



# East Islip School District

April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2015

## District Response to the Budget Advisory Committee's Recommendations

Presented by:

Mrs. Linda Rozzi - Superintendent



# A Very Special “Thank you”...

The East Islip Board of Education and Central Administration thanks all members of this year’s Budget Advisory Committee :

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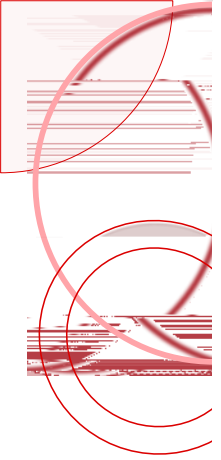
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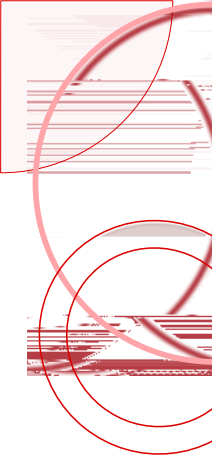
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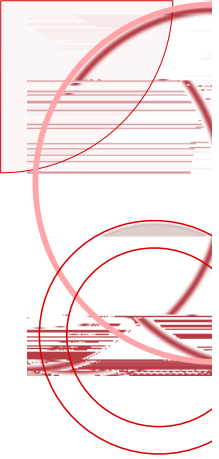
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The Budget Advisory's diligent work during this budget planning season kept the educational needs of our students, the residents' expectations and the District's fiscal position always in mind. With



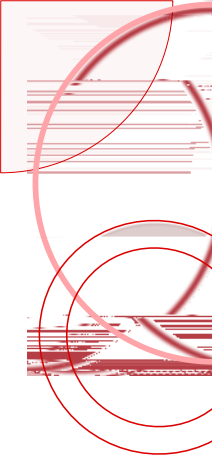


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Additionally, the District generates revenue from rental of the high school and middle school auditoriums. During the 2013/2014 school year, \$187,480 was generated in auditorium rentals. We are on track to match or exceed that amount for the current year. An anticipated increase in the



**BAC Recommendation #2:** While the recent transition to a Princeton Plan resulted in greater efficiencies in staffing, the BOE should continue to analyze ALL long- term options annually.

**Response:**

The District remained committed in exploring all facilities options prior to the reconfiguration of our elementary schools. A professional and extensive demographic, enrollment and facilities study was performed through the Western Suffolk

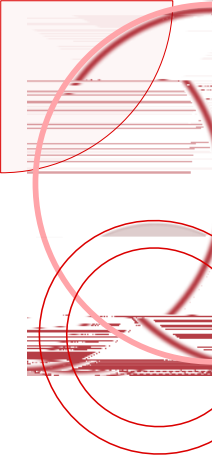




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The District is committed to having the Long Range Planning Committee continue their work into the future, track enrollment trends and make follow up recommendations as we head closer towards the end of the 10o3(into)aras we



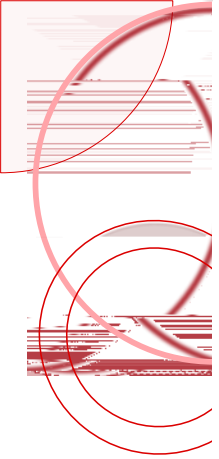
**BAC Recommendation #3:** Convert East Islip Middle School to an eight (8) period day within the same timeframe and:

- \* Maintain Grade 6 teaming
- \* Remove Grade 7 & 8 teaming
- \* Reduce all special area subjects to New York State minimums
- \* Maintain Instrumental/Choral/Music programs
- \* Paraprofessionals to cover duty periods









- We must assure our 8<sup>th</sup> grade students have all required middle school units of study before they graduate .



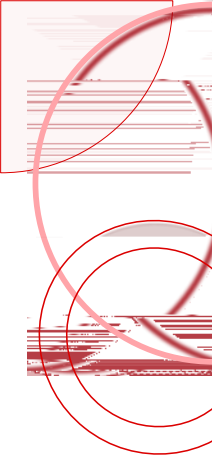


## What would the effects be of retaining teaming in Grade 6

- Islip Terrace Junior High School was converted to East Islip Middle School in September, 2005. The goal was to create a true middle school environment for our students.
- Sixth grade students are programmed similarly to an elementary school – students travel as an entire class to core classes.
- The number of sections is solely determined by number of students – not teams. Therefore, eliminating teaming in our middle school will not result in any savings in staff.
- Teachers sometimes are split between grade levels (depending on enrollment) and may be part of a 7<sup>th</sup> grade team or an 8<sup>th</sup> grade team.







- During the 2014/2015 school year, only three (3) sections of students per grade level had coursework which exceeded New York State requirements (aside from grade 6 Foreign Language





Can we take away the duty period from teachers and assign them to our paraprofessionals?

**Response:**

East Islip Teachers and Paraprofessionals are governed by their unit's contracts which outline the duties they are to perform.

- Duties are part of our secondary teachers' work day.
- This task cannot be shifted to our paraprofessional unit without negotiation.

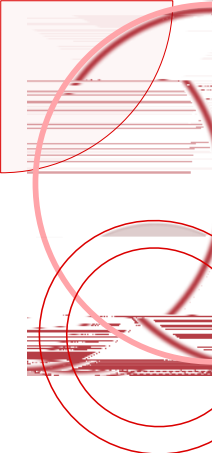


**BAC Recommendation #4:** The District should look into restoring BOCES vocational programs.

**Response:**

The per student tuition for BOCES vocational programs is \$12,839 for the 2015/16 school year.

In addition, daily transportation to and from the BOCES vocational programs is estimated at between \$65,000 and \$130,000 annually.



**BAC Recommendation #5:** The District should look into the following staffing reductions, such as:

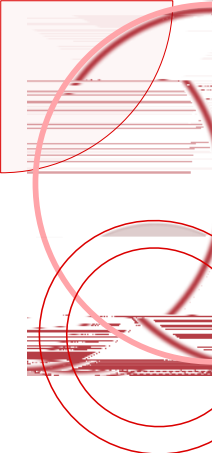
- \* Removing a clerical from the Buildings and Grounds Department

- \* Not offering MS Character Development

- \* Not offering HS Grade 9 Freshman Seminar

**Response:**

The District has already endured significant reductions



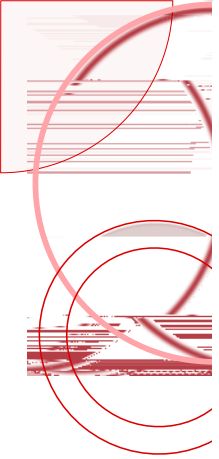
**BAC Recommendation #6:** Inventory controls and expenditures for materials and supplies should be maintained.

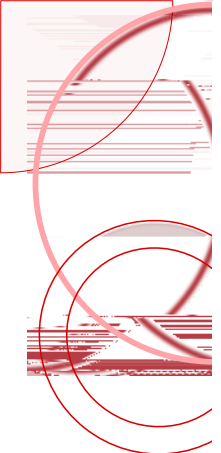
**Response:**

The District agrees that inventory control of materials and supplies is an important component of prudent fiscal management. The District intends to review current procedures for opportunities to enhance controls.







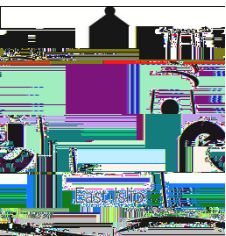
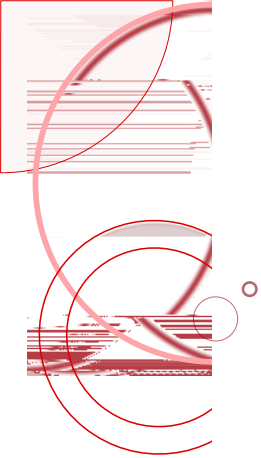


**BAC Recommendation #9:** The BAC requests that attendance be required and enforced on the BAC as well as any D/W committee. Alternates should be called up for those unable to attend. The BAC should also meet with the BOE privately after the presentation to further explain and give more specific rease5a2.\*agra388.5(t)te5nd thee5restions



# 2014-15 Budget Calendar

- April 23rd – Superintendent’s Final Proposed Budget Presentation and Official Budget Adoption
- May 12th – Budget Hearing
- May 19th – Budget Vote & Trustee Election at the ECC



**Thank You...**

**Questions/Comments?**