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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Lower Merion School District

2019-20 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

499 School Districts
398 School Districts saw a DECLINE in Enrollment
2 School Districts saw NO Growth
99 School Districts showed a GROWTH (of at least one student) in Enrollment
19 School Districts Showed a growth of 10% or more

Lower Merion School District’s growth was **1,783** students and a **26.3%** Increase – The highest per pupil increase in the last 10 years of any school district in Pennsylvania

Source: Pennsylvania Department of Education
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<th>Budget 2018-19</th>
<th>Final Budget 2019-20</th>
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<td>Salaries</td>
<td>129,832,743</td>
<td>132,268,403</td>
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<td>Benefits</td>
<td>75,767,496</td>
<td>80,700,668</td>
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<td>Other:</td>
<td>81,549,310,</td>
<td>66,307,776</td>
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<td>Purchased Professional &amp; Technical Svcs (IU services, consultants, etc.)</td>
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<td>Purchased Property Svcs (utilities, repair work, leases, etc.)</td>
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<td>Other Purchased Svcs (tuition payments to charters, spec-ed, vo-tech, general insurance, contracted transportation)</td>
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<td>Supplies (general supplies, books, software licenses, fuel, etc.)</td>
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<td>Other Objects (debt service payments)</td>
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<td><strong>Budget Reserve</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Budgeted Mill Value</strong></td>
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<td>-2.70%</td>
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<td>287,859,549</td>
<td>280,076,847</td>
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Real Estate Tax Change

Median Household Assessment $250,680

2018-19 Real Estate Tax mill rate 28.7477
Face amount of 2018-19 Real Estate Tax 7,206

2019-20 Real Estate Tax mill rate 29.4088
Face amount of 2019-20 Real Estate Tax 7,372

Tax Increase $166

Median household assessments provided by Montgomery Co. Board of Assessments
2019-20

Capital Improvement Plan *

Install Projector in Gymatorium - CN $39,295
• Asphalt Improvements - GL $425,000
• Tennis Court Improvements - LM $450,000
• Major Roof Replacement/Restoration - MR $1,077,000
• Masonry Façade Repairs/Restoration & Shingles - MR $470,000
• Masonry Façade Repairs/Restoration – PV $460,000
• Major Roof Replacement/Restoration – PW $981,000
• Replace York Chiller – WV $139,000
• Install CNG Capacity Improvements – LM $174,788
• Install CNG Capacity Improvements – HH $187,887

Total: $4,403,970
Capital Reserve Fund (con’t)

• Bus Replacement Plan – 14 * 1,887,884
• Information Technology Plan
  • Distribution Layer (in 8th yr of service) 229,300
  • DMER A/C 251,775
  • Video Recorders for Security Cameras 105,000

Total $6,877,929

* 3/13/19 Operations Budget Presentation
### Capital Reserve Fund (con’t)

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## Committed Fund Balance

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<td>Rate Stabilization of Variable Interest Rate Bonds</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>20,800,000</strong></td>
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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