



North Shore Schools

Discovering Your Dreams

May 14, 2024

Dear North Shore Families,

I hope that you are doing well.

There continues to be misinformation sent weekly to our residents and we wanted to share the factual information below.

*Like many districts in New York and on Long Island, North Shore has a pending Child Victims Act (CVA) case that relates to an alleged incident **occurring decades ago**. The case **does not** involve a current employee.*

- North Shore has only one case. North Shore **did have an insurance carrier at the time of the alleged incident** and is vigorously defending the case.
- **As with all pending litigation, the District cannot comment with specifics until after a case is completed.**

North Shore does not have the highest cost per pupil spending in Nassau County or on Long Island. The actual NYS data with projected costs for every district can be found [HERE](#).

- District enrollment for next year is already at 2,486 and growing (already higher than the BOCES projection with Kindergarten students still registering and including students going to private school).
- Costs per pupil are often higher in smaller districts since they have many of the same fixed costs as districts with the same amount of buildings but more students.

The budget study that was completed this year uses data up through June 2023.

- Since that time, **the District has eliminated 48 positions and has cut \$5.2 Million**. The District has found efficiencies in line with many of the budget study recommendations.
- Numbers and findings "attributed" to the budget report in community emails are incorrect.

- Since \$5.2 Million in cuts have already been made, further cuts would lead to impacts on class size, possible student program elimination or require district reorganization.

The District has indeed initiated the discussion about the possible revenue shortfall of over \$8 Million in the 2027-28 school year due to additional lost revenue from LIPA.

- The District will continue to use reserves and find efficiencies.
- The District has spent tremendous time meeting with legislators in Albany and on Long Island to find support.
- The District has organized a revenue generation committee to plan for the future.
- A contingency budget now could leave the District with few options for solutions in 2027-28.

The District is working hard to protect the experience of our students while finding efficiencies.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools