

Super LAC Second Annual Legislative Breakfast Meeting

Thursday, March 9, 2017

Garden City Public Library, Lower level conference room

60 Seventh Street

Garden City, NY 11530

9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m. (Library does not open until 9:30 a.m.)

Time Line:

9:30: Coffee, refreshments

9:45: Introduction by Moderator Mr. Bob Martin, Garden City Board of Education

- Thank you for attending; thank you for your ongoing efforts on behalf of public education
- Purpose of meeting
- Brief summary of Super LAC
- Discussion format - We encourage each legislator to share his/her comments keeping in mind that colleagues may also wish to offer their comments to the group

Discussion Topics:

1. The state aid picture in general
 - a. Concern about provision that would allow the governor to impose mid-year reductions without legislative approval
2. Foundation aid
 - a. Position on whether there should be an increase above what the Governor proposed
 - b. Position on revising the formula
 - c. Position on whether "hold harmless" provisions should be maintained? Phased out? If phased out, over how long a time frame?
 - d. Position on whether tax cap legislation could be modified to permit school districts that will receive reduced Foundation Aid allocations due to reformulation or elimination of "hold harmless" to exceed the tax cap by a simple majority rather than a supermajority
3. Position on allowing creation of a TRS Reserve subaccount within the ERS Reserve
4. Position on providing tax cap exemption for ELLs and/or general enrollment increase
5. Position on establishing a STAR exemption for veterans rather than making it a school district-based exemption
6. Implementing the 2015 legislation modifying the tax cap to include district share of BOCES capital expenditures and include PILOTs in real property adjustment that has been stalled in the Department of Taxation & Finance
7. Position on providing financial support for SED to fill its many staff vacancies
8. Assistance in getting SMART Bond plans approved and funds released
9. Support for proposals for mandate relief in such areas as Part 154 (ELL), number of days of grades 3-8 testing, and data reporting to SED

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