

Thiele: State Aid to Education Increases by \$1.1 Billion

Gap Elimination Adjustment Reduced by \$602 million; Total Aid Increase is 5.3%

New York State Assemblyman Fred W. Thiele, Jr. (I, D, WF-Sag Harbor) today announced that the 2014-15 State Budget will increase State Aid to Education by \$1.1 billion or 5.3%, a total of more than \$22 billion. Thiele stated, “The State Legislature has improved the Governor’s 2014 State Budget Proposal by increasing school aid from a proposed 3.9% to 5.3% across the state. Suffolk County’s share of aid also would increase by 5.3%. Suffolk had gotten its fair share of this year’s school aid increase.”

A major part of the school aid increase was the reduction of the Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) by \$602 million. The GEA was originally enacted to close the State Budget deficit back in 2008-09.

Thiele stated that the final State Budget also includes the Governor’s \$2 Billion Smart School Bond Initiative to improve classroom technology and construct pre-kindergarten classroom space. Thiele expressed support for the Governor’s Smart School Bond Act, which must be approved by the voters in November.

Thiele stated, “The focus on improving quality education is a goal I fully support. This State aid proposal accomplishes that goal for Long Island and New York State.”

**1ST ASSEMBLY DISTRICT SCHOOL AID
UNDER THE FINAL STATE BUDGET PROPOSAL**

School District	2014-15 State Budget (\$)	%+/-
William Floyd	111,101,355	+3.51
Center Moriches	11,544,899	+6.35
East Moriches	6,019,896	+6.83
East Hampton	2,760,189	+4.15
Amagansett	361,850	+13.92
Springs	1,374,836	+11.87
Sag Harbor	1,637,585	+5.92
Montauk	897,671	+18.83
Riverhead	22,226,221	+11.42
Shelter Island	589,222	+15.96
Remsenburg/Speonk	579,787	+11.32
Westhampton Beach	2,502,255	+38.15
Quogue	311,873	+12.68
Hampton Bays	4,874,658	+15.83
Southampton	2,601,289	+9.90
Bridgehampton	656,377	+10.90
Eastport/S. Manor	34,518,320	+5.79
Tuckahoe	977,701	+7.43
East Quogue	1,118,558	+10.75

SMART SCHOOL ALLOCATION/PROPOSED \$ 2 BILLION BOND ACT (\$)

School District	
William Floyd	10,398,033
Center Moriches	1,034,558
East Moriches	558,853
East Hampton	273,186
Amagansett	31,800
Springs	136,874
Sag Harbor	171,720
Montauk	89,032
Riverhead	2,191,853
Shelter Island	57,876
Remsenburg/Speonk	56,703
Westhampton Beach	216,733
Quogue	31,741
Hampton Bays	494,867
Southampton	236,674
Bridgehampton	66,656
Eastport/S. Manor	2,279,065
Tuckahoe	96,818
East Quogue	119,615