



# 2013-14 LIEC Budget Impact Survey Results

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# Community Support



- The second year of the cap (2013), a majority of voters in every Long Island school district (124 of 124) voted yes on the school budget.
  - *However, 6 failed because they required a supermajority to pass*
  - *All passed on the second vote (4 of 6 within the cap)*
- The first year of the cap (2012), only 4 of 124 school districts failed to receive a majority of yes votes on the first vote.
  - *However, 5 others failed because they required a supermajority to pass*
  - *All passed on the second vote (8 of 9 within the cap)*



# 2013-14 LIEC Budget Impact Survey Results



- Administered in 2011-12, 2012-13, and 2013-14
- Initiated to measure budget-driven change
- Captures impact of state aid cut and tax cap
- Average response rate of nearly 80%



# 2013-14 LIEC Budget Impact Survey Results



- Long Island schools have eliminated 3,908 positions in the past 3 years (2011-12 to 2013-14), resulting in 1,858 layoffs



# 2013-14 LIEC Budget Impact Survey Results



- The percentage of school districts with an average elementary class size greater than 25 grew from 4.8% in 2010-11 to 11.4% in 2013-14
  - The percentage did not increase between 2012-13 and 2013-14



# 2013-14 LIEC Budget Impact Survey Results



- The percentage of school districts with an average middle school class size greater than 25 grew from 26% in 2010-11 to 34.3% in 2013-14
  - The percentage did not increase between 2012-13 and 2013-14



# 2013-14 LIEC Budget Impact Survey Results



- Over the past 3 years, 40 school districts have restructured the school day due to budgetary constraints
  - 16% of respondents restructured in 2011-12
  - 16% of respondents restructured in 2012-13
  - 9% of respondents restructured in 2013-14





# 2013-14 LIEC Budget Impact Survey Results



Of the 92 school districts responding to the LIEC Budget Impact Survey...

... 6% report making significant cuts (10%+) to BOCES CTE opportunities

➤ *10% of districts made these cuts in 2012-13 and 11% in 2011-12*

...10% report making significant cuts to art elective classes

...19% report making significant cuts to field trip opportunities

...10% report making significant cuts to H.S. elective offerings



# 2013-14 LIEC Budget Impact Survey Results



Of the 92 school districts responding to the LIEC Budget Impact Survey... (cont'd)

...10% report making significant cuts to elementary before/after school programs

...20% report making significant cuts to elementary clubs

...17% report making significant cuts to middle school clubs  
(31% of low-wealth districts)



# 2013-14 LIEC Budget Impact Survey Results



Of 92 School Districts Responding to the LIEC Budget Impact Survey... (cont'd)

...17% report making significant cuts to high school clubs  
(31% of low-wealth districts)

...10% report making significant cuts to middle school athletics  
(19% of low-wealth districts)

➤ similar reductions were reported the prior two years



# Conclusions & Questions



- The cap quickly became a “measuring stick” for the public – budgets within the cap were almost universally supported.
- Program and service reductions that initially impacted low-wealth districts as a result of aid cuts, are now occurring in districts in all wealth categories as a result of tax cap limits.



# Conclusions & Questions



- Districts/Communities are being compelled to make very difficult decisions (i.e. school closings, elimination of kindergarten, transportation limits, etc.)
- Fund balance is decreasing. Fiscal stress is on the rise.
- Mandate relief never materialized.
- Key question: Can budget increases be controlled so that they equal increases in state aid and levy limits?



# LIEC Member Organizations



Council of Administrators and Supervisors  
Eastern Suffolk BOCES

Long Island Association of School Personnel Administrators  
Long Island School Public Relations Association  
Nassau Association of School Business Officials  
Nassau County BOCES

Nassau County Council of School Superintendents  
Nassau County Elementary School Principals Association  
Nassau County Secondary School Administrators Association  
Nassau Region PTA

Nassau-Suffolk School Boards Association  
New York State United Teachers (Nassau/Suffolk)  
Reform Educational Financing Inequities Today (R.E.F.I.T.)  
School Administrators Association of New York State (Nassau-Suffolk)  
SCOPE Education Services

Suffolk Association of School Business Officials  
Suffolk County High School Principals Association  
Suffolk County School Superintendents Association  
Suffolk Region PTA  
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