

# Levittown Public Schools

## Budget Overview



Presentation to the Board of Education  
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February 4, 2015

# Budget Planning Calendar

## December, 2014

- District administrators enter proposed budgets into Finance Manager.
- Budget Builders meet with Central Office to discuss proposed budget.
- Salaries are projected and incorporated into the working budget.
- Preliminary health care and retirement costs are projected and incorporated into the working budget.

## January, 2015

- Draft of budget submitted to Superintendent for review/comments/changes.
- Present first draft of budget to BOE including preliminary budget forecasts and assumptions.
- January 14, 2015 - Present the First Draft of the 2015-2016 budget and breakout the Facilities and Transportation programs and proposed budgets.
- January 21, 2015 - Present the Athletics and Extra Curricular Activities budgets

## February, 2015

- Continue to update and refine the budget.
- February 4, 2015 - Present the budgets for Curriculum and Instruction budget, Instructional Technology Budget and the GC Tech Budget.
- February 11, 2015 - Present the Special Education Budget, the Tax Cap Calculation and the Elementary Staffing and Enrollment.
- Tax Levy Limit Calculations must be uploaded to Comptroller's Office by February 28<sup>th</sup>.

# Budget Planning Calendar

## March, 2015

- Continue to update budget, including staffing and benefits.
- March 4, 2015 - Present the Revenue Budget, Five year Projections and the Fund Balance Projection.
- Legal Notice of date, time and place of School Budget Hearing and Annual Budget Vote.
- March 11, 2015 - Present Secondary Staffing and Enrollment.and a presentation by the PTA Advisory Committee on Budget.
- Make appropriate changes to the budget as a result of ongoing contract negotiations.
- March 25, 2015 - Review the Final Budget and the Board will adopt the Budget.

## April, 2015

- Property Tax Report Cards due to State Education department on April 27.
- Budget Statement and required attachments must be made available to public in hard copy and on the website on April 30.

## May, 2015

- Budget Hearing – May 6.
- Budget Notice mailed – May 13.
- Budget Vote – May 19.

# Board of Education Goals

Create a budget that maintains and supports our current programs while incorporating the 2014-2015 Board of Education Goals of:

- Improving academic success
- **Instructional Technology**
- Develop a budget within the tax levy limits

# Process

- We continue to work on refining projections in staffing and benefits, representing about 84% of the budget.
- BOCES still needs to issue their program costs for 2015-2016.
  - We expect to have these figures finalized for the 2/11 meeting.
- Staying within Tax Levy Limit.
  - At present levy limit is approximately 1.62%.
  - We expect this to be finalized by the 2/11 meeting.
- State Aid is estimated and the actual is still to be determined
  - The Governor has informed us that he will have his budget finished on April 1<sup>st</sup>. He will give us the state aid runs then.
- Calculate effect on contract negotiations as they pertain to budget.
- Continue to use all available information in order to budget as close to actual expenditures from years past as possible.
- Rules for the Tax Freeze for Year Two need to be finalized
  - We have made some progress with our Quadrant.
- Rules for the New York State \$2 Billion dollar “Smart Schools Bond” need to be determined.

# February 4, 2015 Presentations

## Instruction:

- Debbie Rifkin will present the Budget for Instruction
  - Budget to budget change for Instruction: +\$156,218
    - 2014-2015: \$3,469,561
    - 2015-2016 \$3,625,779

## Instructional Technology:

- Todd Connell will present the Instructional Technology Budget
  - Budget to budget change for Instructional Technology: **-\$27,297.62**
    - 2014-2015: \$3,458,476.12
    - 2014-2015: \$3,431,178.50

## GC Tech:

- Joan Lorelli and Geri Fox-Wilson will present the GC Tech Budget
  - Budget to budget change for Instructional Technology: **-\$ 1,142**
    - 2014-2015: \$177,166
    - 2014-2015: \$176,024



Questions?