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## ELIMINATE THE G – E – A!

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### *What you need to know:*

*The Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) is a formula in the state budget that reduces the amount of aid each school district is entitled to receive. New York State introduced the GEA in 2009-10 when it was known as the Deficit Reduction Assessment in order to partially reduce the state's \$10 billion budget deficit. It was used in 2011-12 to allocate an unprecedented \$2.56 billion statewide cut in aid. Over the past three years, it has been used to reduce state aid to school districts by \$6.35 billion.*

#### **FACT #1**

The Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) has reduced state aid to Long Island school districts by nearly \$1 billion over the past three years. The GEA further reduces our region's disproportionately low share of aid generated by the funding formulas.

#### **FACT #2**

Had the 2013-14 GEA been eliminated when the state budget was established, Long Island's current school tax levy would be nearly \$300 million, or 4% lower. The GEA increases dependence on local property taxes to fund our schools.

### *What we need to do:*

#### **STEP #1**

**Eliminate the GEA in 2014-15: Provide school districts with the full amount of aid generated by all of the existing funding formulas *without the GEA deduction*.** The GEA reduced aid to Long Island school districts by \$290 million this year, with nearly half of that coming from our 28 low-wealth (CWR <1.0) school districts.

#### **STEP #2**

**Replace the Foundation Formula in 2015-16:** Foundation Aid comprises nearly 75% of all New York State school aid. The Foundation Formula has been fatally flawed since the day it was introduced. Establish a new formula that recognizes the needs of our region and generates a fair share of aid for our schools.

# IMPACT OF THE GEA SUFFOLK COUNTY 2013-2014

Legislative Budget	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14	Legislative Budget	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14
School District Name	CWR	NYS Budget	GEA loss	School District Name	CWR	NYS Budget	GEA loss
		GEA Net Loss	per pupil			GEA Net Loss	per pupil
AMAGANSETT UFSD	21.531	-\$35,167	-\$273	MATTITUCK-CUTCHOUE UFSD	2.327	-\$472,594	-\$329
AMITYVILLE UFSD	1.177	-\$3,124,166	-\$995	MIDDLE COUNTRY CSD	0.817	-\$11,014,233	-\$1,002
BABYLON UFSD	1.339	-\$1,054,744	-\$617	MILLER PLACE UFSD	1.010	-\$2,283,870	-\$762
BAY SHORE UFSD	0.932	-\$4,725,519	-\$793	MONTAUK UFSD	7.797	-\$91,046	-\$278
BAYPORT-BLUE POINT UFSD	1.051	-\$1,887,708	-\$755	MOUNT SINAI UFSD	1.146	-\$2,250,012	-\$865
BRENTWOOD UFSD	0.483	-\$7,506,860	-\$448	NORTH BABYLON UFSD	0.836	-\$5,355,870	-\$1,107
BRIDGEHAMPTON UFSD	31.992	-\$67,703	-\$423	NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UFSD	1.735	-\$2,292,020	-\$367
BROOKHAVEN-COMSEWOGUE UFSD	0.869	-\$3,883,666	-\$996	OYSTERPONDS UFSD	5.578	-\$45,309	-\$255
CENTER MORICHES UFSD	0.866	-\$817,127	-\$469	PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD UFSD	0.885	-\$8,042,842	-\$1,000
CENTRAL ISLIP UFSD	0.665	-\$5,855,017	-\$904	PORT JEFFERSON UFSD	3.014	-\$581,514	-\$465
COLD SPRING HARBOR CSD	2.994	-\$482,693	-\$247	QUOGUE UFSD	20.349	-\$35,731	-\$203
COMMACK UFSD	1.139	-\$4,035,066	-\$557	REMSENBURG-SPEONK UFSD	4.566	-\$62,824	-\$174
CONNETQUOT CSD	1.127	-\$5,747,378	-\$858	RIVERHEAD CSD	1.470	-\$2,683,813	-\$513
COPIAGUE UFSD	0.708	-\$4,459,247	-\$919	ROCKY POINT UFSD	0.792	-\$2,180,699	-\$617
DEER PARK UFSD	0.918	-\$2,568,527	-\$588	SACHEM CSD	0.943	-\$17,543,042	-\$1,223
EAST HAMPTON UFSD	9.643	-\$436,532	-\$235	SAG HARBOR UFSD	5.561	-\$241,395	-\$233
EAST ISLIP UFSD	0.971	-\$3,789,354	-\$881	SAYVILLE UFSD	1.100	-\$3,198,942	-\$1,015
EAST MORICHES UFSD	1.093	-\$503,187	-\$468	SHELTER ISLAND UFSD	9.984	-\$66,081	-\$282
EAST QUOGUE UFSD	2.489	-\$143,233	-\$327	SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CSD	1.236	-\$1,286,202	-\$508
EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR CSD	0.868	-\$2,019,795	-\$523	SMITHTOWN CSD	1.296	-\$5,909,442	-\$574
ELWOOD UFSD	1.022	-\$1,152,461	-\$461	SOUTH COUNTRY CSD	0.927	-\$5,580,568	-\$1,228
FIRE ISLAND UFSD	44.964	-\$41,123	-\$979	SOUTH HUNTINGTON UFSD	1.177	-\$3,311,801	-\$542
FISHERS ISLAND UFSD	17.891	-\$30,948	-\$469	SOUTHAMPTON UFSD	10.991	-\$394,176	-\$252
GREENPORT UFSD	2.290	-\$144,661	-\$235	SOUTHOLD UFSD	2.994	-\$287,500	-\$332
HALF HOLLOW HILLS CSD	1.528	-\$4,646,753	-\$494	SPRINGS UFSD	3.236	-\$165,616	-\$165
HAMPTON BAYS UFSD	1.848	-\$760,441	-\$379	THREE VILLAGE CSD	1.783	-\$6,193,045	-\$849
HARBORFIELDS CSD	1.230	-\$1,851,913	-\$537	TUCKAHOE COMMON SD	3.934	-\$105,110	-\$286
HAUPPAUGE UFSD	1.575	-\$2,173,529	-\$539	WEST BABYLON UFSD	0.923	-\$4,149,917	-\$954
HUNTINGTON UFSD	1.681	-\$2,128,267	-\$484	WEST ISLIP UFSD	1.013	-\$3,715,091	-\$742
ISLIP UFSD	1.038	-\$2,526,097	-\$804	WESTHAMPTON BEACH UFSD	4.358	-\$334,616	-\$182
KINGS PARK CSD	1.253	-\$2,246,959	-\$590	WILLIAM FLOYD UFSD	0.597	-\$8,508,879	-\$930
LINDENHURST UFSD	0.821	-\$5,362,049	-\$834	WYANDANCH UFSD	0.497	-\$1,466,861	-\$702
LONGWOOD CSD	0.926	-\$8,984,839	-\$968				
<b>Suffolk County Totals</b>				<b>-\$185,043,390</b>			
				<b>-\$734/Pupil</b>			

Source: 2013-14 Property Tax Report Card

Legislative State Aid Runs 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14

Note: No CWR is reported by NYSED for Little Flower, New Suffolk, Sagaponack and Wainscott School Districts

## FAST FACTS

- Long Island enrolls nearly 17% of the state's students, but receives just 12% of school aid.
- Despite the fact that Long Island school districts receive just 12% of school aid, 18% of the statewide GEA reduction is absorbed by Long Island school districts.

# IMPACT OF THE GEA NASSAU COUNTY 2013-2014

Legislative Budget	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14	Legislative Budget	2012-13	2013-14	2013-14
School District Name	CWR	NYS Budget GEA Net Loss	GEA loss per pupil	School District Name	CWR	NYS Budget GEA Net Loss	GEA loss per pupil
BALDWIN UFSD	1.062	-\$2,912,537	-\$566	MALVERNE UFSD	1.343	-\$1,020,289	-\$597
BELLMORE UFSD	1.428	-\$554,868	-\$504	MANHASSET UFSD	3.278	-\$761,499	-\$234
BELLMORE-MERRICK CHSD	1.256	-\$3,635,508	-\$622	MASSAPEQUA UFSD	1.364	-\$3,427,624	-\$442
BETHPAGE UFSD	1.321	-\$1,551,219	-\$515	MERRICK UFSD	1.503	-\$988,442	-\$653
CARLE PLACE UFSD	1.647	-\$704,953	-\$507	MINEOLA UFSD	2.051	-\$956,357	-\$354
EAST MEADOW UFSD	1.159	-\$4,757,944	-\$668	NEW HYDE PARK UFSD	1.392	-\$602,235	-\$371
EAST ROCKAWAY UFSD	1.280	-\$628,934	-\$489	NORTH BELLMORE UFSD	1.084	-\$1,406,366	-\$657
EAST WILLISTON UFSD	2.192	-\$460,777	-\$265	NORTH MERRICK UFSD	1.053	-\$744,186	-\$567
ELMONT UFSD	0.924	-\$2,720,583	-\$731	NORTH SHORE CSD	2.167	-\$763,306	-\$270
FARMINGDALE UFSD	1.214	-\$3,171,598	-\$529	OCEANSIDE UFSD	1.353	-\$2,794,835	-\$475
FLORAL PARK-BELLROSE UFSD	1.424	-\$576,169	-\$348	OYSTER BAY-EAST NORWICH CSD	3.819	-\$408,761	-\$248
FRANKLIN SQUARE UFSD	1.142	-\$863,181	-\$452	PLAINEDGE UFSD	1.052	-\$1,505,857	-\$457
FREEPORT UFSD	0.757	-\$6,743,195	-\$1,009	PLAINVIEW-OLD BETHPAGE CSD	1.482	-\$1,984,284	-\$409
GARDEN CITY UFSD	2.452	-\$969,644	-\$242	PORT WASHINGTON UFSD	2.350	-\$1,217,063	-\$233
GLEN COVE CITY SCHOOLS	1.786	-\$1,258,079	-\$404	ROCKVILLE CENTRE UFSD	1.897	-\$1,546,009	-\$434
GREAT NECK UFSD	3.292	-\$1,575,367	-\$247	ROOSEVELT UFSD	0.636	-\$2,556,943	-\$947
HEMPSTEAD UFSD	0.501	-\$3,057,588	-\$475	ROSLYN UFSD	2.188	-\$811,832	-\$254
HERRICKS UFSD	1.618	-\$1,724,023	-\$440	SEAFORD UFSD	1.225	-\$1,369,289	-\$553
HEWLETT-WOODMERE UFSD	1.946	-\$1,208,229	-\$401	SEWANHAKA CHSD	1.143	-\$4,866,995	-\$586
HICKSVILLE UFSD	1.503	-\$2,878,090	-\$547	SYOSSET CSD	1.925	-\$2,168,000	-\$332
ISLAND PARK UFSD	2.340	-\$296,578	-\$285	UNIONDALE UFSD	0.937	-\$5,263,637	-\$804
ISLAND TREES UFSD	0.992	-\$1,914,858	-\$758	VALLEY STREAM UFSD THIRTEEN	1.075	-\$1,023,892	-\$480
JERICO UFSD	2.689	-\$830,653	-\$277	VALLEY STREAM UFSD TWENTY-FOUR	1.083	-\$861,994	-\$777
LAWRENCE UFSD	3.845	-\$1,464,286	-\$471	VALLEY STREAM CHSD	1.087	-\$3,233,168	-\$683
LEVITTOWN UFSD	0.916	-\$4,780,430	-\$653	VALLEY STREAM UFSD THIRTY	1.108	-\$738,490	-\$519
LOCUST VALLEY CSD	3.591	-\$625,613	-\$295	WANTAGH UFSD	1.102	-\$1,949,755	-\$583
LONG BEACH CITY SCHOOLS	2.190	-\$3,443,175	-\$954	WEST HEMPSTEAD UFSD	1.448	-\$1,521,964	-\$728
LYNBROOK UFSD	1.396	-\$1,233,222	-\$440	WESTBURY UFSD	0.887	-\$2,448,596	-\$533

**Nassau County Totals**

**-\$105,482,969**

**-\$520/Pupil**

*Source: 2013-14 Property Tax Report Card*

*Legislative State Aid Runs 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14*

## FAST FACTS

- Twenty-eight Long Island school districts, enrolling nearly 40% of the region's students, fall below the state's average in terms of income and property wealth (CWR <1.0).
- Nearly 25% of the students enrolled in Long Island school districts qualify for free or reduced-price lunch according to federal guidelines.

# THREE-YEAR IMPACT OF THE GEA NASSAU AND SUFFOLK 2013-2014

School District Name	Total 3 Year Loss	School District Name	Total 3 Year Loss	School District Name	Total 3 Year Loss
AMAGANSETT UFSD	-\$160,436	HALF HOLLOW HILLS CSD	-\$14,689,426	PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD UFSD	-\$26,570,240
AMAGANSETT UFSD	-\$160,436	HAMPTON BAYS UFSD	-\$2,521,076	PLAINEDGE	-\$5,296,821
AMITYVILLE UFSD	-\$10,447,745	HARBORFIELDS CSD	-\$6,193,729	PLAINVIEW	-\$6,564,475
BABYLON UFSD	-\$3,517,371	HAUPPAUGE UFSD	-\$6,869,920	PORT JEFFERSON UFSD	-\$1,965,301
BALDWIN	-\$9,930,159	HEMPSTEAD	-\$15,477,631	PORT WASHINGTON	-\$3,891,307
BAY SHORE UFSD	-\$16,291,095	HERRICKS	-\$5,448,886	QUOGUE UFSD	-\$163,010
BAYPORT-BLUE POINT UFSD	-\$6,244,784	HEWLETT-WOODMERE	-\$3,864,536	REMSENBURG-SPEONK UFSD	-\$286,615
BELLMORE	-\$1,948,374	HICKSVILLE	-\$9,131,612	RIVERHEAD CSD	-\$9,831,474
BELLMORE-MERRICK	-\$11,489,854	HUNTINGTON UFSD	-\$6,767,865	ROCKVILLE CENTER	-\$4,888,165
BETHPAGE	-\$5,135,078	ISLAND PARK	-\$1,101,813	ROCKY POINT UFSD	-\$7,645,679
BRENTWOOD UFSD	-\$36,870,597	ISLAND TREES	-\$6,381,270	ROOSEVELT	-\$9,776,516
BRIDGEHAMPTON UFSD	-\$308,874	ISLIP UFSD	-\$8,354,620	ROSLYN	-\$2,663,270
BROOKHAVEN-COMSEWOGUE UFSD	-\$12,806,747	JERICO	-\$2,720,307	SACHEM CSD	-\$56,825,019
CARLE PLACE	-\$2,339,378	KINGS PARK CSD	-\$7,415,574	SAG HARBOR UFSD	-\$934,584
CENTER MORICHES UFSD	-\$3,020,981	LAWRENCE	-\$4,640,506	SAYVILLE UFSD	-\$10,379,868
CENTRAL ISLIP UFSD	-\$21,554,351	LEVITTOWN	-\$16,460,125	SEAFORD	-\$4,564,411
COLD SPRING HARBOR CSD	-\$1,665,828	LINDENHURST UFSD	-\$18,127,500	SEWANHAKA	-\$15,856,478
COMMACK UFSD	-\$13,584,642	LOCUST VALLEY	-\$2,098,941	SHELTER ISLAND UFSD	-\$301,474
CONNETQUOT CSD	-\$18,698,128	LONG BEACH	-\$10,885,565	SHOREHAM-WADING RIVER CSD	-\$4,318,255
COPIAGUE UFSD	-\$16,015,285	LONGWOOD CSD	-\$29,599,050	SMITHTOWN CSD	-\$19,489,417
DEER PARK UFSD	-\$8,888,772	LYNBROOK	-\$4,125,568	SOUTH COUNTRY CSD	-\$18,177,322
EAST HAMPTON UFSD	-\$1,525,938	MALVERNE	-\$3,409,429	SOUTH HUNTINGTON UFSD	-\$11,219,792
EAST ISLIP UFSD	-\$12,532,255	MANHASSET	-\$2,510,738	SOUTHAMPTON UFSD	-\$1,397,580
EAST MEADOW	-\$15,745,560	MASSAPEQUA	-\$11,468,209	SOUTHOLD UFSD	-\$1,074,303
EAST MORICHES UFSD	-\$1,794,468	MATTTTUCK-CUTCHOGUE UFSD	-\$1,635,223	SPRINGS UFSD	-\$704,938
EAST QUOGUE UFSD	-\$637,107	MERRICK	-\$3,198,480	SYOSSET	-\$6,851,143
EAST ROCKAWAY	-\$2,205,782	MIDDLE COUNTRY CSD	-\$36,220,058	THREE VILLAGE CSD	-\$19,572,043
EAST WILLISTON	-\$1,599,412	MILLER PLACE UFSD	-\$7,593,665	TUCKAHOE COMN SD	-\$479,532
EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR CSD	-\$7,656,450	MINEOLA	-\$3,101,248	UNIONDALE	-\$18,022,878
ELMONT	-\$9,380,678	MONTAUK UFSD	-\$415,369	V STR THIRTEEN	-\$3,564,933
ELWOOD UFSD	-\$4,047,767	MT SINAI UFSD	-\$7,313,475	V STR TWENTY-FOUR	-\$2,915,524
FARMINGDALE	-\$10,628,750	NEW HYDE PARK	-\$2,136,538	VALLEY STR CHSD	-\$10,463,155
FIRE ISLAND UFSD	-\$187,610	NORTH BABYLON UFSD	-\$17,574,385	VALLEY STR UFSD THIRTY	-\$2,581,303
FISHERS ISLAND UFSD	-\$141,187	NORTH BELLMORE	-\$4,704,781	WANTAGH	-\$6,601,314
FLORAL PARK	-\$2,039,067	NORTH BERRICK	-\$2,590,941	WEST BABYLON UFSD	-\$13,647,050
FRANKLIN SQUARE	-\$2,996,299	NORTH SHORE	-\$2,516,214	WEST HEMPSTEAD	-\$4,928,524
FREEPORT	-\$23,336,289	NORTHPORT-EAST NORTHPORT UFSD	-\$7,244,763	WEST ISLIP UFSD	-\$12,426,321
GARDEN CITY	-\$3,141,513	OCEANSIDE	-\$9,276,280	WESTBURY	-\$10,096,510
GLEN COVE	-\$4,089,464	OYSTER BAY	-\$1,441,780	WESTHAMPTON BEACH UFSD	-\$1,217,086
GREAT NECK	-\$4,982,365	OYSTERPONDS UFSD	-\$206,708	WILLIAM FLOYD UFSD	-\$30,120,829
GREENPORT UFSD	-\$659,971			WYANDANCH UFSD	-\$6,229,675
<b>Long Island Totals</b>		<b>-\$992,184,349</b>			

## FAST FACTS

- Only 14% of the region's students are enrolled in the region's 35 "high-wealth" (CWR >2.0) school districts. These school districts receive less than 5% of the state aid allocated to Long Island.
- Long Island schools will receive less state aid in 2013-14 than they received in 2008-09 (\$2.54 billion vs. \$2.62 billion).

*For further information, visit the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association website at [www.suffolksuperintendents.org](http://www.suffolksuperintendents.org) or contact the SCSSA at [scssa@esboces.org](mailto:scssa@esboces.org).*