



Tenafly
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

BUDGET IDEAS

2013-2014

**Program & Instruction, Mandated Services,
Co-Curricular, Technology,
Facilities/Maintenance/Operations**

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New Election Process

Board voted to move the School Board Election to November

- If the tax levy is *at or below* the State Mandated CAP there is no public vote on the budget
- If the tax levy is *above* the State Mandated CAP there is a budget vote in November
- By law, this process is in effect through the 2015-2016 School Year

Three Formal Board Budget Presentations

- **Budget Ideas**

- February 26, 2013
- Instruction, Mandated Services, Co-Curricular, Technology, Facilities/Maintenance/Operations

- **Discussion/Adoption of Preliminary Budget**

- March 5, 2013

- **Public Hearing/Adoption of Budget**

- March 21, 2013

- **Information Sessions**

Budget Goals

- Create a budget that is *educationally* progressive and continues the tradition of excellence in the Tenafly Public Schools
- Create a budget that is *fiscally* responsible
- Create a multi-year *pro-active* plan that strategically positions Tenafly Public Schools for the future

Initiatives Implemented in 2012-13 to Accomplish Goals

Highlights from this year:

- New Science Research course and Forensics course at THS
- Non-fiction reading and writing across the district
- Reading across the content areas expanded at TMS
- New writing units at the elementary schools
- New elementary grammar program
- Curriculum updated across the district in line with the new state and Core standards
- Class size at TMS and THS lowered
- RFP for solar project developed
- BYOT Initiative (Bring Your Own Technology)
- Current grades 3-5 LLD class expanded to grades 6-8 at TMS
- Shared service agreements with Cresskill and the Borough of Tenafly expanded
- The new teacher evaluation model pilot

Four Year Plan

2012-2013 Accomplishments

- **Roof reconstruction** plan
 - continue repair to THS and TMS
- **Technology infrastructure** upgrade
 - THS
- Evergreen Plan (**computer replacement**)
 - every 5-6 years on a rotating basis
- Upgraded elementary **heating controls**
- **Smith parking lot**
 - partial paving
- **Safety**
 - cameras in the elementary schools
 - ID Badges for all staff

Ideas for 2013-2014

- Stay within the 2% cap
- Provide more authentic learning experiences for seniors at THS
- Implement courses and electives with an emphasis on 21st Century skills
- Continue to keep class size low
- Move from a house model back to a team model at 8th grade
- Focus on phonics and vocabulary at the elementary level
- Continue shared service agreements with other districts and the Borough
- Fully implement the new teacher and principal evaluation models
- Expand current Pre-K autism class to K-2 *(to be housed at Smith)*
- Institute a girls freshman soccer team *(based on interest and enrollment)*

Four Year Plan

2013-2014 Initiatives

- Roof work
 - will continue at Stillman
- Technology Infrastructure upgrade
 - to be completed in 2013-2014
- Safety upgrade to speaker system
 - elementary schools
- Evergreen Plan (computer replacement)
 - to continue