

**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 \$811,180
- ◆ Annual School Tax for Average Home
 - Increase of \$231/yr or \$19.25/mo (includes Debt Service)
 - A tax levy increase of 2.0% would be an increase of \$179/yr or \$14.92/month (includes Debt Service)