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Fiscal Year 2016 Preliminary Budget
For the period July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016
Colonial School District

Presented to the Board of Education on August 11, 2015

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Executive Summary

The Colonial School District is a K-12 district located in New Castle County in the State of Delaware. There are fourteen (14) schools located within the district. The enrollment as of September 30, 2014 was 9,825 students.

The Fiscal Year Preliminary 2016 Budget represents the tentative financial plan for the district for the school year 2015-2016. The plan was developed through a review of the district's priorities and education success plan. It cannot be finalized until after the State certifies the September 30th count, which is normally accomplished during the months of November/December. The district will operate under this Board approved preliminary budget prior to the approval of the final budget.

The Colonial community approved an operating referendum in the amount of 35 cents in June 2013. The additional \$9.5 million in additional revenue that was generated by that referendum was anticipated to allow the district to operate for 3-5 years. The 2015-2016 budget is the third year of the current referendum cycle. If current state funding levels continue, it is recommended that Colonial pursue another operating referendum in early 2017 to increase operating funds for the 2017-2018 budget cycle.

The Preliminary budget for FY 2016 is \$141.77 million, in addition to which, Colonial has carryover balances from various sources totaling \$7.5 million. While there were no major cuts to state funding for FY 2016, Colonial is anticipating a decline in enrollment, which will result in a decrease in state funding from the decrease in units.

The State of Delaware budget for FY 2016 funds step increases for eligible employees and an increase for paraeducators only to continue the compression of their scale. The local salary scales for FY 2016 are paid in accordance with the collective bargaining agreement or by Board of Education action. Employees received an increase for steps or years of experience changes where applicable.

The Colonial School District has a citizen financial oversight committee consisting of residents of the district to oversee the budget and review financial reports and information prior to submission to the Board of Education.

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016
SUMMARY OF REVENUE**

REVENUE	BUDGET FY 2015	PROJECTED FY 2015	BUDGET FY 2016	% Change
<u>STATE REVENUE</u>				
State formula salaries	54,890,000	56,765,380	55,747,915	1.56%
Cafeteria Salaries	1,214,600	1,216,651	1,197,063	-1.44%
Division II Costs, AOC	1,962,625	1,983,778	1,939,903	-1.16%
Division II Costs, AOC - Voc	147,758	147,758	144,064	-2.50%
Division II Costs, Energy	1,706,278	1,706,278	1,669,753	-2.14%
Division III Equalization	4,467,752	4,515,686	4,380,215	-1.96%
State Transportation	4,900,000	5,083,295	5,083,295	3.74%
Educational Sustainment	1,998,836	1,998,836	1,958,859	-2.00%
Drivers Ed	34,143	34,143	34,143	0.00%
Unique Alternative	350,000	253,598	228,238	-34.79%
Excellence/Admin Option	630,000	595,202	560,202	-11.08%
Professional Development	105,753	105,753	105,753	0.00%
Technology Block Grant	165,644	165,644	165,644	0.00%
Other State Revenue	95,000	251,873	200,000	110.53%
John G. Leach	0	7,100,085	7,126,900	New
Minor Capital Improvements	733,133	733,133	711,684	-2.93%
TOTAL STATE REVENUE	\$73,401,522	\$82,657,093	\$81,253,632	10.70%
<u>LOCAL REVENUE</u>				
Debt Service Tax Receipts	5,287,421	5,233,412	5,099,675	-3.55%
Tuition Receipts (excl. Leach)	6,103,632	4,801,671	5,296,720	-13.22%
John G. Leach (tuition revenue)	0	3,025,000	3,056,499	New
Current Expense Tax Receipts	34,274,720	34,813,183	34,167,824	-0.31%
Match Tax Receipts	1,110,569	1,130,467	1,138,234	2.49%
Technology Maintenance Match	420,000	383,858	420,000	0.00%
Interest	135,000	154,114	154,000	14.07%
Athletics	18,000	29,813	29,000	61.11%
CSCR	80,000	108,251	108,251	35.31%
Indirect Costs	250,000	515,794	250,000	0.00%
Cafeteria	5,938,400	5,362,132	5,938,400	0.00%
Donations	135,000	156,439	150,000	11.11%
Building Rental	24,000	23,068	24,000	0.00%
Erate	75,000	76,312	-	-100.00%
Other Local Revenue	300,000	370,136	300,000	0.00%
Charter (Reduction)	(4,519,341)	(4,508,241)	(5,210,082)	15.28%
Choice (Reduction)	(1,610,732)	(1,715,847)	(1,715,847)	6.53%
Debt Service & Other Reserves	1,578,641	1,578,641	4,200,819	166.10%
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE	\$49,600,310	\$51,538,203	\$53,407,493	7.68%

FEDERAL REVENUE

IDEA Part B	2,558,457	2,438,156	2,506,243	-2.04%
Title I	3,355,850	3,227,081	3,539,363	5.47%
Title II	645,577	664,363	804,291	24.58%
Title III	139,740	133,507	115,862	-17.09%
Perkins	250,217	269,196	268,819	7.43%
Other Federal Funds	200,000	102,948	100,000	-50.00%
Race to the Top	482,780	534,814	0	-100.00%
				Moved to
Leach- Special School	11,140,323	10,242,846	0	State & Local
				Revenue
Major Capital Improvements	<u>1,743,550</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0</u>	Moved to
				carryover
TOTAL OTHER REVENUE	<u>\$20,516,494</u>	<u>\$17,612,911</u>	<u>\$7,334,578</u>	-64.25%
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$143,518,326</u>	<u>\$151,808,207</u>	<u>\$141,995,703</u>	-1.06%
<u>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE</u>	<u>\$141,774,776</u>	<u>\$151,808,207</u>	<u>\$141,995,703</u>	0.16%

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016
SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURES**

EXPENDITURES

Operating Program
Unit Code

			BUDGET	PROJECTED	BUDGET	
			FY 2015	FY 2015	FY 2016	
SCHOOL BUDGETS						% Change
9340410A	95437	Carrie Downie Library	3,540	2,391	3,009	-15.00%
9340410A	99999	Carrie Downie Elementary	44,250	39,286	37,613	-15.00%
9340412A	95437	Castle Hills Library	6,580	6,550	5,593	-15.00%
9340412A	99999	Castle Hills Elementary	82,250	71,112	69,913	-15.00%
9340418A	95437	Pleasantville Library	4,840	2,030	4,114	-15.00%
9340418A	99999	Pleasantville Elementary	60,500	49,005	51,425	-15.00%
9340420A	95437	Wilmington Manor Library	4,170	4,135	3,545	-15.00%
9340420A	99999	Wilmington Manor Elementary	52,125	50,967	44,306	-15.00%
9340422A	95437	Wilbur Library	11,780	4,958	10,013	-15.00%
9340422A	99999	Wilbur Elementary	147,250	144,262	125,163	-15.00%
9340427A	95437	Southern Library	8,590	3,696	7,302	-15.00%
9340427A	99999	Southern Elementary	107,375	106,305	91,269	-15.00%
9340432A	95437	New Castle Library	5,530	3,952	4,701	-15.00%
9340432A	99999	New Castle Elementary	69,125	66,816	58,756	-15.00%
9340456A	95437	Eisenberg Library	5,390	3,482	4,582	-15.00%
9340456A	99999	Eisenberg Elementary	67,375	67,131	57,269	-15.00%
9340470A	95437	Gunning Bedford Library	9,910	6,954	8,424	-15.00%
9340470A	99999	Gunning Bedford Middle	123,875	122,097	105,294	-15.00%
9340474A	95437	George Read Library	6,700	6,546	5,695	-15.00%
9340474A	99999	George Read Middle	83,750	83,321	71,188	-15.00%
9340476A	95437	McCullough Library	7,400	3,122	6,290	-15.00%
9340476A	99999	McCullough Middle	92,500	91,348	78,625	-15.00%
9340522A	99530	Wallin (Regular Ed)	5,000	0	4,250	-15.00%
9340490A	95048	William Penn - ROTC	8,100	2,421	6,885	-15.00%
9340490A	95073	William Penn - Music Choir	30,000	28,170	25,500	-15.00%
9340490A	95437	William Penn - Library	26,076	25,980	22,165	-15.00%
9340490A	95468	William Penn - Summer School	25,000	4,478	21,250	-15.00%
9340490A	95602	William Penn - Athletics	130,000	111,547	110,500	-15.00%
9340490A	99999	William Penn High School	271,625	270,604	230,881	-15.00%
SUBTOTAL - OTHER			1,500,606	1,382,666	1,275,515	-15.00%

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TUITION FUNDED BUDGETS

99970600	95030	Preschool	48,000	36,345	43,200	-10.00%
99970601	99532	PreK Nonprincipal	430,000	424,848	430,000	0.00%
9340427A	95217	Southern ILC	14,400	15,625	12,960	-10.00%
9340427A	99532	Southern ILC Nonprincipal	220,000	222,349	224,572	2.08%
9340427A	95207	Southern CASL	5,280	6,410	4,752	-10.00%
9340427A	99530	Southern CASL Nonprincipal	30,000	0	25,000	-16.67%
9340470A	95217	GB ILC Non Principal	6,000	47	5,400	-10.00%
9340470A	95207	Gunning Bedford CASL	5,500	239	4,000	-27.27%
9340470A	99530	GB CASL Non Principal	40,000	23,160	25,000	-37.50%
9340522A	99532	Sec ILC Nonprincipal	1,100,000	949,420	975,000	-11.36%
9340522A	99999	Secondary ILC	55,200	54,391	49,680	-10.00%
99920300	99999	LEP/ESL	440,000	367,600	375,000	-14.77%
99930200	95454	Private Placement	1,400,000	842,096	845,000	-39.64%
99930200	99999	In State Tuition	3,500,000	4,172,455	4,209,323	20.27%
99930300	99546	Assistive Technology	40,000	38,961	36,000	-10.00%
SUBTOTAL - TUITION			7,334,380	7,153,946	7,264,887	-0.95%

OTHER/LOCAL AND STATE FUNDED

	99999	Board of Education	35,000	36,626	31,500	-10.00%
99900100	99999	Legal	80,000	65,987	70,000	-12.50%
99900300	95228	Substitutes & Homebound	600,000	881,253	650,000	8.33%
99900300	95260	Community & Schools	90,000	90,000	90,000	0.00%
99900300	95494	Teacher of the Year	7,500	3,429	7,500	0.00%
99900300	99999	General District Expenses	1,112,600	1,009,165	764,500	-31.29%
99910000	99541	Events & Recognition	25,000	27,914	0	-100.00%
99910000	95052	Marketing	0		65,000	new
99910000	99999	Public Communications	60,000	58,040	20,000	-66.67%
99910010	95411	Copy Center	320,000	260,429	260,000	-18.75%
99910010	99999	Admin Building General	7,500	7,603	7,000	-6.67%
99910100	99999	Superintendent	13,000	9,027	11,700	-10.00%
99910100	95255	Middle School Redesign	0	0	20,000	new
99970600	95060	Preschool Expansion	0		200,000	new
99970675	95430	Elementary Wellness	0		85,000	new
99910110	95488	Visiting Teachers	6,000	4,984	5,000	-16.67%
99910105	99999	Deputy Superintendent	0	0	5,400	new
99910110	99999	Assistant Superintendent	6,000	6,459	5,400	-10.00%
99920000	99999	Curriculum/Instruction	150,000	78,274	135,000	-10.00%
99920000	95435	Common Core/Curriculum	275,000	200,637	275,000	0.00%
99920100	99999	Discipline Programs/SRO	365,000	298,245	325,000	-10.96%
99920200	99999	Extra Time	270,000	383,295	270,000	0.00%

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code</u>				
99920500	99999	Professional Development	105,753	72,438	105,753 0.00%
99920700	99999	Athletics*	35,000	58,189	55,000 57.14%
99920800	99999	Drivers Education	25,000	23,963	25,000 0.00%
99930300	99999	Special/Student Services	30,000	24,258	27,000 -10.00%
99940000	99999	Business Office	15,000	15,056	13,500 -10.00%
99940200	99999	Division I Salaries	54,890,000	55,643,243	55,747,915 1.56%
99940400	99999	Local Salaries & Benefits	30,500,000	31,165,460	31,400,000 2.95%
99940300	99999	Division II Vocational	147,758	134,665	144,064 -2.50%
99940410	99999	Competitive Grants - State	95,000	88,926	50,000 -47.37%
99940700	99999	Private Grants/Donations	100,000	76,330	80,000 -20.00%
99940800	99999	Data Collection & Reporting	100,000	73,366	0 Consolidation
99940810	99999	Tech Equipment & Repair*	800,000	741,649	1,446,600 80.83%
99940810	95234	Device Replacement	500,000	439,433	0 Consolidation
99940810	95093	Network/Wireless	250,000	0	250,000 0.00%
99950000	99999	Personnel*	25,000	30,666	66,000 164.00%
99960000	99999	Child Nutrition Operations	7,153,000	7,588,066	7,588,094 6.08%
99960200	95419	Energy/Utilities	2,200,000	2,074,594	2,100,000 -4.55%
99940050	99999	Facilities Maintenance	410,000	433,604	435,000 6.10%
99960200	99531	Custodial Services*	315,000	300,596	455,000 44.44%
99960200	99999	Operations*	10,000	8,787	45,000 350.00%
99960400	99999	Transportation	6,390,300	6,325,499	6,400,000 0.15%
99970675	99999	Other District Programs	10,000	2,592	0 -100.00%
99970680	99999	School Supervision*	50,000	46,444	110,000 120.00%
		SUBTOTAL - OTHER	107,579,411	108,789,191	109,846,926 2.11%
99970000	99999	Debt Service	5,405,547	5,405,547	5,099,675 -5.66%
99940500	99999	Federal Funds	7,632,621	9,460,430	7,134,578 -6.53%
99970100	99999	Major Capital	1,743,550	105,280	0 Moved to carryover
99970200	99999	Minor Capital	1,221,888	0	1,186,140 -2.93%
See detailed budget		Leach - Special School	11,140,323	10,242,846	10,187,981 -8.55%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			143,558,326	142,539,906	141,995,702 -1.09%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES			141,814,776	142,434,627	141,995,702 0.13%

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016
DETAIL OF OPERATING UNIT EXPENDITURES**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		BUDGET	BUDGET		
		FY 2015	FY 2016		
<u>Operating Unit</u>	<u>Program Code</u>			% Change	
99900300	99999	General District Expenses			
		Audit	40,000	45,000	13%
		Insurance	190,000	210,000	11%
		Data Service Center	445,000	409,500	-8%
		Contingency	100,000	100,000	0%
		Phone & Repairs	46,600	0	Moved to Technology
		Trash Removal	150,000	0	Moved to Custodial
					Moved to
		General Admin Office	65,000	0	Operations/Custodial
		Postage & Courier	15,000	0	Moved to Schools
		Security	20,000	0	Moved to Athletics
		Printing	5,000	0	Moved to Schools
		Data Management/Archive	36,000	0	Moved to Personnel
			\$1,112,600	764,500	-31%

A contingency line is been established to fund any emergency, unexpected items or line item budget overages. An example of items that could present an issue would be increases in utility costs or other items that cannot be controlled by the District administration or Board of Education.

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DETAIL OF OPERATING UNIT EXPENDITURES**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			BUDGET	BUDGET
<u>Operating</u>	<u>Program</u>		FY 2015	FY 2016
<u>Unit</u>	<u>Code</u>			
99960000	99999	Child Nutrition Operations		

Nutrition budget will be finalized with the September 30th count

The Child Nutrition operation is self supporting through State and Federal funding and the collection of receipts for meals purchased.

99960400	99999	Transportation		
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Transportation will be finalized with the September 30th unit count

The Transportation Division is funded by State and Local appropriations. In the 2012 State of Delaware budget school transportation funding was cut by 10%.

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PRELIMINARY BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016
DETAIL OF OPERATING UNIT EXPENDITURES**

<u>EXPENDITURES</u>		BUDGET	BUDGET		
<u>Operating Unit</u>	<u>Program Code</u>	FY 2015	FY 2016		
		FY 2015	FY 2016	% Change	
Leach - Special School					
9340427A	99999	Southern Integration Program	22,560	20,304	-10%
9340474A	99999	George Read Integration Program	32,640	29,376	-10%
9340490A	99999	William Penn Integration Program	21,600	19,440	-10%
9340514A	99999	Leach Principal's Budget	91,650	77,903	-15%
9340514A	95254	Vocational Expenses	30,000	46,000	35%
9340514A	99545	Related Services	10,000	10,000	0%
9340514A	99546	Assistive Technology	20,000	20,000	0%
9340514A	95468	Summer School	10,000	10,000	0%
99900300	95228	Substitutes	40,000	40,000	0%
99900300	99999	General	600,000	500,000	-20%
99940200	99999	Division I Salaries	6,500,000	6,500,000	0%
99940400	99999	Local Salaries & Benefits	2,850,000	2,878,500	1%
99960200	95419	Energy/Utilities	25,000	25,000	0%
99970100	99999	Major Capital	875,000	0	Moved to carryover
99970200	99999	Minor Capital	11,873	11,458	-4%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$11,140,323	\$10,187,981	-9%
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES			\$10,253,450	\$10,187,981	-1%

The John G. Leach School is a state school that is managed by the Colonial School District. It is funded by State appropriations as determined by the September 30th count and through tuition funds paid by local school districts in which the students reside.

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY BUDGET - FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2016
CARRYOVER FUNDS**

BUDGET	FISCAL	BALANCE ON JULY 1, 2015
Major Cap	YEAR	
Renovate William Penn	2009	864,526
Renovate John G. Leach	2010	794,987
TOTAL		<u>1,659,514</u>
Minor Cap		
MCI- Local	2012	2,789
MCI- Local	2014	440,594
MCI- Local	2015	488,755
MCI- State	2011	2,029
MCI- State	2012	3,125
MCI- State	2014	579,273
MCI- State	2015	733,133
TOTAL		<u>2,249,698</u>
State Funds		
Division II AOC	2015	279,726
Energy	2015	16,719
Standards & Assessment	2015	281
College Access	2015	18,500
Transportation	2015	16,742
Division II Vocational	2015	12,241
Drivers Education	2015	10,180
Professional Development	2015	37,886
School Improvement (BRINC)	2014	5,902
TOTAL		<u>398,177</u>
Federal Funds		
Title II	2014	21,208
Title II	2015	218,049
Title I	2014	49,505
Title I	2015	1,730,855
Title III (ELL)	2014	4,250
Title III (ELL)	2015	49,479
IDEA B	2014	49,908
IDEA B	2015	993,228
IDEA Preschool	2015	4,888
Career Tech (Perkins)	2014	22,368
Career Tech (Perkins)	2015	48,962
TOTAL		<u>3,192,700</u>
GRAND TOTAL		7,500,088

**PRELIMINARY BUDGET FY 2016
LOCAL PROPERTY TAX RECEIPTS**

The local revenue consists mainly of property tax receipts. The tax rate is approved by the Board annually and is due to New Castle County (who prepares, distributes and collects the tax) by the second Thursday of July each year.

The tax rate consists of four categories, each with its own calculation and purpose.

Current Expense may be used for any expenditure in the district except to buy property or pay off bonds. This portion of the rate can only be increased through voter referendum.

There are two components to current expense tax. The first component involves multiplying the district's tax assessment times 73.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation.

The second component is a function of the New Castle County School Tax District and 46.8 cents of the tax rate. The calculation is based on the number of units at September 30th of the prior fiscal year. The district's share of the tax district for fiscal year 2015 was 18.59364082%. The share for FY 2016 is calculated by DOE and will be available in late August.

The district's total assessed valuation is \$2,833,152,874.

Debt Service is to pay the principal and interest due on the bonds sold for major capital improvements as approved by voter referendum. The State funds major capital improvements at 60% and the local district pays 40%

Tuition Tax is used to fund a variety of programs for students with disabilities in special schools, programs or private placements. State law permits the local school board to set this portion of the tax rate without referendum.

Match or MCIP funds areas that are matching state funds (such as minor capital or abatement) or are allowed to be set by the local school board to fund items such as extra time, technology or designated state units that were eliminated from the state budget. State law permits the local school board to set this portion of the tax rate without referendum.

Tax	Rate	Revenue
Current Expense	\$1.206	\$34,167,824
Debt Service	\$0.180	\$5,099,675
Tuition Tax	\$0.295	\$8,357,801
Match/MCIP	<u>\$0.055</u>	<u>\$1,558,234</u>
Total	\$1.736	\$49,183,534

The rates are per \$100 of assessed valuation of property.

Funds were in reserve in each tax component to supplement this year's revenue collections.