

2017-2018 Proposed Budget

North Hunterdon-Voorhees Regional High School District





Budget Goals



- Provide a thorough and efficient education to a projected 2,722 students
- Maintain current level of student academic (e.g. 26 AP courses), co-curricular (clubs/activities/intramurals), and athletic programs (17 different sports offered, girls/boys, multiple levels)
- Maintain safe and functional facilities
- Meet contractual obligations
- Attract and retain highly qualified staff members
- Meet NJ State Mandates
- Prepare a budget that is fiscally responsible to district's taxpayers.



Local Tax Levy

- ▶ The Board has proposed a ZERO percent increase to the local tax levy for 2017-2018. This is the third year in a row.

Local Tax Levy Increase-General Fund	
2015-2016	0%, and \$400,000 reduction to debt service tax
2016-2017	0%
2017-2018	0%



State Aid

- ▶ State Aid allocation to our district for 2017-2018 is anticipated to remain the same at \$5,554,323.

State Aid	
2015-2016	\$5,527,213
2016-2017	\$5,554,323
2017-2018	\$5,554,323

Revenue Comparison

Major Fund Area	2016-2017 Budget	Proposed 2017-2018 Budget	Dollar Change
Local Tax Levy	\$ 47,048,907	\$ 47,048,907	\$0
Other Revenues/Interest	\$ 148,000	\$ 121,000	- \$27,000
State Aid	\$ 5,554,323	\$ 5,554,323	\$0
Special Ed. Extraordinary Aid	\$ 398,000	\$ 398,000	\$0
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 22,325	\$ 22,325	\$0
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 7,448,618	\$ 5,098,298	- \$2,350,320
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve	\$ 700,000	0	- \$700,000
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	\$ 285,000	0	- \$285,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	\$ 3,488,461	0	- \$3,488,461
Total Revenue for Operating Budget	\$ 65,093,634	\$ 58,242,853	- \$6,850,781
Other Revenue from Local Sources	\$ 200,509	0	- \$200,509
Federal Revenue/Grants	\$ 701,120	\$ 520,895	- \$180,225
Debt Service-Tax Levy	\$ 792,750	\$ 691,679	- \$101,071
Total Revenues/Sources	\$ 66,788,013	\$ 59,455,427	- \$7,332,586

Expenditure Comparison

<u>General Current Expense</u>	<u>2016-2017</u>	<u>2017-2018</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Regular Programs	17,220,616	17,944,428	723,812
Special Education	3,431,258	3,442,835	11,577
Co-Curricular Activities	593,712	574,803	-18,909
Athletics	2,473,938	2,474,078	140
Tuition	3,485,395	3,795,761	310,366
Attendance, Social Work Services	350,241	317,152	-33,089
Health Services	438,878	464,695	25,817
Speech, OT, PT, Extraordinary Services	448,584	433,430	-15,154
Other Support Services-Extraordinary Service	247,017	250,000	2,983
Guidance	1,681,553	1,654,168	-27,385
Child Study Teams	1,110,236	1,157,299	47,063
Improvement of Instruction Services	1,209,648	1,061,552	-148,096
Media Services-School Library	453,455	387,260	-66,195
Instructional Staff Training Services	51,480	50,950	-530
General Administration	1,304,754	1,147,736	-157,018
School Administration	1,381,843	1,252,545	-129,298
Central Services	874,621	770,720	-103,901
Admin Info Technology	796,653	814,505	17,852
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	6,039,368	5,728,602	-310,766
Student Transportation Services	4,470,330	4,395,187	-75,143
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	9,473,084	9,674,275	201,191
Interest on Maintenance Reserve	0	1,000	1,000
TOTAL	\$ 57,536,664	\$ 57,797,981	\$ 261,317



Expenditures

- ▶ The general fund operating budget total is \$58,242,853, or 10.5%, less than the current year.
 - ▶ Less in excess surplus *
 - ▶ No budgeted withdrawals from capital or maintenance reserve accounts
 - ▶ Current year's budget included \$3.48 million in prior year encumbrances **
- ▶ The proposed 2017-2018 budget provides funding for the following initiatives:
 - ▶ Implementation of the Project Lead the Way Engineering Program
 - ▶ Continued security enhancements, including additional electronic door locks
- ▶ There are no capital projects included in the 2017-2018 budget. The district will focus on completing the projects approved in the November 2016 referendum.

** excess surplus is money in excess of allowable 2% of budget left at end of previous school year; this money is applied to future year's budget.*

*** prior year encumbrances are unpaid purchase orders carried over from previous school year.*



Highlights



- ▶ The following actions helped to develop a budget with no increase to the tax levy
 - ▶ No capital projects budgeted for 2017-2018; district will concentrate on completing referendum projects
 - ▶ Switching to a different health benefits program with lower costs. Change in program will not affect the coverage or provider networks found in our current insurance offerings.
 - ▶ Restructuring of administrative positions, resulting in cost reduction

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Referendum Bond and Credit Rating

- ▶ A bond sale was recently held for the referendum funding. Next year's debt service tax levy is \$691,679, with future years being further reduced as state aid is received (vs. previous debt payment of \$792,750).
- ▶ The district recently earned a credit rating of AAA, the highest rating possible.



Budget Tax Impact

Share of Tax Levy and Tax Rates

Tax Share Per Municipality

Municipality	Share of Regional Tax Levy 2016-2017	Share of Regional Tax Levy 2017-2018	Difference
Bethlehem Twp	7.8792864%	7.4673360%	- 0.4119504%
Califon	1.8183088%	2.1539186%	0.3356098%
Clinton Town	4.2890122%	4.2993684%	0.0103562%
Clinton Twp	29.4005159%	29.4359351%	0.0354192%
Franklin Twp	6.7524494%	6.8481194%	0.0956700%
Glen Gardner	1.9612903%	1.6798391%	- 0.2814512%
Hampton	1.5039985%	1.4241786%	- 0.0798199%
High Bridge	4.1058820%	3.5694545%	- 0.5364275%
Lebanon Boro	3.1977885%	2.7735633%	- 0.4242252%
Lebanon Twp	11.1340884%	11.5795864%	0.4454980%
Tewksbury Twp	18.0379816%	18.8158171%	0.7778355%
Union Twp	9.9193980%	9.9528835%	0.0334855%

Estimated High School Tax Rates

Tax Rate per \$100 of Property Value per year, includes debt repayment

Municipality	2016-2017	2017-2018	Increase/ Decrease for year	Inc/Dec per year for \$350,000 property *	Inc/Dec per month for \$350,000 property*
Bethlehem Twp.	0.7138	0.6754	-0.0384	-\$134.40	-\$11.20
Califon	0.5978	0.7075	0.1097	\$383.95	\$32.00
Clinton Town	0.5477	0.5745	0.0268	\$93.80	\$7.82
Clinton Twp.	0.6545	0.6547	0.0002	\$0.70	\$0.06
Franklin Twp.	0.5985	0.6050	0.0065	\$22.75	\$1.90
Glen Gardner	0.6753	0.5768	-0.0985	-\$344.75	-\$28.73
Hampton	0.5915	0.5601	-0.0314	-\$109.90	-\$9.16
High Bridge	0.5944	0.5170	-0.0774	-\$270.90	-\$22.58
Lebanon Borough	0.5540	0.5027	-0.0513	-\$179.55	-\$14.96
Lebanon Twp.	0.7193	0.7449	0.0256	\$89.60	\$7.47
Tewksbury Twp.	0.6367	0.6632	0.0265	\$92.75	\$7.73
Union Twp.	0.6847	0.6821	-0.0026	-\$9.10	-\$0.76

* Ex: \$350,000 property in Town of Clinton - Increase in tax rate for year (3500 x 0.0268) = \$ 93.80 2017 Increase / 12 = \$ 7.82 per month

Tax rates based on estimated net taxable valuation of municipality as of 10/1/2016



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