

Consolidation: The Future of Long Island's Schools?

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The 1950's, a Baby Boom, and, suburban expansion hits Long Island



By the year 2013....

- Long Island is home to 109 independent school districts
- With the 2011 passage of a 2% tax cap by the New York State Legislature, the question of the cost effectiveness and sustainability of Long Island's independent school districts has come into focus.
- Rising rates of immigration in conjunction with declining school enrollment rates will force schools to provide more services for students with less available resources.

The Purpose of the Study: For the Governance Team to explore township-based mergers on Long Island

- To determine the feasibility of 12 township based school districts on Long Island
- With a focus on five key components of school district organization including: finance, instruction, facilities, enrollment, and demographics.













