



## **BUDGET INFORMATION \* 2013-2014**

### **BUDGET FACTS:**

- Tax Levy at 2%
- State Aid \$1,328,428
- Use of Fund Balance \$2,719,506
- 18% *increase* in Health Insurance
- \$303,145 State Aid (used for roofs to avoid referendum)
- Debt Service *decrease* of \$67,544
- Average Home Value \$804,428
- Annual School Tax for Average Home (Increase of \$183/year or \$15.25/month)

### **THIS BUDGET WILL:**

- Provide more authentic learning experiences for seniors at THS
- Implement courses and electives with an emphasis on 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills
- Continue to keep class size low
- Move from a house model back to a team model at 8<sup>th</sup> grade
- Focus on phonics and vocabulary at the elementary level and non-fiction reading and writing across the district
- Continue shared service agreements with other districts and the Borough
- Fully implement the new teacher and principal evaluation models
- Expand current Pre-K ABA class to K-2 (*to be housed at Smith*)
- Expand student opportunities to participate in courses of higher rigor
- Institute a girls freshman soccer team (*based on interest and enrollment*)
- Expand 4-year proactive plan to upgrade technology infrastructure, facilities and programs – Stillman roof (Summer 2013) and Smith roof (June 2013)
- Continue safety upgrades – speaker system in elementary schools
- Enhance computer replacement and expansion