2007-2008 Budget First Draft Considerations



January 23, 2007

2007-2008 Budget First Draft Considerations

District-wide Considerations

- Salaries/wages/stipends.
- Growing enrollment.
- Current legislative sessions/S1701

2007-2008 Budget First Draft Considerations

High School North & High School South

- Continued growth in enrollment.
- Additional Full-Time Equivalents.
 - Subject area teachers 2.6 FTE at North
 - 0.4 FTE at South

2007-2008 Budget First Draft Considerations

• Community M.S. and Grover M.S.

- Under further review.

K-3 Elementary and 4-5 Schools

- Adjust within schools by grade.
- Trim FTE where enrollment declines.

2007-2008 Budget First Draft Considerations

Special Services

- Realignment of services, instructional & administrative.
- Holding tuition costs steady.
- Maintains aides.

<u>Athletics</u>

- Maintain recent activity level.

2007-2008 Budget First Draft Considerations

Buildings and Grounds

Impact of construction.

<u>Transportation</u>

 Build on the strong start in September 2006; impact of fuel costs and growing enrollment.

<u>Technology</u>

- Growing infrastructure demands.

2007-2008 Budget First Draft Considerations

Early Expectations

- Continued work on 2007-2008 budget.
- Targeting an "average" budget increase.
- Maintain capital outlay budget.

Additional Considerations

- Non-personnel costs to be held steady.
- Health costs reflect move to SHBP.
- Hold to the \$11,170,567 debt service promise.
- Mercer Arts Charter approved.

2007-2008 Budget First Draft Considerations

- Public Discussion
 - Each regular board meeting
- Public Hearing Date – March 27, 2007
- Budget Election Date
 April 17, 2007

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District 2007-2008 Budget



February 13, 2007

2007-2008 Budget

District-wide Considerations

- Salaries/wages/stipends/benefits.
- Legislative Impact
- Growing Enrollment.
- Capital Outlay/Construction

2007-2008 Budget

High Schools

- Add 3.0 FTEs with Increasing Enrollment.

<u>Middle Schools</u>

- Small Adjustments in FTEs.

Elementary Schools

 Small Adjustments & Trim Staff Where Enrollment Allows.

2007-2008 Budget

Special Services

- Extend Programs for Existing Students.
- Solidify Supporting Program Changes

<u>Athletics</u>

- Status Quo in Programs.

2007-2008 Budget

Operations and Maintenance

- Adjust staffing with Referendum Program
- Uncertain energy costs

Transportation

- Additional Routes
- Higher Fuel Costs

2007-2008 Budget

Early Expectations

- Continued Work on 2007-2008 Budget.
- Targeting a 4.3 to 4.5 % Increase Overall
- Submission to County Superintendent

Additional Considerations

- Maintain Level of Capital Expenditure.

General Expense(est)

	2006-07	<u>2007-08</u>
 Regular Instruction 	\$44.8MM	\$46.8MM
 Co-Curricular/Athletics 	2.3MM	2.4MM
 Special Services 	20.2MM	21.2MM
 Student Support 	5.6MM	6.0MM
 Improvement Instruction 	2.9MM	3.0MM
 Administration 	9.7MM	10.0MM
 Operations/Maint 	11.6MM	12.0MM
 Transportation 	7.8MM	8.2MM

General Expense

- Employee Benefits
 - 2007-08 Budget \$23.5MM
 - 2006-07 Budget 22.5MM
 - 2005-06 Actual 19.1MM
 - 2004-05 Actual
 - 2003-04 Actual
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19.7MM 16.1MM 14.5MM

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- 10.0MM

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Non-Operating Budget

- Capital Outlay \$1.5
- Adult School
- Special Revenue
- Debt Service

\$1.5MM 0.0MM 1.9MM 10.6MM

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Tax Impact Equalized Valuation

		Plainsboro	West Windsor	Split %
•	2006	\$MM	\$MM	
٠	2005	\$3,675MM	\$5,030MM	42.2/57.8
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•	2003	\$2,973MM	\$3,978MM	42.8/57.2
•	2002	2,366MM	3,651MM	39.3/60.7
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		Plainsboro	West Windsor
•	2006 e	\$	\$
•	2005	\$51,350,000	\$68,191,000
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•	2003	42,450,000	66,309,000
•	2002	39,651,000	63,323,000
•	2001	37,882,000	58,603,000

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District
Budget Process

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- 2007-08 County Superintendent approval at Meeting of March 13, 2007

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District 2007-2008 Budget



February 27, 2007

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Operating Budget

- 2007-08 \$133,184,296
- 2006-07 \$127,392,448
- 2005-06 \$121,405,186
- 2004-05 \$116,096,036
- 2003-04 \$111,095,707

4.6 % increase proposed

Total Budget

- 2007-08 \$147,155,852 \$147,655,852*
- 2006-07 \$141,095,578 \$141,580,578*
- 2005-06 \$135,759,838
 \$136,243,776*
- 2004-05 \$129,783,989
- 2003-04 \$124,277,972

4.3% increase/*Cap Reserve

General Expense

- Regular Instruction
- Co-Curricular/Athletics
- Special Services
- Student Support
- Improvement Instruction
- Administration
- Operations/Maint
- Transportation

- \$47.0MM, up 5.0%
 - 2.4MM, up 3.8%
 - 21.2MM, up 4.9%
 - 6.0MM, up 6.2%
 - 3.0MM, up 2.9%
 - 10.0MM, up 3.2%
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2007-2008 Budget

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2007-2008 Budget

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2007-2008 Budget

Operations and Maintenance

- Adjust staffing with Referendum Program
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Transportation

- Additional Routes
- Higher Fuel Costs

2007-2008 Budget

Early Expectations

- Continued Work on 2007-2008 Budget.
- A 4.6% Increase in Operating Budget & 4.3% Overall Increase
- Submission to County Superintendent

Additional Considerations

- Maintain Level of Capital Expenditure.

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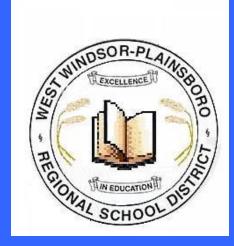
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2007-2008 K-5 Staffing Discussion

K-3/4-5 Elementary Schools





K-3/4-5 Elementary Schools

- NJ ASK (Assessment of Skills and Knowledge) scores at or above the district factor group mean for proficient and advanced proficient.
- All elementary schools made Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) for all disaggregated groups.
- Teachers and administrators work collaboratively on curriculum and professional development.



MAURICE HAWK



Current Enrollment (February 28, 2007)

	Pupil Count			Total		Average
Grades:	WW	Р	O-D	Pupils:	Sections:	Class Size
Kdg	178	1	0	179	9	20
Gr. 1	213	2	0	215	10	22
Gr. 2	204	1	0	205	10	21
Gr. 3	185	0	0	185	10	19
Total:	780	4	0	784		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
0	179	19.9
6	221	22.1
9	214	21.4
5	190	19
	804	

History and Projections

	Aa	rual		Finance Comm	ittee Projections
School Year	2005-2006	2006-2007		2007-2008	2008-2009
Total Enrollment	802	804		823	824



MAURICE HAWK



2007 – 2008 Principal's Hunch

	Pupil Count			Total		Average
Grades:	WW	P	0-D	Papils:	Sections:	Class Size
Kdg	182			182	9	20.2
Gr. 1	199			201	10	20.1
Gr. 2	217			225	10	22.5
Gr. 3	210			219	10	21.9
Total:	808			827		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
0	182	20.2
4	205 *	20.5
0	225	22.5
0	219	21.9
	829	

* Includes six students from Wicoff K LLD program.



TOWN CENTER



Current Enrollment (February 28, 2007)

	Pupil Count			Total		Average
Grades:	WW	Р	O-D	Pupils:	Sections:	Class Size
Kdg	0	154	0	154	8	19.3
Gr. 1	1	177	0	178	9	19.8
Gr. 2	0	186	0	186	9	20.7
Gr. 3	0	163	0	163	9	18.1
Total:	1	680		681		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
0	154	19.3
2	180	20.0
8	194	21.6
9	172	19.1
	700	

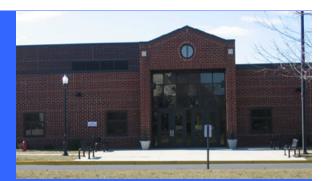
History and Projections

	Actual				
School Year	2005-2006	2006-2007			
Total Enrollment	717	700			

Finance Committee Projections 2007-2008 2008-2009			
2007-2008	2008-2009		
693	677		



TOWN CENTER



2007 – 2008 Principal's Hunch

	Pupil Count			Total		Average
Grades:	WW	Р	0-D	Pupils:	Sections:	Class Size
Kdg		142		144▲	8	18.0
Gr. 1		168		170*	9	18.9
Gr. 2		174		182	9	20.2
Gr. 3		184		194	9	21.6
Total:		668		690		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
0	144	18.0
0	170	18.9
0	182	20.2
0	194	21.6
	690	
5	695	

Self-contained multiply disabled class.

* Includes two students from Wicoff K LLD program.

▲Includes four students from integrated pre-school.



WICOFF



Current Enrollment (February 28, 2007)

	Pupil Count		1	Total		Average	
Grades:	WW	Р	O-D	P	upils:	Sections:	Class Size
Kdg	0	81	0		81	4	20
Gr. 1	1	93	0		94	4	24
Gr. 2	2	92	0		94	4	24
Gr. 3	0	91	0		91	5	18
Total:	3	357	0		360		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
13	94	23.5
1	95	23.8
3	97	19.4
2	93	18.6
	379	

History and Projections

	Actual			Finance Commit	ee Projections
School Year	2005-2006	2006-2007		2007-2008	2008-2009
Total Enrollment	362	409		372	369



WICOFF



2007 – 2008 Principal's Hunch

	P	Pupil Count Total			Average	
Grades:	WW	Р	0-D	Pupils:	Sections:	Class Size
Kdg		70		70	4	17.5
Gr. 1		79		81 *	4	20.3
Gr. 2		104		105	5	21.0
Gr. 3		104		107	5	21.4
Total:		357		363		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
13	83	20.8
0	81	20.3
0	105	21.0
0	107	21.4
	376	
32	408	

Classes	Program	Students	
2	Pre-School	32	

* Includes two students from Wicoff K LLD program.



DUTCH NECK



Current Enrollment (February 28, 2007)

	Pa	pil Coun	t	Total		Average
Grades:	WW	Р	0-D	Pupils:	Sections:	Class Size
Kdg	147	0	0	147	8	18.4
Gr. 1	170	0	0	170	8	21.3
Gr. 2	170	1		171	8	21.4
Gr. 3	218	0		218	10	21.8
Total:	705	1	0	706		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
0	147	18.4
0	170	21.3
0	171	21.4
0	218	21.8
	706	

History and Projections

	Actual			
School Year	2005-2006 2006-2007			
Total Enrollment	677	706		

Finance Committee Projections				
2007-2008 2008-2009				
671	699			



DUTCH NECK



2007 – 2008 Principal's Hunch

	Р	upil Cou	nt	Total		Average
Grades:	WW	Р	0-D	Papils:	Sections:	Class Size
Kdg	148			148	8	18.5
Gr. 1	188			188 *	10	18.8
Gr. 2	180			180	9	20.0
Gr. 3	180			180	8	22.5
Total:	696			696		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
0	148	18.5
0	188	18.8
0	180	20.0
0	180	22.5
0	696	
32	728	

2	Pre-School	32	
Classes	Programs	Students	

* Includes three students from Wicoff K LLD program.



MILLSTONE RIVER



Current Enrollment (February 28, 2007)

	P	upil Cour	u .	Total		Average	Special		H'Room
Grades:	WW	Р	0-D	Pupils:	Sections:	Class Size	Progs	All Pupils	Size
Gr 4	78	335	0	413	17	24.3	25	438	25.8
Gr.5	95	287	0	382	17	22.5	29	411	24.2
Total:	173	622		795				849	

History and Projections

Total Enrollment	826	871		798	730
School Year	2005-2006	2006-2007		2007-2008	2008-2009
	Actual			Finance Commit	tee Projections



MILLSTONE RIVER



2007 – 2008 Principal's Hunch

	Pupil Count			Total		Average
Grades:	WW	Р	0-D	Pupils:	Sections:	Class Size
Gr 4		350		330	16	20.6
Gr.5		450		416	18	23.1
Total:		800		746		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
20	350	21.9
34	450	25.0
	800	
37	837	

Classrooms	Program	Students
1	MD	5
2	Autistic	10
	Pre-School	22



VILLAGE SCHOOL



Current Enrollment (February 28, 2007)

	Pu	ipil Cou	int	Total		Average	Special		H'Room
Grades:	WW	P	0-D	Pupils:	Sections:	Class Size	Progs	All Pupils	Size
<i>Gr 4</i>	338	0	0	338	14	24	6	344	24.6
<i>Gr.5</i>	347	0	0	347	14	25	12	359	25.6
Total:	685	0	0	685				703	

History and Projections

	Actual			Finance Committ	ee Projections
School Year	2005-2006	2006-2007		2007-2008	2008-2009
Total Enrollment	676	703		689	682



VILLAGE SCHOOL

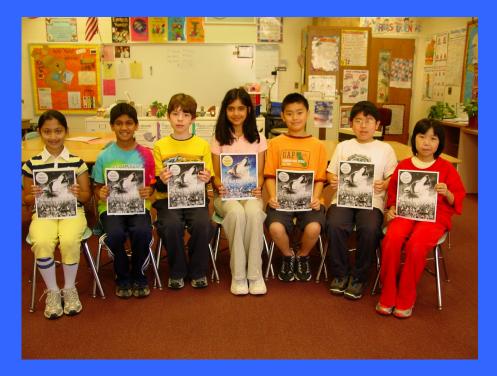


2007 – 2008 Principal's Hunch

	Pupil Count		Total		Average	
Grades:	WW	Р	0-D	Pupils:	Sections:	Class Size
<i>Gr 4</i>		342		342	14	24.4
Gr.5		346		346	14	24.7
Total:		688		688		

Special Progs	All Pupils	H'Room Size
6	348	24.9
6	352	25.1
	700	

K-3/4-5 Elementary Schools









2007-2008 Budget Discussion •Community Middle School •Grover Middle School

The state Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment (GEPA) focuses on knowledge and skills needed for future success in high school and beyond. <u>Results</u>: 98 % passed in Language Arts Literacy; 96.3 % passed in Mathematics; and 99 % passed in Science.

Administered to Grade 7 students, the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge measures the ability and progress of students in mastering the knowledge and skills defined by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Results: 98.7 % passed in Language Arts, and 93.8 % passed in Mathematics.

Administered to Grade 6 students, the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge measures the ability and progress of students in mastering the knowledge and skills defined by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Results: 97.5 % passed in Language Arts, and 96.5% passed in Mathematics.

COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2006-2007: 1168 2005-2006: 1121

Grade 6:384Grade 7:401Grade 8:383

GROVER MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2006-2007: 1184 2005-2006: 1182

Grade 6: 386 Grade 7: 400 Grade 8: 398

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

Community Middle School 2007-2008: 1182

Grover Middle School 2007-2008: 1183

CLASS SIZES

<u>Community M.S.</u> 2004-2005: 18.0 2005-2006: 17.8 2006-1007: <u>Grover M.S.</u> 2004-2005: 21.0 2005-2006: 21.5 2006-2007: West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District • CURRENT STAFF

Community M.S. 159.07 94.59 (Teachers) Grover M.S. 156.30 95.90 (Teachers) West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District • PROPOSED STAFFING NEEDS

COMMUNITY MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONAL 0.8 FTE

GROVER MIDDLE SCHOOL ADDITIONAL 0 FTE











2007-2008 Budget Discussion •High School North

High School South

West Windsor-Plainsboro **Regional School District** HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS 95 percent attend college. SAT Scores: -WW-P: 578/612/576 (Critical Reading/Math/Verbal) - New Jersey: 496/515/496 - Nation: 503/518/497 Percentage taking SAT: 99 percent

HIGH SCHOOL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- According to New Jersey Monthly, HSN is the considered the top high school in the state and HSS is the fifth best in New Jersey.
- Class of 2006: 72 Bloustein Distinguished Scholars.
- Class of 2007: 42 National Merit Semifinalists;
 77 National Merit Letters of Commendation;
 and 3 National Achievement Scholars.

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District HIGH SCHOOL NORTH STUDENT ENROLLMENT

2006-2007: 1441 2005-2006: 1406

Grade 8: 380 (CMS) Grade 9: 393 Grade 10: 376 Grade 11: 331 Grade 12: 341 West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH STUDENT ENROLLMENT 2006-2007: 1620 2005-2006: 1602

> Grade 8: 399 (GMS) Grade 9: 398 Grade 10: 412 Grade 11: 409 Grade 12: 401

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS

High School North 2007-2008: 1511

High School South 2007-2008: 1615

CLASS SIZES

(by Language Arts classes)

<u>High School North</u> 2004-2005: 21 2005-2006: 20.6 2006-1007: 21.0 <u>High School South</u> 2004-2005: 22 2005-2006: 21.2 2006-2007: 21.0 West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District CURRENT STAFF

High School North 186.39 89.00 (Teachers)

High School South 172.09 106.12 (Teachers) (including 4.62 ESL) West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District * PROPOSED STAFFING NEEDS

HIGH SCHOOL NORTH ADDITIONAL 2.6 FTE

HIGH SCHOOL SOUTH ADDITIONAL 0.4 FTE



WHERE TO VOTE: Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

WEST WINDSOR

Polling District No. 1	Polling place at Grover Middle School, 10 Southfield Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey, in the School District for legal voters residing within Mercer General District No(s) 1 and 11.
Polling District No. 2	Polling place at Village School, 601 New Village Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey, in the School District for legal voters residing within Mercer General District No(s) 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, and 16.
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Polling District No. 4	Polling place at Grover Middle School, 10 Southfield Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey, in the School District for legal voters residing within Mercer General District No(s) 3, 9, and 14.
PLAINSBORO	
Polling District No. 5-8	Polling place at the Plainsboro Municipal Building for legal voters residing within Middlesex General District No(s) 1-12.



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DATED MATERIAL



Special Question

The special question asks residents to reconsider the way the townships allocate school taxes. The proposal is to allocate taxes on a per-pupil basis, which would have each township pay its share for the exact number of students living in each township. The proposal has the support of township officials, and will lessen the yearly tax fluctuation in each township. If approved, the allocation method would

What Changes Are in the Budget?

- Three additional high school teaching positions due to growing enrollment.
- Additional teaching allocations for middle school due to increased enrollment.
- Expanded pre-K classes; these will be integrated pre-school programs for special needs students and general education students for 3 and 4 year olds.
- Funding for a variety of district-wide
- Maintenance of all athletic programs and co-curricular activities.
- Increases in contractual salary costs, energy, and utilities.
- Increased transportation costs for increasing enrollment and higher fuel costs.
- Moderate 4.3 percent increase over last year's budget.

District School Board Election

Residents of Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships will choose three Board members on April 17, 2007. On the nine-member School Board, five seats are designated for West Windsor residents and four seats are designated for Plainsboro residents. All seats are for three-year terms. In this election year, one seat is open in Plainsboro Township and two seats are available in West Windsor Township. In Plainsboro Township, incumbent Ellen Walsh is running for the open seat and in West Windsor Township, Brett Boal, Jay Bryant, Michael Donnelly, Robert Johnson (incumbent), and Hemant Marathe (incumbent) are running for the two

capital projects.

available positions.

Budget FAQs

Q: Why do I pay for the schools?

Funding for public schools in New Jersey comes from property taxes and government aid to education. Government aid offers a very small percentage of the overall budget and most of the funding comes from local property taxes.

Q: Do we receive state aid?

WW-P receives state aid for special education and transportation needs, and a small amount of state aid for regular education. It appears that state aid for the 2007-2008 budget year will increase by 3 percent. This funding will be used to offset the tax burden to residents.

Q: How do you prepare the budget?

When preparing a budget, we focus attention on the achievement of students and academic rigor. We want to ensure that we maintain a quality of services and efficiency of services, and we anticipate those factors that are normally part of the budget: salary, benefits, transportation, energy, and the staff and supplies needed to run a school district.

Q: Will we have more students next year?

Next year, we anticipate an increase in student enrollment. We have planned for this and have kept class size and teacher: student ratios stable.

Q: Will we increase the number of staff?

We have reviewed student enrollment at all levels. At the high school level, enrollment has increased and we are adding three full-time teachers. We are also adding one middle school teacher due to increasing enrollment.

Q: In addition to new students and staff, why is the budget increasing?

Increases in the upcoming budget reflect contractual salary adjustments, transportation costs, and state-mandated special education programs. In addition, we have allocated monies for capital projects.

Q: How do you contain costs?

The administration has worked hard to lessen and control costs. To achieve cost containment, the administration reviews all cost areas to tighten spending. Staffing in support of teaching and administration drives the majority of the budget and it is our responsibility to review enrollment figures and the accompanying need for staff to ensure that we budget properly. Also, we have expanded the integrated preschool program, which will allow students who would attend an out-of-district program to stay in WW-P; by keeping students in the district, we save the high cost of tuition and transportation.



District Snapshot

GRADUATES GOING TO COLLEGE 95 percent

STUDENTS TAKING THE SAT I 99 percent

SAT I RESULTS

(Critical Reading/Math/Writing)

District: 578/612/576 State: 496/515/496 National: 503/518/497

AP TESTS

89 percent had Grades of 3 or higher, with 611 students taking 1,265 exams.

NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS

Semifinalists: 42 Letters of Commendation: 77 National Achievement Scholars: 3 Class of 2006 Bloustein Distinguished Scholars: 72

HSPA

The state High School Proficiency Assessment measures the reading, writing, and mathematical skills that high school graduates need to function politically, economically, and socially. Results: 99.5% passed in Language Arts Literacy and 98.7% passed in Mathematics.

GEPA

The state Grade Eight Proficiency Assessment focuses on knowledge and skills needed for future success in high school and beyond. Results: 98% passed in Language Arts Literacy; 96.3% passed in Mathematics; and 99% passed in Science.

NJASK7

Administered to Grade 7 students, the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge measures the ability and progress of students in mastering the knowledge and skills defined by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Results: 98.7% passed in Language Arts, and 93.8% passed in Mathematics.

NJASK6

Administered to Grade 6 students, the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge measures the ability and progress of students in mastering the knowledge and skills defined by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Results: 97.5% passed in Language Arts, and 96.5% passed in Mathematics.

NJASK5

Administered to Grade 5 students, the New Jersey



Community values are the guiding principles embedded in the educational program of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District. The importance we all place on education is the groundwork upon which the Board of Education builds a budget to support the programs, activities, and professional development of the school system.

The Board of Education is keenly aware of the economic realities surrounding budget preparation. Yet, it is our duty to present to the voters a reasonable budget that allows for an efficient and valuable educational experience for all of our students. The process of building a budget begins in the fall of each school year. Budget managers – those individuals responsible for specific areas within the budget – review past expenses and prepare estimates for continuing programs with new initiatives, and propose cost-saving measures. This information is reviewed by the superintendent and his administrative team, and the Board of Education evaluates all the proposals at its public meetings.

For the 2007-2008 proposed budget, we are adding teaching positions due to increased student enrollment. We



Budget Message to the Community

anticipate increasing teaching positions by three at the high school level and one at the middle school level. We also are proud to announce that there will be no program reductions or cuts in athletics or co-curricular activities. The Board of Education believes that our students are enriched by this array of athletic teams and co-curricular clubs and activities throughout each school year.

Also, we are expanding the pre-school program, which was started last year. Currently, we have two integrated preschool classes for special needs students and regular education students; through tuition monies, we are able to support the new programs that allow special needs students to remain in their home district. We offer an excellent program and contain costs, especially for transportation.

In addition to our planning, we have been informed that the state is increasing our state aid portion of the budget. This additional 3 percent will help alleviate the burden to taxpayers.

The budget that goes before the voters on April 17, 2007, is requesting your approval for a moderate 4.3 percent increase from the current school budget. The budget totals \$147,155,853. Increases can be found in our general expenses for regular instruction, improvement of instruction, cocurricular and athletics activities, and student support. In addition, there is funding for capital projects. For 2007-2008, we face increasing costs in a number of areas: transportation, fuel, and Special Education along with increases in our negotiated staff contracts.

The Board of Education of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District appreciates your continued interest in our excellent school system and it is our joint responsibility to ensure a continued high quality of education.

The school election and budget vote takes place on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, and polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. Please mark your calendar for this important vote.

Don't Forget To Vote on the Special Question

There is a special question on the ballot for this election, which has the potential to change the method of allocating school taxes for our regional school district. This question, which has no effect on the first question regarding approval of the 2007-2008 proposed budget, must be approved by voters in both townships.

In October 2005, the school district and township officials met with executives of Mercer County to begin the conversation about changing the method used for the allocation of taxes. Since that time, the Board of Education has discussed this issue with Town Council and Township Committee members, and all parties agreed to move the discussion to the ballot.



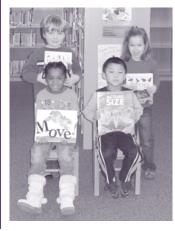
Assessment of Skills and Knowledge measures the ability and progress of students in mastering the knowledge and skills defined by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Results: 98.5% passed in Language Arts, and 96.4% passed in Mathematics.

NJASK4

Administered to Grade 4 students, the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge measures the ability and progress of students in mastering the knowledge and skills defined by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Results: 96.2% passed in Language Arts, 96.0% passed in Mathematics, and 97.1% passed in Science.

NJASK3

Administered to Grade 3 students, the New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge measures the ability and progress of students in mastering the knowledge and skills defined by the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards. Results: 97.8% passed in Language Arts and 98.7% passed in Mathematics. Currently, the two townships allocate taxes based upon equalized valuations of properties in the two municipalities. Every year, the state of New Jersey estimates the total market value of properties in each municipality. This



information is known as the "equalized valuation." Equalized valuations are based on a long-established process of actual sale prices, and are recomputed annually. In essence, this complex formula for a regionalized school district is based upon property assessment and tax ratios.



The special question on the ballot is asking residents to reconsider the way the townships currently allocate school taxes. The proposal is to allocate taxes on a per-pupil basis, which would have each township pay its share for the exact number of students living in each township. The proposal has the support of township officials, and will lessen the yearly tax fluctuation in each township. If approved, the allocation method would begin with the 2008-2009 school year.

As a school district that crosses county lines, we work with Mercer County and Middlesex County, and the financial support of the schools comes from both Plainsboro Township and West Windsor Township. To change the method of appropriating taxes (from the current system to a per-pupil basis), please vote on the special question. The school election and budget vote takes place on Tuesday, April 17, 2007, and polls are open from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

WHERE THE CLASS OF 2006 ATTENDS COLLEGE

College Choices (Number attending is based upon where final transcript was mailed.



American Intercontinental University South Florida (1) American University (7) Arcadia University (1) Arizona State University (3) Art Institute of Philadelphia (1) Auburn University (1) Babson College (1) Bard College (1) Bentley College (1) Berkeley College of NJ (1) Binghamton University (2) Bloomfield College (1) Boston College (2) Boston University (12) Brandeis University (2) Brigham Young University (1) Brookdale Community College (2) Brown University (1) Bryn Mawr College (1) Burlington County College (1) Cabrini College (2) California Institute of Technology (2) Carnegie Mellon (7) Case Western Reserve (2) Catholic University (2) Centenary College (3) Central Pennsylvania College (1) Clarkson University (1) Clemson University (1) Colburn School of Performing Arts (1) Colgate University (6) College of William and Mary (1) Colorado State University (1) Columbia University (1) Connecticut College (1) Cooper Union (2) Cornell University (6) Crown College (1) Culinary Institute of America (2) Dartmouth College (8) Delaware County Community College (1) Delaware Valley College (1) DePauw University (1) DeSales University (1) Dickinson College (1) Drew University (3) Drexel University (148) Duke University (3) Duquesne University (1) East Carolina University (1) Elizabethtown College (1) Elon University (2)

Albert List College of Jewish Studies (1) Georgia Institute of Technology (3) Gettysburg College (3) Grove City College (1) Guilford College (1) Hamilton College (1) Hampton University (1) Hartwick College (1) Harvard University (2) Haverford College (1) Hobart & William Smith Colleges (1) Hofstra University (3) Immaculata University (1) Indiana University (3) Iona College (1) Ithaca College (1) James Madison University (2) John Jay College (1) Johns Hopkins University (4) Johnson & Wales (6) Johnson State College (1) Julliard School (1) Katherine Gibbs (1) Kean University (1) King's College (1) Lafavette College (2) LaSalle University (2) Lebanon Valley College (1) Lehigh University (9) Lock Haven University (1) Long Island University (1) Loyola College (2) Manatee Community College (1) Manhattan College (5) Manipal Academy (1) Marist College (1) Martha Graham School of Contemporary Dance (1) Maryland Institute College of Art (2) Marymount Manhattan College (1) Massachusetts Inst. of Technology (1) McGill University (2) Mercer County Community College (57) Miami University (1) Michigan State University (1) Middlesex County Community College (8) Monmouth University (2) Montclair State University (5) Mount Holyoke College (1) Mount Saint Mary's University (1) Mountain State University (3) Muhlenberg College (4) New England College (1) New York University (13) Niagara University (1) Northeastern University (7) Northwestern University (1) Notre Dame (1) NJ Institute of Technology (2) Ohio State University (1) Ohio University (1) Parsons School of Design (1) Penn State-Abington (1) Penn State-Altoona (5) Penn State-Berks College (1) Penn State-University Park (17) Princeton University (11) Purdue University (2) Queen's University-Kingston (1) Quinnipiac University (1) Ramapo College (1) Rensselaer Polytechnic (1) Rhode Island School of Design (2) Rider University (13) Rochester Inst. of Technology (2) Rowan University (4) Rutgers-Camden (1) Rutgers-New Brunswick (92) Rutgers-Newark (1)

Saint Joseph's University (8) Saint Petersburg College (2) Salisbury University (6) Savannah College of Art & Design (2) Schenectady County Community College (1) School of the Museum of Fine Arts (1) School of Visual Arts (2) Seton Hall University (1) Siena College (1) Simmons College (1) Smith College (1) St. John's College (1) St. John's University (2) St. Olaf College (1) Stanford University (2) Stevens Inst. of Technology (3) Stony Brook University (1) SUNY-Albany (1) Susquehanna University (1) Syracuse University (6) Tarrant County Junior College (1) Temple University (4) The College of New Jersey (13) Towson University (2) Tufts University (2)

Tax Impact in Plainsboro & West Windsor Townships

School taxes for Plainsboro and West Windsor are distributed between the townships in proportion to the total market value of their taxable properties. For the 2007-2008 school year, the state estimates that the share of the total taxable property value for Plainsboro will be 40.54 percent and total taxable property value for West Windsor will be 59.46 percent. Hence, taxes will be divided between the two townships according to these percentages. [Last year, the calculation was 42.2. percent for Plainsboro and 57.8 percent for West Windsor.] Interestingly, it should be noted that the percentage of students from Plainsboro is 41.6 percent with 58.4 percent from West Windsor, reflecting a close alignment with the percentage of taxes we will receive from each of the townships.

Every year, the state of New Jersey estimates the total market value of properties in each municipality. This information is known as the "equalized valuation." Equalized valuations are based on a long-established process of actual sale prices, and are recomputed annually. Within each township, taxes are distributed in



Tulane University (2) University of California-Berkeley (1) University of California-LA (1) University of Central Florida (1) University of Chicago (1) University of Connecticut (3) University of Delaware (7) University of Florida (1) University of Hartford (1) University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign (7) University of Maryland-College Park (12) University of Massachusetts-Amherst (1) University of Miami (4) University of Michigan (3) University of New Hampshire (1) University of New Hampshire-Manchester (1) University of NC-Charlotte (2) University of Pennsylvania (4) University of Pittsburgh (5) University of Richmond (2)University of Rochester (1) University of San Diego (1) University of San Francisco (1) University of the Sciences (2) University of Scranton (2) University of South Carolina (3) University of South Florida (2) University of Southern California (1) University of Tampa (1) University of Vermont (3) University of Virginia (1) University of Wisconsin (3) Ursinus College (1) U.S. Military Academy (1) Villa Julie College (1) Villanova University (9) Wake Forest University (5) Warren Wilson College (1) Washington & Lee (1) Washington College (1) Washington University-St. Louis (3) Wellesley College (2) West Chester University (4) Westfield State College (1) Westminster Choir College of Rider University (2) Westminster College (2) Wheaton College (1)Widener University (3) Worcester Polytechnic Institute (1) Yale University (1)

proportion to the assessed value of each property, as determined by local authorities. Assessed value is not the same as market value, and as such, market appreciation, new construction, assessment practices and updates, and other factors cause each township's total valuation to change, but not necessarily at equal rates.

Expressed in terms of dollars per \$100 of assessed value, actual school tax rates in the two townships differ. The tax rates also can be expressed in terms of dollars per \$100 of equalized, or market, value. As a school district that crosses county lines, we work with Mercer County and Middlesex County and all property valuations are set by the county and the state - not the school district. The difference in the amount of ratio changes results in a 1.7 percent increase in equalized valuation in West Windsor Township compared to a 1.7 percent decrease in equalized valuation in Plainsboro Township. This difference in the amount of change in the equalized value will create a disparity in the tax impacts between the two townships.

What is my Tax Impact? **PLAINSBORO**

The proposed budget would decrease the tax rate 0.8 percent, for a decrease of 1.2 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. For a home assessed at the township average of \$402,000, this would be a decrease of \$47. The Plainsboro tax rate would be \$1.440 per \$100; for the owner of a home at the township average, the school taxes are estimated to be \$5,791. WEST WINDSOR



Emory University (2) Fairfield University (1) Fairleigh Dickinson University (3) Fashion Inst. of Technology (1) Florida A&M (1) Florida Institute of Technology (1) Florida International University (2) Florida State University (1) Fordham University (5) Franklin College Switzerland (2) Frostburg State University (1) George Washington University (2) Georgetown University (4)

The proposed budget would increase the tax rate 5.5 percent, for an increase of 6.2 cents for \$100 of assessed property value. For a home valued at the township average of \$574,800, this would be an increase of \$356. The West Windsor tax rate would be \$1.197 per \$100: for the owners of a home at the township average, the school taxes are estimated to be \$6,881.



Proposed Budget Expenses

	2007-2008	2006-2007	Percentage						
	Proposed Budget	Approved Budget	Difference						
	\$	\$	%						
Regular Instruction									
TOTAL	46,625,428	44,454,769	4.88						

Salaries for teachers, classroom instructional aides, and substitute teachers; extra duty stipends for extra duty positions; equipment; teaching supplies; replacement textbooks; and new teaching staff.

Co-curricular Activities and Athletics								
Co-curricular	726,599	679,328	6.96					
Athletics	1,687,436	1,646,280	2.50					
TOTAL	2,414.035	2,325,608	3.80					

Co-curricular programs, salaries, and supplies; athletic program for high schools and middle schools, including supplies, equipment, trainers, coaches, and officials.

Special Education				
Instruction	9,612,058	9,027,642	6.47	
Tuition	6,466,023	6,319,830	2.31	
Child Study Team	3,083,539	2,889,745	6.71	
Other Support Services	2,034,884	1,965,886	3.51	
TOTAL	21,196,504	20,203,103	4.92	

Salaries for special education teachers and instructional aides, supplies, and textbooks; funds for out-ofdistrict programs as required by individual education programs (IEPs); salaries for child study teams (school psychologists, learning consultants, and social workers), and contracted services for student evaluations.

Student Support Services				
Health Services	1,374,839	1,304,311	5.41	
Guidance	3,034,769	2,837,605	6.95	
Library/Media	1,566,974	1,484,197	5.58	
TOTAL	5,976,582	5,626,113	6.23	

Salaries for supervisors, nurses, guidance counselors, media specialists, and librarians; and supplies.

Improvement of Instruction & Professional Development			
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and Professional Development	3,026,325	2,940,313	2.93

Salaries for supervisors and assistant superintendent for curriculum and instruction; curriculum development; professional development; consultants; evaluations of instructional programs; and tuition reimbursement.

Administration				
General Administration	1,676,371	1,660,060	0.98	
School Administration	6,383,643	6,097,103	4.70	
Business/Technology/				
Other Support Services)	2,312,869	2,237,419	3.37	
TOTAL	10,372,883	9,994,582	3.79	

General/Business: Central office staff salaries, related expenses such as telephones, legal services, audits, membership fees, election expenses, postage, professional fees, legal advertisements, liability insurance, office supplies, materials, strategic planning expenses, School Board expenses, finance office, accounts payable, human resources, payroll, and technology administration.

School: School administration salaries; secretarial support; office supplies; materials; and professional memberships.

Operations & Maintenance				
Operations and Maintenance	12,039,143	11,560,520	4.14	
Salaries for custodial and maintenance personnel to maintain ten schools and the central office				

transportation, and special services office; maintenance of school grounds and playing fields; equipment; and utilities.

Student Transportation				
Transportation	8,186,726	7,814,040	4.77	

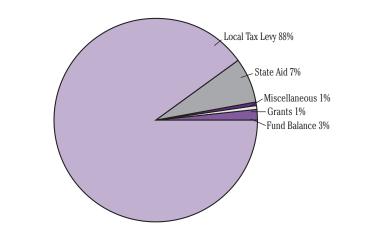
Costs for busing students between home and school, and after-school activities on contracted buses as well as district-owned buses; including administrative and bus driver salaries; supplies; fuel; and

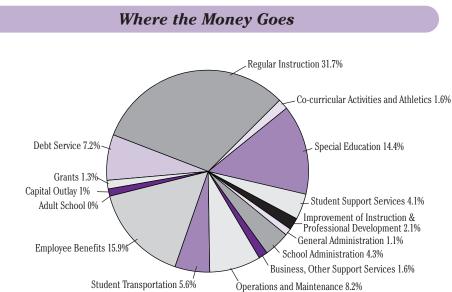
Proposed Budget Revenue

	2007-2008	2006-2007	Percentage
	Proposed Budget	Approved Budget	Difference
	\$	\$	%
Fund Balance	$\begin{array}{c} 4,615,032\\ 130,099,540\\ 10,080,318\\ 2,860,963\\ 147,655,853\end{array}$	1,988,996	131.90
Local Tax Levy		126,455,250	2.49
State and Federal Aid		9,790,369	2.96
Miscellaneous		2,860,963	0.00
GRAND TOTAL		141,580,578	4.30

*Does not include reserve account deposit.

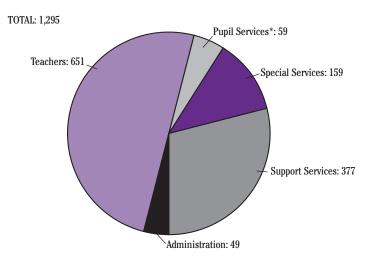
Where the Money Comes From





Operations and Maintenance 8.2%

School District Workforce



* Pupil Services: Guidance Counselors, SACs, Student Manager, Media Specialists, Nurses, and Athletic Personnel.

maintenance, costs for contra	cted bus services.			
	Employee Bene	efits		
Employee Benefits	23,346,671	22,473,400	3.89	
Health insurance; social security contributions; pension contributions; worker's compensation insurance; and sick leave benefits.				
	Capital Outle	<i>ay</i>		
Capital Outlay	1,500,000	1,500,000	0.00	
Purchase and repair of district	equipment and facilities.			
	Adult Schoo	l		
GED and ESL.	10,937	10,548	3.69	
	Special Revenue -	Grants		
Grants	1,935,715	1,935,715	0.00	

Debt Service					
Debt Service 10,524,904 10,256,867 2.					
TOTAL BUDGET					
Total Budget*	147,155,853	141,580,578	4.30		

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District, valuing our tradition of excellence, is to develop all of our students as passionate, confident, lifelong learners who have competence and strength of character to realize their aspirations and thoughtfully contribute to a diverse and changing world.

CORE VALUES

We believe that continuous learning is essential for individual fulfillment and for the advancement of society.

We believe that every individual has intrinsic worth.

We believe that embracing diversity enriches and empowers our community.

We believe that honesty, integrity, and trust are cornerstones for continuing excellence.

We believe that people reach their highest potential when challenged to believe it is possible.

We believe that openness to change is essential to progress and future viability.