



Queensbury Schools in Fiscal Peril

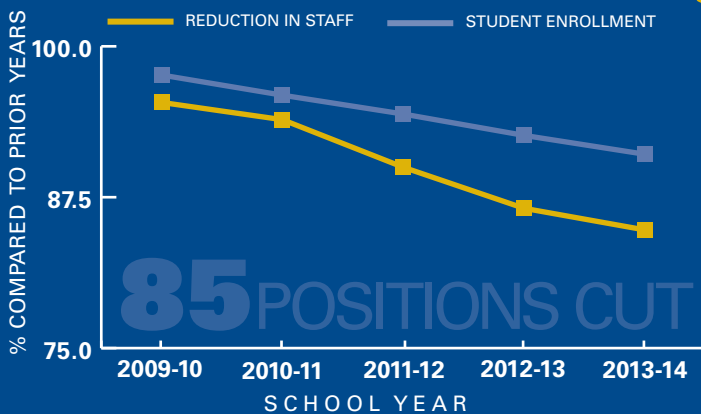
Five Years of Budget Cuts - End the GEA Now!



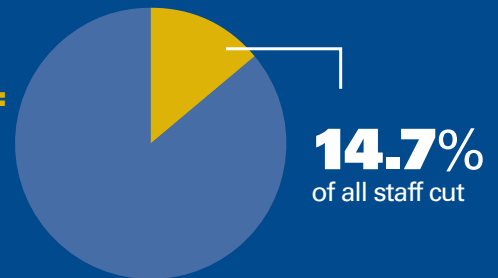
The Gap Elimination Adjustment (GEA) was introduced as a way for New York State to close its budget deficit through a reduction to the state aid due to schools. School districts, including Queensbury, lost \$1.6 billion to the GEA in 2013-14.

Local Funding Lost to GEA: **\$16,000,000**

LOSS IN STAFF VS. ENROLLMENT



POSITIONS LOST:



Reduction of programs, services and **85** staff positions affecting:

- Afterschool athletics
- Career and technical education
- Clerical services
- Consumer and careers
- Fieldtrips
- Foreign language
- Educational technology
- Elementary education
- English
- Enrichment
- Extracurricular activities
- Guidance
- Mathematics
- Music
- Paraprofessionals (aides, assistants, monitors)
- Physical education
- School administration
- Secretarial services
- Social Studies
- Special education
- Summer school
- Transportation

As costs rise, Queensbury schools are still receiving less state aid than they did in 2008-09.

State-calculated pension contributions, state-mandated education initiatives, health insurance costs, salaries

GEA cuts to state aid, inequity in state aid distribution, reductions to reserves and fund balance, property tax levy cap

A **1%** increase in the school tax levy would generate **\$300,442** for the 2014-15 school budget.

JOBS LOST IN A STAFF CATEGORY



Be an advocate for Queensbury students by asking your legislators and the governor to immediately end the GEA. Visit www.queensburyschool.org/advocacy to find legislators' contact information, sample letters, an advocacy tool kit and more.