

Hunterdon - Readington Twp

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Readington Township school district, in the County of Hunterdon, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held at Holland Brook School of the Readington Township Board of Education, 52 Readington Road, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, 08889, on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2023-2024 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2021 Actual	15, 2022 Actual	13, 2023 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	1,218	1,187	1,174
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	212	219	220
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	1,430	1,406	1,394
Private School Placements	6	7	3
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	1	0	0
Pupils Received	15	15	14

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Revised	2023-24 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	30,842,108	31,433,950	32,316,089
Total Tuition	10-1300	86,029	50,000	50,000
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	4,800	4,500	4,500
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	31,759	45,000	45,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	53,818	70,000	70,000
Interest Earned On Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-1XXX	42	0	0
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	1,997	4,000	4,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		31,020,553	31,607,450	32,489,589
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	466,125	558,611	752,795
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	426,429	0	0
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	1,352,208	1,450,349	1,514,490
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	128,700	131,226	142,002
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	20,300	0	0
State Reimbursements from Securing Our Childrens Future Bond Act	10-3256	78,551	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		2,472,313	2,140,186	2,409,287
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	20,723	23,906	25,304
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		20,723	23,906	25,304
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-303	909,555	815,000	1,179,101
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-307	0	0	900,000
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-309	1,533,000	1,739,800	270,000
Withdrawal from Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-310	215,000	250,000	430,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-312	0	0	170,000
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-604,924	0	0
Total Operating Budget		35,566,220	36,790,452	37,873,281
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	111,224	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	3,643	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	114,867	0	0
Revenues from State Sources:				
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	33,632	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		33,632	0	0
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	8,525	0	65,000
Title II	20-4451-4455	19,205	14,000	14,000
Title III	20-4491-4494	13,041	10,000	10,000
Title IV	20-4471-4474	10,000	8,500	8,500
ARP-IDEA Preschool	20-4409	5,266	0	0
ARP-IDEA Basic	20-4419	49,987	0	0
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	350,287	316,500	316,500
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	17,780	0	0
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	21,547	0	0
CRRSA Act-ESSER II	20-4534	103,916	0	0
CRRSA Act-Learning Acceleration Grant	20-4535	24,750	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	1,670	0	0
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant	20-4536	9,200	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		635,174	349,000	414,000
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-12,422	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		200	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		771,451	349,000	414,000
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	1,905,521	2,045,140	2,047,658
Total Revenues from Local Sources		1,905,521	2,045,140	2,047,658
Revenues from State Sources:				

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Budget Category	Account	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Revised	2023-24 Proposed
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	7,133	7,098	7,105
Total Local Repayment of Debt		1,912,654	2,052,238	2,054,763
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		134,134	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		2,046,788	2,052,238	2,054,763
Total Revenues/Sources		38,384,459	39,191,690	40,342,044
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		38,384,459	39,191,690	40,342,044

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Revised	2023-24 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	9,591,796	9,829,670	10,049,341
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	3,415,314	3,950,612	4,064,725
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	646,149	707,488	828,903
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	126,029	137,406	163,350
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	100,812	141,090	141,040
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	177,186	183,419	188,540
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	309,140	484,960	406,046
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	445,975	541,410	492,270
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	762,758	770,287	801,975
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students-Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	330,941	449,091	459,500
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	499,013	537,832	555,904
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	972,896	1,081,855	1,124,740
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	528,661	553,951	536,870
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	734,045	872,521	892,620
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	234,753	302,218	320,430
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	533,927	813,405	675,980
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,358,143	1,520,169	1,411,430
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	468,043	510,805	495,375
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative Information Technology	11-000-252-XXX	57,330	63,149	65,100
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	2,788,312	2,927,444	3,300,162
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,494,894	1,721,903	1,729,258
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	5,743,744	6,399,947	7,580,199
Total Undistributed Expenditures		17,262,575	19,550,947	20,847,859
Increase In Maintenance Reserve	10-606	356,090	0	0
Increase In Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-607	100,000	0	0
Interest Earned on Current Expense Emergency Res	10-607	42	0	0
Total General Current Expense		31,775,993	34,500,632	36,283,758
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	617,695	446,980	177,712
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	1,257,381	1,838,840	507,811
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	0	0	900,000
Increase In Capital Reserve	10-604	1,913,154	0	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	1,997	4,000	4,000
Total Capital Outlay		3,790,227	2,289,820	1,589,523
General Fund Grand Total		35,566,220	36,790,452	37,873,281
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	3,643	0	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	98,802	0	0
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	200	0	0
Other State Projects:				
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	33,632	0	0
Total Other State Projects		33,632	0	0
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Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	8,525	0	65,000
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	19,205	14,000	14,000
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	13,041	10,000	10,000
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,000	8,500	8,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	350,287	316,500	316,500
ARP-IDEA Basic Grant Program	20-223-xxx-xxx	49,987	0	0
ARP-IDEA Preschool Grant Program	20-224-xxx-xxx	5,266	0	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,670	0	0
CRRSA Act-ESSER II Grant Program	20-483-xxx-xxx	103,916	0	0
CRRSA Act-Learning Acceleration Grant Program	20-484-xxx-xxx	24,750	0	0
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant Program	20-485-xxx-xxx	9,200	0	0
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	21,547	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	17,780	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	635,174	349,000	414,000
Total Special Revenue Funds		771,451	349,000	414,000

Repayment of Debt:

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Budget Category	Account	2021-22 Actual	2022-23 Revised	2023-24 Proposed
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	2,046,788	2,052,238	2,054,763
Total Debt Service Funds		2,046,788	2,052,238	2,054,763
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		38,384,459	39,191,690	40,342,044
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		38,384,459	39,191,690	40,342,044

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Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2021	Audited Balance 06-30-2022	Estimated Balance 06-30-2023	Estimated Balance 06-30-2024
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	1,181,210	1,110,628	1,110,628	731,527
(Repayment of Debt)	134,134	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	4,731,169	5,113,320	3,377,520	2,211,520
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	745,946	887,036	637,036	207,036
--Legal Reserve	1,640,000	1,615,000	800,000	0
--Unemployment Fund	0	0	0	0
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	125,000	225,042	225,042	55,042
--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
(Special Revenue Fund)				
--Student Activity Fund	61,335	73,757	73,757	73,757
--Scholarship Fund	5,865	5,665	5,665	5,665
(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	2020-21 Actual Costs	2021-22 Actual Costs	2022-23 Original Budget	2022-23 Revised Budget	2023-24 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$19,883	\$20,610	\$22,970	\$22,969	\$24,497
Total Classroom Instruction	\$11,938	\$12,158	\$13,460	\$13,282	\$14,284
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$11,465	\$11,522	\$13,042	\$12,853	\$13,863
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$434	\$591	\$357	\$367	\$358
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$38	\$44	\$60	\$62	\$63
Total Support Services	\$3,660	\$3,931	\$4,478	\$4,513	\$4,760
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,322	\$3,556	\$3,978	\$3,924	\$4,184
Total Administrative Costs	\$2,098	\$2,086	\$2,293	\$2,494	\$2,405
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,807	\$1,807	\$1,929	\$1,900	\$2,033
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$1,941	\$2,062	\$2,263	\$2,222	\$2,533
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$526	\$523	\$636	\$626	\$664
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$114	\$241	\$293	\$290	\$306
Total Equipment Costs	\$608	\$431	\$93	\$318	\$127
Legal Costs	\$48	\$19	\$62	\$111	\$61
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	27.90%	28.22%	31.15%	28.87%	33.10%

*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 2022-23 revised appropriations and the 2023-24 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
Roof & HVAC replacement at Readington Middle School	4350-050-23-1000	\$500,000	Y	N	
Boiler upgrade at Three Bridges School	4350-060-23-1000	\$40,000	Y	N	
Classroom toilet additions at all elementary buildings	4350-000-23-1000	\$400,000	Y	N	
Exterior doors replacement at Whitehouse School	4350-070-23-1000	\$30,000	Y	N	
Phone system upgrade districtwide	4350-000-23-1000	\$200,000	Y	N	
Security video camera upgrades	4350-000-23-1000	\$110,000	Y	N	
Security signage and phone updates	4350-000-23-1000	\$60,000	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 \$1,170,000 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 Project, Boiler Upgrade Project at Three Bridges School, Classroom Toilet Additions at all elementary buildings, Exterior Door Replacement Project at Whitehouse School, and a district-wide Phone System Upgrade Project.

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 \$170,000 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 security signage, phone system and video camera enhancements.

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 \$430,000 from its maintenance reserve for maintenance activities and/or projects.

The Readington Township Board of Education has qualified for a health benefit adjustment in the amount of \$305,203 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 \$301,383 for the 2023-2024 budget, reserving \$3,820 as banked cap for future potential use.

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.