



Working Together for Sustainability

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Working Together for Sustainability



- State & Regional Educational Quality
- The State Budget: Do we get a fair share?
- Performance & Resource Gap on Long Island
- Growing the Gap – Reductions and Caps
- Working Together for Sustainability



State & Regional Educational Quality



- Education Week ranks NYS 2nd in January 2011 “Quality Counts” study.
- Long Island students outperform NYS students by every measure maintained by SED.
- One third of all Intel Semifinalists nationally come from Long Island.



State & Regional Educational Quality



- One half of Long Island high schools are on Newsweek's list of top high schools.
- 100% of 2010-11 School Budgets approved by communities.
- 96% of 2011-12 School Budgets approved by communities to date.



Budget Vote History



	Yes Votes	% of Vote
2003	134,024	59%
2004	120,169	51%
2006	161,304	56%
2007	138,445	59%
2008	121,482	59%
2009	125,220	63%
2010	161,453	59%
2011	146,418	62%

*2005 data not on SED website



What if?



	Districts yes > 60%	Districts yes > 59%
2009	80	86
2010	49	59
2011	66	78



The State Budget: Do We Get a Fair Share?



Regional Impact

- Long Island schools enroll approximately 17% of the students in the state but receive only 12% (\$2.335 billion) of all school aid (\$19.360 billion).
- Long Island public schools will receive less aid next year than 4 years ago.

	2007-08	2011-12
State Aid	\$2.499 billion	\$2.335 billion
Percentage of school expenditures aided	25.7%	21.4%

- Between 2010-11 and 2011-12, Long Island schools will lose \$89.3 million in Federal support and \$90.4 million in state aid, for a total loss of \$179.7 million. This represents an aid loss of 7.1% from year to year.
- Long Island schools experienced an overall aid loss 14.5% greater than the rest of the state (7.1% vs. 6.2%).
- Long Island school aid per pupil is reduced to \$4,326, which is 31.2% lower than the rest of the state (\$6,285).



Long Island School Performance & Resource Gap



Percentage of Students in Long Island's Least Wealthy and Wealthiest School Districts Passing the Elementary/Middle Level Assessments and Regents Exams

Demographic Factors/Assessment/Regents 2008-09	Least Wealthy LI Districts (9 districts) % of all students tested	Wealthiest LI Districts (9 districts) % of all students tested
Total Enrollment % Free/Reduced Lunch % Limited English Proficient (LEP) % Drop Out State Aid Share (State Aid as % of Total Revenue) Per Pupil Expenditure	56,329 53.5 18.8 2.8 56.1 \$21,915	23,306 11.4 5.0 0.9 6.2 \$28,593
Assessment Results – Elementary and Middle Level Students Scoring at Levels 3 and 4		
Grade 4 ELA Grade 4 Mathematics Grade 4 Science Grade 5 Social Studies Grade 8 ELA Grade 8 Mathematics Grade 8 Science Grade 8 Social Studies	76.4 86.2 91.2 90.6 58.9 74.2 67.9 60.2	91.4 94.4 96.3 96.6 87.7 93.2 84.7 88.7
Regents Exam Results – Students Scoring 65+		
English Mathematics Course A Global History & Geography US History & Government Living Environment	78.5 50.7 70.0 81.3 76.8	92.5 93.5 88.2 94.0 95.2



Growing The Gap: Resources



- While the percentage of loss of aid in the least wealthy districts was far less than in the wealthiest (4.9% vs. 1.6%), the dollar loss per pupil was 165% higher in the least wealthy districts.

2011-12 Budget	Least Wealthy (9)	Wealthiest (9)
Enrollment	58,031	23,773
Spending	\$1,312,238,418	\$728,328,464
Spending Per Pupil	\$22,613	\$30,637
State Aid/ <i>% of Budget</i>	\$660,585,812/ 50.3%	\$32,742,280/ 4.5%
\$ Loss/ <i>% Loss in State Aid</i>	-\$10,882,217/ 1.6%	-\$1,682,713/ 4.9%
\$ Loss Per Pupil	-\$187.52	-\$70.78



Growing The Gap: Property Taxes



- While both groups of districts increased spending by 1.8%, the tax levy increased by 6.1% in the least wealthy districts, but only 3.0% in the wealthiest.

2011-12 Budget	Least Wealthy (9)	Wealthiest (9)
2010-11 Budget	\$1,288,933,587	\$715,520,442
2011-12 Budget	\$1,312,238,418	\$728,328,464
\$ <i>% Increase</i>	\$23,304,831/ <i>1.8%</i>	\$12,808,022 / <i>1.8%</i>
2010-11 Tax Levy	\$523,815,318	\$609,871,842
2011-12 Tax Levy	\$555,756,075	\$628,236,469
\$ <i>% Increase</i>	\$31,940,757/ <i>6.1%</i>	\$18,364,627/ <i>3.0%</i>



Tax Levy Basics



- The school property tax levy represents the amount of funding a school district needs to raise through property taxes to balance its budget.
- The Property Tax Levy is calculated as follows:

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Projected School Spending} \\ (-) \text{ minus state aid} \\ (-) \text{ minus other revenues} \\ \hline (-) \text{ minus prior year's fund balance} \\ \hline = \text{Property Tax Levy} \end{array}$$

- On Long Island, property taxes comprise nearly 70% of school funding.



“What if” Scenarios – 2012-13



	<i>Scenarios</i>								
	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Spending	+2.25%	+2.25%	+2.25%	+2.25%	+2.25%	+2.25%	+2.25%	+2.25%	+2.25%
State Aid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Fund Balance / Other Revenue	No Change / Same as 2011-12								
Tax Cap	0.0%	1.5%	2.0%	0.0%	1.5%	2.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%

R (Reduction Scenario) = 2.5% increase in spending, 3% decrease in State Aid, fund balance the same, 1.5% tax cap



R Scenario and Scenario B



	R Scenario- 1.5% Cap & 3% Aid Decrease		Scenario B – 1.5% Cap & % Frozen Aid	
Wealthiest School Districts / CWR / Enrollment	Required Budget Cut	Budget Growth	Required Budget Cut	Budget Growth
Cold Spring Harbor / 3.439 / 2,024	-\$ 734,111	1.2%	-\$ 649,143	1.4%
Huntington / 2.001 / 4,300	-\$1,654,388	1.0%	-\$1,312,060	1.3%
Great Neck / 3.544 / 6,347	-\$2,320,632	1.3%	-\$2,099,637	1.4%
Lawrence / 3.378 / 2,917	-\$1,364,271	1.0%	-\$1,144,820	1.3%
Mattituck Cutchogue / 2.522 / 1,519	-\$ 518,489	1.1%	-\$ 440,778	1.3%
Least Wealthy School Districts / CWR / Enrollment				
Least Wealthy School Districts / CWR / Enrollment	Required Budget Cut	Budget Growth	Required Budget Cut	Budget Growth
Brentwood / 0.502 / 15,646	-\$12,475,132	-1.5%	-\$6,455,267	0.4%
Hempstead / 0.539 / 5,837	-\$ 5,751,946	-0.9%	-\$3,120,690	0.6%
Roosevelt / 0.559 / 2,702	-\$ 3,108,441	-1.2%	-\$1,780,023	0.4%
William Floyd / 0.606 / 9,676	-\$ 7,067,054	-0.9%	-\$3,851,613	0.6%
Wyandanch / 0.447 / 1,881	-\$ 1,954,253	-1.2%	-\$1,031,084	0.6%



Scenario E and Scenario H



	Scenario E – 1.5% Cap & 3% Aid Increase		Scenario H – 1.5% Cap & 5% Aid Increase	
Wealthiest School Districts / CWR / Enrollment	Required Budget Cut	Budget Growth	Required Budget Cut	Budget Growth
Cold Spring Harbor / 3.439 / 2,024	-\$ 564,175	1.5%	-\$ 507,529	1.6%
Huntington / 2.001 / 4,300	-\$ 969,731	1.6%	-\$ 741,512	1.8%
Great Neck / 3.544 / 6,347	-\$1,878,641	1.5%	-\$1,731,310	1.6%
Lawrence / 3.378 / 2,917	-\$ 925,369	1.5%	-\$ 779,068	1.7%
Mattituck Cutchogue / 2.522 / 1,519	-\$ 363,068	1.5%	-\$ 311,261	1.7%
Least Wealthy School Districts / CWR / Enrollment	Required Budget Cut	Budget Growth	Required Budget Cut	Budget Growth
Brentwood / 0.502 / 15,646	-\$ 435,402	2.4%	\$3,577,841	3.6%
Hempstead / 0.539 / 5,837	-\$ 489,434	2.2%	\$1,264,737	3.3%
Roosevelt / 0.559 / 2,702	-\$ 451,604	2.0%	\$ 434,009	3.0%
William Floyd / 0.606 / 9,676	-\$ 636,173	2.2%	\$1,507,454	3.2%
Wyandanch / 0.447 / 1,881	-\$ 107,915	2.3%	\$ 507,531	3.5%



Budget Growth - Scenarios R, B, E, H



Wealthiest School Districts / CWR / Enrollment	R Scenario Budget Growth	Scenario B Budget Growth	Scenario E Budget Growth	Scenario H Budget Growth
Cold Spring Harbor / 3.439 / 2,024	1.2%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%
Huntington / 2.001 / 4,300	1.0%	1.3%	1.6%	1.8%
Great Neck / 3.544 / 6,347	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.6%
Lawrence / 3.378 / 2,917	1.0%	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%
Mattituck Cutchogue / 2.522 / 1,519	1.1%	1.3%	1.5%	1.7%
Least Wealthy School Districts / CWR / Enrollment				
Brentwood / 0.502 / 15,646	-1.5%	0.4%	2.4%	3.6%
Hempstead / 0.539 / 5,837	-0.9%	0.6%	2.2%	3.3%
Roosevelt / 0.559 / 2,702	-1.2%	0.4%	2.0%	3.0%
William Floyd / 0.606 / 9,676	-0.9%	0.6%	2.2%	3.2%
Wyandanch / 0.447 / 1,881	-1.2%	0.6%	2.3%	3.5%



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Sustainability Strategies- LIRPC Education Work Group

1. Fix low-performing schools
2. Advocate for Mandate Relief
3. Expanded use of technology for student course offerings
4. Restructure high school experience
5. Incentivize consolidation
6. Rein in pension costs



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Sustainability Strategies- LIRPC Education Work Group (cont'd)

7. Rein in Health Insurance Costs
8. Restructure the school funding system
9. Explore regionalized employment structures
10. Use schools as community centers
11. Advocate for workforce housing
12. Monitor progress



Questions?

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