



2015-2016 School Budget

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I am pleased to present the 2015-2016 budget to the community. 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 technology, 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.

Ideas and Programs Supported by the 2015-2016 Budget

Student Learning Opportunities

- ◆ Introduce new literacy course for all 6th graders
- ◆ Develop ways to increase STEM learning, especially at the Elementary Schools
- ◆ Revise elementary science curriculum to align with Next Generation Science Standards
- ◆ New High School Courses
 - Contemporary Issues and Leadership (will become a full year program)
 - Contemporary Issues and Leadership Honors I & II
 - Advanced Placement Environmental Science
 - AP Economics
- ◆ Expand transition program at THS
- ◆ Continue program for students with autism to grades 3-5

Introduction of Virtual Desktop Infrastructure (VDI) and Chromebooks

- ◆ Phase-in begins with the 8th grade in 2015-2016
- ◆ Teacher training begins this spring and will continue into next year

Continuation of 4-Year Plan

- ◆ Rod Grant projects
 - Middle School Roof
 - New district phone system with panic button capability
- ◆ Maintain small class sizes
- ◆ Purchase of 16 additional SMART boards for interactive learning

BUDGET FACTS 2015-2016

- ◆ Tax Levy at 2.85%
- ◆ Banked Cap \$491,382
- ◆ State Aid \$1,400,568
- ◆ Use of Fund Balance \$2,450,000
- ◆ 18% projected *increase* in Health Insurance Premiums
- ◆ Average Home Value \$785,000
- ◆ Annual School Tax for Average Home
 - Increase of \$223/yr or \$18.56/mo (includes Debt Service)
 - A tax levy increase of 2.0% would be an increase of \$173/yr or \$14.42/month (includes Debt Service)

For more detailed information about the 2015-2016 school budget
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Preliminary Budget Presentation – March 17, 2015
