

Securing Our Children's Future During Unprecedented Times

*Superintendent's Proposed Budget
For The 2021-2022 School Year*



March 25, 2021

Issues Impacting Our Budget:

- ❖ ***NYS Tax CAP Calculation- uses the lower of 2% or the CPI. 2021–22 Cap Calculation will use 1.23%.***
- ❖ ***State Aid Must Compensate for Tax Cap State Aid has Decreased from 47% of Revenue in 2001 to 34.85% in 2021-22***
- ❖ ***State Education Unfunded Mandates***
- ❖ ***A Rise in Charter School Tuition via Enrollment***
- ❖ ***The Foundation Aid Formula Should Serve as a Cornerstone to a School Finance System for More Effective Multi-Year Planning***

Issues Impacting our Budget:

- ❖ *Between 2010 and 2020, State Aid to Long Island was Reduced by More than 1.3 Billion Dollars (GEA), with 60% of this Aid Coming from LI's Low-Wealth Districts*
- ❖ *Continued State Mandate of Set-Aside Funding,*
- ❖ *\$ 1,238,072 Impacting our General Funding Source, Requiring us to Fund Certain Projects and only those Projects as Dictated by Albany*
- ❖ *Long Island's Least-Wealthy and Wealthiest Districts Receive Significantly Less State Aid Than Both the Least-Wealthy and Wealthiest Districts in New York State*
- ❖ *New NYS Per School Building Expense Report - Unfunded Mandate*
- ❖ *Changes to STAR Program Resulting in Reductions of State Aid*

Students Remain our First Priority

- ❖ ***Ensure a Comprehensive Academic Program for College and Career Readiness Aligned to 21st Century Skills and the Adopted NYS ESSA Standards***
- ❖ ***Provide a Safe, Supportive, and Challenging Educational Experience***
- ❖ ***Continue to Fund our District-Wide Literacy and Math Support Programs K-12***
- ❖ ***Continue to Intensify the K-12 Students' Success Initiative (SSI), Along With Continued Research into Standards-Based Education***
- ❖ ***Maintain Elementary Class Size (low to mid 20's)***
- ❖ ***Develop Remediation Programs for Students who were Adversely Impacted Academically and Socially by the Recent Pandemic***

Students Remain our First Priority

- ❖ ***Expand our Academy Program in Longwood High School to Include Additional Coursework Designed to Compliment Future 21st Century Skill Building***
- ❖ ***Expand our School Bus Safety Program to Include Stop Arm Camera Technology***
- ❖ ***Continue our Partnerships with Local SUNY for Credit-Bearing Courses within our Academies, The Early College Entrance Program, and the Early College H.S. Program***
- ❖ ***Continue Implementation of the NYSED Smart Schools Bond Act for Technology for Students and Staff K-12 – PHASE IV***
- ❖ ***Continue to Educate and Support our Students and their Families with a Comprehensive Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program, and Expand Student Wellness Programs to Include Education and Preventive Strategies in Combating the Vaping Epidemic***

Students Remain our First Priority

- ❖ ***Expand our Students' Opportunities for External Learning Experiences, Internships, and Partnerships which Compliment our Students' CTE Experiences***
- ❖ ***Continue to Enrich our PBIS and Leader In Me Programs, Restorative Practice Models Strengthening our Children's Self-Advocacy and Social-Emotional Interpersonal Skills Aligned with the ESSA Standards***
- ❖ ***Maintain our District's Current Level of Mental Health Programs with Widespread Preemptive Professional Development Training for Staff, Along with the inclusion of Youth Mental Health First Aid and increased use of Mindfulness Practices District Wide.***

Maximum Allowable Tax Levy for 2021-22

THE TAX CAP CALCULATION ALLOWS ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- ❖ ***Tax levy necessary for expenditures resulting from Court Orders/Judgements arising out of tort actions for any amount in excess of 5% of the total taxes levied in the prior year.***
- ❖ ***Tax levy necessary to pay for increases in employer contributions to TRS and ERS retirement systems in excess of 2 percentage points.***
- ❖ ***Tax levy necessary for Eligible Capital expenditures (For example, Debt payments on bond issues)- must be net of building aid.***
- ❖ ***Longwood's Maximum Allowable 2021-22 Tax Levy Requiring a Simple Majority Vote Reflects an Increase of 2.95% over 2020-2021***

Anticipated Revenue Budget

<i>Real Estate Taxes</i>	<i>\$ 154,136,252</i>	<i>59.28%</i>
<i>Estimated State Aid</i>	<i>\$ 90,600,020</i>	<i>34.85%</i>
<i>Applied Fund Balance/Reserves</i>	<i>\$ 8,550,000</i>	<i>3.29%</i>
<i>Miscellaneous Revenue</i>	<i>\$ 6,713,728</i>	<i>2.58%</i>

Budget Outlook for 2021-22

Current Budget ***\$ 255,600,000***

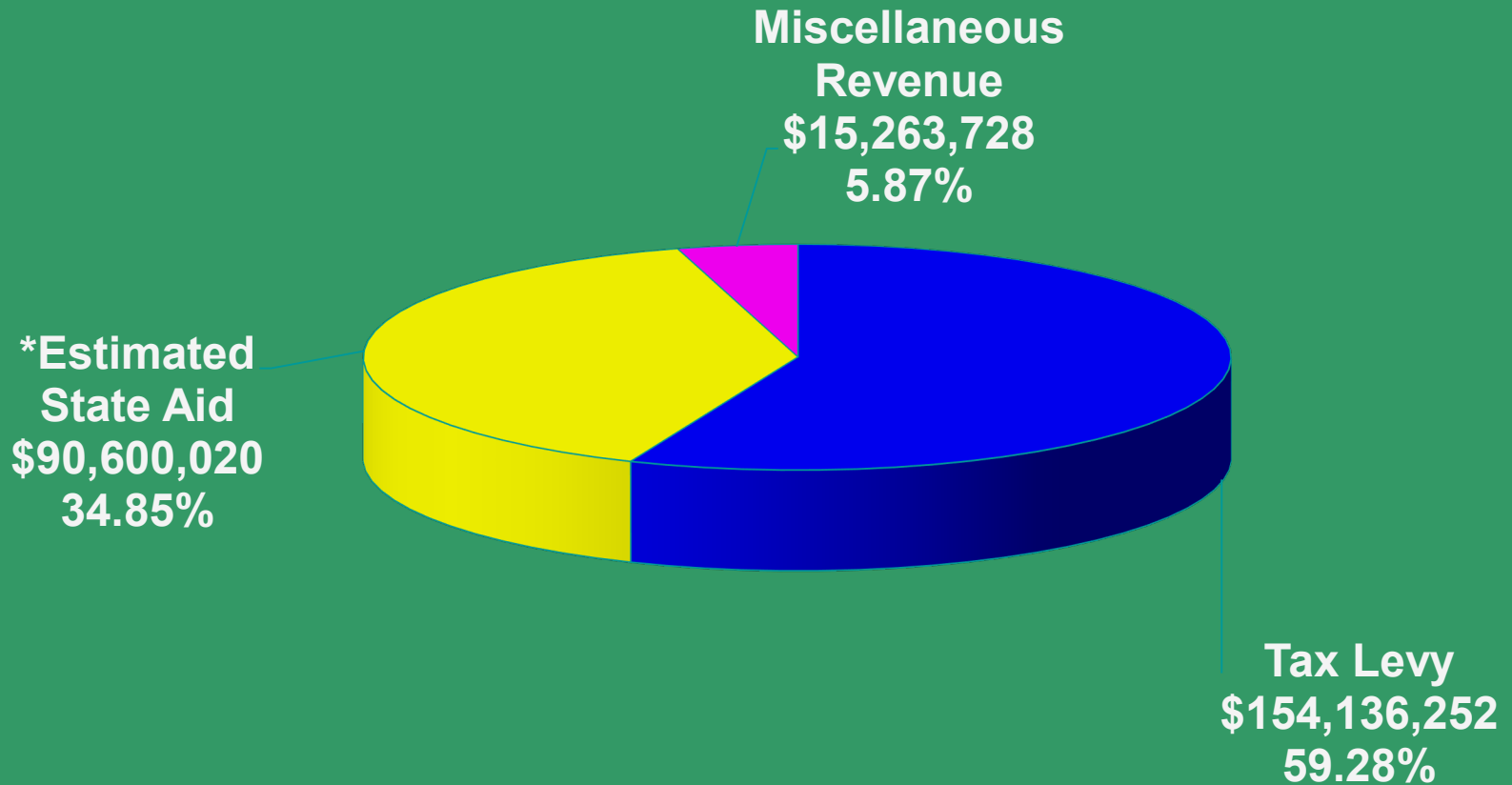
Proposed Budget ***\$ 260,000,000***

Budget Increase ***1.72 %***

Tax Levy Increase ***2.95 %***

2021-22 Revenue Budget

Proposed Budget for 2021-2022 \$260,000,000



Proposition 2

- ❖ *Utilize the Capital Reserve in the Amount of \$ 3,300,000.00 for the Replacement of the Gym Floor and the Addition of Air Conditioning in the Middle School Gymnasium Due to Remediation of Mercury Found in the Flooring*
- ❖ *This Will Result in No Cost to the Taxpayer*

Program Priorities

- ❖ *Continue Professional Development for Our Expanded K–12 Summer Math and Literacy Leadership Teams*
- ❖ *Continuation of our FREE Breakfast and Lunch Program for ALL Students*
- ❖ *Expand our Federal and State Grant Application Opportunities for Additional Revenues – To Date in Excess of \$ 8,048,845*
- ❖ *Maintain the Use of Our i-Ready ELA and Math Diagnostics in Grades K-6, along with the IXL Program in Grades 7-12, Which Support Individual Student Needs*

Program Priorities

- ❖ **ESAP (Empire State After-School Program) \$3.2 Million for 500 Students 5-12**
- ❖ **ECHS (Early College High School) \$775 Thousand**
- ❖ **MBK (My Brothers Keeper) \$600 Thousand Serving 900 students, which Includes our 1st and 4th Grade LEGO Projects**
- ❖ **Support Current Levels of Occupational Education Opportunities to High School Juniors, While Maintaining our Commitment to our Seniors to Complete Their Program**
- ❖ **Provide a Series of Student Created Public Service Announcements addressing Major At-Risk Challenges Facing our children**
- ❖ **Maintain Transition Services for Children Entering 5th, 7th and 9th Grades, Along with our ENL K-12 Summer Program Focusing on Social-Emotional Learning and STEAM Activities**

Program Priorities

- ❖ *Continue to Support Professional Development for our Staff and Administrators, Aligned with Higher Learning Standards, ESSA, and 21st Century Skills*
- ❖ *Completion and Gradual Infusion of our STEAM Laboratory in our Middle School which will Serve All Students K-12 While Developing our STEAM Curriculum*
- ❖ *Support Our New Central Registration Office, 24 Hour Online Service for at Home, and On-Premise Student Registration. Continue to Support our Parents with Technology, Providing them Access to Kindergarten Orientation Registration, Food Service Needs, and Transitional Services.*

Program Priorities

- ❖ ***Partner with ESBOCES to Reinforce District-Wide Privacy and Security Awareness Training***
- ❖ ***Continue to Support our Special Education Program at the Longwood Career Center, Providing Occupational Education Experiences for our Secondary Special Education Students***
- ❖ ***Expand our Elementary level STEAM and LEGO Programs to our 5th Grade Students which Serves as the Foundation to our STEAM Laboratory Experiences in the Middle School, Scheduled to be Completed During the 2020-21 School Year***
- ❖ ***Recently Awarded five year \$1,250,000 Grant – Longwood Smart Start Grant, Partnered with William Floyd School District, To Enhance Computer Science Professional Development K-12***

Maintaining Our Facilities

- ❖ ***Continue to Provide a Safe and Secure Atmosphere, While Maintaining the Level of our Outstanding School District Safety Program with the Installation of Secure and Fortified “Man-Trap” Entrances at ALL School Buildings***
- ❖ ***Continue to Implement the FINAL Phase of our Capital Improvement Project***
- ❖ ***Finalize Future Implementation Plans for the Technology Center Renovation, which will become the Future Student Service Center, Aligned to Complement the District-Wide Capital Improvement Plan***

What Happens if the Budget Fails?

❖ *Total Reductions Needed for a Contingent Budget:*

\$ 4,422,039

What Happens if the Budget Fails?

- ❖ ***Limited Opportunities for Students***
- ❖ ***Reduced Services for Students and Staff***
- ❖ ***Increased Class Size***
- ❖ ***Elimination 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 and Eliminate Capital Projects*
- ❖ *Limit use of Buildings & Grounds by Community Organizations (impose fees required by law)*

Longwood Community Points of Pride

- ❖ *Voters Approved School Budget for 19 Consecutive Years*
- ❖ *Increased Ratio of YES to NO Votes Each Year*
- ❖ *Increased Community Confidence and Support*
- ❖ *Maintained Outstanding Financial Credit Rating AA+*
- ❖ *A Consistent HS Senior Class Graduation Rate of 97%*
- ❖ *Our Junior High School Recognized as an ESSENTIAL SCHOOL TO WATCH, one of 30 Middle-Level Schools in New York State, One of Three on Long Island Alone*

Longwood Community Points of Pride

- ❖ ***Our HS Virtual Business Entrepreneur Program Placed Second last Year Among 1,500 Students Across 100 Long Island Schools***
- ❖ ***This Year our 8th Grade FIRST FTC Robotics Team Took Second Place at the Qualifying Round Earning a Coveted Position at the Championships***
- ❖ ***Three Longwood High School Students Named Finalists in the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program.***
- ❖ ***Five of our HS Student Musicians were Selected to Attend the Prestigious NYSSMA Conference in the Fall of 2018***
- ❖ ***Coram School Partnered with our High School's National Honor Society to Provide Pre-Recorded Videos - PARP Live Stories Read by Teachers, Along with First-ever Virtual Parent Involvement Workshops***

Longwood Community Points of Pride

- ❖ ***Both our Junior Varsity and Varsity Football Teams Advanced to Semi-Finalist Status***
- ❖ ***Our HS Boasts a Record of 18 Varsity Teams that Qualified for NYS Public School Athletic Association Awards by Maintaining Academic Averages of 90% or Above, Section IX Outstanding Sportsmanship Team Award, NYSPHSAA Scholar/Athlete Team Award***
- ❖ ***82 Student-Athletes were Nominated for All-League, All-Conference and All-County Awards, along with 12 Early Signings for National Letters of Intent***
- ❖ ***Our Varsity Cheerleaders Won First Time Suffolk Championship in Small Division 1***
- ❖ ***More than \$ 18,000,000 in Scholarships and Financial Assistance Awarded to the Class of 2020.***
- ❖ ***Increased Parent Participation Throughout all School Buildings with the Assistance of our Title I and MBK Funding Opportunities***

Longwood Community Points of Pride

- ❖ ***Broadened our School-to-Business Partnerships with Numerous Local Businesses Enriching our Pathways to Learning Academies Experience***
- ❖ ***In 2019, 20 of our High School Students Finished in the Top Five Teams in an All-Island FBLA Competition***
- ❖ ***In 2019, Five Elementary Teachers at Coram Elementary School were Selected to Present Their Work on Technology Integration at the Suffolk Asset Technology Conference***
- ❖ ***First Robotics Team Approved for Altice USA Grant Funding***

Longwood Community Points of Pride

- ❖ ***More than 550 HS Students Participated in Advanced Placement and Credit Bearing College Courses This School Year***
- ❖ ***Our High School Students Have Received More Than 190 College Credits Through our Early College Entrance Partnership Programs***
- ❖ ***Top Student Musicians were Chosen to Participate in All-State and All-County Festivals***
- ❖ ***Increased Scores on New York State Regents Exams Exceeding State Proficiency levels***
- ❖ ***Our Girls Varsity Basketball Team Won the Suffolk County Conference 1 Championship***

Longwood Community Points of Pride

- ❖ *Our Ridge Elementary School Designated as a Leader In Me Lighthouse School*
- ❖ *Our Music Department Received the 2019 Advocacy in Action Award from Music for All*
- ❖ *Seamless Near Completion of our Recent Capital Improvement Bond Initiative Visible Throughout our School District*
- ❖ *District Advocacy for the Fight Against Alcohol and Substance Abuse and Vaping... Second to None in Suffolk County*

Longwood Community Points of Pride

- ❖ ***Fine Arts Students District-Wide Have Excelled and Been Recognized by Both the County and State for Their Outstanding Achievements***
- ❖ ***Continued Partnership with the Amazon Corporation's Future Engineering Program Providing Professional Development to Staff Members to Teach Advanced Placement Computer Science. Beyond This New Course, ALL Students in our HS will Have Access to AWS (Amazon Web Services) EDUCATE for Cloud Computing, Web Design and Game Design and Seniors entitled to Internships and Scholarships Directly from AWS***

*We Work Diligently To Keep Academic
Excellence and Student Wellness Our
Highest Priority, and Our Community's
Investment In Their Children's
Education Our Top Commitment!*

VOTE....May 18th

