

Hunterdon - Readington Twp

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Readington Twp School District, in the County of Hunterdon, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Holland Brook School of the Readington Township Board of Education, 52 Readington Road, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, 08889, on Tuesday, April 30, 2024 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2022	13, 2023	15, 2024
	Actual	Actual	Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	1,187	1,162	1,356
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	219	236	235
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	1,406	1,398	1,591
Private School Placements	7	4	4
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	0	2	0
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	0	1	0
Pupils Received	15	15	0

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Revised	2024-25 Proposed
<b>Operating Budget:</b>				
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	31,433,950	32,316,089	33,219,691
Total Tuition	10-1300	51,800	50,000	0
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	8,500	4,500	0
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	32,795	45,000	45,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	254,458	70,000	70,000
Interest Earned On Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-1XXX	2,222	0	0
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	35,733	4,000	10,000
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>31,819,458</b>	<b>32,489,589</b>	<b>33,344,691</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	558,611	752,795	994,744
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	544,951	0	0
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	1,450,349	1,514,490	1,609,773
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	131,226	142,002	160,045
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	24,648	0	0
State Reimbursement for Lead Testing of Drinking Water	10-3300	3,494	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>2,713,279</b>	<b>2,409,287</b>	<b>2,764,562</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	30,774	25,304	26,994
Other Federal Grant Revenue-Passed Through State	10-42XX	107,582	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>138,356</b>	<b>25,304</b>	<b>26,994</b>
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	815,000	1,179,101	1,270,908
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-307	0	900,000	0
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-309	1,754,800	542,000	3,100,000
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-310	250,000	430,000	357,736
Withdrawal from Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-312	0	170,000	57,264
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	728,424	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-1,816,601	0	0
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>		<b>35,674,292</b>	<b>38,873,705</b>	<b>40,922,155</b>
<b>Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	147,086	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	22,435	2,955	0
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>	<b>20-1XXX</b>	<b>169,521</b>	<b>2,955</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	0	1,403,543	3,387,960
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	32,998	19,922	0
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	6,660	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>39,658</b>	<b>1,423,465</b>	<b>3,387,960</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Title I	20-4411-4416	70,437	60,523	65,000
Title II	20-4451-4455	18,999	24,768	14,000
Title III	20-4491-4494	16,683	27,504	10,000
Title IV	20-4471-4474	10,000	10,000	8,500
ARP-IDEA Preschool	20-4409	0	9,014	0
ARP-IDEA Basic	20-4419	11,730	0	0
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	417,691	398,414	316,500
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	11,250	107,062	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	8,896	31,104	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	13,217	9,003	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support	20-4544	0	45,000	0
Staffing Grant				
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	165,663	183,093	0
CRRSA Act-ESSER II	20-4534	60,851	0	0
CRRSA Act-Learning Acceleration Grant	20-4535	250	0	0
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant	20-4536	30,272	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>835,939</b>	<b>905,485</b>	<b>414,000</b>
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	0	235,875
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-4,544	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		200	0	0
<b>Total Grants and Entitlements</b>		<b>1,040,774</b>	<b>2,331,905</b>	<b>4,037,835</b>

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Revised	2024-25 Proposed
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	2,045,140	2,047,658	2,055,742
Total Revenues from Local Sources		2,045,140	2,047,658	2,055,742
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	7,098	7,105	7,146
Total Local Repayment of Debt		2,052,238	2,054,763	2,062,888
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Total Revenues/Sources		38,767,304	43,260,373	47,022,878
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	0	235,875
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		38,767,304	43,260,373	46,787,003

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Revised	2024-25 Proposed
<b>General Current Expense:</b>				
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	9,307,615	10,126,462	10,151,741
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	3,769,703	4,094,525	4,132,500
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	788,178	829,043	859,696
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	149,402	163,350	170,350
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	109,993	141,040	140,440
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	179,459	198,684	187,500
<b>Support Services:</b>				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	373,230	431,046	425,010
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	458,855	492,270	482,250
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	768,777	802,175	836,422
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students-Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	214,361	459,500	355,600
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	509,701	552,084	605,690
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,044,497	1,129,232	1,146,509
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	536,764	537,106	570,632
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	799,313	896,145	907,647
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	261,970	321,214	336,390
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	614,989	843,235	660,077
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,470,926	1,542,451	1,457,735
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	499,699	544,125	515,450
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	59,245	65,100	66,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	2,845,655	3,353,552	3,411,637
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,429,931	1,730,258	1,935,506
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	5,969,078	7,293,517	8,165,385
<b>Total Undistributed Expenditures</b>		<b>17,856,991</b>	<b>20,993,010</b>	<b>21,877,940</b>
Increase In Maintenance Reserve	10-606	157,993	0	0
Interest Earned on Current Expense Emergency Res	10-607	2,222	0	0
<b>Total General Current Expense</b>		<b>32,321,556</b>	<b>36,546,114</b>	<b>37,520,167</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Equipment</b>				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-XXX-XXX-730	250,814	609,130	148,800
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-XXX	1,548,617	1,149,961	3,225,075
Increase In Capital Reserve	12-000-400-931	0	564,500	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	1,517,572	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	10-604	35,733	4,000	10,000
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	3,352,736	2,327,591	3,383,875
<b>General Fund Grand Total</b>		<b>35,674,292</b>	<b>38,873,705</b>	<b>40,922,155</b>
<b>Special Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
<b>Local Projects</b>				
Student Activity Fund	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	22,435	2,955	0
Scholarship Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	142,542	0	0
Preschool Education Aid:	20-476-XXX-XXX	200	0	0
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	0	217,577	679,425
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	0	1,185,966	2,944,410
<b>Total Preschool Education Aid</b>	20-218-XXX-XXX	0	1,403,543	3,623,835
<b>Other State Projects:</b>				
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	32,998	19,922	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	6,660	0	0
<b>Total Other State Projects</b>		<b>39,658</b>	<b>19,922</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total State Projects</b>	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	<b>39,658</b>	<b>1,423,465</b>	<b>3,623,835</b>
<b>Federal Projects:</b>				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	70,437	60,523	65,000
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	18,999	24,768	14,000
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	16,683	27,504	10,000
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,000	10,000	8,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	417,691	398,414	316,500
ARP-IDEA Basic Grant Program	20-223-xxx-xxx	11,730	0	0
ARP-IDEA Preschool Grant Program	20-224-xxx-xxx	0	9,014	0
CRRSA Act-ESSER II Grant Program	20-483-xxx-xxx	60,851	0	0
CRRSA Act-Learning Acceleration Grant Program	20-484-xxx-xxx	250	0	0
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant Program	20-485-xxx-xxx	30,272	0	0
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	165,663	183,093	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	11,250	107,062	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	8,896	31,104	0

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Revised	2024-25 Proposed
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	13,217	9,003	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	20-491-xxx-xxx	0	45,000	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	835,939	905,485	414,000
Total Special Revenue Funds		1,040,774	2,331,905	4,037,835
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	2,052,238	2,054,763	2,062,888
Total Debt Service Funds		2,052,238	2,054,763	2,062,888
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		38,767,304	43,260,373	47,022,878
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	0	0	235,875
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		38,767,304	43,260,373	46,787,003

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Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2022	Audited Balance 06-30-2023	Estimated Balance 06-30-2024	Estimated Balance 06-30-2025
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	1,110,628	1,627,915	1,248,814	762,906
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	5,113,320	4,911,825	3,473,825	383,825
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	887,036	795,029	365,029	7,293
--Legal Reserve	1,615,000	1,585,000	785,000	0
--Unemployment Fund	0	0	0	0
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	225,042	227,264	57,264	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
--State Military Impact Aid Reserve Pursuant to P.L. 2023 c.112 (Special Revenue Fund)			0	0
--Student Activity Fund	73,757	78,301	78,301	78,301
--Scholarship Fund	5,665	5,465	5,465	5,465
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2021-22 Actual Costs	2022-23 Actual Costs	2023-24 Original Budget	2023-24 Revised Budget	2024-25 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$20,610	\$21,534	\$24,497	\$24,988	\$22,757
Total Classroom Instruction	\$12,158	\$12,640	\$14,284	\$14,394	\$13,256
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$11,522	\$12,268	\$13,863	\$13,824	\$12,810
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$591	\$330	\$358	\$506	\$386
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$44	\$42	\$63	\$64	\$60
Total Support Services	\$3,931	\$4,046	\$4,760	\$4,891	\$4,483
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,556	\$3,578	\$4,184	\$4,240	\$3,958
Total Administrative Costs	\$2,086	\$2,299	\$2,405	\$2,631	\$2,186
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,807	\$1,924	\$2,033	\$2,011	\$1,871
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,062	\$2,144	\$2,533	\$2,560	\$2,312
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$523	\$569	\$664	\$657	\$636
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$241	\$256	\$306	\$311	\$272
Total Equipment Costs	\$431	\$178	\$127	\$436	\$94
Legal Costs	\$19	\$47	\$61	\$136	\$53
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	28.22%	28.21%	33.10%	31.96%	35.34%

\*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.

\*\* Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/guide/>. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2023-24 revised appropriations and the 2024-25 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

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Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
Middle school main office, roof and HVAC	4350-050-24-1000	\$2,800,000	Y	N	
IT switches, access points, backend equipment	4350-000-24-1000	\$200,000	Y	N	
Middle school LED lighting	4350-050-24-1000	\$100,000	Y	N	
First responders radio enhancement project	4350-000-24-1000	\$57,264	Y	N	

The Readington Township Board of Education has established a capital reserve account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-31, and may use the capital reserve account to implement capital projects in its Long-Range Facility Plan as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-4(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2. Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1, the Board intends to transfer funds in the amount of \$3,100,000 from the capital reserve account to the line items in the capital outlay major account/fund to fund the following school construction projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standard including in its Long Range Facilities Plan: Readington Middle School Partial Roof & HVAC Replacement and Main Office Renovation Project, Readington Middle School Classroom LED Lighting Upgrade, district-wide IT Backend Equipment Upgrades.

The Readington Township Board of Education has established an emergency reserve account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:23A-14, and may use the emergency reserve account to implement security projects as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:23A-14(d). Pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14(d), the Board intends to transfer funds in the amount of \$57,264 from the emergency reserve account to the line items in the capital outlay major account/fund to fund the following school security projects: district-wide First Responders Radio Enhancement Project.

The Readington Township Board of Education has established a maintenance reserve account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:23A-14, and may use the maintenance reserve account to implement maintenance activities for a school facility in the Readington Township School District as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:23A-14(d). Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:23-14(d), the Board intends to transfer funds in the amount of \$357,736 from its maintenance reserve for maintenance activities and/or projects including security projects.

The Readington Township Board of Education has qualified for a health benefit adjustment in the amount of \$225,329 due to the significant health benefit cost increase of the State Health Benefit Plan run by the State of New Jersey, and plans to utilize \$225,329 for the 2024-2025 budget.

The Readington Township Board of Education has an accumulated balance of \$253,460.00 in banked cap from the 2022-2023 school year and \$3,820.00 from the 2023-2024 school year, and the plans to use an adjustment for banked cap in the amount of \$31,951.00, and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b), the district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority. The adjustment will be used in the 2024-2025 school year for safety and security reasons among other eligible state-allowable purposes.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Readington Township School Board Office building, 52 Readington Road, Whitehouse Station, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.