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# ***PRESS RELEASE***

## **Longwood Central Schools**

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### **Longwood Celebrates the *Giving* of Thanksgiving**

Throughout the Longwood School District, the schools and community collaborated to make sure there were plenty of turkey dinners to go around to families in need. In all, more than 160 families received turkeys and all the trimmings.

Overstuffed laundry baskets with \$25 gift certificates for turkeys were readied for 20 families in the Coram Elementary School where the Coram staff, PTA and Coram Civic Association teamed up to provide the meals for the big day.

Children, staff and parents at West Middle Island Elementary School filled 27 decorated boxes for the Coram Ministries. At Charles E. Walters, 20 families received baskets. St. Anthony'

Longwood Middle School provided turkeys, side dishes and desserts for 40 families. Longwood Junior High's administration, staff and advisories pitched in to provide another 28 baskets, some complete with candles and tablecloths.

Longwood High School put together lots of non-perishable sides and staples for families. The staff's *Turkey Bowl* is an annual bowling event that raises funds for Thanksgiving. Their efforts were supplemented by turkeys provided by agencies in the community. The Town of Brookhaven's Youth Bureau, Life Line Mediation, St. Francis Cabrini and Blessings 'R Us supported the schools' efforts to provide turkeys and Thanksgiving meals for homeless families.

The Ridge Elementary School community filled boxes with food and turkey gift cards for 33 families. Many classes decorated boxes to add to the families' festivities.