



2014-2015 School Budget

Lynn Trager, Superintendent of Schools

It is with pride and pleasure that I present the 2014-2015 district budget. The budget we are bringing forward is one that builds on the strong traditions of the Tenafly Public schools and provides a plan for the next school year that reduces class size, upgrades our facilities and provides new programs for our students. We have been successful in managing district funds in a way that increases revenue, decreases expenses and increases shared services. This has been our goal for the past 4 years and will continue to serve the district well in the future.

This success has enabled us to provide the means to create educational opportunities for our students to give them the necessary tools to help them become successful contributors in the 21st Century. In the end this is a budget that balances the needs of our students and provides them with a progressive educational program within a fiscally responsible budget.

The 2014-2015 budget will:

- Provide more authentic learning experiences for seniors at THS
- Implement courses and electives with an emphasis on 21st Century skills
- Continue to keep class size low
- Focus on phonics, grammar and vocabulary at the elementary level and non-fiction reading and writing across the district
- Expand student opportunities to participate in courses of higher rigor
- Enhance computer replacement and expansion
- Fully implement the new PARCC Assessments
- Create an Academy Approach at THS
 - STEM and Fine/Practical Arts to expand in future years
- Implement an Advisory program at TMS
- Develop and begin implementation of a new special education transition program at THS

- Continue to develop programs in district for special education students
- Expand course offerings in English and Social Studies at THS
- Update textbooks in elementary math; and high school social studies & science
- Upgrade the World Language lab
- Enhance Facilities
 - Geissinger Field, Smith Roof, Stillman Boiler, Fence around Geissinger Field, Elementary Heating Controls for 2 schools
- Eliminate the Student Activity Fee (SAF)
- Increase the BoE contribution for Hockey and Swimming
- Institute a varsity level Lacrosse program (based on interest and enrollment)
- Implement an Student Resource Officer (SRO) program at THS and TMS

I am also proud that the Tenafly students have continued our strong history of success as exemplified by the following:

- THS ranked 3rd in New Jersey
- TPS students ranked at the top in NJASK test scores
- 21% increase in students taking AP tests over the last 3 years
 - with 87% obtaining a score of 3 or higher
- Outstanding college acceptances
- Awards and acknowledgements in the areas of Science and Fine/Performing Arts