



ADVOCATING FOR LONG ISLAND EDUCATION IN A CHALLENGING AND CHANGING ENVIRONMENT

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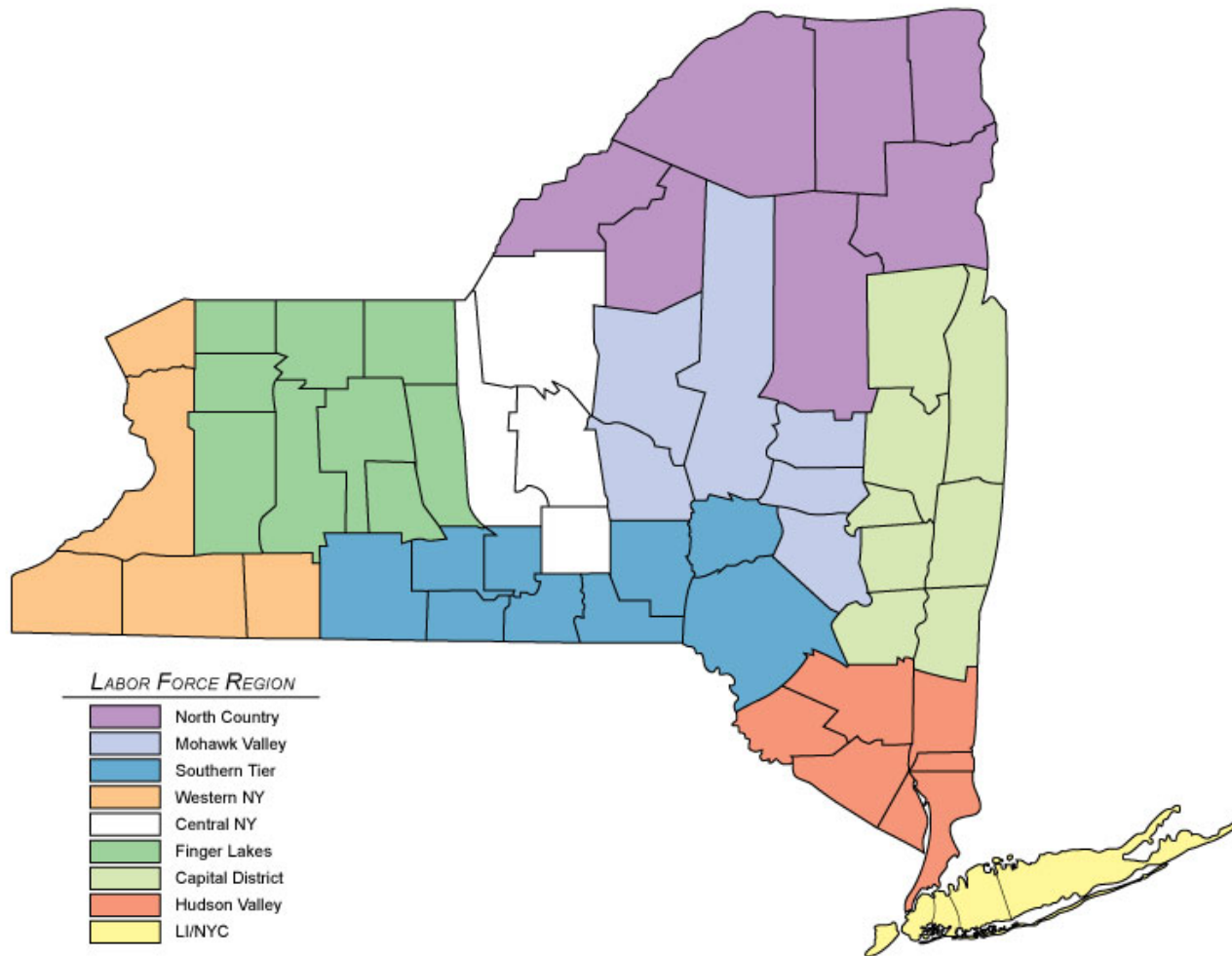
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ADVOCATING FOR LONG ISLAND





Advocating for Long Island: NYS Education Ranking



- The 2012 Quality Counts study, the most credible, comprehensive, annual study of education policy, practices, and outcomes, ranks **New York third** (behind Maryland, and closely bunched with Massachusetts and Virginia) among all states.

Education Week



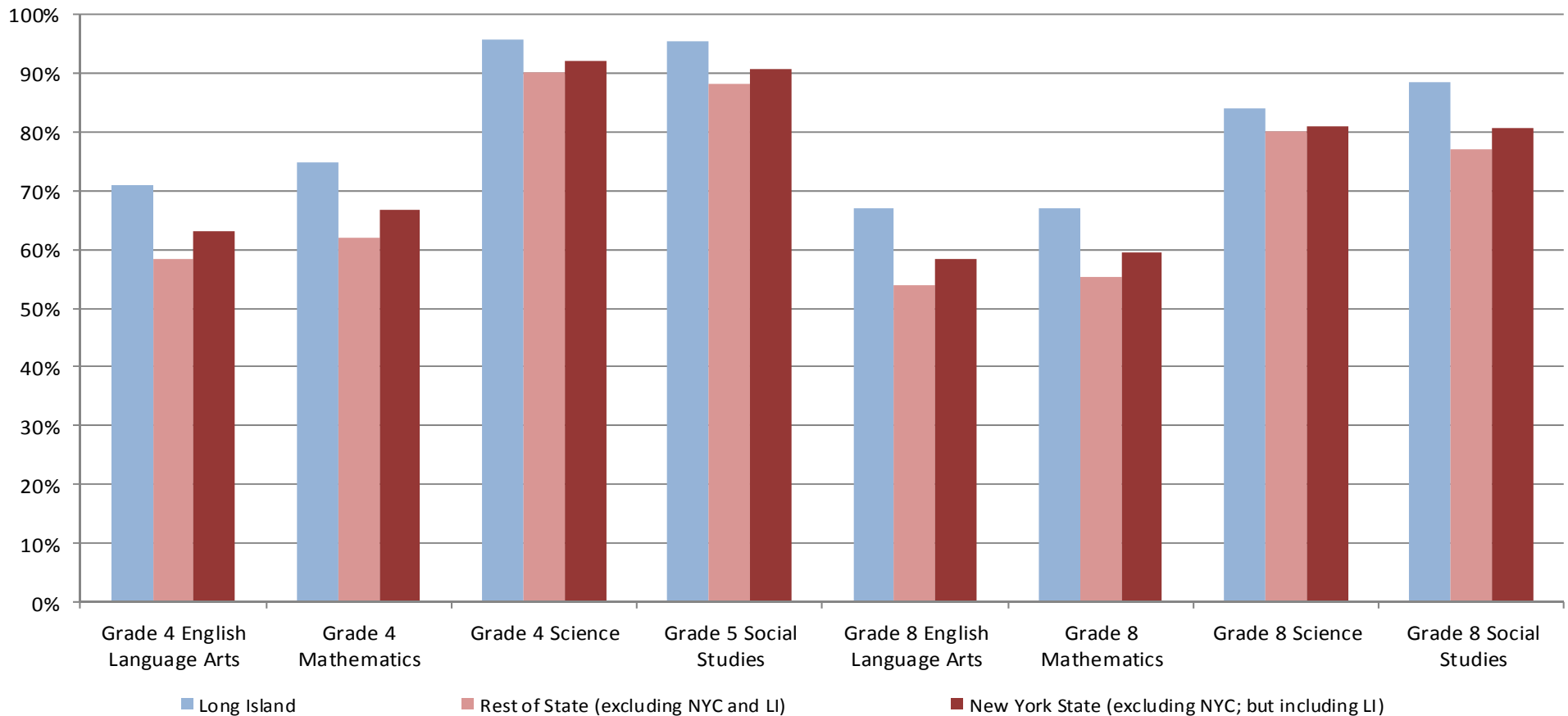


Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes



- Long Island's elementary and middle level students outperform students from every other region of New York State by every measure maintained by SED.

2009-10 Percentage of Elementary and Middle Level Students Scoring at Levels 3 and 4



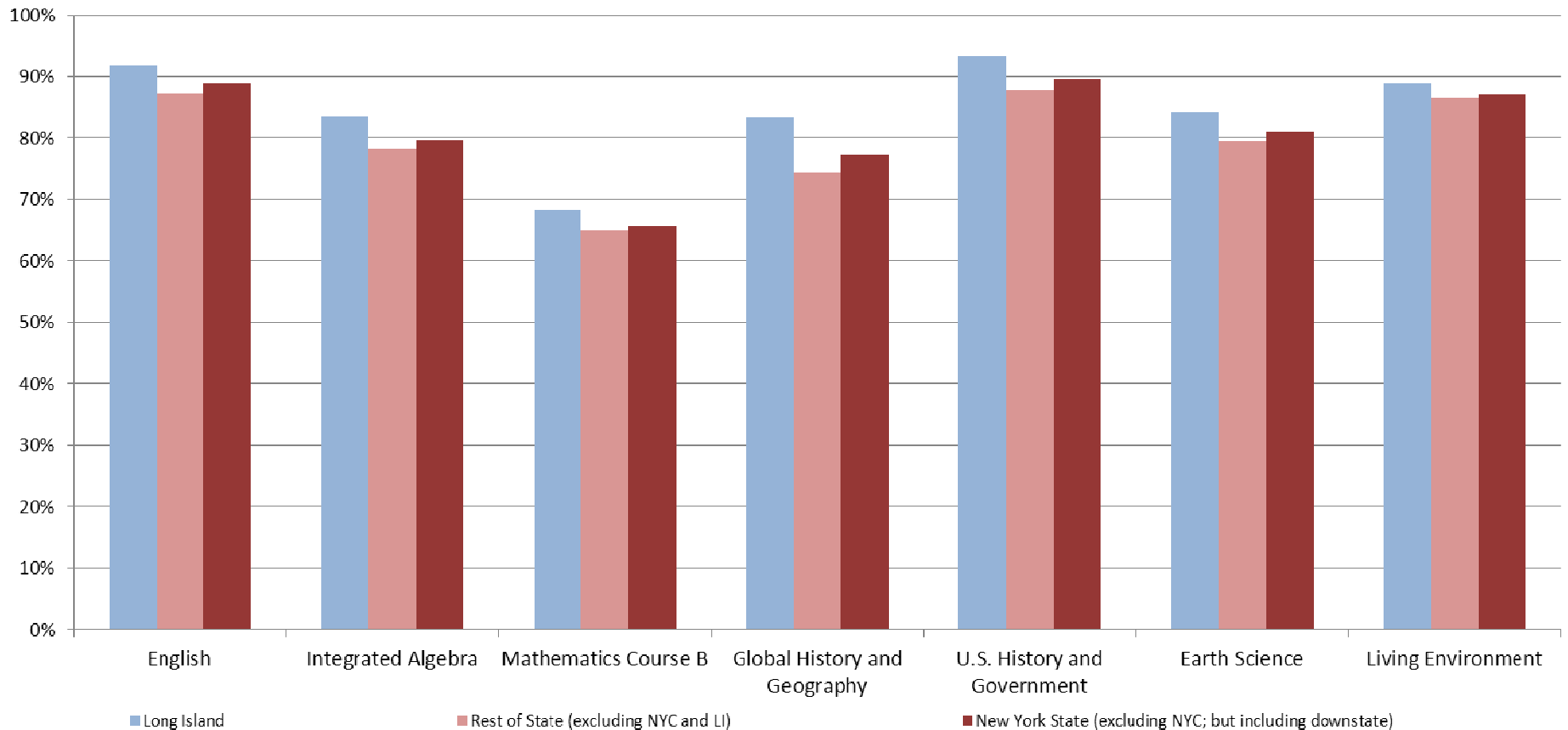


Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes



- Long Island's high school students outperform students from every other region of New York State by every measure maintained by SED.

Percentage of Secondary Students Scoring 65+ on Regents Exams

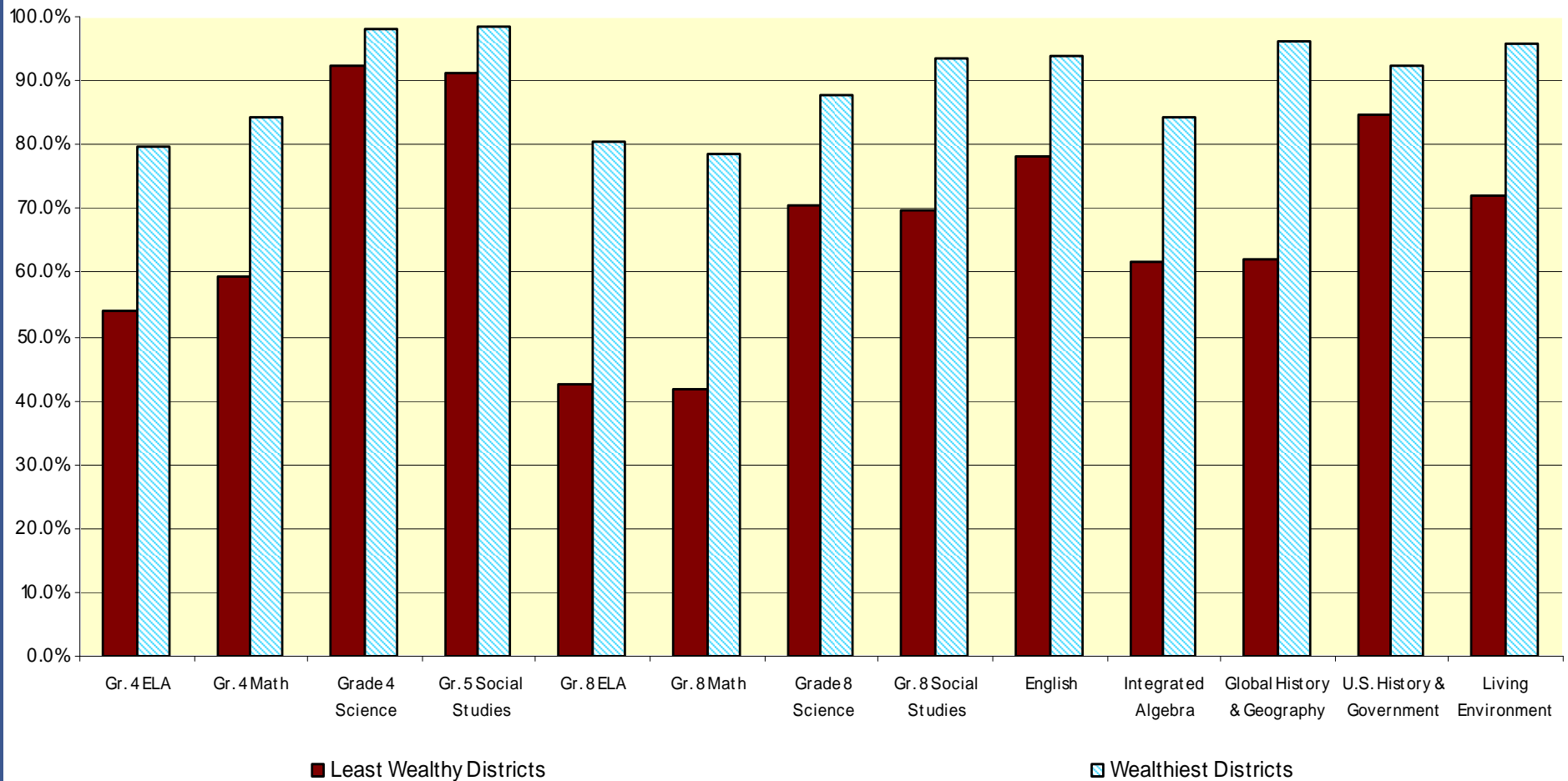




LI School Performance & Resource Gap (Least Wealthy v. Wealthiest)



2009-10 Percentage of Students Passing Assessments and Regents Exams





Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes / H.S. Completion



- If Long Island were a state, we would be ranked #1 in high school completion rate.

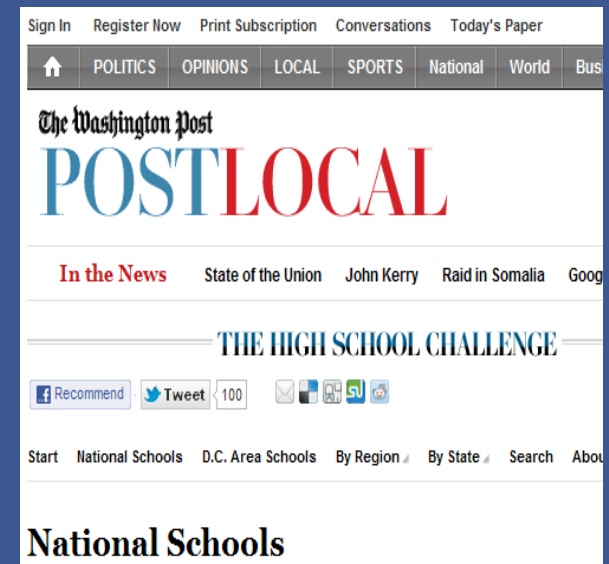
AVERAGE GRADUATION RATE OF PUBLIC H.S. STUDENTS – RANKED		No. of Diplomas Conferred
Long Island (if LI were a state)	90.8%	34,614
Wisconsin	90.7%	65,410
Vermont	89.6%	7,209
North Dakota/Minnesota	87.4%	7,232/ 59,729
Iowa	85.7%	33,926



Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes / H.S. Rankings



- The Washington Post ranked the top 1,900 high schools in the United States. The top 7% of 27,000 schools, includes 54 Long Island high schools.
- **Nearly half (54 of 116) of the high schools on Long Island are among the top schools identified by the Washington Post.**





Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes/Best H.S. in America



- Newsweek compiled a list of the Best High Schools in America. 19 high schools from New York made the top 100. 9 schools or 47% of the NY schools are from Long Island.
- 21 Long Island high schools rank in the top 300 of America's best schools.

In Newsweek Magazine

"The Best High Schools in America"

Jun 19, 2011





Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes / Intel



- If Long Island were a state, we would be ranked #1 in Intel Semifinalists.
 1. Long Island (61)
 2. New York-excluding LI (44)
 3. California (40)
 4. Maryland (18)
 5. Virginia (13)



Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes/Siemens



- If Long Island were a state, we would be ranked 2nd in the number of Siemens Semifinalists.

Number of Semifinalists	
California	48
Long Island	46
Texas	38
New Jersey	16
Michigan	16
Illinois	11
New York (excluding LI)	11



Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes/Music



New York State School Music Association (NYSSMA) Participation	% of NYS Participants from Long Island
Solo & Ensemble Festivals	47%
Major Ensemble Festivals	39%
All State Conference - Setechl	41%
All State Conference - Alternate	45%
Electronic Composition Showcase	100%
All Eastern Division	37%



Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes



- 106 Long Island students are on the 2012 National Merit Semifinalists list
- 9 Long Island school districts won the “National AP District of the Year Award”
- Long Island High School Scholar Athlete teams...Too many to count!



Advocating for Long Island: Outcomes/College Readiness



- Students earning a Regents Diploma with Advanced Designation

Long Island	50%
Rest of NYS	27%

- The 2012 Long Island Index reports that Long Island outperforms the rest of New York State on the College Readiness indicator by 11 percentage points.



Advocating for Long Island: State Support vs. Property Taxes



- According to a Rockefeller Institute report, the downstate suburbs provide 27.4% of New York State's total receipts, yet only 17.7% of State expenditures are directed to the downstate suburbs.
- If Long Island were a state and we stopped redistributing our income to other regions, we could keep up to \$5 billion on Long Island— enough to lower our property taxes by 70%.



Advocating for Long Island: Demographics



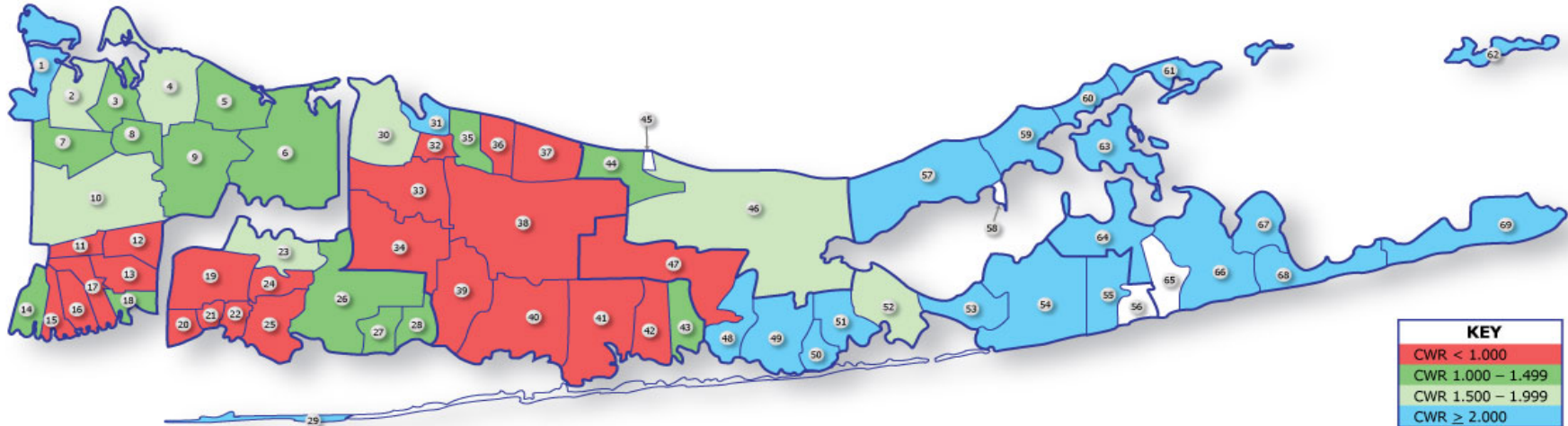
- Nearly half (49%) of the students in Suffolk County are enrolled in school districts that fall below the state wealth average.
- About 35% of Long Island students are in low wealth districts.
- Long Island's income wealth per pupil has dropped dramatically since 2000 (from 40% to 13% above average).
- Approximately 20% percent of Long Island students qualify for Free and Reduced Price Lunch.



Advocating for Long Island: Wealth



Suffolk County School Districts and Combined Wealth Ratios (CWR)



KEY	
CWR < 1.000	
CWR 1.000 – 1.499	
CWR 1.500 – 1.999	
CWR ≥ 2.000	

Western Suffolk/CWR
Huntington/Babylon/Smithtown/CWR

1	Cold Spring Harbor CSD 3.432
2	Huntington UFSD 1.777
3	Harborfields CSD 1.194
4	Northport-East Northport UFSD 1.819
5	Kings Park CSD 1.251
6	Smithtown CSD 1.311
7	South Huntington UFSD 1.157
8	Elwood UFSD 1.093
9	Commack UFSD 1.114
10	Half Hollow Hills CSD 1.617
11	Wyandanch UFSD 0.427
12	Deer Park UFSD 0.897
13	North Babylon UFSD 0.798
14	Amityville UFSD 1.167
15	Copiapue UFSD 0.735
16	Lindenhurst UFSD 0.787
17	West Babylon UFSD 0.900
18	Babylon UFSD 1.408

Eastern Suffolk/CWR
Islip/CWR

19	Brentwood UFSD 0.475
20	West Islip UFSD 0.968
21	Bay Shore UFSD 0.927
22	Islip UFSD 0.988
23	Hauppauge UFSD 1.592
24	Central Islip UFSD 0.618
25	East Islip UFSD 0.893
26	Connetquot CSD 1.091
27	Sayville UFSD 1.032
28	Bayport-Blue Point UFSD 1.094
29	Fire Island UFSD 33.893

Brookhaven/CWR

30	Three Village CSD 1.558
31	Port Jefferson UFSD 3.227
32	Comsewogue UFSD 0.872
33	Middle Country CSD 0.807
34	Sachem CSD 0.928
35	Mount Sinai UFSD UFSD 1.105
36	Miller Place UFSD 0.946
37	Rocky Point UFSD 0.761
38	Longwood CSD 0.902
39	Patchogue-Medford UFSD 0.865
40	South Country CSD 0.935
41	William Floyd UFSD 0.571
42	Center Moriches UFSD 0.882
43	East Moriches UFSD 1.207

Riverhead/CWR

44	Shoreham-Wading River CSD 1.251
45	Little Flower UFSD*
46	Riverhead CSD 1.609

Southold/CWR

57	Mattituck-Cutchogue UFSD 2.399
58	New Suffolk Common SD*
59	Southold UFSD 2.872
60	Greenport UFSD 2.510
61	Oysterponds UFSD 6.099
62	Fishers Island UFSD 28.257

Shelter Island/CWR

63	Shelter Island UFSD 9.118
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Southampton/CWR

47	Eastport/South Manor CSD 0.832
48	Remsenburg-Speonk UFSD 5.338
49	Westhampton Beach UFSD 4.628
50	Quogue UFSD 23.551
51	East Quogue UFSD 2.729
52	Hampton Bays UFSD 1.929
53	Tuckahoe Common SD 3.977
54	Southampton UFSD 11.727
55	Bridgehampton UFSD 36.249
56	Sagaponack Common SD*

East Hampton/CWR

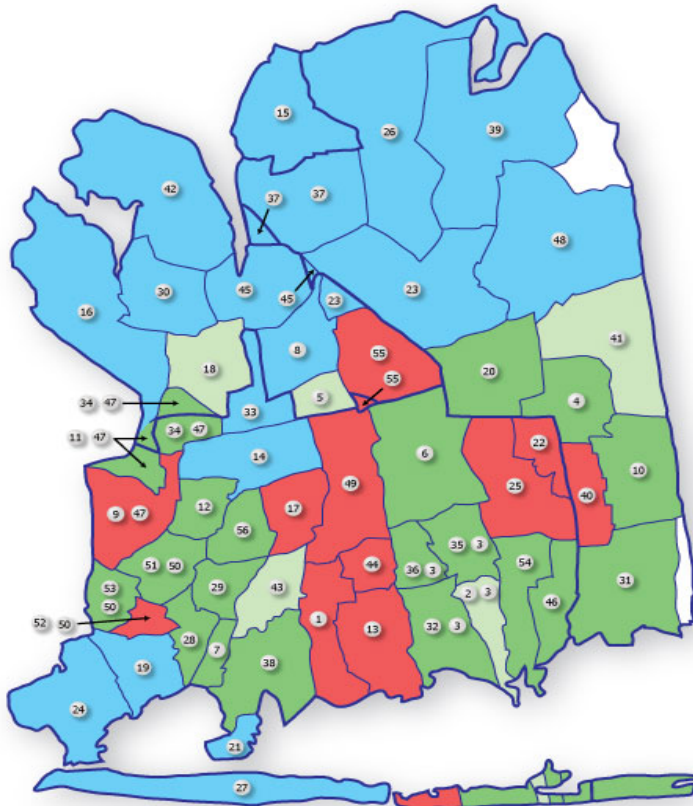
64	Sag Harbor UFSD 5.663
65	Wainscott Common SD*
66	East Hampton UFSD 8.902
67	Springs UFSD 3.600
68	Amagansett UFSD 24.478
69	Montauk UFSD 8.338



Advocating for Long Island: Wealth



Nassau County School Districts and Combined Wealth Ratios (CWR)



KEY	
CWR < 1.000	Red
CWR 1.000 – 1.499	Green
CWR 1.500 – 1.999	Light Green
CWR ≥ 2.000	Blue

Glen Cove/CWR

- 15 Glen Cove City SD 2.017

Long Beach/CWR

- 27 Long Beach City SD 2.265

Hempstead/CWR

- 1 Baldwin UFSD 0.990
- 2 Bellmore UFSD 1.551
- 3 Bellmore-Merrick CHSD 1.248
- 6 East Meadow UFSD 1.068
- 7 East Rockaway UFSD 1.227
- 9 Elmont UFSD 0.840
- 11 Floral Park-Bellerose UFSD 1.409
- 12 Franklin Square UFSD 1.094
- 13 Freeport UFSD 0.688
- 14 Garden City UFSD 2.593
- 17 Hempstead UFSD 0.507
- 19 Hewlett-Woodmere UFSD 2.094
- 21 Island Park UFSD 2.253
- 22 Island Trees UFSD 0.857
- 24 Lawrence UFSD 3.354
- 25 Levittown UFSD 0.857
- 28 Lynbrook UFSD 1.334
- 29 Malverne UFSD 1.326
- 32 Merrick UFSD 1.445
- 33 Mineola UFSD 2.009
- 34 New Hyde Pk.-Garden City Pk. UFSD 1.307
- 35 North Bellmore UFSD 1.045
- 36 North Merrick UFSD 1.031
- 38 Oceanside UFSD 1.285
- 43 Rockville Centre UFSD 1.880
- 44 Roosevelt UFSD 0.578
- 46 Seaford UFSD 1.208
- 47 Sewanhaka CHSD 1.077
- 49 Uniondale UFSD 0.854
- 50 Valley Stream CHSD 1.031
- 51 Valley Stream UFSD Thirteen 1.007
- 52 Valley Stream UFSD Twenty-Four 0.966
- 53 Valley Stream UFSD Thirty 1.129
- 54 Wantagh UFSD 1.040
- 56 West Hempstead UFSD 1.376

North Hempstead/CWR

- 5 Carle Place UFSD 1.551
- 8 East Williston UFSD 2.370
- 16 Great Neck UFSD 3.358
- 18 Herricks UFSD 1.684
- 30 Manhasset UFSD 3.974
- 42 Port Washington UFSD 2.744
- 45 Roslyn UFSD 2.510
- 55 Westbury UFSD 0.990

Oyster Bay/CWR

- 4 Bethpage UFSD 1.260
- 10 Farmingdale UFSD 1.155
- 20 Hicksville UFSD 1.491
- 23 Jericho UFSD 3.031
- 26 Locust Valley CSD 5.011
- 31 Massapequa UFSD 1.440
- 37 North Shore CSD 2.341
- 39 Oyster Bay-East Norwich CSD 4.624
- 40 Plainedge UFSD 0.983
- 41 Plainview-Old Bethpage CSD 1.518
- 48 Syosset CSD 2.061



Advocating for Long Island: Costs

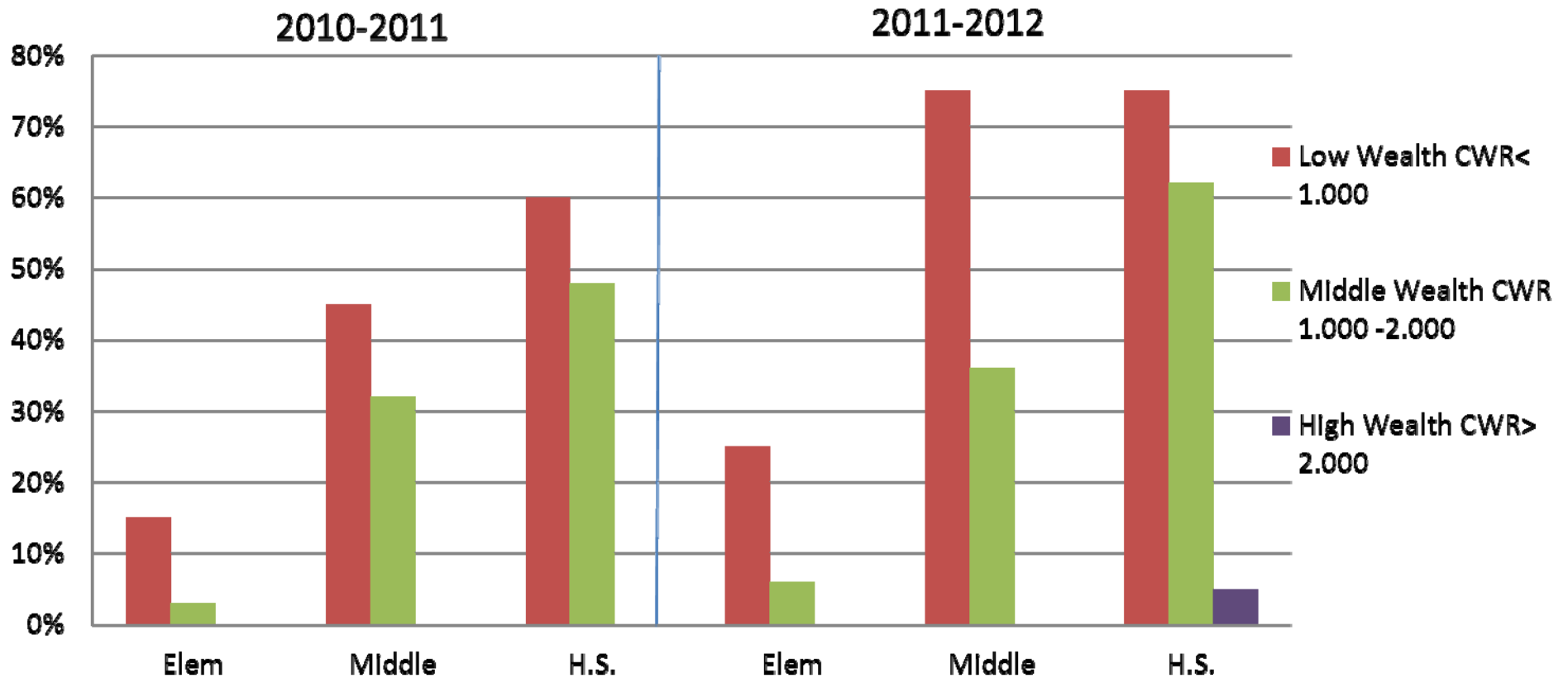


- The per pupil cost of education on Long Island is \$21,970.
- The per pupil cost of education in New York State is \$19,921.
- According to the Regional Cost Index utilized in the development of the Regents State Aid Proposal, costs on Long Island are 36.6% higher than in the lowest cost region of the state.
- The regionally adjusted cost per pupil for Long Island (\$14,229) is 10% below the cost of the county at the median (Madison-\$15,864).

Advocating for Long Island: The Results of the LIEC Survey – A New “Starting Line” (N = 114 Districts)



CLASS SIZE OVER 25

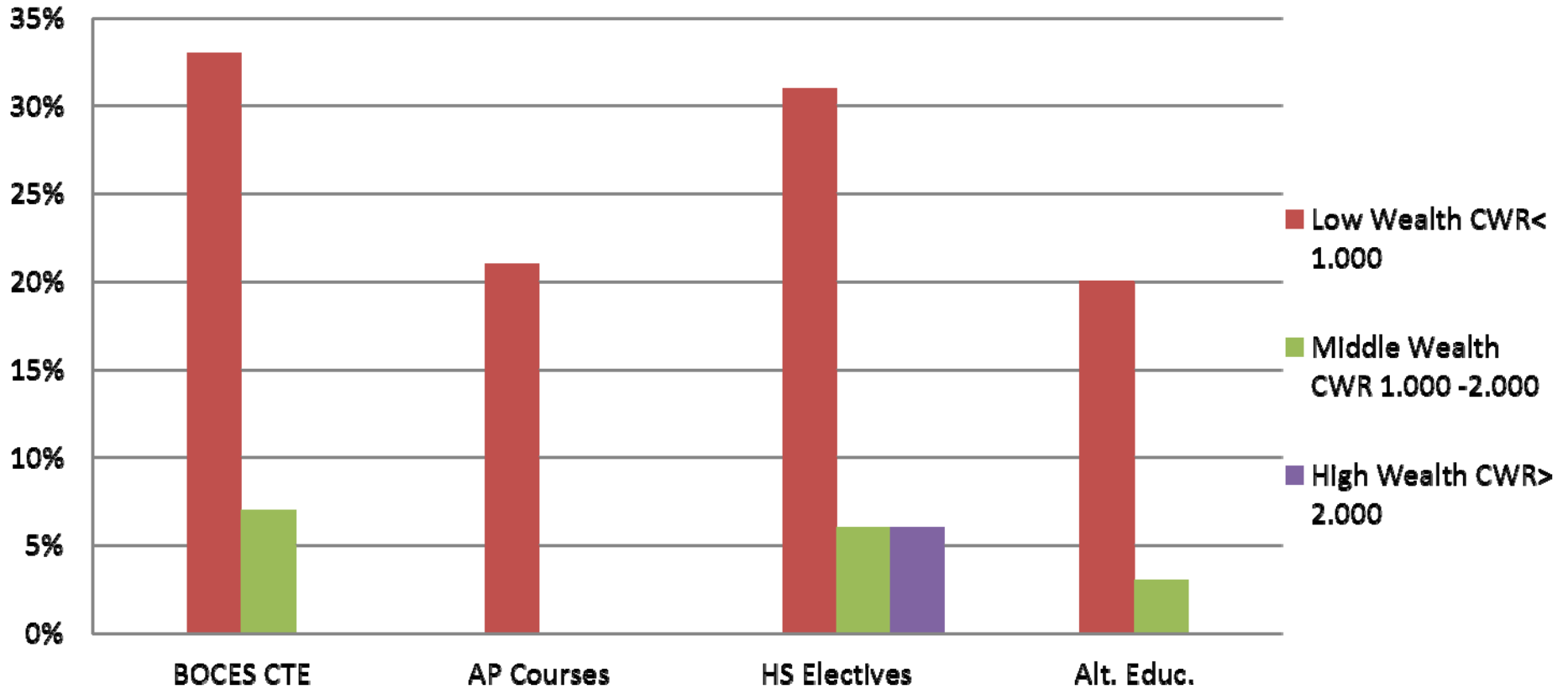


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PERCENT OF DISTRICTS REDUCING PROGRAMS >10%

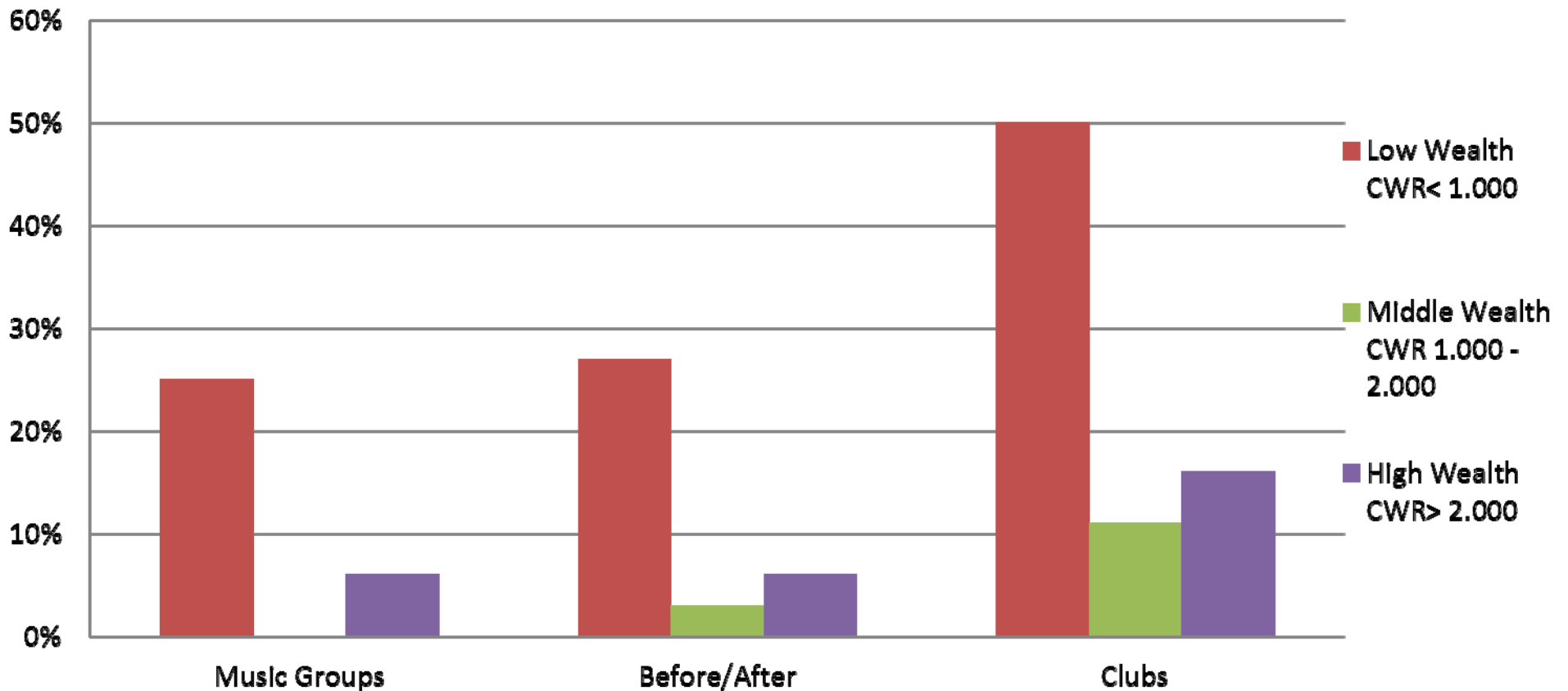


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ELEM CLUBS/SPECIALS REDUCED > 10%

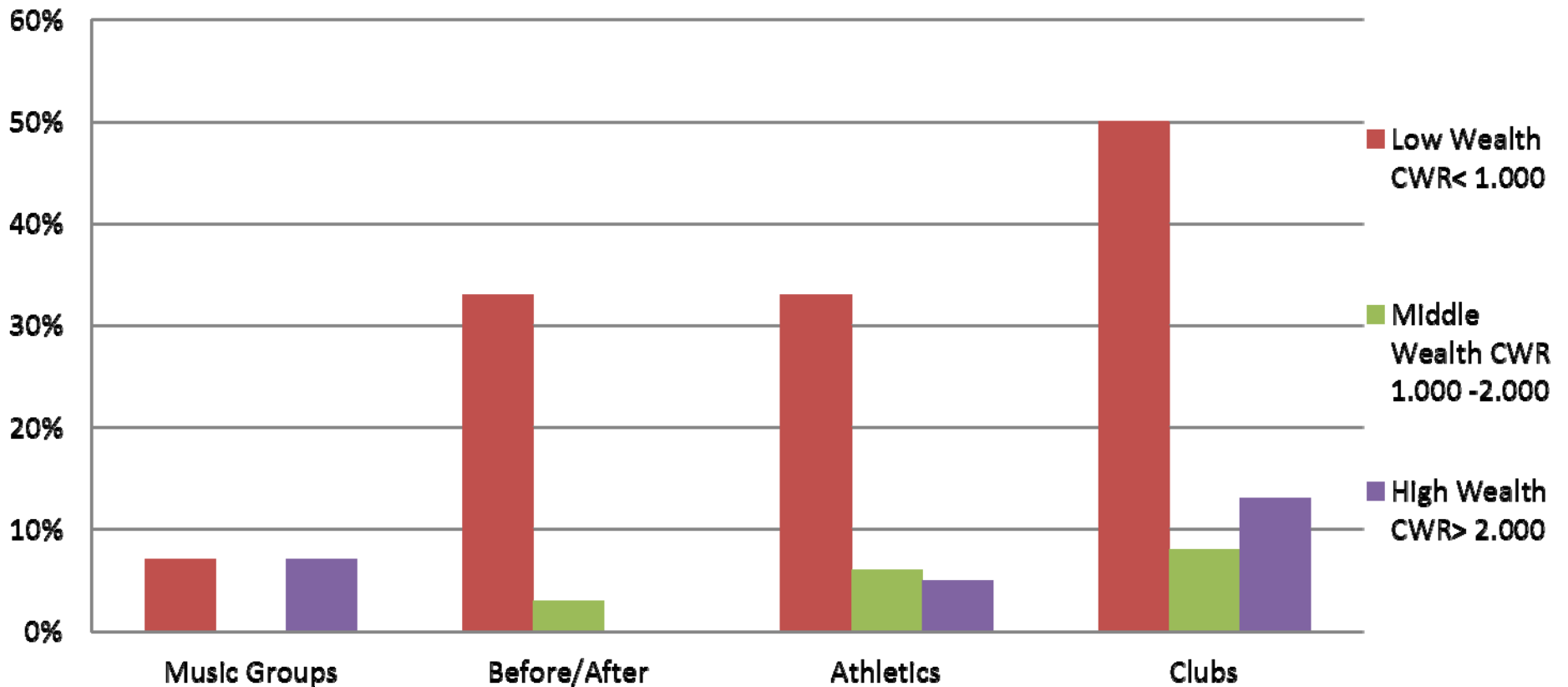


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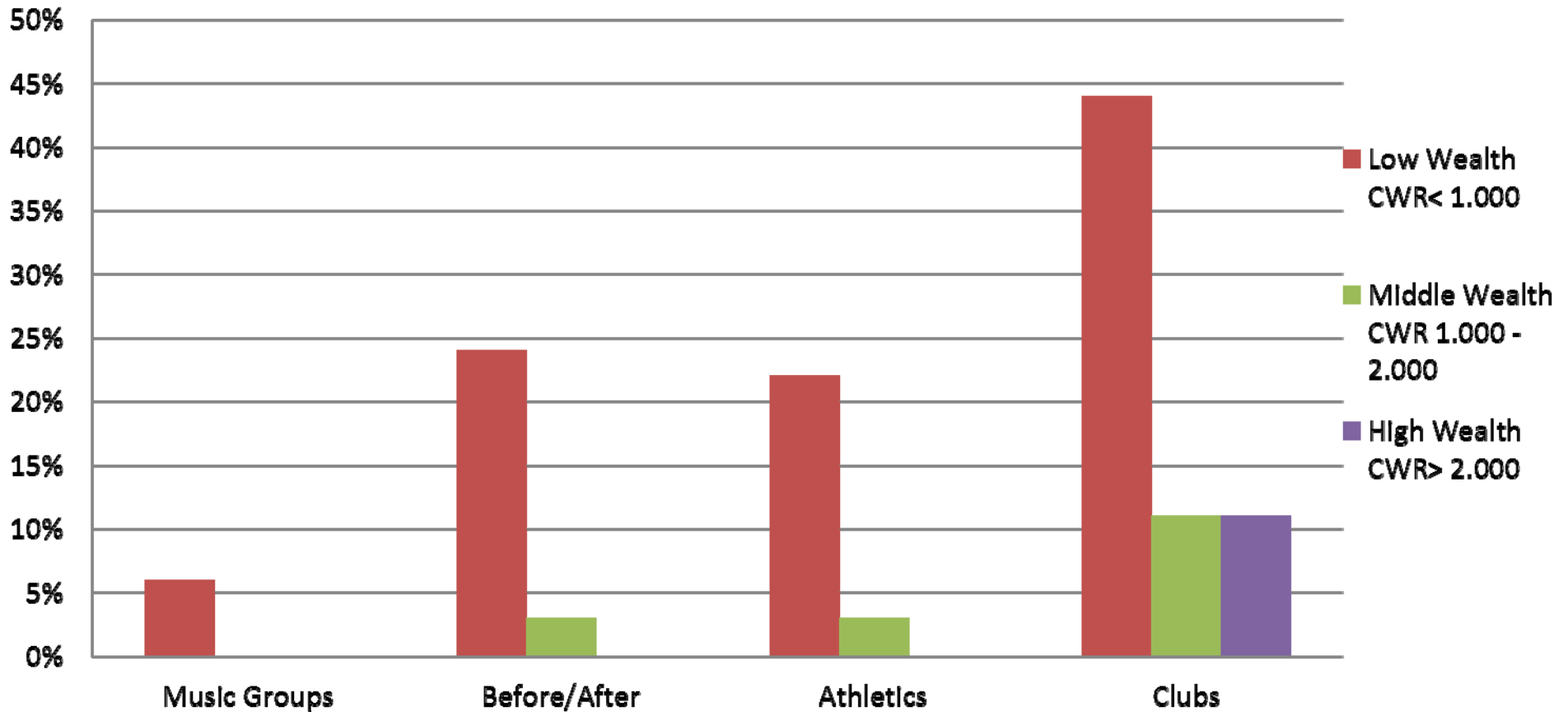


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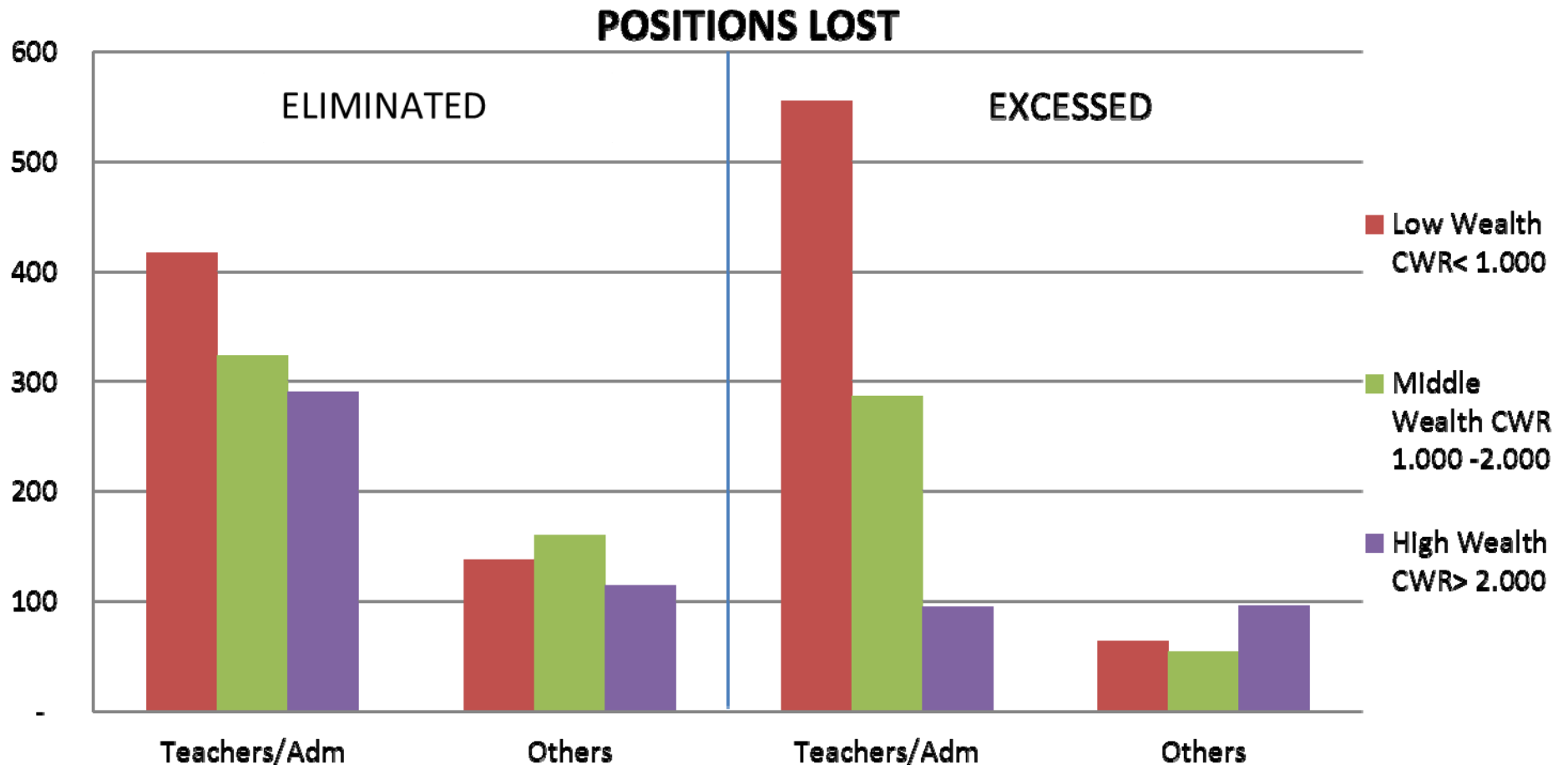


H.S. CLUBS/SPECIALS REDUCED > 10%



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(Other: T. Assts., T. Aides, Clerical, Custodial, Maintenance)

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Note: Data for Little Flower, New Suffolk, Wainscott, not included in wealth group breakdown.



Advocating for Long Island: SCSSA/NCCSS 2012 Advocacy Agenda: State School Aid



- Schools have only two sources of funding:

STATE AID & PROPERTY TAXES

- State Aid has been frozen or reduced each of the last three years.
- **2012 Budget Priority:** Restore funding reductions to the extent possible using expense driven formulas and reversal of the GEA
- **2012 Legislative Priority:** Overhaul existing formulas



Advocating for Long Island: SCSSA/NCCSS 2012 Advocacy Agenda: Mandate Relief



The Common Agenda of the LHCSS, NCCSS, and the SCSSA:

- Thirteen specific proposals within four categories:
 - Mandate Legislation - Mitigation & Prevention
 - Pupil Transportation
 - Fiscal Reform
 - Special Education



Advocating for Long Island: SCSSA/NCCSS 2012



Advocacy Agenda:

Promoting Sustainability Through Structural Change

- Authorize an expanded role for teacher assistants, or a team of teacher assistants, to provide instructional services under the direction of a master teacher. Schools can be staffed differently today than in the past.
- Establish a regionally sensitive statewide collective bargaining agreement for teachers. Teaching personnel across the state should have common working conditions and patterns of compensation.
- Change staffing requirements to maximize cost savings resulting from the expanded use of technology to provide instructional services.



Advocating for Long Island: SCSSA/NCCSS 2012 Advocacy Agenda:



Promoting Sustainability Through Structural Change (cont.)

- Evaluate the long-term impact of Tier 5 and consider the creation of Tier 6 if warranted.
- Establish a separate funding mechanism for charter schools. Public schools should not be the source of funds for charter school businesses.
- Provide meaningful financial incentives to promote school district consolidation.



Advocating for Long Island: The Executive Budget



- The Executive Budget restores \$64.7 million of the \$90.4 million Long Island schools lost last year.
- The Long Island school aid increase results from the following:

Building Aid	\$8.4 million
Transportation Aid	\$9.4 million
BOCES Aid	\$10 million
GEA Reduction	\$20.1 million
All Other (7)	\$16.6 million
TOTAL	\$64.5 million

- The proposed Executive Budget would fund Long Island schools at the 2009-10 level.



Advocating for Long Island: The Executive Budget



- The Executive Budget would fund 21.4% of educational expenditures on Long Island in 2012-13. In 1988-89, 24 years ago, the share was 32.2%.
- The Executive Budget provides \$4,440 per pupil to Long Island schools. This is 30.8% below the rest of the state (\$6,415).
- Proposed shifts in preschool special education costs to school districts will be greater than the aid increase for many districts.



Advocating for Long Island: Tax Levy Basics



- The school property tax levy represents the amount of funding a school district needs to raise through property taxes to balance its budget.
- **The Property Tax Levy is calculated as follows:**
 - Projected School Spending
 - (-) minus state aid
 - (-) minus other revenues
 - (-) minus prior year's fund balance
 - = Property Tax Levy
- On Long Island, property taxes comprise nearly 70% of school funding.



Advocating for Long Island: Introducing the Tax Cap



- The Tax Cap applies to the levy, not the rate or the homeowner's payment.
- The Levy Cap is calculated by a complex formula created by NYS. Exceptions will allow the cap to exceed 2%, and CPI could hold the cap below 2% - it's not simply 2%.
- The Tax Levy must be approved by the voters.
 - A 60% majority is needed to pass a Tax Levy above the Cap.
 - A 50% majority is required to pass a Tax Levy at or below the Cap.
- If the voters reject the levy twice, **it is capped at 0.0%.**



Tax Cap Comparison NY vs. MA



Element/Condition	Massachusetts	New York
	Cap Function	
Failed vote/No vote	2.5% increase	0.0% increase
Majority Override (50.1%)	Unlimited Increase	2.0% increase
Supermajority Override (60.1%)	None needed	Unlimited Increase
	Economic Conditions	
10 year Enrollment Trend	-21%	-3.6%
State Aid History	CPI + 8.6%/year	CPI – only
State Economic Growth	Massachusetts Miracle	Uncertain
	Student Conditions	
Students in Poverty	28%	44%



Advocating for Long Island: The Impact of the Cap



Typical Large Low-Wealth District (CWR 0.5 – 0.9, Enrollment 8,500)

	2011-12	2012-13 with 2.5% Cap	2012-13 with 5% Rollover	\$ Cut from Rollover
Tax Levy	\$96,500,000	\$98,912,000		
State Aid	\$67,800,000	\$69,834,000		
Fund Balance	\$14,400,000	\$14,400,000		
Budget	\$178,700,000	\$183,146,000	\$187,635,000 <i>(This budget increase would have raised the tax levy by 7.2%.)</i>	- \$4,489,000 \$528 p/p <i>(This is what needs to be cut from the rollover budget to stay within the cap.)</i>

Assumptions:

Tax Cap = 2.5%

State Aid = + 3.0%

Fund Balance = No Change



Advocating for Long Island: The Impact of the Cap



Typical Mid-Wealth District (CWR 1.4 – 1.6, Enrollment 4,700)

	2011-12	2012-13 with 2.5% Cap	2012-13 with 5% Rollover	\$ Cut from Rollover
Tax Levy	\$91,600,000	\$93,890,000		
State Aid	\$12,700,000	\$13,081,000		
Fund Balance	\$7,100,000	\$7,100,000		
Budget	\$111,400,000	\$114,071,000	\$116,970,000 <i>(This budget increase would have raised the tax levy by 5.7%)</i>	- \$2,899,000 \$617 p/p <i>(This is what needs to be cut from the rollover budget to stay within the cap.)</i>

Assumptions:

Tax Cap = 2.5%

State Aid = + 3.0%

Fund Balance = No Change



Advocating for Long Island: The Impact of the Cap



- How will the Tax Cap impact your school district?
- The impact can vary dramatically district to district.
- The School Board and Superintendent are working on this now – Talk with them!



Advocating For Long Island – What You Can Do



- Familiarize yourself with the facts and become an **advocate for the region**. Use the SCSSA/NCCSS advocacy program.
- Long Island has built a strong educational system primarily with local funding – The state should be providing more support as the tax cap limits local support.
- **Support an overhaul of the Foundation Formula.** The Formula must recognize the cost of doing business in the region, and the region's economic significance within the state.
- Any additional state aid generated through a reduction of the GEA should be allocated equally on a per pupil basis throughout the state.



Advocating For Long Island – What You Can Do



- All NYS students deserve a Long Island quality education. The state should seek to assure that all students have access to the same programs provided in the region's highest performing districts.

Support educational reforms that “level up” all schools to match Long Island’s best.



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