



2017-2018 School Budget

Lynn Trager, Superintendent of Schools

I am pleased to present the 2017-2018 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, completes the one-to-one Chromebook Initiative in technology, and provides new programs for our students. This budget also supports a new high school schedule that along with the Chromebook Initiative will provide increased opportunities for in-depth, independent and experiential learning. Although state aid is \$439,649 less than it was eight 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 actualize the Mission Statement specifically by providing programs and support for each and every student and preparing these students to be successful members of a 21st Century global society and implementing the ideas from the District's goals – touching upon all 7 goals including sustaining a dynamic learning environment, revising curriculum to ensure rigor and relevance, providing professional development for staff, balancing the intellectual, social and emotional well-being of our students, inspiring and supporting instructional innovation and infusing a respect for diverse cultures.

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 2017-2018 Budget

◆ Student Learning Opportunities

Elementary Schools

- ◆ Next generation science – full implementation grade 5 w/ textbooks to support new curriculum

Middle School

- ◆ Increased nursing support

High School

- ◆ Increased staffing for class size
- ◆ New Courses
 - Sociology • Journalism (full year) • Graphic Novel • Grade 12 Math CPB • Marketing
- ◆ Enhancement of the Business Academy
- ◆ New High School block schedule with later starting times

◆ Creation of Curriculum Cycles

◆ Increased Support for At-Risk students

- ◆ Additional psychologist at THS (.5FTE)
- ◆ Walk-In Center at the middle school and high school

- ◆ **Addition of Technology Mentors**
- ◆ **Creation of a Freshman Girls Soccer Program**
- ◆ **Continuation of Four-Year Plan**
 - ◆ Staffing and programs
 - ◆ VDI – software and hardware – lease
 - ◆ Continued installation of Smart Boards as requested
 - ◆ Purchase of iPads and carts for kindergarten classes
 - ◆ Purchase of laptops for teachers
 - ◆ Upgrade the security system across the district
 - ◆ Upgrade lockdown notification and alert system
 - ◆ Tennis court replacement
 - ◆ Maugham school main exterior door replacement

BUDGET FACTS 2016-2017

- ◆ **Tax Levy at 2.00%**
- ◆ **Health Care Cost Waiver \$419,490** (not applied to tax levy; will be banked)
- ◆ **State Aid \$1,443,930**
- ◆ **Use of Fund Balance \$2,392,774**
- ◆ **13% projected *increase* in Health Insurance Premiums**
- ◆ **Average Property Value \$785,000**
- ◆ **Annual School Tax for Average Property** (increase of \$222/yr which includes Debt Service)

For more detailed information about the 2017-2018 school budget
click below to view the Preliminary Budget Presentation

Preliminary Budget Presentation – March 14, 2017

