OUR DISTRICT WELCOMES

students of all races, ethnicities and nationalities
students with diverse abilities
students who are LGBT
students of all family structures
students who are English language learners
students of all religions
students from all socio-economic backgrounds
students of all body types
...YOU

Safe, Supportive, Inclusive

Lower Merion School District is committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students and employees.

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2018-19 Final Budget
In Ten Years of Growth

Needed to hire 98 New Teachers
(includes Librarians, Nurses etc.)

Additions/Renovations to:
- Gladwyne Elementary School - $2.9 Million
- Penn Valley Elementary School - $3.1 Million
- Welsh Valley Middle School - $16.4 Million
- Bala Cynwyd Middle School - $1.9 Million
- District Administration Building (for LMHS) - $5.5 Million

Construction of Lower Merion and Harriton High Schools
over $200 million
Enrollment Growth
Over the past ten years in the Commonwealth

502 School Districts
412 School Districts saw a DECLINE in Enrollment
90 School Districts showed a GROWTH (of at least one student) in Enrollment
23 School Districts Showed a growth of 10% or more

Lower Merion School District’s growth was 1488 students and a 21.5% Increase – The highest per pupil increase in the last 10 years of any school district in Pennsylvania
2018-19 Final Budget Summary

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Tax Increase: 2.40%
Real Estate Tax Change

Median Household Assessment $250,680

2017-18 Real Estate Tax mill rate 28.0740

Face amount of 2016-17 Real Estate Tax 7,038

2018-19 Real Estate Tax mill rate 28.7477

Face amount of 2018-19 Real Estate Tax 7,206

Tax Increase $168

Median household assessments provided by Montgomery Co. Board of Assessments
Where does the money go?

It goes to the values of the Community - the District prides itself in providing access to a plethora of opportunities for students:

- Low class sizes
- Extensive curricular and co-curricular offerings
- Commitment to the Arts and Music
- Numerous enrichment programs (IB, Dual-enrollment, Interdisciplinary programs, FLES)
- Inclusive instructional model and environment

- Enhanced academic support services at all buildings (literacy and math specialists)
- Enhanced holistic support services at all buildings (counselors, psychologists, etc.)
- Extensive after-school and summer enrichment programs at all levels
- Commitment to community service and service-oriented programs
- Commitment to hire, recruit and professionally develop quality staff