



Longwood Central School District



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Strategic Plan 2024-2025



Strong Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Practices

What it Means

Longwood is committed to developing strong curriculum and instructional practices that support our students in developing the necessary tools to be successful and productive members of our local and global communities.

Our Beliefs

- Everyone can learn and grow.
- We learn to think critically and communicate effectively through active engagement and collaboration.
- Everyone deserves multiple opportunities and methods to demonstrate growth.



Empowered Students, Staff and School Community

What it Means

Longwood is committed to cultivating a culture of dignity, respect, and support that empowers everyone to continuously push their limits to learn and grow each day.

Our Beliefs

- Everyone deserves to feel connected, respected, and experience personal growth.
- It is our collective responsibility to ensure that everyone feels safe, seen and supported.
- Self-confidence and grit are developed through high expectations, productive struggle, and unwavering support.



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Collaborative School and Community Partnerships

What it Means

Longwood is committed to building and maintaining strong community partnerships to ensure that each of our school community members feel welcomed and connected to the work of our schools.

Our Beliefs

- Student opportunities are maximized when schools, families, and community members are engaged and work together.
- Student achievement is best achieved through an engaged, collaborative, and supportive community.



Efficient and Effective Operations

What it Means

Longwood is committed to ensuring efficient, organized, streamlined, and well-managed operations to support our commitments and promote success for all.

Our Beliefs

- Clear goals, strategic planning, and progress monitoring to ensure successful outcomes.
- Effective and efficient operations best ensures that resources are utilized to maximize student achievement.
- It is our duty to develop a responsible budget that meets our commitments to our community's taxpayers.



2025-2026 Priorities

Strong Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment Practices

- Building upon the success of the Alternative to Home Instruction Program (AHI)
- Expanding course offerings in Business, English, Social Studies, and dual-enrollment
- Increasing career exploration and internship opportunities
- Furthering professional development opportunities in the science of reading and vocabulary
- Continuing to bridge pre-k and K curriculum and instructional practices
- Engaging in collaborative curriculum writing projects across subject areas
- Supporting our Special Education and ELL programs



2025-2026 Priorities

Empowered Students, Staff, and School Community

- Promoting student, staff, and community voice
- Reimagining school and community events
- Expanding mental health and ACES training initiatives
- Expanding opportunities for peer-to-peer connections
- Supporting the campus branding and beautification projects
- Continuing to support targeted and job-embedded professional development
- Building upon opportunities for student and staff recognition



2025-2026 Priorities

Collaborative School and Community Partnerships

- Building upon our strong community connections
- Maintaining community support and outreach services
- Reaffirming relationships with our Civics, Fire Departments, community organizations, local officials and municipalities
- Continuing to develop partnerships with local businesses and community service organizations
- Furthering our long standing efforts to connect our school programs to the greater Longwood community



2025-2026 Priorities

Efficient and Effective Operations

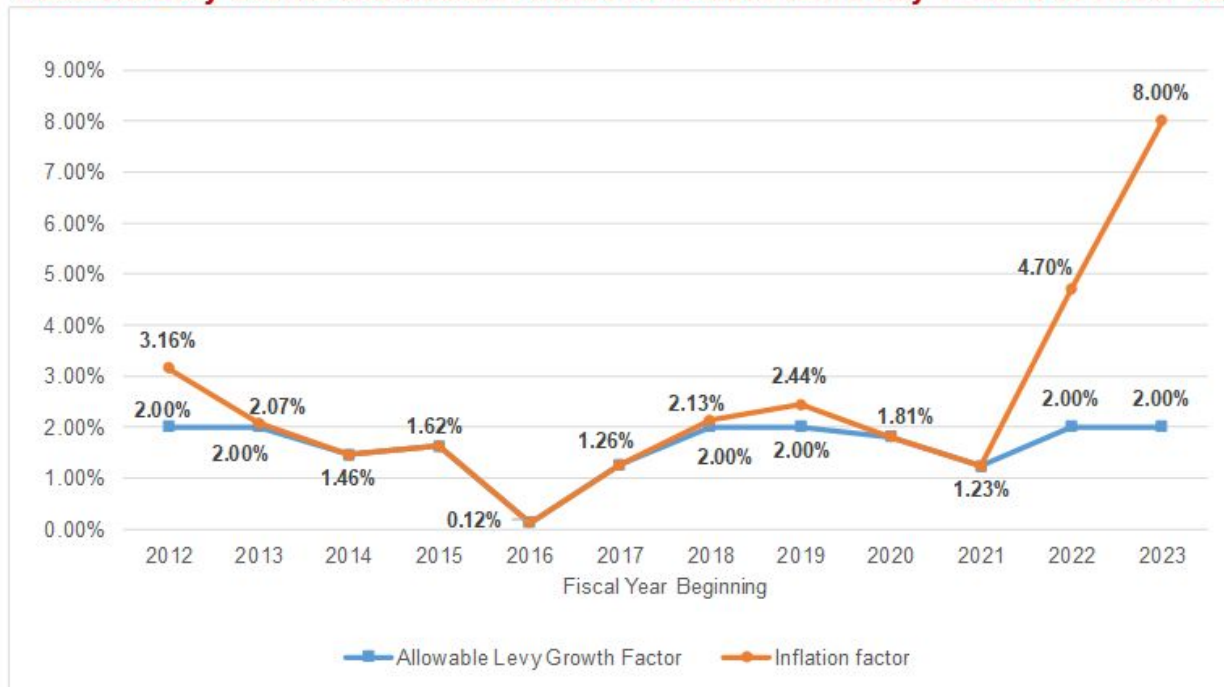
- Maintaining district-wide staff and programs
- Furthering district-wide capital improvement projects
- Continuing to enhance school safety measures
- Providing additional instructional support for Special Education and ELL services
- Strengthening our systems of recruitment, induction, and career ladder pathways
- Building upon systems for long-range planning
- Maintaining outstanding financial credit rating of AA+



Factors Impacting Our Budget

2025–2026 NYS Tax CAP Calculation will use 2.0%

Allowable Levy Growth and Inflation Factors for Entities with a July 1 - June 30 Fiscal Year



Note: Allowable levy growth factor is expressed as a percentage.

Budget to Budget Factors

Consistent needs

- Contractual salary increases
- Facilities maintenance and repair
- Health insurance and benefits
- Transportation
- Special Education Costs
- ELL services (part 154)
- Technology
- School Safety and Security
- Unfunded Mandates

Increasing/Changing needs

- Energy costs
- Transportation costs (EV Buses)
- Cost of materials
- Recruiting and hiring qualified staff
- Health insurance and benefit increases
- Mental Health needs
- ELL services (part 154)
- Technology upgrades
- School Safety and Security upgrades
- Set Aside Funding

Maximum Allowable Tax Levy 2025-2026

Longwood's Maximum Allowable 2025-2026 Tax Levy

Increase of 3.09%

Anticipated Revenue Budget

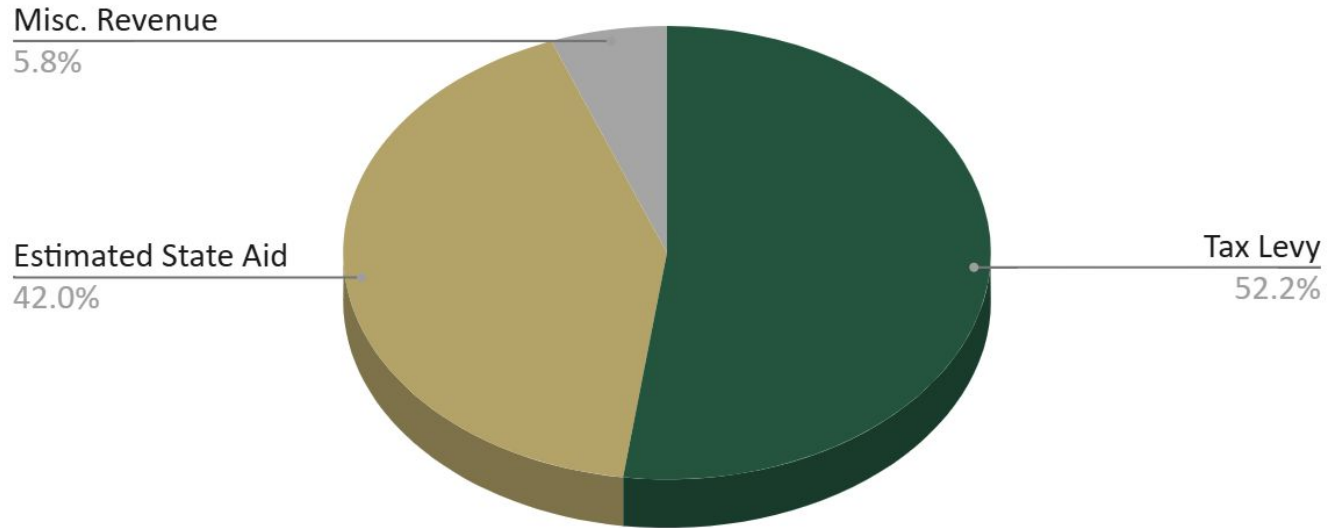
Real Estate Taxes	\$ 164,288,509	52.16%
Estimated State Aid	\$ 132,389,535	42.03%
Applied Fund Balance/Reserves	\$ 6,700,000	2.13%
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 11,621,956	3.69%

Budget Outlook for 2025-2026

Current Budget	\$ 300,500,000
Proposed Budget	\$ 315,000,000
Budget Increase	4.83 %
Tax Levy Increase	3.09 %

2025-2026 Revenue Budget

2025-2026 Proposed Revenue Budget \$315,000,000



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What Happens if the Budget Fails?

Total reductions needed for a contingent budget

\$ 4,927,042

What Happens if the Budget Fails?

Limited opportunities for students

Reduced services and programs for students and staff

Increased class size

Reduction of staff: Administrators, Teachers and CSEA

Adopt a contingent budget (required)

No increase in the current tax levy (a zero percent cap)

What Happens if the Budget Fails?

Eliminate all new equipment purchases

Reduce building repairs

Suspend capital projects

**Limit use of buildings & grounds by community organizations
(impose fees required by law)**

Thank You to the Longwood Community!!!

Voter approved school budget for 23 years in a row

Increased ratio of YES to NO votes each year

Budget Vote - May 20, 2025



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Thank You!

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Superintendent of Schools

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