



“Moving from a system of Schools to a SCHOOL SYSTEM”

**SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE
Week of May 18, 2015**

Superintendent of Schools, Larry Licopoli, Ph.D.

**Educational Plan and Budget Vote
2015-2016**

1. Budget Results

Thank you Peekskill School Community for your “super majority” support of our 3 Referendums:

	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>
Budget Vote	65%	35%
K-5 Transportation	60%	40%
Emergency Performance	73%	27%

2. Election Results

Congratulations to Mr. Colin Smith and Ms. Lisa Aspinall-Kellawon who were re-elected to the Board of Education and will serve a 3 year term.

3. Educational and Operational Plan

With the passage of our budget, the following positions are all a “go”! In two short years we have added nearly 35 new professional and support staff positions to our work force focusing on literacy, reducing the gap, enrichment, choices, and equity. We are on the right path! Please check our District website for more information on new CIA course proposals.

Additional Positions and Resources

K-6 Literacy/Reading Coordinator	1.0
Bilingual Secretary	1.0
Reading Teacher Specialists	4.0
Elementary-Literacy Teachers	5.0
Part-Time Teacher Aides	6.0
Literacy Librarian Specialist *Preferably Bilingual	1.0
Music—Elementary, Strings	1.0
Art---High School (Sequence)	1.0
Guidance---Middle School	0.4
English Language Learner Teacher---High School	1.0
STEM Teachers	2.0
Teaching Assistant---Summit	1.0
Dance---Middle and High School	1.0
Continued Professional Development Supplies, Leveled Books, and Field Trips (\$90,000).	

4. Federal Grant Award

We were notified this week that the District was awarded a \$1,000,000 3-year grant enabling us to staff elementary guidance counselors at Oakside and Hillcrest Schools. More information to follow. Special thanks to Dr. Mosey for writing this grant.