



## Scarsdale League of Women Voters Comments to the 2013-14 School Budget May 6, 2013

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The League of Women Voter's of Scarsdale (the "League") **supports the 2013-14 School Budget** dated April 22, 2013 (the "Budget").

While individuals may disagree on select items in the \$145mm Budget, the League believes that the Board of Education (the "BOE ") and Administration have developed a Budget that, taken as a whole, attempts to reflect the values of the community. The BOE has sought to maintain the excellence of our schools and to also preserve the financial strength of the school district in the face of significant pressures wrought by, among other things, a continued weak economy and a state-mandated tax cap.

The League's support of the Budget comes with the expectation that the Administration and BOE will move forward aggressively with master planning for expanded cafeteria, library and collaborative learning spaces including the new Health, Fitness and Learning Center in the high school.

The League acknowledges the efforts of the BOE and the Administration to reach out to the community since the Preliminary Budget was prepared, including the offered site tours, informational postings on the District website, community meetings and written and oral responses to questions. Further, we appreciate that the BOE and the Administration have been responsive to other issues raised by the League in our March 22<sup>nd</sup> statement. The League expects that the BOE and Administration will continue this level of community involvement and communication as the Master Plan and timeline are developed and implemented.

Community participation in the upcoming election is crucial. We urge all qualified citizens to **vote on Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** in the School Board election and to **vote YES** for the Budget.

Finally, the League appreciates this opportunity to comment on the Budget and thanks the Vice President of the BOE and the Assistant Superintendent for Business for attending the League meeting held on April 29, 2013. This statement is based on that meeting and reflects the consensus of League members on the topics included in this statement.

Sincerely,

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