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30 School Districts to Unite as One Voice for Public Education at Legislative Breakfast; *Nine Elected Officials to Participate*

MIDDLE ISLAND – In a united voice for public education, 29 school districts and Eastern Suffolk BOCES will dialogue with nine State and Federal elected officials at the Eighth Annual Longwood Regional Legislative Breakfast to be held **Sat., Feb. 11**, at Longwood Middle School, 41 Middle Island Yaphank Rd., Middle Island, from 9 AM to noon.

Among the topics expected to be discussed are Foundation Aid, unfunded mandates, Governor Cuomo's proposed budget and federal programs.

Co-sponsored by the Longwood Central School District and Eastern Suffolk BOCES, more than 200 guests are expected to participate in this annual advocacy event.

Officials attending include Congressman Tim Bishop, State Senators John J. Flanagan and Kenneth P. LaValle; Assemblymen Steven Englebright, Michael Fitzpatrick, Alfred Graf, Daniel Losquadro, Dean Murray, and Fred Thiele, Jr.

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District representatives will gather in Longwood from as far west as Central Islip and Connetquot, to as far east as East Hampton and Greenport.

Prior to the question and answer period, there will be two brief presentations. David Little, Director of Governmental Relations for the New York State School Boards Association; and Gary Bixhorn, Chief Operating Officer of Eastern Suffolk BOCES and chairperson of the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association’s Legislative Committee, will provide their perspectives of key state and local issues impacting public education in Suffolk County.

The Legislative Breakfast is not open to the general public. The program provides an opportunity for registered school district representatives and elected officials to dialogue on critical issues. Members of the press are welcome. For further information or to RSVP, contact Myra Vaughn, Director of Public Relations, at 631-345-2949, or at 631-455-7124 on the day of the event.

In the event the roads are impassable, a cancellation notice will be posted on the district’s website: www.longwood.k12.ny.us