

Toms River Regional School District
APPROVAL OF THE SUBMISSION OF THE TENTATIVE BUDGET
2024-2025

Approval of receipt of Stabilized School Budget Aid and Tentative Budget for 2024-2025

WHEREAS, P.L.2024, c.13: Stabilized School Budget Aid Grant Program and Increased Tax Levy Cap for Certain Districts, and;

WHEREAS, Under the Stabilized School budget Aid Grant Program, a school district subject to a State school aid reduction in the 2024-2025 school year is eligible for an aid grant equal to 45% of the amount of the school district's State school aid reduction, and;

WHEREAS, Districts were provided notice of the amounts eligible on or about May 15, 2024, and;

WHEREAS, Districts must appropriate these funds no later than July 5, 2024, and;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education appropriates the additional funds received in the amount of \$1,259,209 in the following budgetary line items:

Budget line Amount Description: 11-120-100-101. Final budget line total= \$20,984,796

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education Board of Education hereby adopts the following tentative budget for SY 2024-2025:

	<u>GENERAL</u>	<u>SPECIAL</u>	<u>DEBT</u>	
	<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
2024-25 Total Expenditures	\$264,585,974	11,342,399	14,921,415	\$290,849,788
Less: Anticipated Revenues	<u>71,384,833</u>	<u>11,342,399</u>	<u>3,792,064</u>	<u>86,519,296</u>
Taxes to be Raised	\$193,201,141	0	11,129,351	\$204,330,492

Maintenance Reserve Withdrawal

RESOLVED that as per N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.2(d) the general fund appropriations include a \$2,876,846 withdrawal from the Maintenance Reserve Account for use on required maintenance activities for a school facility as reported in the comprehensive maintenance plan pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:26-20.5.

Adjustment for Health Care Costs

RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the 2024-25 budget the adjustment for increased costs of health benefits in the amount of \$1,005,528. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

Adjustment for Deferred Pension Contributions

RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the 2024-25 budget the adjustment for the deferred PERS pension contributions and the additional interest incurred in the amount of \$1,900. The district intends to utilize the adjustment for the purpose of paying any deferred PERS pension costs and/or additional interest charges.

Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal: Intermediate South

RESOLVED that included in 2024-25 budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, is a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$5,830,000. The district intends to utilize these funds for the repair and renovation of the building envelope and other necessary areas for Intermediate South. The total local cost of this project in 2024-25 is anticipated to be a maximum of \$5,830,000 which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are deemed to be in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal: Intermediate East, John Bennett Athletic Center

RESOLVED that included in 2024-25 budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, is a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$2,850,000. The district intends to utilize these funds for the replacement of the outer membrane and cabling, as well as for floor resurfacing, for the John Bennett Athletic Center on the campus of Intermediate East School. The total local cost of this project in 2024-25 is anticipated to be a maximum of \$2,850,000, which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are deemed to be in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the core curriculum content standards.

Capital Reserve Account Withdrawal: East Dover Elementary

RESOLVED that included in budget line 600, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – for Local Share, is \$120,000 for building coping and parapet repairs at East Dover Elementary School per an approved ROD grant (state project #5190-070-23-R501). The final eligible cost in the ROD grant award is \$200,000, for which the state cost share is \$80,000 (40% of total eligible costs) and the district cost share is \$120,000 (60% of total eligible costs).

Travel and Related Expense Reimbursement: 2024-2025

WHEREAS, the Toms River Regional Schools Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expense reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure for the 2024-25 school year of \$55,047 (primarily mileage reimbursement for staff travel) for all staff and board members.

Toms River Regional Schools
2024-25 TENTATIVE Budget

REVENUES	2023-24 Revised Budget (excl. enc) Through 02/1/24	2024-25 Base Budget Proposed	\$\$ Change vs. Revised	% Change vs. Revised
General Fund:				
Local:				
Local Property Taxes	175,797,217	193,201,141	17,403,924	9.9%
Budgeted Fund Balance- per audit	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
Budgeted Fund Balance- Stabilization Aid falling to surplus	9,518,422	4,903,429	(4,614,993)	
Budgeted Fund Balance- additional (DOE program, etc)	7,410,000	4,500,000	(2,910,000)	-39.3%
Subtotal	16,928,422	9,403,429	(7,524,993)	-44.5%
One-time Fund Balance Approp (from extraordinary aid)	0		0	#DIV/0!
Tuition (includes SSP send/receive)	741,003	750,559	9,556	1.3%
Transportation fees from other LEA's	40,000	40,000	0	0.0%
Miscellaneous	4,659,107	13,348,467	8,689,360	186.5%
Maintenance reserve funding withdrawn for specific purpose			0	#DIV/0!
Maintenance reserve utilized to fund budget	2,887,533	2,876,846	(10,687)	-0.4%
Emergency reserve utilized to fund the budget	717,978	0	(717,978)	-100.0%
Federal:				
Medicaid reimbursement (SEMI, Federal)	467,110	533,404	66,294	14.2%
State:				
Stabilized school budget aid grant		1,259,209	1,259,209	#DIV/0!
State Aid-other: Extraordinary Aid	5,400,000	4,600,000	(800,000)	-14.8%
State Aid-other: Nonpublic Transportation Aid (above \$710 per)	580,000	910,000	330,000	56.9%
State Aid-formula/categorical:				
Special Education Aid	9,865,327	9,865,327	0	0.0%
Equalization Aid	13,117,347	10,319,104	(2,798,243)	-21.3%
Security Aid	2,538,055	2,538,055	0	0.0%
Adjustment Aid	0		0	#DIV/0!
Transportation Aid	5,458,073	5,458,073	0	0.0%
Subtotal State Aid-formula/categorical	30,978,802	28,180,559	(2,798,243)	-9.0%
sub-total, general fund	239,197,172	255,103,614	15,906,442	6.6%
Capital Reserve- transfer to debt service	825,000	650,000	(175,000)	-21.2%
Capital Reserve- projects	5,000,000	8,800,000	3,800,000	76.0%
sub-total, general fund with capital reserve	245,022,172	264,553,614	19,531,442	8.0%
Memo entry: Estimated Capital Reserve Interest	1,580	120	(1,460)	-92.4%
Memo entry: Estimated Maintenance Reserve Interest	21,920	32,240	10,320	47.1%
Memo entry: Estimated Emergency Reserve Interest	0	0	0	#DIV/0!
sub-total, interest on reserves	23,500	32,360	8,860	37.7%
Memo entry: Encumbrances from 2022-23 rolled into 2023-24	2,384,285	0	(2,384,285)	-100.0%
sub-total, general fund	247,429,957	264,585,974	17,156,017	6.9%
Special Revenue Fund:				
State Grants	2,039,239	1,207,495	(831,744)	-40.8%
Federal Grants:				
Title I- part a/d	4,844,768	3,566,405	(1,278,363)	-26.4%
Title II	539,367	436,671	(102,696)	-19.0%
Title III	145,738	123,678	(22,060)	-15.1%
Title IV	355,162	289,094	(66,068)	-18.6%
ESSER/ARP/ARRA (incl IDEA-ARP)	7,713,977	0	(7,713,977)	
IDEA	4,475,522	3,650,107	(825,415)	-18.4%
Subtotal Federal Grants	18,074,534	8,065,955	(10,008,579)	-55.4%
Local Grants (and intermediate sources)- includes S/A, Sch w/22-23	2,068,949	2,068,949	0	0.0%
Total Special Revenue	22,182,722	11,342,399	(10,840,323)	-48.9%
	0	0	0	
Debt Service Fund:				
Local Property Taxes	11,106,356	11,129,351	22,995	0.2%
Funded by Capital Reserve	825,000	650,000	(175,000)	-21.2%
Transfers from other funds (capital projects fund interest!)	175,000	350,000	175,000	100.0%
Fund Balance Appropriated	1	51,888	51,887	5188700%
Debt Service Aid	2,707,400	2,740,176	32,776	1.2%
Total Debt Service	14,813,757	14,921,415	107,658	0.7%
Total Budget - all funds	284,426,436	290,849,788	6,423,352	2.3%

Toms River Regional Schools
2024-25 TENTATIVE Budget

EXPENSES	Budget Account Code	2023-24 Revised	2024-25	\$\$ Change vs. Revised	% Change vs. Revised
		Budget (excl. enc) Through 02/1/24	Base Budget Proposed		
General Fund:					
Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	67,653,953	69,686,835	2,032,882	3.0%
Special Education	11-2XX-XXX-XXX	25,033,104	25,692,871	659,767	2.6%
Basic Skills	11-230-100-XXX	957,443	781,734	(175,709)	-18.4%
Bilingual	11-240-100-XXX	1,505,969	1,507,395	1,426	0.1%
Co-Curricular	11-401-XXX-XXX	732,663	752,400	19,737	2.7%
Athletics	11-402-XXX-XXX	2,860,453	2,905,999	45,546	1.6%
Community Services	11-800-330-XXX	43,057	33,272	(9,785)	-22.7%
Undistributed:					
Tuition	11-000-100-XXX	2,632,894	9,217,388	6,584,494	250.1%
Attendance	11-000-211-XXX	6,189	2,025	(4,164)	-67.3%
Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	4,263,587	4,933,155	669,568	15.7%
Speech,OT,PT, etc	11-000-216-XXX	4,701,213	5,592,379	891,166	19.0%
Other Support/Extraord. services	11-000-217-XXX	2,785,919	3,061,950	276,031	9.9%
Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	4,480,357	4,599,591	119,234	2.7%
Child Study Team	11-000-219-XXX	4,714,057	5,048,918	334,861	7.1%
Instructional Services	11-000-221-XXX	2,649,185	2,739,177	89,992	3.4%
Library/Media	11-000-222-XXX	1,105,538	1,135,186	29,648	2.7%
Instructional services/training	11-000-223-XXX	83,625	84,945	1,320	1.6%
General Admin.	11-000-230-XXX	3,119,931	2,919,279	(200,652)	-6.4%
School Admin.	11-000-240-XXX	8,921,340	8,986,538	65,198	0.7%
Central Services/Business Office	11-000-251-XXX	2,762,809	2,883,359	120,550	4.4%
Technology	11-000-252-XXX	1,732,400	1,752,965	20,565	1.2%
Operations/Maint/Grnds/Security	11-000-26X-XXX	19,108,122	19,765,677	657,555	3.4%
Transportation	11-000-270-XXX	18,141,209	19,163,800	1,022,591	5.6%
Allocated/Unallocated Benefits	11-0XX-291-XXX	58,210,627	60,754,654	2,544,027	4.4%
Subtotal Undistributed		139,419,002	152,640,986	13,221,984	9.5%
Total Current Expense		238,205,644	254,001,492	15,795,848	6.6%
Capital Outlay:					
Equipment	12-XXX-73X-XXX	241,957	199,210	(42,747)	-17.7%
Facilities	12-000-400-XXX	471,261	471,261	-	0.0%
Increase in capital reserve	10-604			-	
Subtotal Capital Outlay (excl cap reserve expenditures)		713,218	670,471	(42,747)	-6.0%
Transfers to Charter Schools	10-XXX-XXX-XXX	237,095	390,436	153,341	64.7%
Special Schools (summer, etc)	13-XXX-XXX-XXX	41,215	41,215	-	0.0%
sub-total, general fund		239,197,172	255,103,614	15,906,442	6.6%
Capital reserve- transfer to debt service	12-000-400-933	825,000	650,000	(175,000)	-21.2%
Capital Reserve- projects	12-000-400-XXX	5,000,000	8,800,000	3,800,000	76.0%
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Federal Programs	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	18,074,534	8,065,955	(10,008,579)	-55.4%
State Programs	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,039,239	1,207,495	(831,744)	-40.8%
Local/Intermediate Source Programs	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,068,949	2,068,949	-	0.0%
Total Special Revenue		22,182,722	11,342,399	(10,840,323)	-48.9%
Debt Service Fund:					
Interest	40-701-510-834	3,862,487	3,724,140	(138,347)	-3.6%
Interest on ERI bonds	40-701-510-835	211,270	72,275	(138,995)	-65.8%
Principal	40-701-510-910	10,740,000	11,125,000	385,000	3.6%
Total Debt Service		14,813,757	14,921,415	107,658	0.7%
Total Budget - all funds		284,426,436	290,849,788	6,423,352	2.3%

Toms River Regional Schools - Tax Grid
2024-25 TENTATIVE Budget

<u>Tax levy- general and debt service</u>	<u>Taxes-Prior Year</u>	<u>Taxes-Proposed</u>	<u>Difference-\$\$</u>	<u>Difference-%</u>
Total general fund taxation	\$175,797,217	\$193,201,141	\$17,403,924	9.9%
Total debt service taxation	\$11,106,356	\$11,129,351	\$22,995	0.2%
Total taxation	\$186,903,573	\$204,330,492	\$17,426,919	9.3%

	<u>Toms River</u>	<u>South Toms River</u>	<u>Beachwood</u>	<u>Pine Beach</u>	<u>Total</u>
Net taxable valuation	20,440,183,400	230,462,800	829,292,300	384,807,400	\$21,884,745,900
Allocation Percentage per Department of Education	91.8968261%	1.3270066%	5.1409854%	1.6351819%	100.00%
General fund tax levy allocation	177,545,716.57	2,563,791.89	9,932,442.45	3,159,190.09	193,201,141
Debt service fund tax levy allocation	10,227,520.33	147,687.22	572,158.31	181,985.13	11,129,351
Total tax levy allocation	187,773,237.00	2,711,479.11	10,504,600.76	3,341,175.22	204,330,492
Deferred levy amount (STR only!) from prior year- General fund		1,131,776			
Deferred levy amount (STR only!) from prior year - Debt service		71,503			
		1,203,279			
Deferred levy amount (STR only!) for current year- General fund		1,281,896			
Deferred levy amount (STR only!) for current year - Debt service		73,844			
		1,355,740			
Current year tax levy amount (STR only!)- General fund for A4F!		2,413,672			
Current year tax levy amount (STR only!)- Debt Service for A4F!		145,347			
		2,559,019			
Tax Rate Breakdown					
Estimated Current Year Tax Rate (Per \$100) - General fund	0.869	1.047	1.198	0.821	
Estimated Current Year Tax Rate (Per \$100) - Debt service fund	0.050	0.063	0.069	0.047	
Estimated Current Year Tax Rate (Per \$100) - Total	0.919	1.110	1.267	0.868	
Prior Year Tax Rate(Per \$100)- General fund	0.796	0.969	1.069	0.747	
Prior Year Tax Rate (Per \$100)- Debt service fund	0.050	0.062	0.068	0.047	
Prior Year Tax Rate (Per \$100)- Total	0.846	1.031	1.137	0.794	
Total Increase/(Decrease) - General fund	0.073	0.078	0.128	0.074	
Total Increase/(Decrease) - Debt service fund	(0.000)	0.001	0.001	0.000	
Total Increase/(Decrease) - CENTS PER \$100	0.073	0.079	0.130	0.074	

<u>Summary:</u>	<u>Toms River</u>	<u>South Toms River</u>	<u>Beachwood</u>	<u>Pine Beach</u>
Sample Residential Assessment (assessed, NOT market value)	\$446,100	\$169,879	\$207,700	\$412,000
Current School Tax	\$3,773.08	\$1,752.13	\$2,361.13	\$3,270.45
Total Proposed School Tax	\$4,098.09	\$1,886.31	\$2,630.92	\$3,577.28
Total proposed school tax rate (per \$100 of assessed value)	\$0.919	\$1.110	\$1.267	\$0.868
Total dollar increase- per month	\$27.08	\$11.18	\$22.48	\$25.57
Total dollar increase- per year	\$325.01	\$134.18	\$269.79	\$306.83
Total increase per year - percentage	8.6%	7.7%	11.4%	9.4%

Note: A split/deferred tax levy methodology is used for South Toms River

Note: referendum bond payments commenced in 2020-21

Additional Statistics:

	<u>Toms River</u>	<u>South Toms River</u>	<u>Beachwood</u>	<u>Pine Beach</u>	<u>Total</u>
2023 Net taxable valuations	20,343,613,100	229,795,600	826,188,800	383,008,700	21,782,606,200
2024 Net taxable valuations	20,440,183,400	230,462,800	829,292,300	384,807,400	21,884,745,900
Change in ratable base	96,570,300	667,200	3,103,500	1,798,700	102,139,700
% change	0.47%	0.29%	0.37%	0.47%	0.47%
2022 EQUALIZED valuations (DOE tax allocation)	21,563,515,355	301,595,011	1,177,040,928	381,018,908	23,423,170,202
2023 EQUALIZED valuations (DOE tax allocation)	23,908,693,254	345,245,793	1,337,524,365	425,423,414	26,016,886,826
change	2,345,177,899	43,650,782	160,483,437	44,404,506	2,593,716,624
% change	9.8%	12.6%	12.0%	10.4%	10.0%
Allocation Percentage per Department of Education- for 2023-24	92.0606185%	1.2875926%	5.0251137%	1.6266752%	100.00%
Allocation Percentage per Department of Education- for 2024-25	91.8968261%	1.3270066%	5.1409854%	1.6351819%	100.00%
change	-0.1637924%	0.0394140%	0.1158717%	0.0085067%	0.0000000%
% change	-0.18%	2.97%	2.25%	0.52%	0.00%
Students 2024-25, per DOE	11,512.50	739.00	1,709.00	287.00	14,247.50
Students 2023-24, per DOE	11,575.00	727.50	1,667.00	285.50	14,255.00
change	(62.50)	11.50	42.00	1.50	(7.50)
% change	-0.54%	1.56%	2.46%	0.52%	-0.05%

Toms River Regional Schools

2024-25 Tentative Budget #2 Overview

July 3, 2024

- Budget information and detail has been on the district website, including the Citizen’s Budget Advisory Committee meeting presentation from March 26, 2024
- New tentative budget total same as first tentative budget approved by the Board on March 20, 2024. The only changes to the new tentative budget are on the revenue side, as follows:

	<u>Original (3/26/24)</u>	<u>New (7/3/24)</u>	<u>Difference</u>
Taxes	\$180,320,589	\$193,201,141	\$12,880,552
State loan/other	\$26,498,520	\$0	(\$26,498,520)
Stabilized school budget aid	\$0	\$1,259,209	\$1,259,209
Miscellaneous revenue	\$989,708	\$13,348,467	<u>\$12,358,759</u>
		Net =	\$0

- General Fund expenditure budget as proposed at \$255.1 million (excluding capital reserve) is an increase of 6.6% over the prior year revised budget (primarily due to \$6 mil in special education tuition costs added to the budget which were previously covered under the ESSER/ARP grant)
- With the 2024-25 budget, we have grown to be \$91.5 mil under adequacy (true amount)
- Tax impacts- see ‘Tax Grid’ (TR= 8.6%, STR= 7.7%, BW= 11.4%, PB= 9.4%)
- General- We will have a significant fiscal cliff approaching \$20 mil in developing the 2025-26 budget due to one-time revenues in the 2024-25 budget, including stabilization aid revenue of \$4.903 mil, the stabilized school budget aid grant of \$1.259 mil and miscellaneous revenue of \$12.358 mil