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Dear East Islip Staff & Community:

The budget process is a difficult one, not because of the numbers but because of the human emotional attachment to those numbers. Each year we struggle to balance our immediate needs with our future needs. Without the benefit of a crystal ball we must make decisions that not only impact the upcoming year but the financial health and stability of our educational system for the next several years.

We understand the importance of investing in our future and being prudent with the money the taxpayers provide to the schools. With that in mind, we have identified several areas where we can reduce our tax burden.

- x Scholarship (student management system)
- x Cosmetology room at the high school
- x Fitness room at the high school
- x College & Career Center at the high school
- x Curtains auditorium
- x Flexible synergistic classroom furniture (secondary)
- x Univent repairs
- x Nebulizer Initiative
- x JV Volleyball team
- x Wrestling mat lift
- x Mobile bleachers
- x Mobile scorer platform
- x Lawn mower (to replace 1983 model)
- x Dump truck (to replace 1996 model)
- x Commercial dryer

Now that the tax cap has become a permanent part of our budget process, we have made the decision to use our surplus this year on some needed expenses. We have replenished our reserves and feel confident that using the surplus this year will provide many opportunities for students and not be a burden to the taxpayers.

