



2016-2017 School Budget

Lynn Trager, Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to present the 2016-2017 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 maintains low class size, upgrades our facilities and technology, and provides new programs for our students. Although state aid is \$439,734 less than it was six years ago in the 2009-2010 school year, 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.

The success of our planning and budgeting has enabled us to provide the means to create educational opportunities for our students which give them the necessary tools to help each student 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 with a fiscally responsible budget approach.

Ideas and Programs Supported by the 2016-2017 Budget

Student Learning Opportunities

Elementary Schools

- Introduce Physical Science in Grade 5 (aligned with NGSS)

Middle School

- Expand the Special Education co-teach model
- Offer Geometry to 8th graders
- Update 6th grade physical science textbooks

High School

- Expand the transition program
- Introduce an interdisciplinary course in Social Studies and English
- Create a New Business Academy
- Implement CPR instruction to students prior to graduation
- Full funding for Hockey and Swimming

Expand the Chromebook One-to-One Initiative to Grades 9-12

Shared Vice Principal for the Four Elementary Schools

Early Childhood Learning Center – Tiger Tots

Continuation of 4-Year Plan

- Staffing to support class size and new programs
- Install Smart Boards as requested
- Replace and Repair the middle school roof
- Repave the Middle School parking lot
- Replace gym doors in the elementary schools
- New and updated district phone system
- Contribute to Swim Club parking lot repaving (*tentative*)

BUDGET FACTS 2016-2017

- ♦ Tax Levy at 3.58%
- ♦ Banked Cap \$645,562; Enrollment Adjustment \$209,946; Health Care Cost Waiver \$79,778
- ♦ State Aid \$1,443,845 less SDA assessment \$40,082, net State Aid \$1,403,763
- ♦ Use of Fund Balance \$2,395,801
- ♦ 15% projected *increase* in Health Insurance Premiums
- ♦ Average Property Value \$785,000
- ♦ Annual School Tax for Average Home
- ♦ Increase of \$255/yr (includes Debt Service)

For more detailed information about the 2016-2017 school budget
click below to view the Preliminary Budget Presentation

Preliminary Budget Presentation – March 15, 2016
