



2017-2018 Budgetary Considerations

Huntington Union Free School District
Board of Education Meeting
January 9, 2017

Factors That May Positively Impact ...

- 1.0036 Tax Base Growth Factor for the school district (impacts tax levy limit)
- Carry-over from 2016-17 (impacts tax levy limit)
- Reduction in Teachers' Retirement System costs
- Potential for reserve usage
- Smart Schools Investment Plan funding
- Foundation Aid formula adjustment?

Factors That May Negatively Impact ...

- Average annual increase in CPI-U expected at near 1.2% (impacts levy limit)
- 1.0036 Tax Base Growth Factor for the school district (impacts levy limit)
- State budget revenue shortfall
- Contractual salary/benefit cost increases
- Contracted service increases
- Part 154 and other mandated expenditures
- Increased interest rates
- No more GEA to eliminate
- Non-election year

Long Island Realities ...

- Forty Long Island school districts, enrolling 47 percent of the region's students, fall below the state's average in terms of income and property wealth (CWR <1.0).
- According to federal guidelines, more than 35 percent of the students enrolled in Long Island school districts qualify for free or reduced-price lunch, a 2% increase over last year.
- Long Island has seen a 22.4 percent increase in English language learners since 2007-08, which is an increase of 14.9 percent in Nassau and 28.5 percent in Suffolk.

Historical State Aid Allocations ...

- Long Island enrolls 16.2% of the state's students, but receives only 12.4% of school aid.
- Between 2010 and 2016, aid to Long Island school districts was reduced by more than \$1.3 billion due to the Gap Elimination Adjustment. The impact of this loss still lingers in compounded form.
- State aid dollars have less purchasing power on Long Island than in any other region in the state. The purchasing power of \$1,000 in the lowest cost regions (North Country and Mohawk Valley) is the equivalent of \$702 on Long Island/NYC.

Foundation Aid ...

- Foundation Aid comprises nearly 70 percent of all New York State school aid.
- If the Foundation Aid Formula had been fully funded, Long Island schools would have received an additional \$5.2 billion in Foundation Aid over the past 10 years.
- Long Island's Foundation Aid as a percentage of total Long Island aid is 4.5 percent lower than that of the state as a whole.
- In 2016-17, Huntington received just short of \$8.5M; if formula fully funded, would have received \$17.8 M.

2017-18 Budget Development Meetings

- Monday, 2/6/17 – Tax Levy Limit
- Monday, 2/27/17 – Budget Overview/BOE/Central Admin/Transportation
- Monday, 3/6/17 – Employee Benefits/Debt Service/Fund Transfers/Capital
- Monday, 3/13/17 – Instruction & Staffing
- Monday, 3/27/17 – Revenues/Budget Review
- Tuesday, 4/18/17 – Budget Adoption
- Monday, 5/8/17 – Budget Hearing
- Tuesday, 5/16/17 – Budget Vote/BOE Election