep Islip Clean** program.
- High school student-athlete finished first in butterfly race at Suffolk County swimming championships and earned **All-Long Island** honors.
- Students throughout district involved in **community service projects** and charity events such as holiday food drives, visits to veterans, blood drives, and fundraising for cancer, diabetes, and victims of Superstorm Sandy and Sandy Hook.



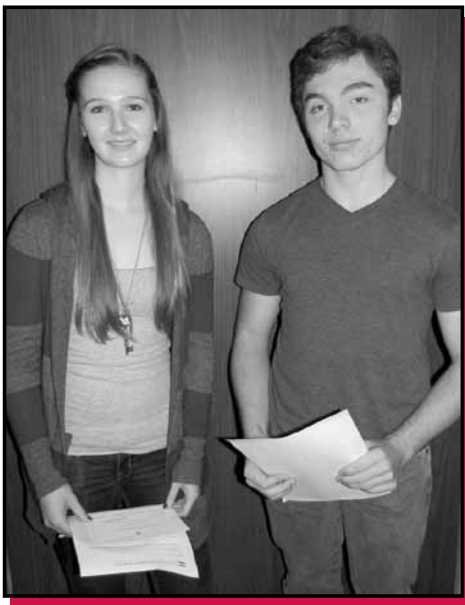
Valedictorian Vincent Sheppard (right) will attend Cornell University; salutatorian Allison Casey (left) will attend Villanova.

# AND STUDENTS EXCEL!

- The high school added CAM, the thriving **Medical and Health Technology Career Academy**, to the successful Environment Green and International Business Globalization career academies.
- Timber Point and East Islip High School were both recognized as **New York State Reward Schools**.
- Cross-country runner finished as undefeated **League III champion** and selected to All-County first team.
- One middle school student and one elementary student won at New York State level of **PTA Reflections** arts contest; three other elementary students won at Suffolk County level.
- High school students won two “Best in Show” awards at the 2013 **Long Island Media Arts Show**.



*Members of East Islip High School's Medical and Health Technology Career Academy.*



*National Merit Scholarship Commended Students Julia O'Connor and Peter Zepf.*

- Two East Islip seniors named Commended Students by 2013 **National Merit Scholarship Program**, placing them among top 5 percent nationwide out of more than 1.5 million students who competed.
- One high school musician achieved **All-Eastern** recognition at NAFME Eastern Division Conference; two high school students and one middle school student named **All-State** musicians at NYSSMA Winter Conference; 11 students chosen for NYSCAME High School **All-County** Music Festival; 13 fourth-grade music students selected to represent East Islip at SCMEA's **PEAK Festival**; students from each of East Islip's six schools selected to perform in SCMEA divisional performing ensembles.



*President's Volunteer Service Award winner Victoria Goldfader of EIMS.*

- Varsity wrestlers included **third-place state winner** with 47-1 record, quarterfinal winner and All-State Honorable Mention.
- Five students in Environment Green Career Academy won first-place awards at Dowling College's **Long Island Youth Summit Competition**, along with \$2,000 scholarships and internships.
- One high school and one middle school student honored for exemplary volunteerism with **President's Volunteer Service Awards**.

# East Islip Union Free School District

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# VOTING INFORMATION

## May 21, 2013 • 6 a.m.-9 p.m.

### Early Childhood Center, First Floor



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: This single location for voting replaces the previous four :  
: separate voting districts at the elementary schools. :  
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#### Voter Registration Books Inspection

The register will be open for inspection at the district clerk's office upon completion and on the five days prior to the budget vote and election, during regular business hours and on Saturday, May 11 between the hours of 11 a.m. and 12 p.m.

#### Absentee Ballots

Applications for absentee ballots may be made at the district clerk's office. Such applications must be received by the district clerk at least seven days before the vote if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or by the day before the vote if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter.

A list of all persons to whom absentee ballots have been issued will be available in the district clerk's office on the five days prior to the day of the vote during business hours. In order to be canvassed, an absentee voter's ballot must be in the district clerk's office by 5 p.m. on May 21, 2013.

Questions? Please contact the district clerk at 631-224-2013.



Scan this code to go directly to the budget page on our website.

**If you have a question about the budget, please call or email Assistant Superintendent for Business Carl Fraser at 631-224-2020 or [cfraser@eischools.org](mailto:cfraser@eischools.org)**

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: Qualifications for Voting

- You must be 18 years of age and a citizen of the United States and...
- a) be registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections, or
- b) have voted in a school, library or general election in the East Islip School District within the past four years, or
- c) have registered with the school district by May 15, 2013.



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