

Fall 2016

The Lebanon Township Board Of Education

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As a reminder, the school board election is held with the general election on Tuesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>.



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## Letter From the Board President

The Lebanon Township Board of Education is excited for our 2016/2017 School Year. We look forward to continuing our partnership with the Superintendent, Mr. Jason Kornegay, and the outstanding staffs at Woodglen and Valley View.

The purpose of the Board Newsletter is to update parents about key initiatives that impact the district. This edition will provide an update on our budget process, our security enhancements, an upcoming referendum that impacts the high school, and a welcome to our new board secretary.

We look forward to hearing your feedback throughout the year. Please do not hesitate to contact me or any of the other board members if you have any questions or feedback.

Sincerely,

Mira Liewant

Lebanon Township Board President

## Welcome Abigail

Please join us in welcoming Abigail Postma as the new Business Administrator. Abigail joins us from Holland Township School District and brings 17 years of experience as a school district Business Administrator/ Board Secretary. She graduated from Rider University and has an MA in Education Administration. We look forward to working with Abigail in her new role.



## Focus on Improvements

### Increased Security at Valley View and Woodglen Schools

As most of you are aware, we have completed the replacement of the bridge leading to Valley View School. The replacement of the bridge ensures the long term safety of the access to the school and improves the look of the entrance to the building. It is also important to know that the final project cost came in under the original estimates. This savings of approximately \$17,500 allowed us to invest in security upgrades to the school without any additional tax impact.

We are pleased to let parents know that we have been able to better secure and alarm the exterior doors. We have also installed an extensive system of cameras that cover both the interior and exterior of the building. The camera system is designed to allow us to monitor anyone entering or leaving the building. Additionally, the newly installed door alarms allow for immediate notification if any door is opened without authorization.

We will be designing and installing a camera and door control system for Woodglen School. This project will take place during the summer of 2017. All of these projects are funded without an additional tax impact due to the prudent budgeting practices of the Board of Education and the continual support of the community. Thank you for helping ensure the safety of our students and staff.



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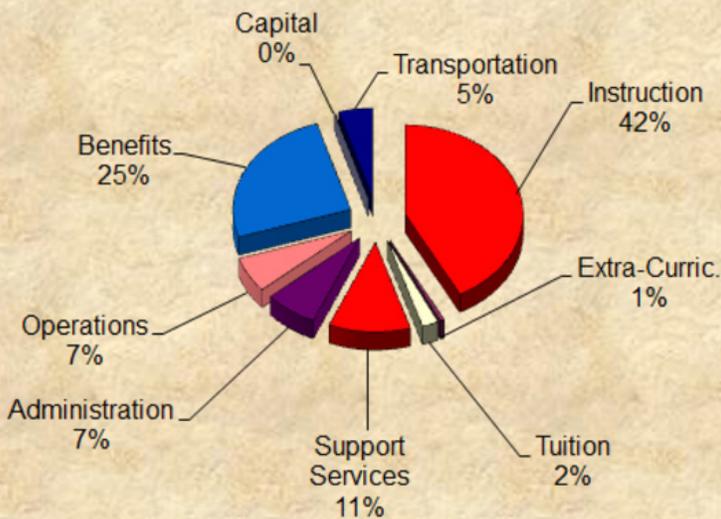
## Focus on Budget

### Budget for 2016–2017

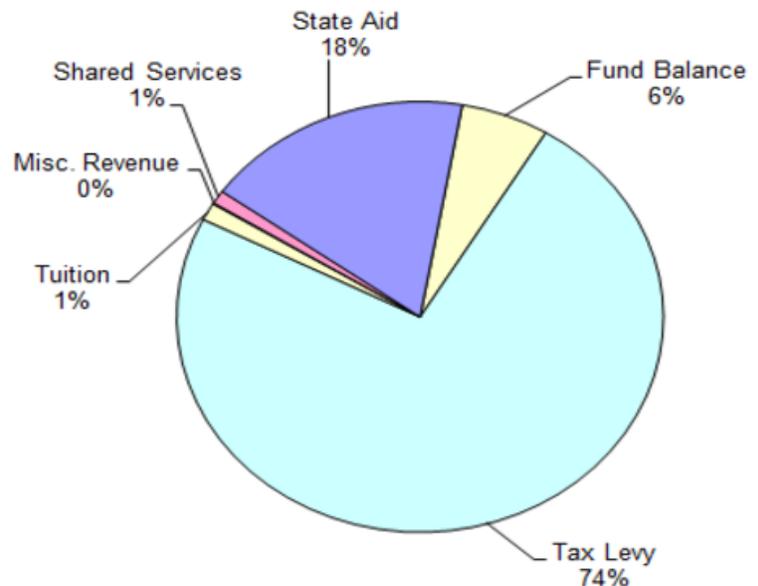
At the end of the last school year, the Board passed the 2016–2017 school budget. For those of you that have not yet had an opportunity to review it, we have been able to leave all programs in place. The overall tax levy increased 2.0%. Based on the average \$300,000 house in our town, this translates into an annual average tax increase of \$61.

It is important to note that the budget is also being balanced with **NO BORROWING**. Our district does not have any outstanding debt obligations. The capital projects that we as a district have accomplished over the last few years (energy efficient lights, boilers, bathrooms, bridge, parking lot) have **ALL** been done without borrowing. We are not kicking the can down the road for future Boards to worry about. If you have any concerns, feel free to reach out to the administration for specific budget questions.

**2016-17 Expenses**



**Revenue Sources  
2016-2017**



Community Information

High School Referendum

At the September, 2016 Board of Education meeting, the board passed a resolution to support the Voorhees/North Hunterdon Referendum which will appear on the November 8, 2016 ballot. The referendum focuses on necessary repairs and renovations that will enhance the student learning environment and maintain safe facilities. A full list of the items included in the referendum can be found on the Voorhees high school website: http://www.nhvweb.net/vhs/home/



VOORHEES HIGH SCHOOL

A Tradition of Excellence

Meet the Current Lebanon Township Board of Education



Stephanie Cahill



Michele Korfin



Mira Leiwant



Dana Pierro



Ron Pojedinec



Thomas Roll



Kathleen Walsh



Kelly Weiler



Open Seat\*

\*3-year term to be filled by election on November 8, 2016.