



William Floyd Union Free School District

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September 2011

Re: Invitation to Participate on the Budget Advisory Committee: State Aid Advocacy Subcommittee

Dear Resident:

As part of our preparation for next year's school budget, we are forming a subcommittee of the Budget Advisory Committee that will focus on State Aid Advocacy.

Revenue to support education in the William Floyd School District is pretty evenly divided between State Aid and local property taxes. Next year for the first time, a property tax cap of 2% will be enacted which will limit this source of financial support. State Aid to William Floyd has declined over the past three years. Without a significant increase in State Aid to our district next year, continued reductions in staff and student programs will be necessary. Our students and residents deserve better.

Our Board of Education is interested in forming a subcommittee that will develop and implement a strategy that will influence our government officials to assist us in meeting our core mission of educating our children and preparing them for their future. We will be meeting throughout the fall and winter as our State government prepares next year's budget.

Our first meeting will be held on October 4, 2011 in the William Floyd High School library. If you are interested in participating, please contact our District's Business Office at 874-1102 or by email at budget@wfsd.k12.ny.us.

Thank you for your continued interest and support.

Sincerely,

Board of Education
William Floyd School District