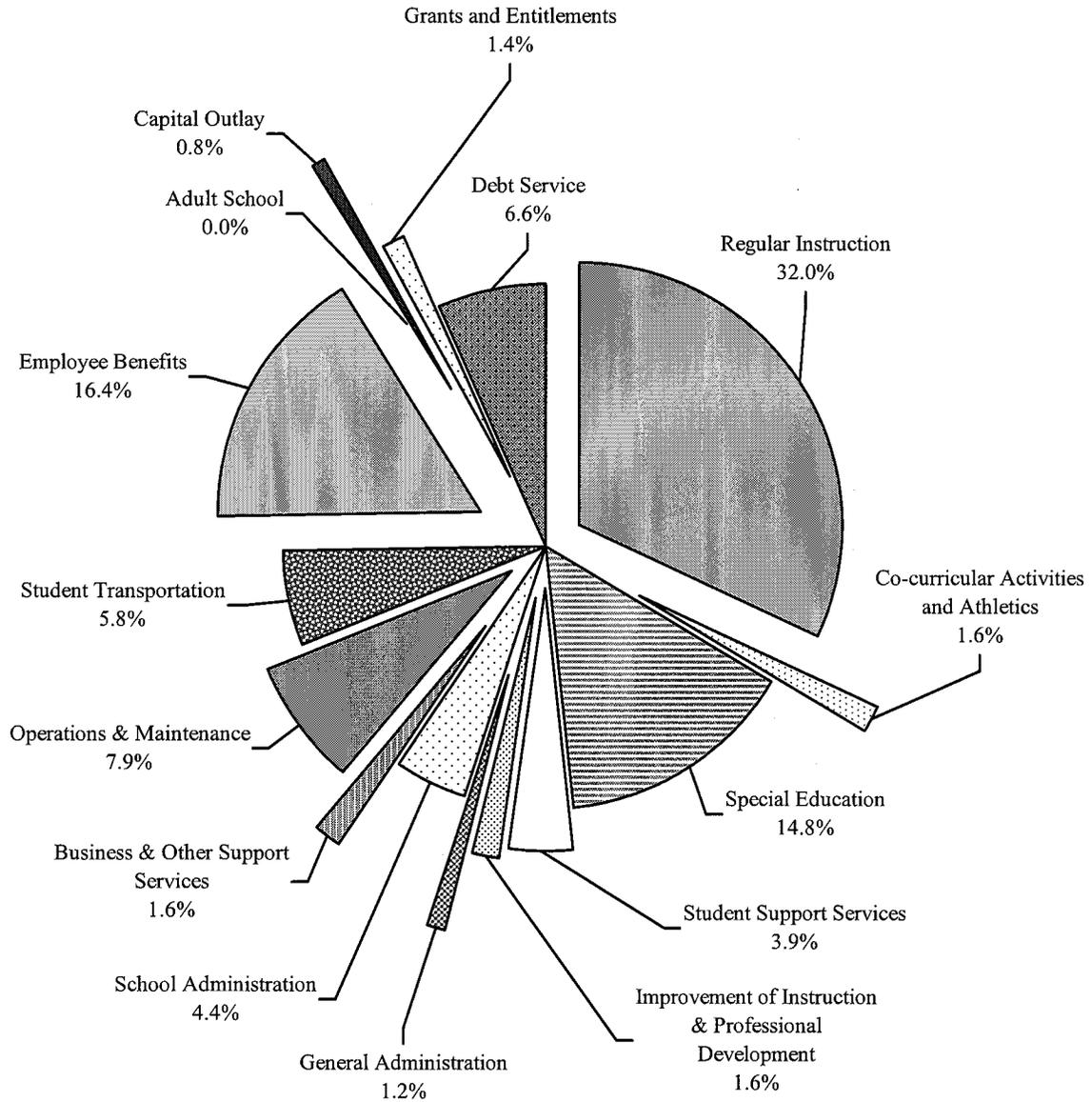


ALLOCATION OF EXPENDITURES

	2009-2010 APPROVED BUDGET	2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET	Difference	
			\$	%
GENERAL EXPENSE				
Regular Instruction				
Regular Programs	\$ 46,672,636	\$ 45,912,469	\$ (760,167)	-1.63%
Basic Skills	2,280,030	2,202,261	(77,769)	-3.41%
ESL/Bilingual	1,285,929	1,303,652	17,723	1.38%
Transfers to Charter Schools	10,081	396,784	386,703	3835.96%
Regular Instruction	<u>50,248,676</u>	<u>49,815,166</u>	<u>(433,510)</u>	<u>-0.86%</u>
Co-curricular Activities and Athletics				
Co-curricular Activities	684,415	683,501	(914)	-0.13%
Athletics	1,747,624	1,747,624	-	0.00%
Co-curricular Activities and Athletics	<u>2,432,039</u>	<u>2,431,125</u>	<u>(914)</u>	<u>-0.04%</u>
Special Education				
Instruction	11,229,723	11,306,858	77,135	0.69%
Tuition	6,016,335	6,299,799	283,464	4.71%
Child Study Team	3,308,018	3,433,997	125,979	3.81%
Other Support Services	2,045,091	2,089,954	44,863	2.19%
Special Education	<u>22,599,167</u>	<u>23,130,608</u>	<u>531,441</u>	<u>2.35%</u>
Student Support Services				
Health Services	1,456,362	1,370,731	(85,631)	-5.88%
Guidance	3,228,050	3,112,847	(115,203)	-3.57%
Library/Media	1,614,831	1,553,730	(61,101)	-3.78%
Student Support Services	<u>6,299,243</u>	<u>6,037,308</u>	<u>(261,935)</u>	<u>-4.16%</u>
Improvement of Instruction & Professional Development				
	<u>3,254,521</u>	<u>2,523,715</u>	<u>(730,806)</u>	<u>-22.46%</u>
Administration				
General Administration	1,917,608	1,926,300	8,692	0.45%
School Administration	6,723,278	6,825,339	102,061	1.52%
Business/Technology/Other Support Services	2,406,653	2,430,455	23,802	0.99%
Administration	<u>11,047,539</u>	<u>11,182,094</u>	<u>134,555</u>	<u>1.22%</u>
Operations & Maintenance	12,482,181	12,342,401	(139,780)	-1.12%
Student Transportation	9,160,806	9,077,018	(83,788)	-0.91%
Employee Benefits	<u>24,319,527</u>	<u>25,499,595</u>	<u>1,180,068</u>	<u>4.85%</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	141,843,699	142,039,030	195,331	0.14%
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,500,000	1,250,000	(250,000)	-16.67%
ADULT SCHOOL - GED/ESL	<u>9,286</u>	<u>9,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>0.00%</u>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	143,352,985	143,298,316	(54,669)	-0.04%
GRANTS AND ENTITLEMENTS	1,926,350	2,224,912	298,562	15.50%
DEBT SERVICE	<u>10,595,926</u>	<u>10,352,033</u>	<u>(243,893)</u>	<u>-2.30%</u>
GRAND TOTAL	<u>155,875,261</u>	<u>155,875,261</u>	<u>(0)</u>	<u>0.00%</u>

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ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

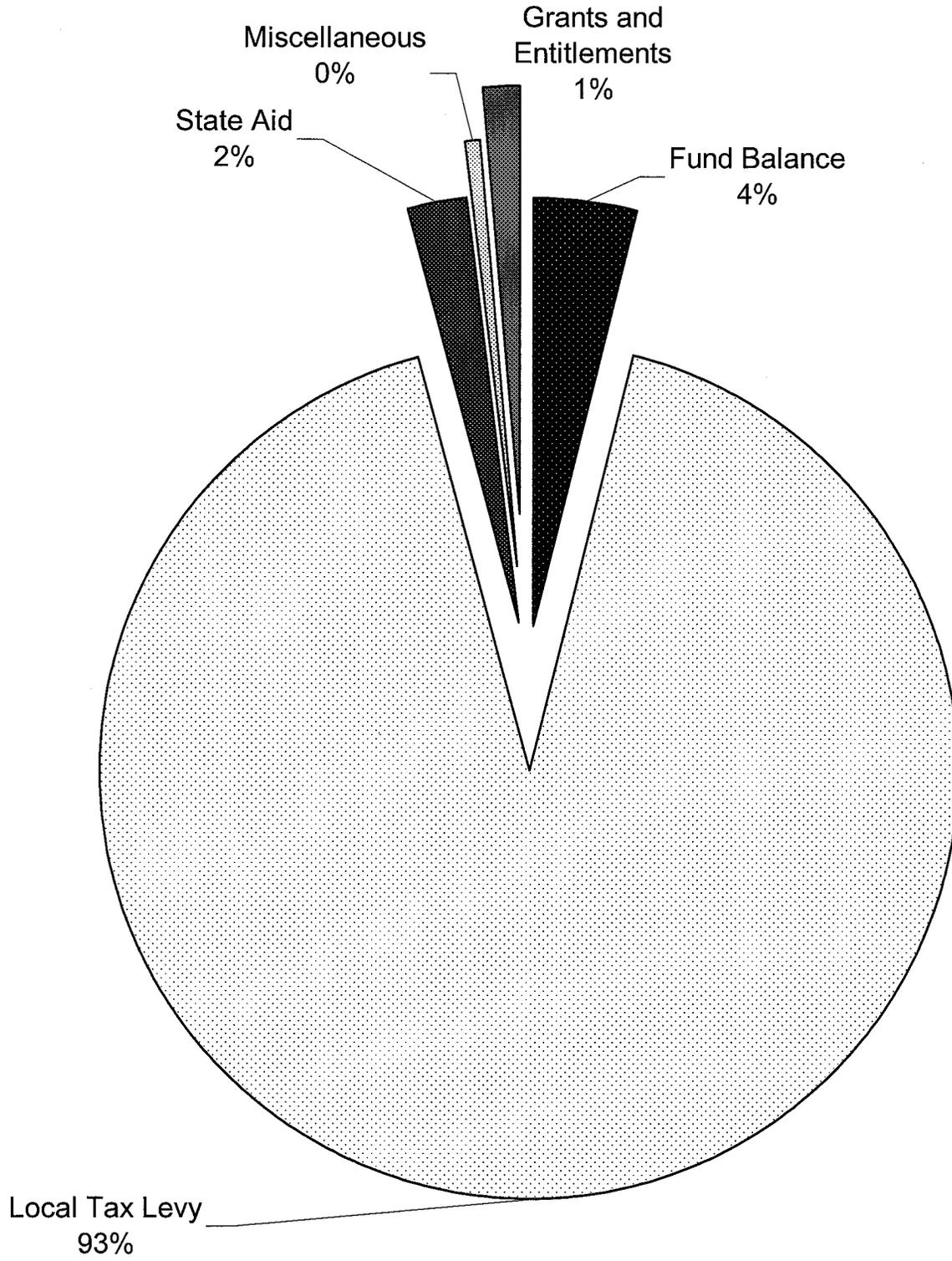


ALLOCATION OF REVENUES

Subject To Revision

	2009-2010 Approved BUDGET	2010-2011 PROPOSED BUDGET	Difference	
			\$	%
Fund Balance				
General Fund	\$ 5,876,028	\$ 5,776,058	\$ (99,970)	-1.70%
Debt Service	<u>622,169</u>	<u>117,651</u>	<u>(504,518)</u>	-81.09%
Total Fund Balance	<u>6,498,197</u>	<u>5,893,709</u>	<u>(604,488)</u>	-9.30%
 Local Tax Levy				
General Fund	\$ 131,658,364	136,924,699	5,266,335	4.00%
Debt Service	<u>3,127,964</u>	<u>6,617,157</u>	<u>3,489,193</u>	111.55%
Total Local Tax Levy	<u>134,786,328</u>	<u>143,541,856</u>	<u>8,755,528</u>	6.50%
 State Aid				
General Fund	11,094,174	3,127,490	(7,966,684)	-71.81%
Debt Service	<u>624,964</u>	<u>452,046</u>	<u>(172,918)</u>	-27.67%
Total State Aid	<u>11,719,138</u>	<u>3,579,536</u>	<u>(8,139,602)</u>	-69.46%
 Miscellaneous				
General Fund	945,248	635,248	(310,000)	-32.80%
Grants and Entitlements	<u>1,926,350</u>	<u>2,224,912</u>	<u>298,562</u>	15.50%
Total Miscellaneous	<u>2,871,598</u>	<u>2,860,160</u>	<u>(11,438)</u>	-0.40%
 GRAND TOTAL	 <u><u>155,875,261</u></u>	 <u><u>155,875,261</u></u>	 <u><u>-</u></u>	 0.00%
 Increase in Reserves	 -	 -		
	 -	 -		
 Total	 <u>\$ 155,875,261</u>	 <u>\$ 155,875,261</u>		

Revenue Sources





PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2010-2011

Current economic times demand change. For the eighth consecutive year, the proposed 2010-2011 WW-P budget is lean and reasonable. This year, we changed the way we reviewed and prepared the school district budget in response to the cuts in general state aid. This change includes restructuring and reducing across all areas. Our community values form the base upon which this budget was built and our emphasis is on working together for the success of the children of our two communities. **Please remember to vote on April 20, 2010.** Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Additional information about the budget is available on the district web site: www.ww-p.org

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Total budget: \$156 million; 0 percent budget-to-budget increase from last year.
- Strong student academic performance: 95 percent of students attend college; second highest SAT scores in Mercer County
- Seventh lowest Mercer County district in spending (out of nine)
- Loss of 71 percent of general state aid (\$7.6 million)

PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES FOR 2010-2011

Elementary School Level

- Reduction in the number of K-4 Health teachers
- Reduction in K-5 Computer teachers
- Reduction in the number of staff through increased class sizes

Middle School Level

- Reduction in the number of middle school teaching positions
- Restructuring of support teachers
- Reduction in the number of coaches and programs in Athletics and co-curricular activities

High School Level

- Reduction in staff through increasing class sizes
- Reduction in the number of coaches and programs in Athletics and co-curricular activities
- Reduction in number of under-subscribed courses and Athletic teams
- Reduction of health and library services staffing

District Level

- Reduction in Guidance counselors
- Reduction of five administrators
- Reduction in capital spending
- Reduction of three secretaries
- Reduction of three bus drivers

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- Consolidation of bus routes
- Reduction in Special Education spending
- Savings from Economy and Efficiency Study for Building and Grounds

WHAT IS MY TAX IMPACT?

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POLLING PLACES: PLAINSBORO

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SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

Residents of Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships will choose three Board members on April 20, 2010. 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.

REMEMBER TO VOTE: APRIL 20, 2010. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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FACT SHEET: PREPARING THE 2010-2011 BUDGET*

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District

**This information pertains to the proposed budget 2010-2011. Should the budget be defeated, this information is likely to change. The School Board Election and Budget Vote is on April 20, 2010, and polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.*

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where can I get detailed budget information?

A: Budget information is available on the district web site. Go to www.ww-p.org and click on the button, "BUDGET INFO."

Q: What happens if the budget fails?

A: The proposed budget contains cuts required as a result of the loss of 71 percent of general state funding. A failed budget will result in all of these cuts and more.

Q: What is the process used if the budget fails?

A: Over the past ten years, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District has received great support from our communities with the passage of each budget. For a budget to pass, we tally the "yes" and "no" votes in both townships and the combined results are used to certify passage of the budget. In effect, the budget could be approved in one township, defeated in another, but if the combined results show more "yes" votes than "no" votes, the budget passes. If the budget should be defeated, each township must certify a tax levy amount in place of what the voters rejected. The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District must provide a packet of prescribed information regarding the budget to officials in Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships upon which to base the certified levy. Though township officials could decide not to cut the tax levy, the expectation is for them to cut the tax levy and to identify expense lines to cut or revenue lines to increase, either of which lowers the tax levy. Though officials in Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships must certify a final tax levy amount, the Board of Education is not bound to the specific changes identified by the townships. If the district does not accept the amount cut proposed by the townships, the Board of Education can appeal to the executive county superintendent. The final date all must be certified, agreed, and communicated to interested parties is May 19, 2010.

Q: What are the budget cuts?

A: The list of cuts in the 2010-2011 budget is:

Elementary School Level

- Reduction in the number of K-4 Health teachers
- Reduction in K-5 Computer teachers
- Reduction in the number of staff through increased class sizes

Middle School Level

- Reduction in the number of middle school teaching positions
- Restructuring of support teachers
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- Reduction in staff through increasing class sizes
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- Reduction in number of under-subscribed courses and Athletic teams
- Reduction of health and library services staffing

District Level

- WWPEA and WWPAA concessions, totaling \$1 million
- WWPSA salary freeze for 2010-2011
- Reduction in Guidance counselors
- Reduction of five administrators
- Reduction in capital spending
- Reduction of three secretaries
- Reduction of three bus drivers
- Consolidation of bus routes
- Reduction in Special Education spending
- Savings from Economy and Efficiency Study for Building and Grounds

Q: When you use the category, “Regular Education,” what is in the category?

A: In “Regular Education, “ you will find expenses related to the following: 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.

Q: What co-curricular activities are being eliminated?

A: In the budget, we are reducing under-subscribed co-curricular activities. These are clubs and programs that have a very small number of enrollees.

Q: Will there be an activities fee?

A: The Board of Education is not creating a student activities fee for high school students – or for any students. While some neighboring districts have increased their revenue stream through this process, we believe the importance of allowing all students

to participate in after-school activities is an integral part of the full education offered in WW-P.

Q: Could you close Wicoff School to save money?

A: Wicoff Elementary School is “home” to 433 students. We do not have another elementary school that could serve these students nor the other programs that are housed in this building, including Special Services programs. The building hosts one administrator, a principal, to oversee approximately 60 teachers and staff members.

Q: What Special Services programs are being added?

A: One way to reduce costs is to bring students back to the district by creating our own Special Services programs. We save the cost of the program and Transportation, though we do need to increase staff for this program. The overall creation of new programs is an overall decrease in cost. This year, we are adding an additional integrated preschool program at Hawk Elementary School for Special Education preschoolers. This is in addition to the eight programs that we have brought back during previous budgets, contributing to the moderate budget increases from 2003 to 2010.

Q: How many administrators work in WW-P?

A: Each of our school buildings has a principal and nine of the ten buildings have assistant principals. We will have one superintendent, three assistant superintendents, and directors and supervisors, for a total of 44 administrators. Over the past eight years, with a 12 percent increase in students, we have had an 11 percent reduction in administrators. In the proposed budget, we have a decrease of 5 administrative positions.

Q: When you use the budget category, “Administration,” what is in the category?

A: In “Administration, “ you will find expenses related to school and general administration, as follows: **School:** School principals and assistant principals; secretarial support; office supplies; materials; and professional memberships. **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.

Q: How many administrators are you reducing?

A: At this time, we have planned for the reduction of five administrator positions. With upcoming retirements, we will review the administrative structure and possibly reduce additional positions or change the structure. Our administrative costs are below the state average.

Q: How are the staff members contributing to the budget?

A: The approved revised settlement with the WW-P Education Association for 2010-2011 calls for a freeze in salary raises for the first six pay periods of 2010-2011, which contributes a savings of approximately \$775,000 in salary. The total savings in the re-negotiated contract will total over \$1 million, as the WW-P Education Association also agreed to forgo the professional conference benefit for the 2011-12 school year. The

members of the Administrators Association will forgo previously negotiated salary increases for the first six pay periods in 2010-2011 and reduce professional conference benefits, for a savings of approximately \$80,000. Service Association members agreed to take a 0 percent salary increase for the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, the Service Association has agreed to a one-year salary freeze. Central Office administrators are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. This group of administrators has already taken steps to contain cost increases in health insurance and will make comparable adjustments in salary as those agreed upon by the Education and Administrators Associations.

Q: What does budget area “Benefits” cover?

A: In the Employee Benefit category, the following is listed: Health insurance; social security contributions; pension contributions; worker’s compensation insurance; and sick leave benefits. For some positions, there are contributions to this category.

Q: Why are we paying money to the charter school?

A: There is an approved charter school that will draw students and funding from the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District. In January 2010, the State Department of Education approved the creation of a new charter school: Princeton International Academy Charter School. In its application, the Princeton International Academy stated that the school expects approximately 75 students from WW-P to attend this charter school. If so, the tax dollars could follow these students, for a total of approximately \$862,000 plus transportation costs. The creation of a charter school redirects local property taxes. In effect, local taxpayers have no input or control over how these property tax dollars are spent by the charter school because a charter school receives its property tax revenues without oversight by the host Board of Education.

Q: Why are you eliminating teachers? Are you eliminating other staff members?

A: To reduce expenses, we are reducing teachers across the district, in a variety of areas. We have carefully reviewed these academic areas, and believe that these reductions will not materially affect the educational program. With the reduction of 71 percent in general state aid (\$7.6 million), the administrative team used a “scalpel” to carefully and thoughtfully reduce expenses and restructure departments, where appropriate. The budget that goes before the voters has a 0 percent budget-to-budget increase, with a \$3.4 million reduction in expenses throughout the district. We expect to reduce the following:

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Q: Are you eliminating high school classes?

A: High school classes with low enrollment could be eliminated. If there are high school classes with low enrollments, it is our intention to try to combine courses. One example would be combining an upper level World Language course with an AP World Language course. If we are unable to combine classes and if the enrollment of a particular class is low, that course might be eliminated this year. In order to maintain class sizes at reasonable levels, we need to offer courses with a full class. We will make sure that high school courses needed for graduation are available.

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: What are some quick facts about the budget?

A: Here are some quick facts about the budget:

Fact: WW-P residents have supported the school district budget for the past ten years, a time of moderate fiscal spending.

Fact: The proposed budget offers a 0 percent budget-to-budget increase, even in light of increasing costs.

Fact: The taxpayers will receive over \$1 million in salary freezes and givebacks from the Educators and Administrators Association – one of the very few union givebacks in the state.

Fact: The Service Association has agreed to a one-year salary freeze for 2010-2011.

Fact: *The Times* newspaper, February 10, 2010, noted both our high academic performance and that WW-P is the seventh lowest spending district in Mercer County – out of nine.

Fact: We are reducing teachers and staff positions, but we are doing our best contain costs in this current economic climate.

Fact: We lost 71 percent of general state aid, moving the burden of paying for schools onto the local communities through property tax increases.

Fact: Every vote counts. The school board election and budget vote is on April 20, 2010, and WW-P polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Q: Where do we vote?

A: Here are the polling places:

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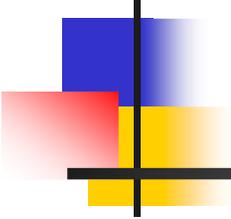
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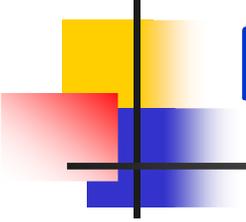
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**2010-2011
BUDGET DISCUSSION
January 26, 2010**

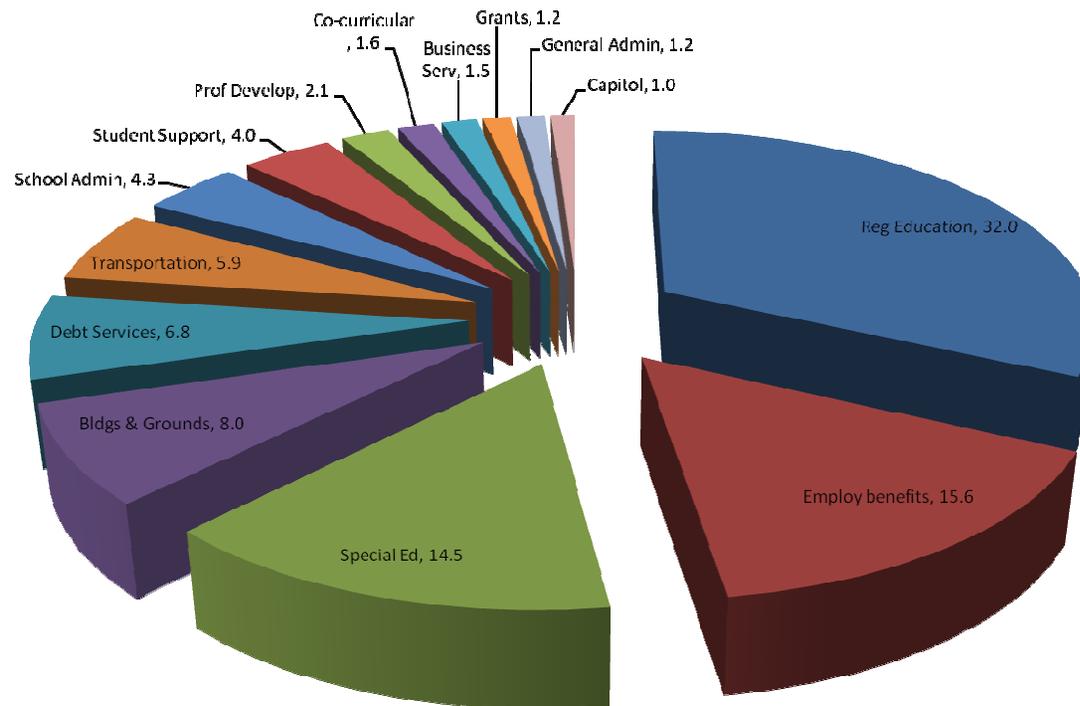


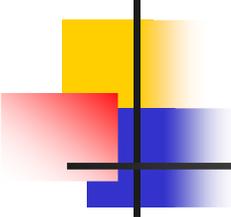
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■ BUDGET PREPARATION

- The new “normal”
- Preparing the 2010-2011 budget
- Beginning the budget discussion

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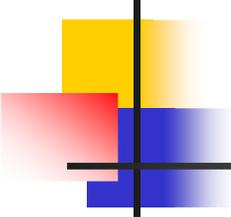




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■ DISTRICT BUDGET INCREASES

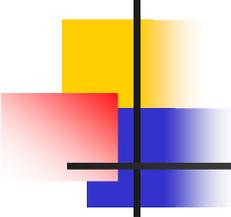
2009-10	1.6%	2002-03	5.5%
2008-09	4.3%	2001-02	9.8%
2007-08	4.3%	2000-01	6.9%
2006-07	3.9%	1999-00	10.1%
2005-06	4.6%	1998-99	8.3%
2004-05	4.4%	1997-98	12.2%
2003-04	4.3%	1996-97	5.9%



West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District

■ PORTION OF TOTAL TAX RATE

	West Windsor	Plainsboro
2008	68%	60%
2007	70%	61%
2006	73%	62%
2005	73%	63%
2004	72%	66%

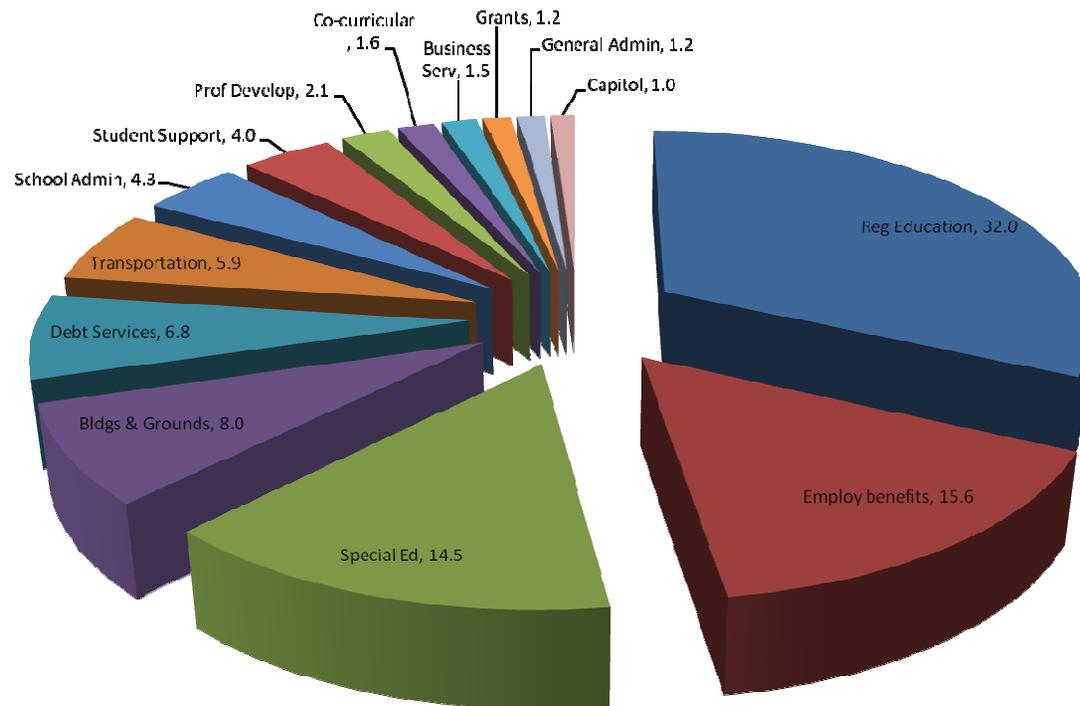


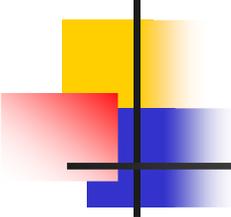
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■ TOTAL COMPARTIVE COST PER PUPIL (\$)

District	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08
Hopewell	11,810	12,055	12,588	13,783
Lawrence	10,649	11,516	12,963	13,912
Princeton	13,003	14,098	14,743	15,961
WW-P	11,122	11,302	11,533	11,609
NJ Average	10,952	11,519	11,939	12,881

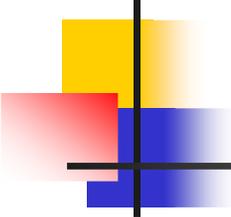
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- **FIRST THOUGHTS ON PREPARING THE
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 - “Things are good, just continue doing the same....”
 - What can we change?

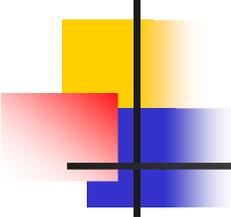


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■ IMPACTS FOR 2010-2011

- Signed WWPEA/WWPAA contracts 3,250,000
- Benefits cost increases (all employees) 3,200,000
- Estimated increase in utilities 400,000
- Increase in Special Ed tuition 400,000
- Increase in busing costs 320,000

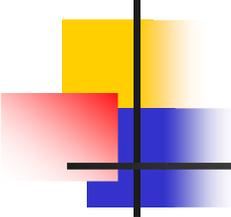
- **SUBTOTAL** **\$7,570,000**



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■ **ADDITIONAL AREAS**

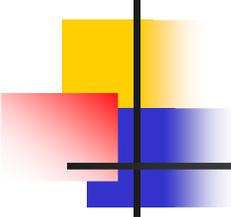
- WWPSA/WWPFA/WWPSSA contracts
- Reduction of state aid
- Tightening of budget reduces tax relief dollars available
- Charter school approval
- Non-union employees



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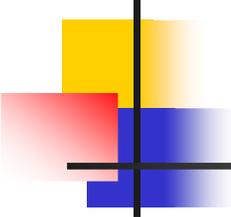
- **IMPACT SUBTOTAL: \$7,570,000**

- 2% budget increase is \$3.1 million
- 3% budget increase is \$4.7 million
- 4% cap on general fund tax levy is \$5.3 million
- Budget gap: At least \$2.25 million



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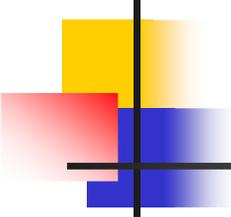
- **WHAT WILL COMMUNITY SUPPORT?**
 - Budgets have passed for previous ten years.
 - What happens if budget fails?
 - Meeting with Executive County superintendent
 - *Goal: Continue educational excellence and continue fiscal responsibility*



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■ BUDGET TIMELINE

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2010-2011 BUDGET DISCUSSION February 9, 2010

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■ BUDGET PREPARATION

- Goal: Continue educational excellence and continue fiscal responsibility
- Determination of staffing needs (FTE projections)

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■ CLASS SIZE PROJECTIONS: 2010-2011

- The Board of Education recognizes that class size is a contributing factor in providing a quality education and has demonstrated this by building budgets based upon reasonable class sizes.
- As 80 percent of the budget is staff, enrollment projections reflect current residential trends, designated neighborhood paths, and programmatic designations within the school community.



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Dutch Neck School

	Current Enrollment			10-11 Principal Projection			10-11 Committee Projection		
	10/15/2009	Avg Class		Avg Class		Avg Class			
Grade	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size
Pre-K	18	3			3		0	3	
Kindergarten	158	9	17.6	162	8	20.3	165	8	20.6
First	209	10	20.9	177	9	19.7	183	9	20.3
Second	179	8	22.4	214	9	23.8	215	9	23.9
Third	199	9	22.1	183	9	20.3	187	9	20.8
Total	763			736	38		750		



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Maurice Hawk School

	Current Enrollment			10-11 Principal Projection			10-11 Committee Projection		
	10/15/2009	Avg Class		Avg Class		Avg Class			
Grade	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size
Kindergarten	201	10	20.1	203	10	20.3	206	10	20.6
First	192	10	19.2	215	10	21.5	217	10	21.7
Second	205	9	22.8	200	9	22.2	209	9	23.2
Third	215	10	21.5	211	10	21.1	215	10	21.5
Total	827			829	39		847		



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Town Center Elementary

	Current Enrollment			10-11 Principal Projection			10-11 Committee Projection		
	10/15/2009	Avg Class		Avg Class		Avg Class			
Grade	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size
Kindergarten	150	8	18.8	150	8	18.8	150	8	18.8
First	166	8	20.8	170	8	21.3	170	8	21.3
Second	166	9	18.4	180	9	20.0	180	9	20.0
Third	196	9	21.8	180	9	20.0	180	9	20.0
Total	678			680	34		680		



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Wicoff School									
Current Enrollment				10-11 Principal Projection			10-11 Committee Projection		
10/15/2009				Avg Class			Avg Class		
Grade	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size
Pre K	15	2		32	2	16	32	2	
LLDK	21	1		12	1	12	12	1	
Kindergarten	88	6	14.7	100	5	20.0	97	5	19.4
First	104	5	20.8	105	5	21.0	109	5	21.8
Second	105	5	21.0	107	5	21.4	108	5	21.6
Third	100	5	20.0	108	5	21.6	110	5	22.0
Total	433			464	23		468		



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Millstone River School									
Current Enrollment				10-11 Principal Projection			10-11 Committee Projection		
10/15/2009				Avg Class			Avg Class		
Grade	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size
LLD	35								
BD	17								
PreK	18								
Fourth	428	17	23.8	424	17	24.9	432	17	25.4
Fifth	371	16	23.1	440	18	24.4	442	18	24.6
Total	869			864	35		874		



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Village School									
Current Enrollment				10-11 Principal Projection			10-11 Committee Projection		
10/15/2009				Avg Class			Avg Class		
Grade	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size
LLD	12			13					
Fourth	309	13	23.8	339	14	24.2	342	14	24.4
Fifth	330	14	23.6	313	14	22.4	315	13	24.2
Total	651			652	28		657		



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Grover Middle School									
Current Enrollment				10-11 Principal Projection			10-11 Committee Projection		
10/15/2009				Enrollment			Enrollment		
Grade	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size
LLD	9			9			9		
Six	323			320			323		
Seven	391			335			349		
Eight	373			406			414		
Total	1096			1061			1095		



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Community Middle School									
Current Enrollment				10-11 Principal Projection			10-11 Committee Projection		
10/15/2009				Enrollment			Enrollment		
Grade	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size
LLD	25								
MD	9								
Six	392			380			392		
Seven	433			392			397		
Eight	397			433			436		
Total	1256			1205			1225		



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High School South									
Current Enrollment				10-11 Principal Projection			10-11 Committee Projection		
10/15/2009				Enrollment			Enrollment		
Grade	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size	Enrollment	Sections	Size
Nine	404			373			402		
Ten	406			404			406		
Eleven	412			406			412		
Twelve	391			412			395		
Total	1613			1595			1615		



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High School North					
Current Enrollment		10-11 Principal Projection		10-11 Committee Projection	
10/15/2009					
Grade	Enrollment	Enrollment		Enrollment	
Academy	21	20		21	
MARKS	27	25		24	
Nine	410	405		408	
Ten	401	410		415	
Eleven	350	401		413	
Twelve	399	350		355	
TEN					
Total	1608	1611		1636	

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■ **CLASS SIZE CONSIDERATIONS**

- New Jersey code
- Physical size of classrooms
- Grade levels
- Safety
- Equipment
- Lab Sciences

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■ **ADDITIONAL FACTORS**

- Number of students that enroll in Kindergarten and Preschool
- Impact of the charter school
- Special Education programs and placements
- Economic uncertainties and student mobility

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■ **ENROLLMENT INFORMATION**

- Based upon the current enrollment projections, we estimate that the staffing projections will remain fairly flat.
- Under current projections, we may need to realign some assignments to maintain the academic integrity of our classes

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■ THE NEW "NORMAL"

- Preparing the 2010-2011 Budget
- Allocation of Expenses Information
- Continuous Improvement Process



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■ STATE AID

- State Formula Gives WW-P: \$22,613,344
- Actual State Aid: \$10,690,743 (09-10)
- Past State Aid Reductions:
 - \$ 624,000 (08-09)
 - \$2,885,078 (09-10)
- State Aid for 2010-2011 Is Uncertain



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■ SURPLUS

- State Concept of Excess Surplus
- Excess Surplus Is Tax Relief in Subsequent Budget Year
- Tax Relief for 2011-2012 Is Unknown



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■ REGULAR INSTRUCTION

2003-2009

K-3: Decrease 3.33 FTEs
Instructional Assistants: Decrease 17 Positions

Current

Reduce FTEs
Reduce Aide Positions
Reduce Number of Positions with Stipends



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■ CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES/ATHLETICS

2003-2009

Recent Flat Budgeting

Current

Reduce Number of Positions with Stipends
Keep Spending Flat



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■ SPECIAL EDUCATION

2003-2009

Created 8 In-House Programs
(brought students back to WW-P)

Current

ARRA Funding



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■ STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

2003-2009

Increase of 0.6 FTE Health Services
Increase of 1.0 FTE Guidance
No Change in Library/Media

Current

Realignment of Services



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■ IMPROVEMENT OF INSTRUCTION/ PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

2003-2009

Begin Restructure of Subject Supervisors

Current

Decrease 3 Supervisory Positions



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■ ADMINISTRATION

2003-2009

Administrators: Decrease of 2 Positions
Secretaries: Decrease 18 Positions
Central Office: Reduction of Accountant
and HR Position

Current

Secretaries: Decrease of 2 Positions



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■ OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

2003-2009

Decrease 1 Position

Current

Realignment of Services



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■ TRANSPORTATION

2003-2009

Decrease 11 In-house Drivers

Current

Realignment of Bus Routes



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■ EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

2003-2009

July 1, 2009: 11% Prescription Benefits Increase
January 1, 2010: 25% Medical Benefits Increase

Current

Unknown: July 2010 and January 2011



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■ CAPITAL OUTLAY

2003-2009

No Change in Budget
Utilization of ROD Grants and Rebates

Current

CREBs and ROD Grants



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■ GRANTS

2003-2009

Increase in Number of Grants

Current

Flat



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■ DEBT SERVICE

2003-2009

With Refunding and AAA Rating, \$1.3 Million Decrease

Current

No Changes



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■ GRAND TOTAL

2003-2009

Past Six Years: Average Increase of 4.3%
Last Year: Increase of 1.6%

Current

Target: Under Discussion



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■ STILL UNDER CONSIDERATION

- State Aid
- State Cap



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■ CONTINUAL IMPROVEMENT PROCESS

- Tied to District Strategic Plan
- Inclusive and Collaborative Process
 - Ideas Are Developed, Reviewed and Evaluated
 - Action Plans Created
 - Plans Reviewed and Recommendations Made



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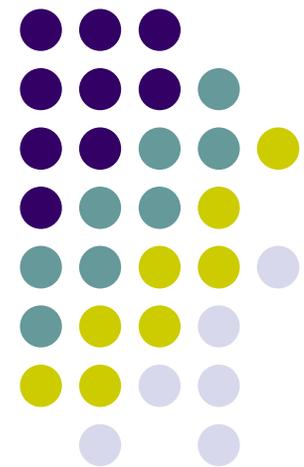
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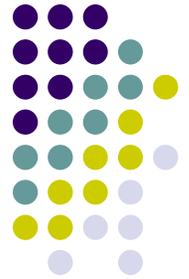
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- **Proposed Budget**
 - **Eight Years of Moderate Increases**
 - **Consistent Conservative Planning**
 - **Collaborative Efforts with Education Association, Administrators Association, and Central Office**
 - **Budget-to-Budget Increase: 2.2 Percent**

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 - **Second Highest SAT Scores in Mercer County: HSN: 1816; HSS: 1835**
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- **Proposed Expenditures: Overview**

2010-2011 **\$159.3 Million**
2.2 percent (\$3.4 M) year-to-year increase

2009-2010 **\$155.9 Million**
1.6 percent (\$2.4 M) year-to-year increase

2008-2009 **\$153.5 Million**

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● Proposed Expenses

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Increase %</u>
Regular Instruction	\$51,973,857	3.4
Co-Curricular/Athletics	\$ 2,448,689	0.7
Special Services	\$23,360,608	3.4
Student Support	\$ 6,356,982	0.9
Improvement of Instruction/Prof. Dev.	\$ 2,769,212	-14.9
Administration	\$11,284,925	2.2
Buildings and Grounds	\$12,411,401	-0.6

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● Proposed Expenses

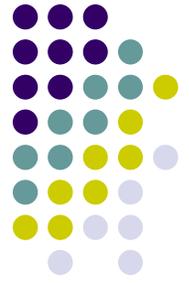
	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Increase %</u>
Transportation	\$ 9,077,019	- 0.9
Staff Benefits	\$ 25,532,595	5.0
Total Operating Expenses	\$145,215,288	2.4
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,500,000	0.0
Adult School	\$ 9,286	0.0
Grants	\$ 2,224,912	15.5
Debt Service	\$ 10,352,033	-2.3
TOTAL	\$159,301,519	2.2

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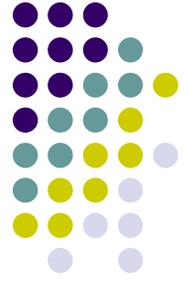
- **Elementary Budget**
 - **Share faculty resources among primary and intermediate schools**
 - **Leverage declining enrollment, where appropriate**
 - **Maintain continuity and quality**

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- **Middle School Budget**
 - **Leverage declining enrollment, where appropriate**
 - **Maintain continuity and quality of middle level education best practices**

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● High School Budget

- Evaluate and streamline co-curricular programs.
- Reduce costs not directly associated with class size and course offerings, i.e. supplies and printing
- Maintain commitment to comprehensive and competitive high school programs

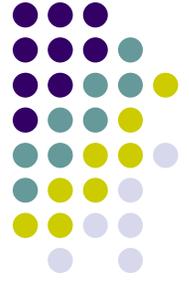
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● Proposed Revenue

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Increase %</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 5,194,107	-20.1
Local Tax Levy	\$139,931,545	3.8
State Aid	\$ 11,315,707	-3.4
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,860,160	-0.4
TOTAL	\$159,301,519	2.2

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- **School District & Total Tax Rate**

	PLAINSBORO	WEST WINDSOR
2008	68%	60%
2007	70%	61%
2004	73%	62%
2003	73%	63%
2000	72%	66%

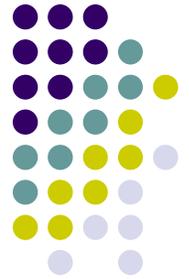
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- **Budget Increases: History**

	Percent Increase		Percent Increase
2009-10	1.6%	2002-03	5.5%
2008-09	4.3%	2001-02	9.8%
2007-08	4.3%	2000-01	6.9%
2006-07	3.9%	1999-00	10.1%
2005-06	4.6%	1998-99	8.3%
2004-05	4.4%	1997-98	12.2%
2003-04	4.3%	1996-97	5.9%

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- **Local Real Estate Taxes for School Year**
 - **2010-2011 (Projected)**
\$139,931,545 (+3.8%)
 - **2009-2010**
\$134,786,328 (+0.5%)
 - **2008-2009**
\$134,070,787 (+3.1%)

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● Review of Actual Per-Pupil Costs

District	2002-03	2007-08	Average Increase
Hopewell	10,552	13,783	5.5%
Lawrence	9,992	13,912	6.8%
Princeton	11,525	15,961	6.7%
WW-P	10,534	11,609	2.0%
New Jersey	10,007	12,881	5.2%

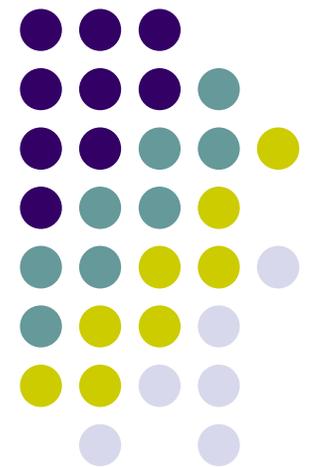
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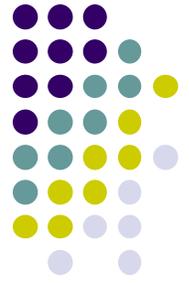
- **District Web Site: ww-p.org**
- **Register To Vote by March 30, 2010**
- **Last Day To Apply by Mail for Absentee Ballot: April 13, 2010**
- **School Board & Budget Vote: April 20, 2010. Polls Open 7 am – 9pm**

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2010-2011
PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET
March 31, 2010



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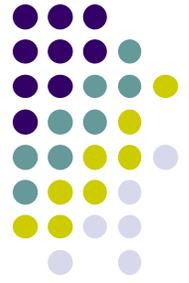
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- **District *Can* Control...**
 - Budget Increases
- **District *Cannot* Control...**
 - State Aid
 - Enrollment
 - Assessed Values
 - Charter Schools

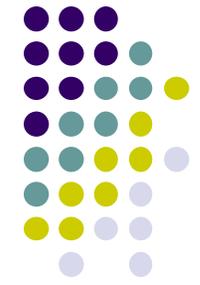
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<i>0.0 percent year-to-year increase</i>	
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2008-2009	\$153.5 Million
2007-2008	\$147.2 Million

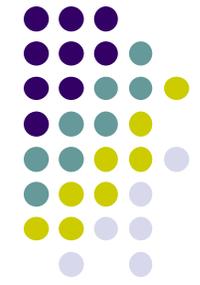
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Proposed Expenses

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Increase %</u>
Regular Instruction	\$49,815,166	-0.9
Co-Curricular/Athletics	\$ 2,431,125	-0.0
Special Services	\$23,130,608	2.4
Student Support	\$ 6,037,308	- 4.2
Improvement of Instruction/Prof. Dev.	\$ 2,523,715	-22.5
Administration	\$11,182,094	1.2
Buildings and Grounds	\$12,342,401	-1.1

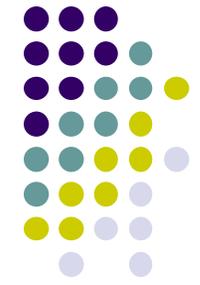
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Proposed Expenses

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Increase %</u>
Transportation	\$ 9,077,018	- 0.9
Staff Benefits	\$ 25,499,595	4.9
Total Operating Expenses	\$142,039,030	0.1

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Proposed Expenses

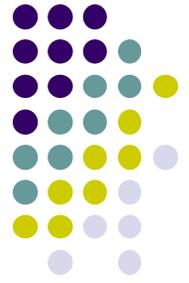
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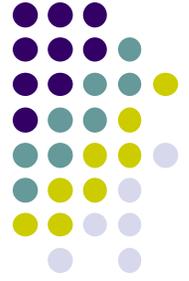
- March 9th – 2.2% Budget to Budget Increase
 - In order to arrive at a proposed budget of 2.2% both the WWPEA and the WWPAA worked with the BOE to achieve contractual givebacks of approximately \$1,000,000.
 - This budget assumed:
 - Flat State Aid
 - Actualizing the Economies and Efficiency Report
 - Reduction of 3 Administrative Positions
 - Significant Reductions of Supplies

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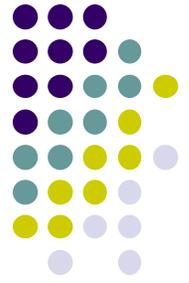
- March 16th – Governor Christie’s Budget Message was delivered.
- Prior to this point in time we had been warned to expect a cut in State Aid between 5% - 15%.
- March 17th at 4:30 in the afternoon WW-P learned that we lost 71% of our general State Aid (\$7.6 million)

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- We had prepared a Budget that reflected a 15% reduction in State Aid. This round resulted in:
 - Reduced # of Guidance Counselors
 - Reduction of K – 4 Health Teachers
 - Reduced # of Elementary Computer Teachers
 - Reduced # of Administrators
 - Reduction in Capital Spending
 - Reduction of a Secretary
 - Reduced # of Middle School Teaching Positions

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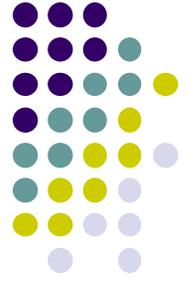
- March 31st – 0% Budget to Budget Increase
 - Impacts toward \$3.4 million:
 - Reduction in Athletics and Co-Curricular
 - Decrease in the number of Coaches and Programs at both the MS and HS Level
 - Consolidation of Schedules
 - Reduction in Transportation Costs
 - Reduction in Special Education Funding
 - Including Tuition, Staffing and Instructional Support

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- Staffing Reductions:
 - Elementary Schools:
 - Class Size Considerations
 - Special Area Teachers
 - Middle Schools:
 - Creation of Mini-Teams
 - Restructure Support Teachers
 - Reduction of Co-Curricular and Athletics
 - High School
 - Reduction in staff through increasing class sizes
 - Reduce courses with low enrollment
 - Reduction of Health and Library Services

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- Estimated Staffing Reductions:
 - Administrators – 5
 - Secretaries – 3
 - Bus Drivers – 3
 - Building and Grounds – 104
 - Teachers – 50
 - Counselors – 2

West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District



Proposed Revenue

	<u>2010-2011</u>	<u>Increase %</u>
Fund Balance	\$ 5,893,709	-9.3
Local Tax Levy	\$143,541,856	6.5
State Aid	\$ 3,579,536	-69.5
Miscellaneous	\$ 2,860,160	-0.4
TOTAL	\$155,875,261	0.0

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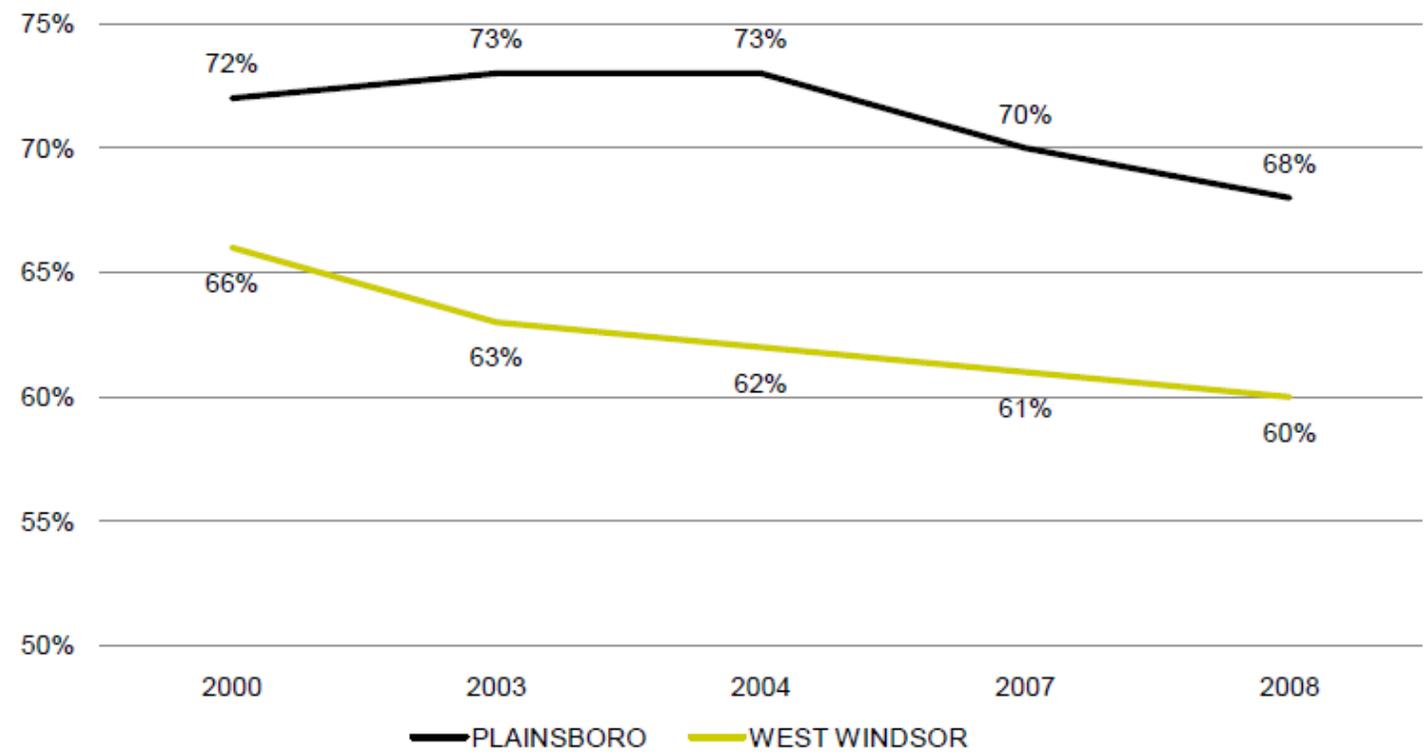
Local Real Estate Taxes for School Year

- **2010-2011 Projected**
\$143,541,856 (+6.5%)
- **2009-2010**
\$134,786,328 (+0.5%)
- **2008-2009**
\$134,070,787 (+3.5%)
- **2007-2008**
\$129,599,540 (+2.5%)

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School Tax Levy as a Percentage of Total Tax Levy



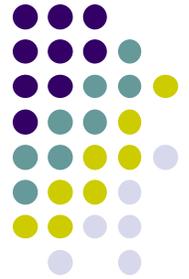
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Equalized Valuation Percentage

Calendar Year	Plainsboro	West Windsor
2008	37.8%	62.2%
2007	37.8%	62.2%
2006	40.4%	59.6%
2005	42.2%	57.8%
2004	43.1%	56.9%
2003	42.8%	57.2%
2002	39.3%	60.7%

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Enrollment Percentages

Year (10/15/Year)	Plainsboro	West Windsor
2010	41.3%	58.7%
2009	41.5%	58.5%
2008	41.6%	58.4%
2007	41.7%	58.3%
2006	41.6%	58.4%
2005	42.5%	57.5%
2004	42.3%	57.7%

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School Tax Rates *(Dollars per hundred of assessed value)*

	Plainsboro	Assessed Value (millions)	West Windsor	Assessed Value (millions)
2010	\$1.549	3,725	\$1.339	\$6,101
2009	\$1.446	3,706	\$1.304	\$6,217
2008	\$1.355	3,682	\$1.252	\$6,239
2007	\$1.439	3,681	\$1.201	\$6,303
Annual	2.5%		3.7%	

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School Tax, Average Homeowner

	West Windsor	Plainsboro
2010-11	7,161	6,119
2009-10	7,163	5,719
2008-09	6,962	5,369
2007-08	6,898	5,740
Average annual increase:	1.3%	2.2%

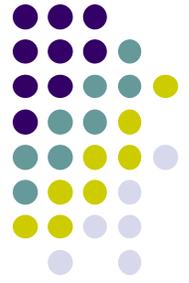
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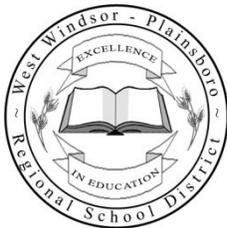
Review of Actual Per-Pupil Costs

District	2002-03	2008-09	Average Annual Increase
Hopewell	10,552	14,301	5.2
Lawrence	9,992	14,406	6.3
Princeton	11,525	16,407	6.1
WW-P	10,534	12,048	2.3
New Jersey	10,007	13,338	4.9

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School Board Election &

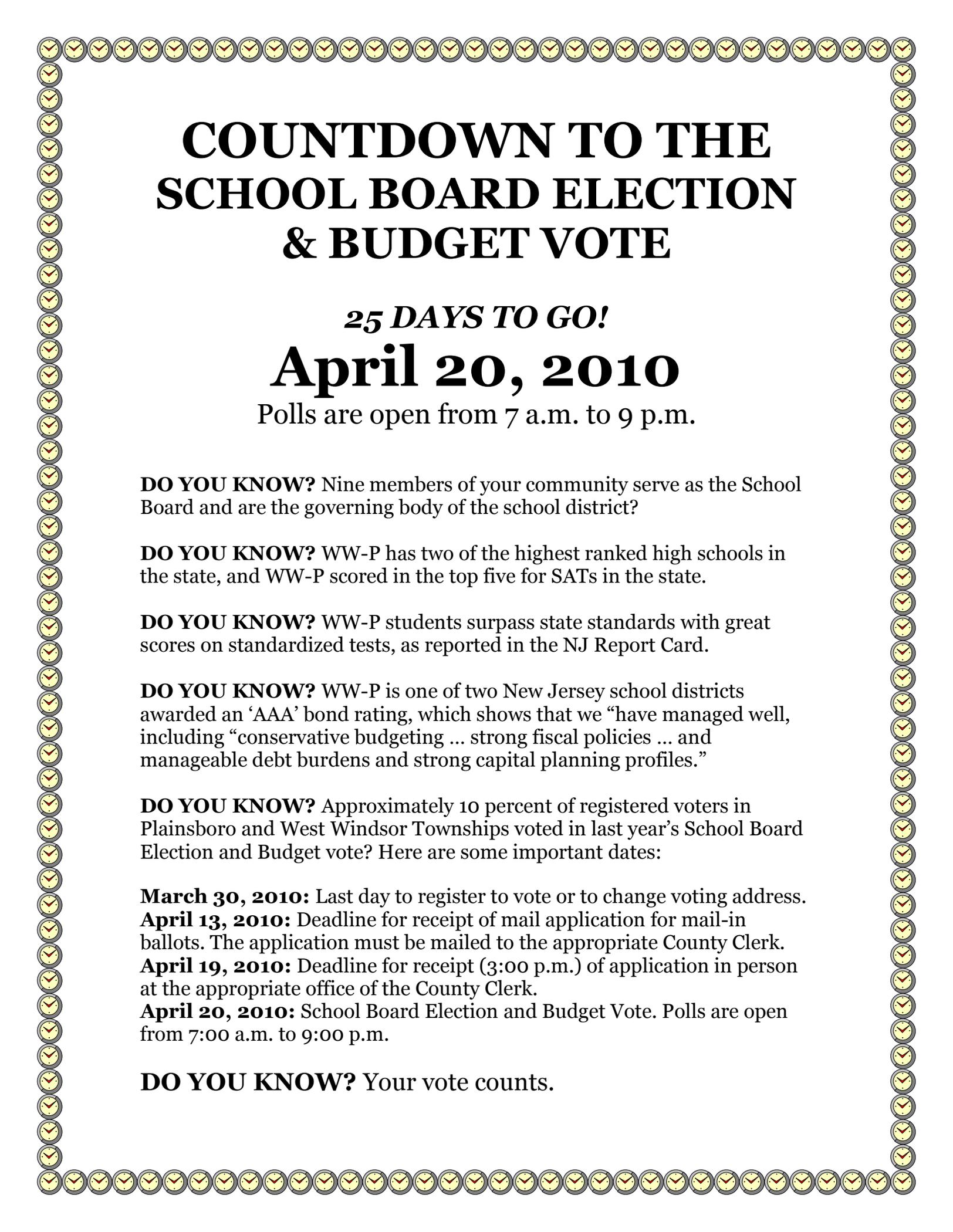


Budget Vote



April 20, 2010

Polls Open: 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.



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25 DAYS TO GO!

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DO YOU KNOW? Nine members of your community serve as the School Board and are the governing body of the school district?

DO YOU KNOW? WW-P has two of the highest ranked high schools in the state, and WW-P scored in the top five for SATs in the state.

DO YOU KNOW? WW-P students surpass state standards with great scores on standardized tests, as reported in the NJ Report Card.

DO YOU KNOW? WW-P is one of two New Jersey school districts awarded an 'AAA' bond rating, which shows that we "have managed well, including "conservative budgeting ... strong fiscal policies ... and manageable debt burdens and strong capital planning profiles."

DO YOU KNOW? Approximately 10 percent of registered voters in Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships voted in last year's School Board Election and Budget vote? Here are some important dates:

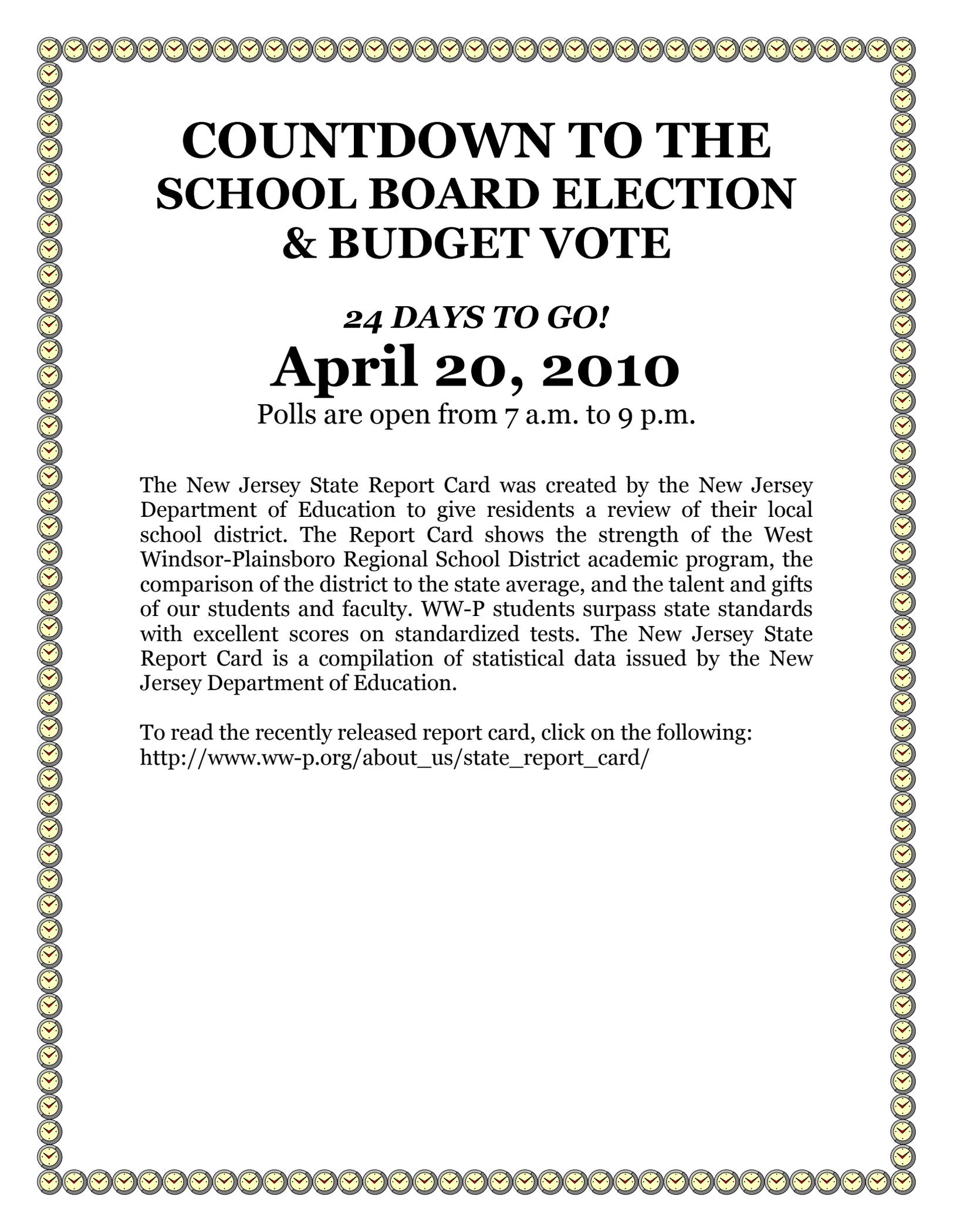
March 30, 2010: Last day to register to vote or to change voting address.

April 13, 2010: Deadline for receipt of mail application for mail-in ballots. The application must be mailed to the appropriate County Clerk.

April 19, 2010: Deadline for receipt (3:00 p.m.) of application in person at the appropriate office of the County Clerk.

April 20, 2010: School Board Election and Budget Vote. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

DO YOU KNOW? Your vote counts.



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The New Jersey State Report Card was created by the New Jersey Department of Education to give residents a review of their local school district. The Report Card shows the strength of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District academic program, the comparison of the district to the state average, and the talent and gifts of our students and faculty. WW-P students surpass state standards with excellent scores on standardized tests. The New Jersey State Report Card is a compilation of statistical data issued by the New Jersey Department of Education.

To read the recently released report card, click on the following:
http://www.ww-p.org/about_us/state_report_card/

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Check out the Total Comparative Per Pupil Costs (from advertised budgets). We will update this with 2010-2011 figures as soon as they are available.

TOTAL COMPARATIVE PER PUPIL COSTS

	2010-11	2009-10	2008-09	2007-08	2006-07	2005-06
East Windsor		\$13,056	\$13,390	\$12,830	\$11,760	\$11,314
Ewing		\$13,468	\$12,717	\$11,866	\$10,785	\$10,461
Hamilton		\$11,587	\$10,979	\$9,876	\$9,564	\$9,083
Hopewell		\$15,067	\$14,391	\$13,783	\$12,588	\$12,055
Lawrence		\$15,346	\$15,494	\$13,912	\$12,963	\$11,516
Princeton		\$17,421	\$17,290	\$15,961	\$14,743	\$14,098
Robbinsville		\$10,747	\$10,249	\$10,112	\$10,399	\$10,436
Trenton		\$16,481	\$16,532	\$16,379	\$16,239	\$15,775
WW-P		\$13,045	\$12,788	\$12,446	\$11,533	\$11,302

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Class of 2009 College Attendance

This listing of college choices indicates (in parentheses) the number of students attending based upon where the final transcript was mailed.

Albright College (1)
American University (3)
Arcadia University (2)
Ball State University (1)
Barnard College (5)
Barry University (1)
Baruch College (1)
Bentley College (3)
Bergen Community College (1)
Berklee College of Music (2)
Blinn College (1)
Boston College (7)
Boston University (14)
Brandeis University (1)
Brookdale Comm.College (1)
Brown University (2)
Bryn Mawr College (4)
Bucknell College (2)
Cabrini College (1)
California Institute of Technology (2)
Carnegie Mellon (13)
Case Western Reserve (1)
Catholic University (1)
Centenary College (1)
Clarkson University (2)
Clemson University (2)
Colgate University (1)
College of William & Mary (1)



Colorado State University (1)
Columbia University (4)
Columbus State Comm. College (1)
Cornell University (9)
Culinary Institute (1)
Denison University (1)
Dickinson College (1)
Drew University (2)
Drexel University (12)
Duke University (2)
Earlham College (1)
East Carolina University (1)
ECPI of Charlotte (1)
Elmira College (1)
Elon University (1)
Embry-Riddle-FL (1)
Emory University (4)
Emporia State University (1)
Erie Community College (1)
Fairfield University (2)
Fairleigh Dickinson University (3)
Fashion Institute-San Francisco (1)
Florida International University (1)
Florida State University (1)
Fordham University (1)
Franklin and Marshall (5)
Gannon University (1)
George Washington Univ. (6)
Georgia Inst. of Technology (2)
Gettysburg College (1)
Harvard University (1)
High Point University (3)
Hofstra University (1)
Howard University (1)
Hunter College (1)
Indiana University (3)
James Madison Univ. (4)
Johns Hopkins University (11)
Johnson & Wales Univ. (5)
Kean University (1)
Kutztown University (4)
Lackawanna College (1)
Lafayette College (5)
Lehigh University (9)
Long Island University (1)
Loyola University-MD (1)
Lynchburg College (1)
Lynn University (1)
Massachusetts Inst. of Technology (2)
McDaniel College (1)
McGill University (1)

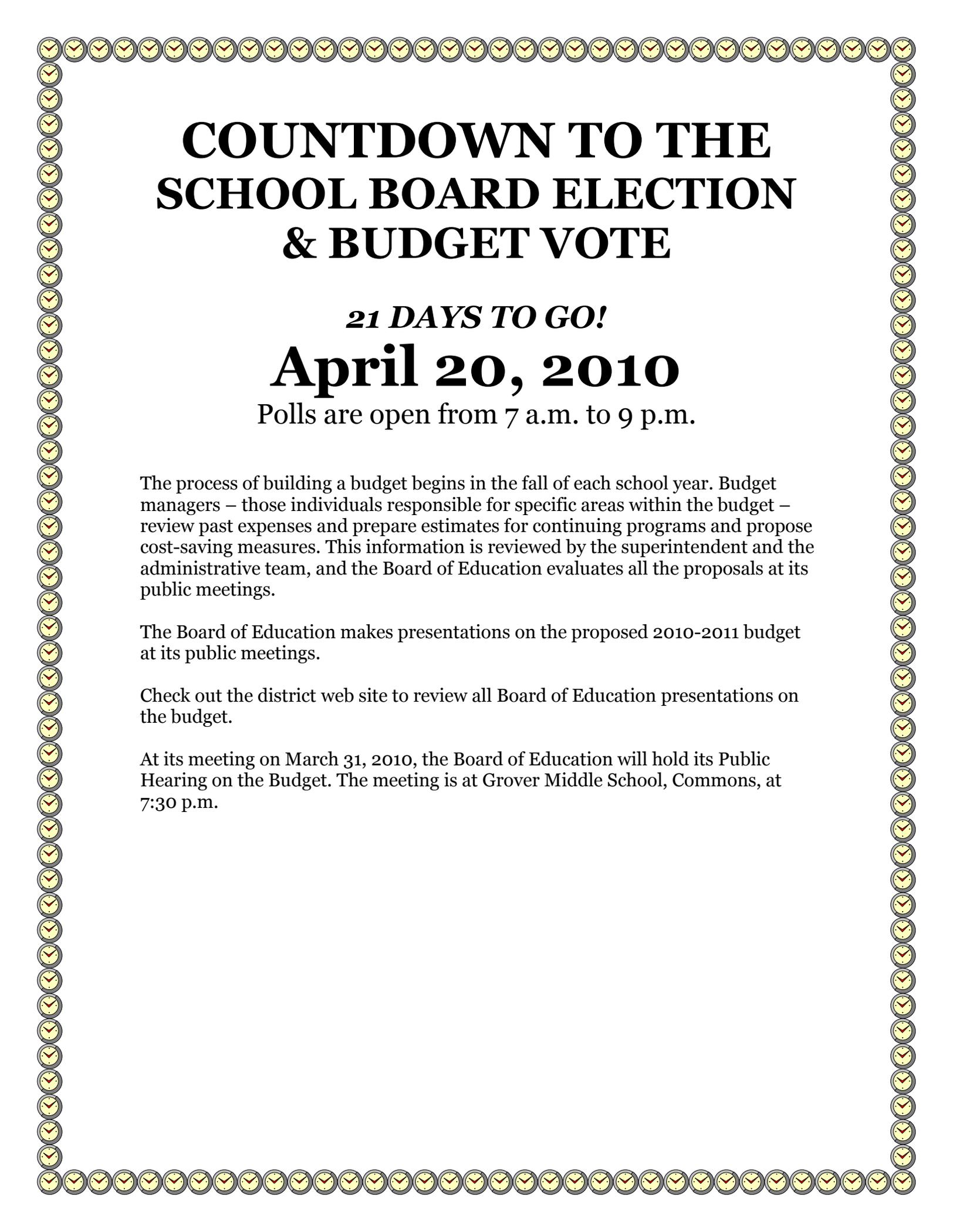
Mercer County Community College (67)
Messiah College (2)
Michigan State University (1)
Middlebury College (2)
Middlesex County Comm. College (5)
Millersville University (1)
Monmouth University (3)
Montclair State University (1)
Morehouse College (1)
Mount Holyoke College (1)
Muhlenberg College (4)
Neumann College (1)
New Jersey Institute of Technology (7)
NYC College of Technology (1)
New York University (26)
North Carolina AT&T State (1)
North Carolina State (1)
Northwestern University (8)
Ohio State University (3)
Oxford College-Emory University (2)
Parsons School of Design (2)
Penn State-Abington (1)
Penn State-Altoona (2)
Penn State-Berks (2)
Penn State-Hazleton (4)
Penn State-University Park (15)
Piedmont Comm. College 91)
Plymouth State University (1)
Pratt Institute (2)
Princeton University (13)
Purdue University (4)
Quinnipiac University (5)
Ramapo College (1)
Randolph College 91)
Rensselaer Polytechnic (5)
Rhode Island School of Design (2)
Rice University (1)
Rider University (5)
Roanoke College (1)
Rochester Inst. of Technology (2)
Rowan University (8)
Rutgers-Camden (1)
Rutgers-New Brunswick (116)
Rutgers-Newark (5)
Saint Joseph's University (4)
Saint Louis University (1)
Saint Michael's University (1)
Saint Peter's College (1)
Seton Hall University (3)
St. Lawrence University (1)
St. Thomas University (1)



Stevens Inst. Technology (2)
Stockton College (1)
Stony Brook University (1)
Suffolk University (2)
SUNY-Cortland (1)
Susquehanna University (1)
Swarthmore College (1)
Syracuse University (1)
TCNJ (13)
Temple University (8)
Texas A&M (1)
Texan Christian University (1)
Tidewater Comm. College (1)
Tompkins Cortland Comm. College (91)
Towson University (2)
Tufts University (2)
University of Arizona (1)
University of British Columbia (1)
University of California-Berkeley (1)
University of California-Los Angeles (1)
University of Chicago (5)
University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign (9)
University of Maryland-Baltimore (1)
University of Maryland-College Park (12)
University of Maryland-Eastern Shore (1)
University of Massachusetts-Amherst (6)
University of Massachusetts-Dartmouth (1)
University of Miami (4)
University of Michigan (8)
University of Minnesota (1)
University of Missouri-Columbia (91)
University of North Carolina-Wilmington (1)
University of Oklahoma (1)
University of Ottawa (1)
University of Pennsylvania (9)
University of Pittsburgh (6)
University of Rhode Island (4)
University of Richmond (2)
University of Rochester (1)
University of the Sciences (2)
University of South Carolina (3)
University of Southern California (8)
University of Tampa (2)
University of the Arts (2)
University of Tennessee (1)
University of Texas (1)
University of Toronto (1)
University of Vermont (2)
University of Wisconsin (2)
Ursinus College (2)
Utica College (1)



Vanderbilt University (1)
Villanova University (4)
Virginia Polytechnic Inst. (4)
Wake Forest University (1)
Washington & Lee University (1)
Washington College (2)
Washington University-St. Louis (3)
Wellesley College (5)
West Chester University (1)
Westminster Choir College-Rider Univ (1)
Widener University (1)
William Paterson University (1)
Williams College (1)
Wilson College (1)
Yale University (1)
York College of PA (1)



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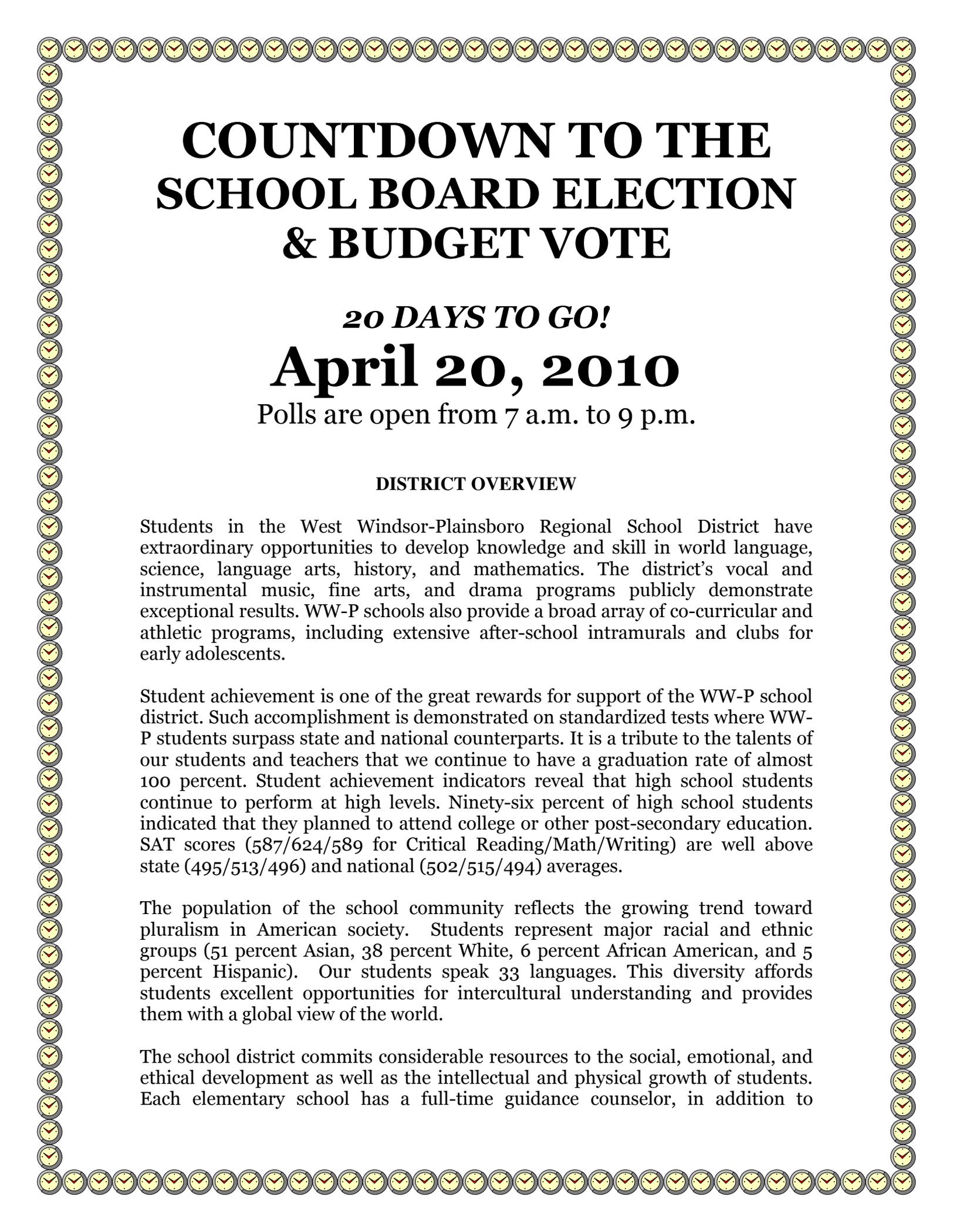
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The process of building a budget begins in the fall of each school year. Budget managers – those individuals responsible for specific areas within the budget – review past expenses and prepare estimates for continuing programs and propose cost-saving measures. This information is reviewed by the superintendent and the administrative team, and the Board of Education evaluates all the proposals at its public meetings.

The Board of Education makes presentations on the proposed 2010-2011 budget at its public meetings.

Check out the district web site to review all Board of Education presentations on the budget.

At its meeting on March 31, 2010, the Board of Education will hold its Public Hearing on the Budget. The meeting is at Grover Middle School, Commons, at 7:30 p.m.



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20 DAYS TO GO!

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DISTRICT OVERVIEW

Students in the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District have extraordinary opportunities to develop knowledge and skill in world language, science, language arts, history, and mathematics. The district's vocal and instrumental music, fine arts, and drama programs publicly demonstrate exceptional results. WW-P schools also provide a broad array of co-curricular and athletic programs, including extensive after-school intramurals and clubs for early adolescents.

Student achievement is one of the great rewards for support of the WW-P school district. Such accomplishment is demonstrated on standardized tests where WW-P students surpass state and national counterparts. It is a tribute to the talents of our students and teachers that we continue to have a graduation rate of almost 100 percent. Student achievement indicators reveal that high school students continue to perform at high levels. Ninety-six percent of high school students indicated that they planned to attend college or other post-secondary education. SAT scores (587/624/589 for Critical Reading/Math/Writing) are well above state (495/513/496) and national (502/515/494) averages.

The population of the school community reflects the growing trend toward pluralism in American society. Students represent major racial and ethnic groups (51 percent Asian, 38 percent White, 6 percent African American, and 5 percent Hispanic). Our students speak 33 languages. This diversity affords students excellent opportunities for intercultural understanding and provides them with a global view of the world.

The school district commits considerable resources to the social, emotional, and ethical development as well as the intellectual and physical growth of students. Each elementary school has a full-time guidance counselor, in addition to



guidance counselors who support students at grades 4 through 12. The district also employs two substance abuse counselors on the secondary level and child study teams (learning consultant, psychologist, and social worker) at every school. Students with unique learning challenges receive extensive support through Reading Recovery, Basic Skills, Bilingual/English as a Second Language, and Special Education services.

The district operates several specialized programs for students: integrated preschools for students with disabilities; full-day kindergarten for students with language/learning disabilities; expanded MD/autistic program for grades 1-3 and 6-8; kindergarten-grade 12 (through age 21) program for students with multiple disabilities including autism and cognitive disabilities; and the Academy for high school students with emotional needs.

The school district reflects the lifestyle of a community that takes pride in its continuing tradition of academic and cultural achievement. The richness of the academic program, alternative options, and extracurricular activities expands learning beyond the classroom boundaries. The schools provide an educational environment that motivates students to learn and requires them to exercise imagination and sensibility in solving problems.

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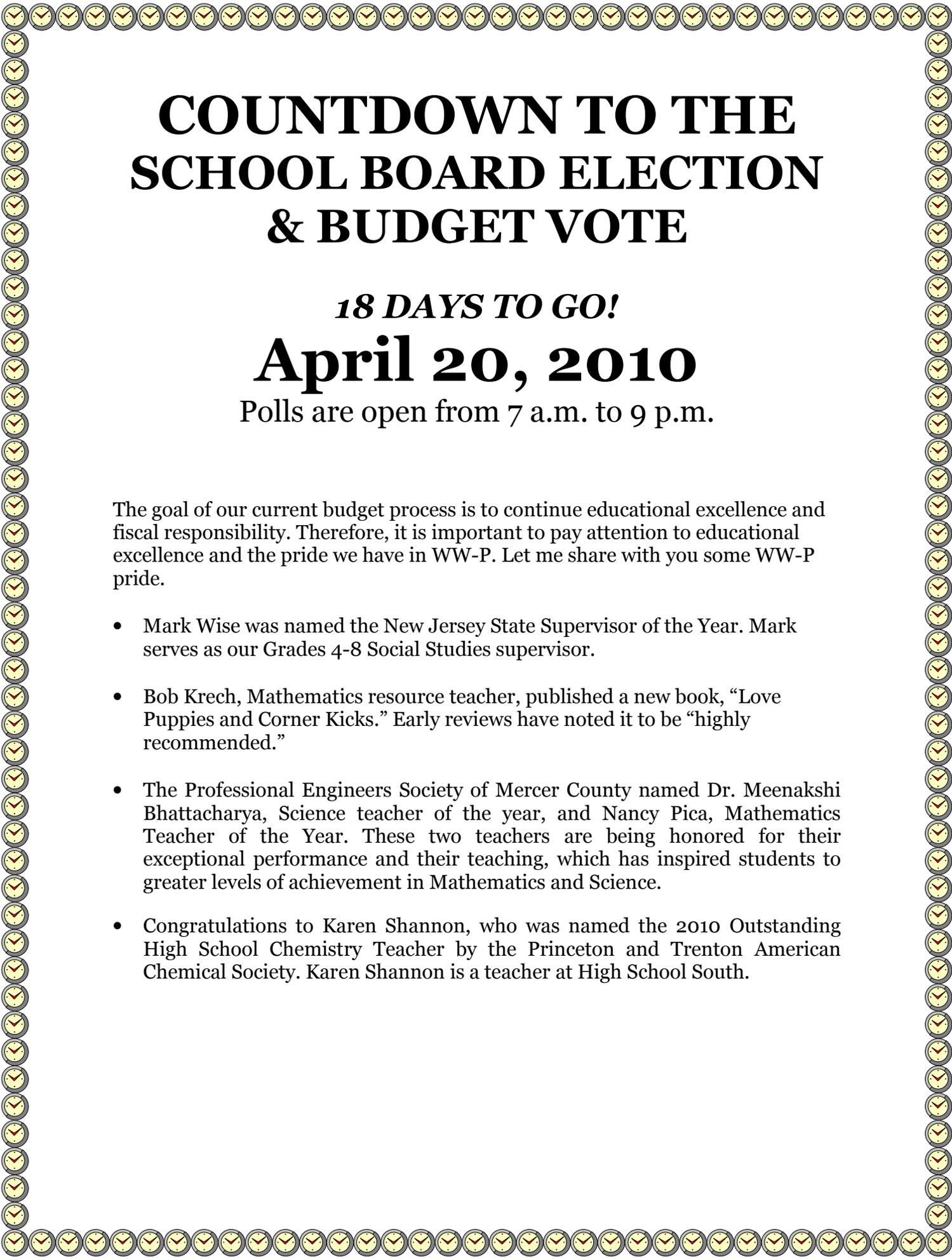
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Check out the allocation of expenditures in the 2010-2011 budget.

General Expense	2009-2010 Approved Budget (\$)	2010-2011 Proposed Budget (\$)	Percent Difference (%)
Regular Instruction	50,248,676	49,815,166	-0.86
Co-curricular Activities & Athletics	2,432,039	2,431,125	-0.04
Special Education	22,599,167	23,130,608	2.35
Student Support Services	6,299,243	6,037,308	-4.16
Improvement of Instruction & Professional Development	3,254,521	2,523,715	-22.46
Administration	11,047,539	11,182,094	1.22
Operations & Maintenance	12,482,181	12,342,401	-1.12
Student Transportation	9,160,806	9,077,018	-0.91
Employee Benefits	24,319,527	25,499,595	4.85
Capital Outlay	1,500,000	1,250,000	-16.67
Adult School	9,286	9,286	0.00
Grants & Entitlements	1,926,350	2,224,912	15.50
Debt Service	10,595,926	10,352,033	-2.30
TOTAL	155,875,261	155,875,261	0.00



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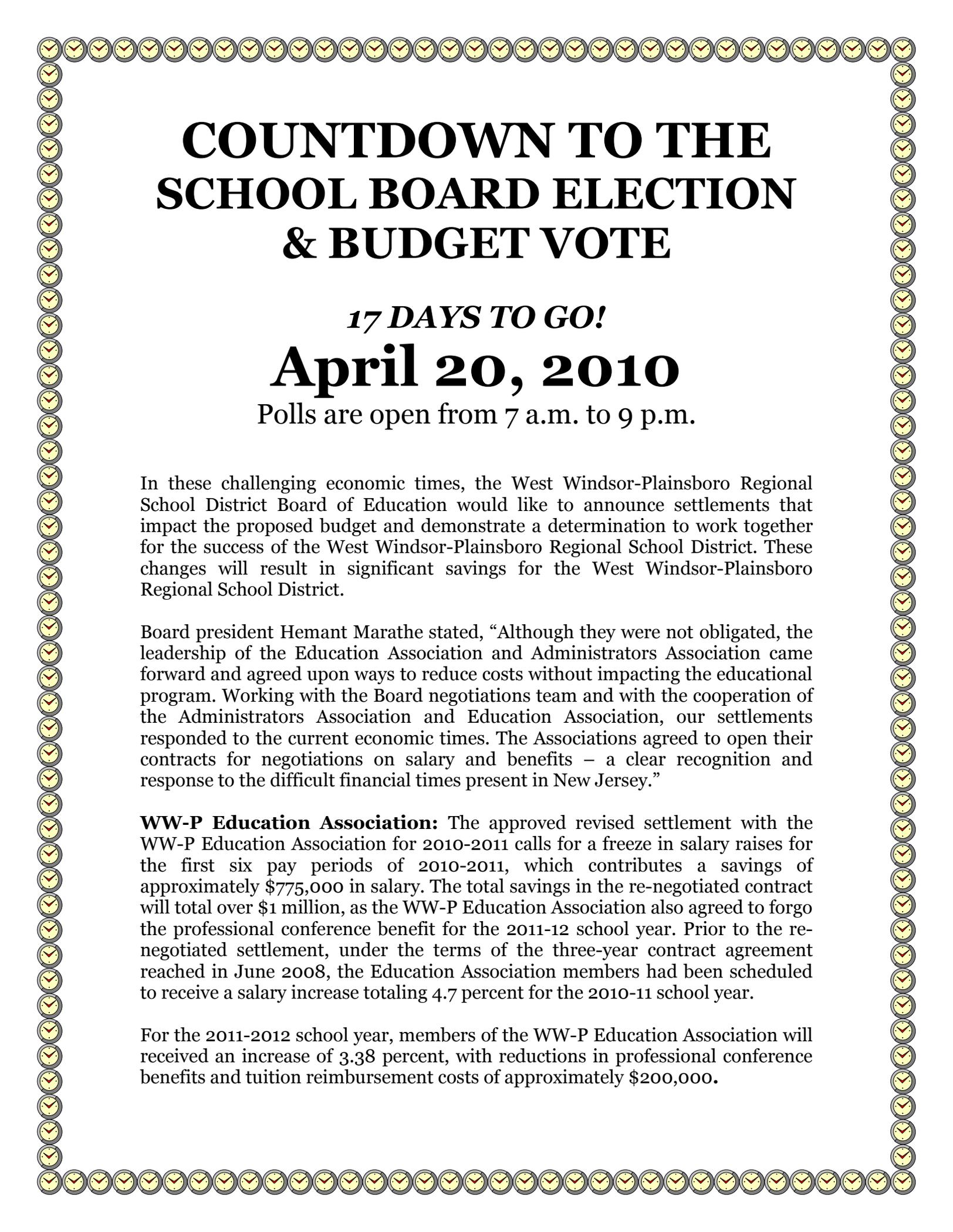
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The goal of our current budget process is to continue educational excellence and fiscal responsibility. Therefore, it is important to pay attention to educational excellence and the pride we have in WW-P. Let me share with you some WW-P pride.

- Mark Wise was named the New Jersey State Supervisor of the Year. Mark serves as our Grades 4-8 Social Studies supervisor.
- Bob Krech, Mathematics resource teacher, published a new book, “Love Puppies and Corner Kicks.” Early reviews have noted it to be “highly recommended.”
- The Professional Engineers Society of Mercer County named Dr. Meenakshi Bhattacharya, Science teacher of the year, and Nancy Pica, Mathematics Teacher of the Year. These two teachers are being honored for their exceptional performance and their teaching, which has inspired students to greater levels of achievement in Mathematics and Science.
- Congratulations to Karen Shannon, who was named the 2010 Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher by the Princeton and Trenton American Chemical Society. Karen Shannon is a teacher at High School South.



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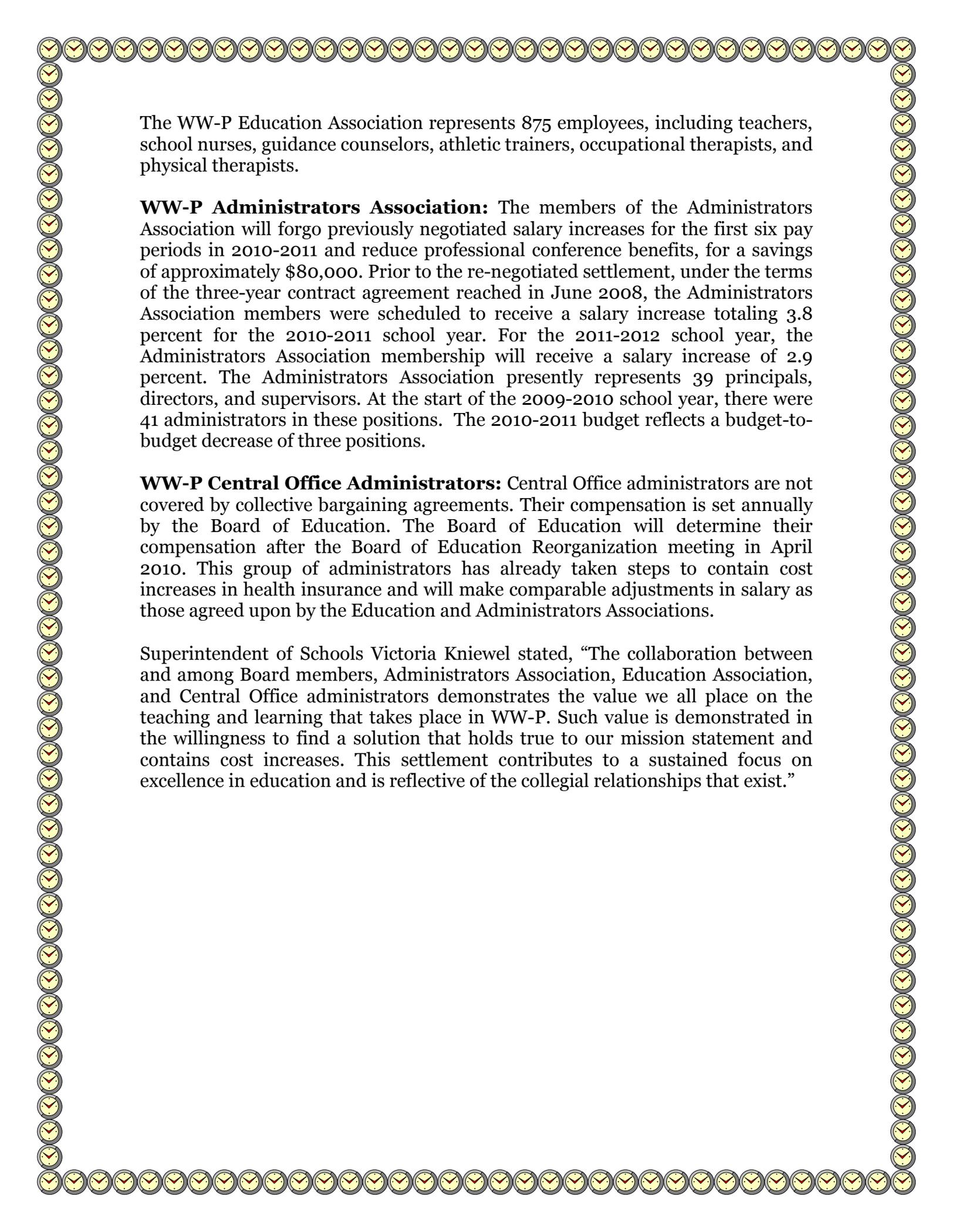
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In these challenging economic times, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education would like to announce settlements that impact the proposed budget and demonstrate a determination to work together for the success of the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District. These changes will result in significant savings for the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District.

Board president Hemant Marathe stated, “Although they were not obligated, the leadership of the Education Association and Administrators Association came forward and agreed upon ways to reduce costs without impacting the educational program. Working with the Board negotiations team and with the cooperation of the Administrators Association and Education Association, our settlements responded to the current economic times. The Associations agreed to open their contracts for negotiations on salary and benefits – a clear recognition and response to the difficult financial times present in New Jersey.”

WW-P Education Association: The approved revised settlement with the WW-P Education Association for 2010-2011 calls for a freeze in salary raises for the first six pay periods of 2010-2011, which contributes a savings of approximately \$775,000 in salary. The total savings in the re-negotiated contract will total over \$1 million, as the WW-P Education Association also agreed to forgo the professional conference benefit for the 2011-12 school year. Prior to the re-negotiated settlement, under the terms of the three-year contract agreement reached in June 2008, the Education Association members had been scheduled to receive a salary increase totaling 4.7 percent for the 2010-11 school year.

For the 2011-2012 school year, members of the WW-P Education Association will receive an increase of 3.38 percent, with reductions in professional conference benefits and tuition reimbursement costs of approximately \$200,000.

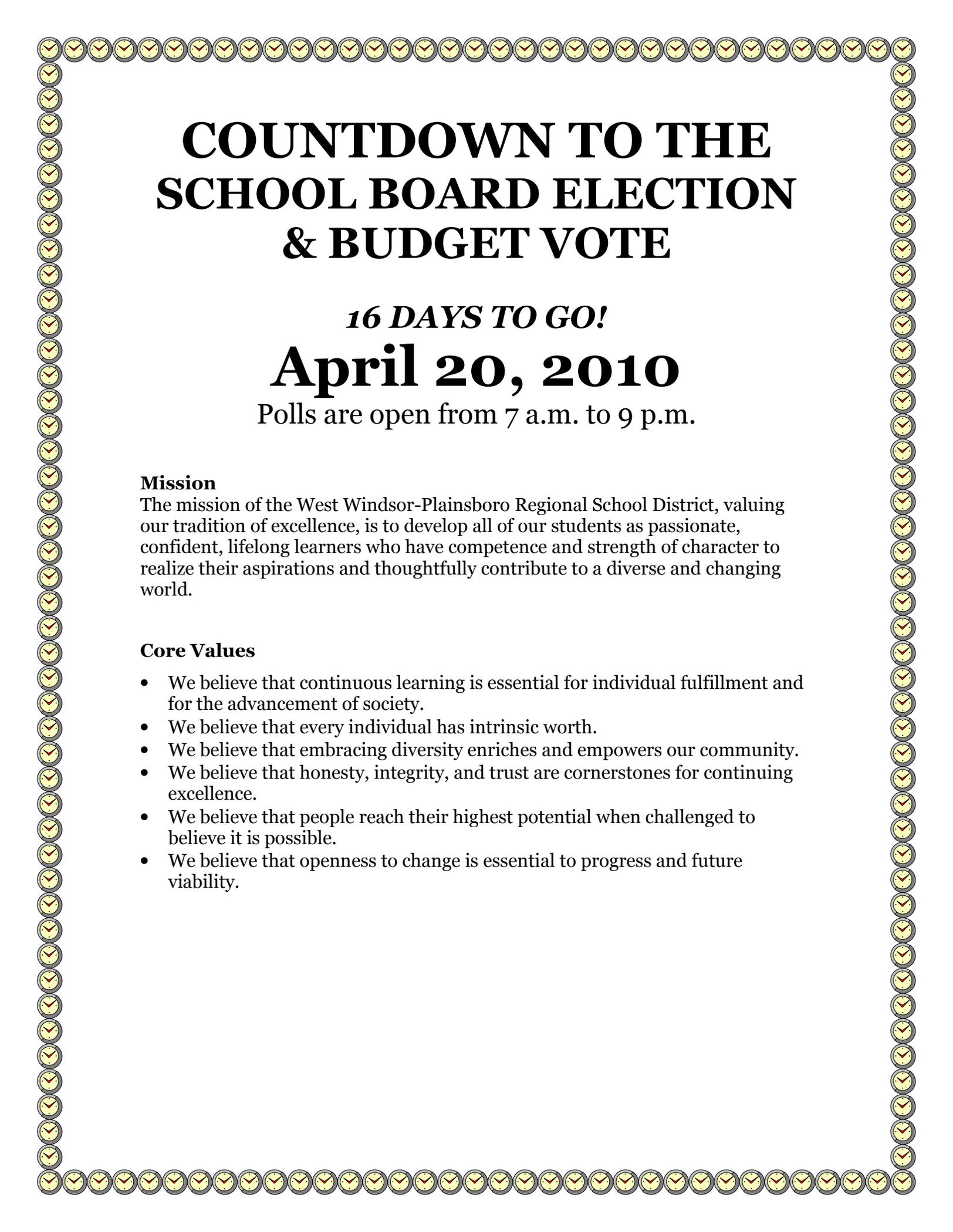


The WW-P Education Association represents 875 employees, including teachers, school nurses, guidance counselors, athletic trainers, occupational therapists, and physical therapists.

WW-P Administrators Association: The members of the Administrators Association will forgo previously negotiated salary increases for the first six pay periods in 2010-2011 and reduce professional conference benefits, for a savings of approximately \$80,000. Prior to the re-negotiated settlement, under the terms of the three-year contract agreement reached in June 2008, the Administrators Association members were scheduled to receive a salary increase totaling 3.8 percent for the 2010-2011 school year. For the 2011-2012 school year, the Administrators Association membership will receive a salary increase of 2.9 percent. The Administrators Association presently represents 39 principals, directors, and supervisors. At the start of the 2009-2010 school year, there were 41 administrators in these positions. The 2010-2011 budget reflects a budget-to-budget decrease of three positions.

WW-P Central Office Administrators: Central Office administrators are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. Their compensation is set annually by the Board of Education. The Board of Education will determine their compensation after the Board of Education Reorganization meeting in April 2010. This group of administrators has already taken steps to contain cost increases in health insurance and will make comparable adjustments in salary as those agreed upon by the Education and Administrators Associations.

Superintendent of Schools Victoria Kniewel stated, “The collaboration between and among Board members, Administrators Association, Education Association, and Central Office administrators demonstrates the value we all place on the teaching and learning that takes place in WW-P. Such value is demonstrated in the willingness to find a solution that holds true to our mission statement and contains cost increases. This settlement contributes to a sustained focus on excellence in education and is reflective of the collegial relationships that exist.”



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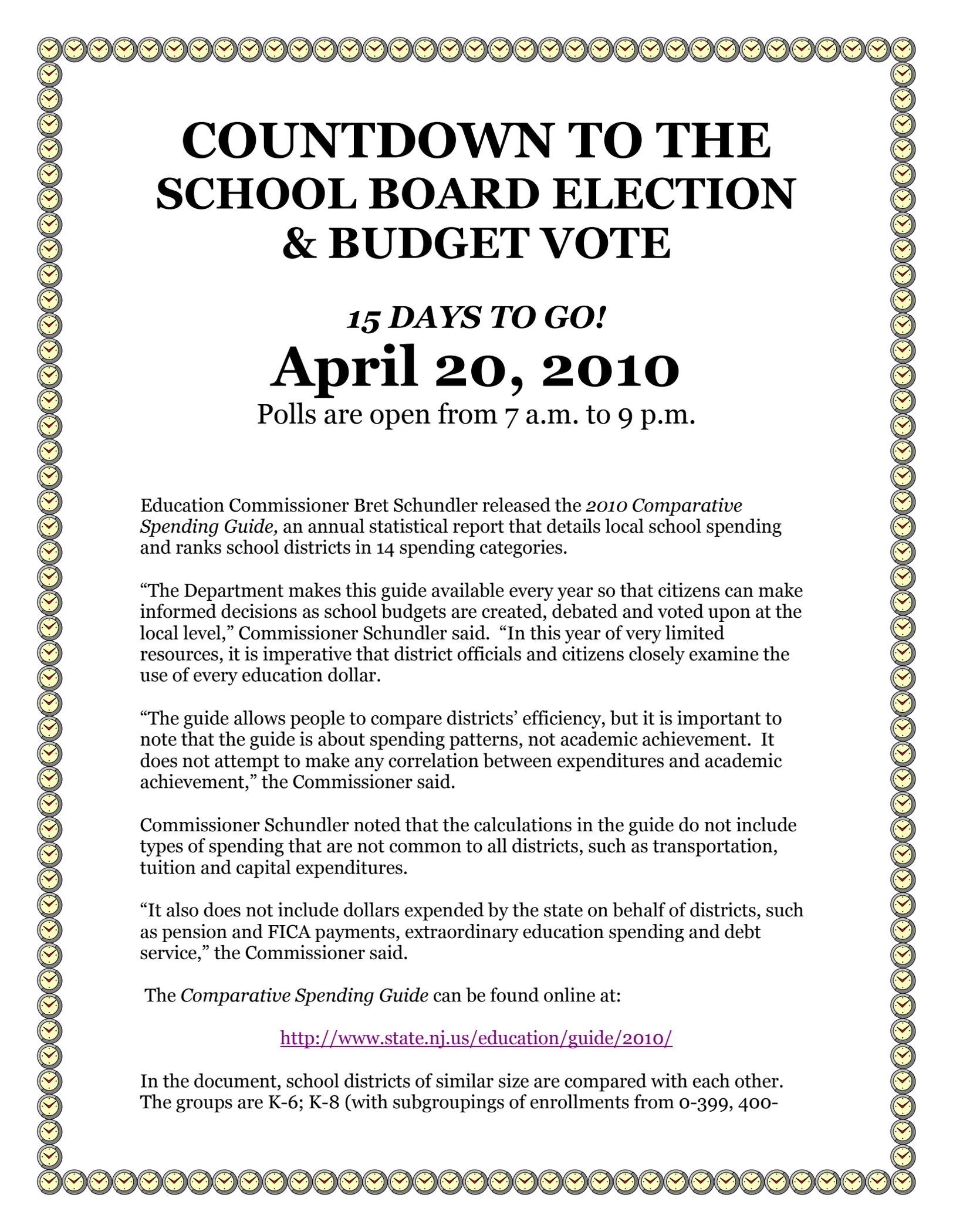
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Mission

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.



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15 DAYS TO GO!

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Education Commissioner Bret Schundler released the *2010 Comparative Spending Guide*, an annual statistical report that details local school spending and ranks school districts in 14 spending categories.

“The Department makes this guide available every year so that citizens can make informed decisions as school budgets are created, debated and voted upon at the local level,” Commissioner Schundler said. “In this year of very limited resources, it is imperative that district officials and citizens closely examine the use of every education dollar.

“The guide allows people to compare districts’ efficiency, but it is important to note that the guide is about spending patterns, not academic achievement. It does not attempt to make any correlation between expenditures and academic achievement,” the Commissioner said.

Commissioner Schundler noted that the calculations in the guide do not include types of spending that are not common to all districts, such as transportation, tuition and capital expenditures.

“It also does not include dollars expended by the state on behalf of districts, such as pension and FICA payments, extraordinary education spending and debt service,” the Commissioner said.

The *Comparative Spending Guide* can be found online at:

<http://www.state.nj.us/education/guide/2010/>

In the document, school districts of similar size are compared with each other. The groups are K-6; K-8 (with subgroupings of enrollments from 0-399, 400-

750; and more than 750); K-12 (with subgroupings of enrollments from 0-1,799, 1,800 to 3,500, and more than 3,500); grades 7-12 and 9-12; county special services, county vocational schools; and charter schools.

Districts are listed alphabetically and are ranked low to high in spending for each of three years, within their subgroups.

Each category, or indicator, shows cost data for three years on a per pupil basis. Each staffing indicator contains two years of data.

The total per pupil cost indicator reflects all spending common to school districts and includes total current expense spending for early childhood education programs, special education, bilingual education, supplemental instruction, county vocational schools and adult and post-secondary education.

As noted earlier, statistics on certain types of spending that can differ significantly from one district to the next – such as transportation, tuition and capital expenditures – are not included in the guide. Please refer to the Introduction and Description section in the guide for a discussion of the specific costs included.

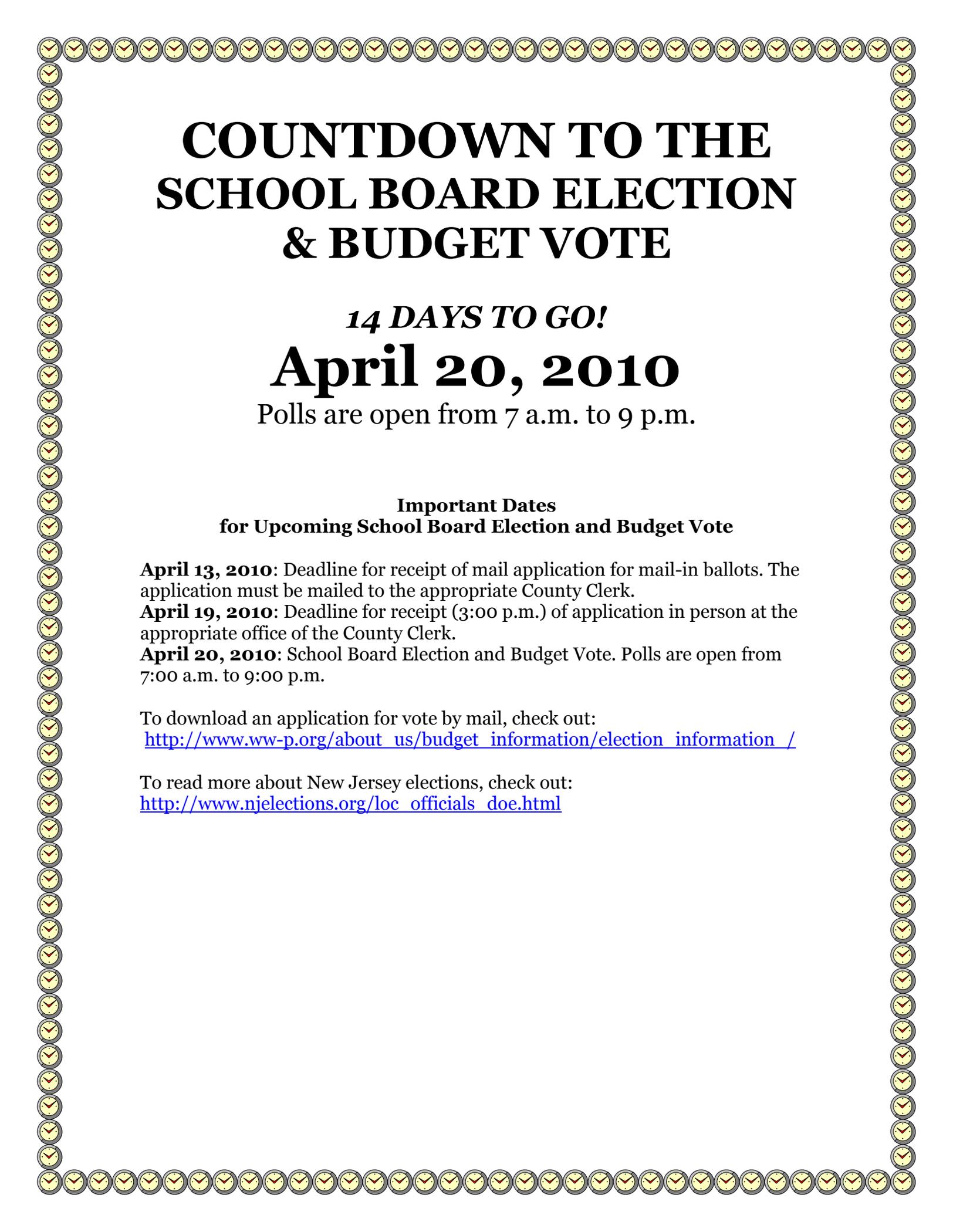
The CSG comparative average cost per pupil is \$13,835 for the 2009-2010 school year, up 4.3 percent from the average cost in the previous year. This is slightly more than the average increase in the previous year, which was 3.4%.

“It is important to note that this is the cost per pupil based on the CSG elements, not the total cost per pupil,” Commissioner Schundler said. (Actual cost-per-pupil numbers can be found in the State Report Card for each district.)

Classroom instructional costs average \$8,113 per pupil this year, for an increase of 3.6%. Instructional costs make up about 59% of districts’ average per pupil costs.

Support services, such as guidance and nursing services, average \$2,169 per pupil this year, an increase of about 6% since last year. This category showed the greatest increase, but still accounts for about 15.5% of the districts’ total cost per pupil.

Administrative costs showed the slowest rate of increase at 2.4%. On average, administrative costs are about \$1,453 per pupil, making up about 2.5% of districts’ total costs per pupil.



COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

14 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Important Dates for Upcoming School Board Election and Budget Vote

April 13, 2010: Deadline for receipt of mail application for mail-in ballots. The application must be mailed to the appropriate County Clerk.

April 19, 2010: Deadline for receipt (3:00 p.m.) of application in person at the appropriate office of the County Clerk.

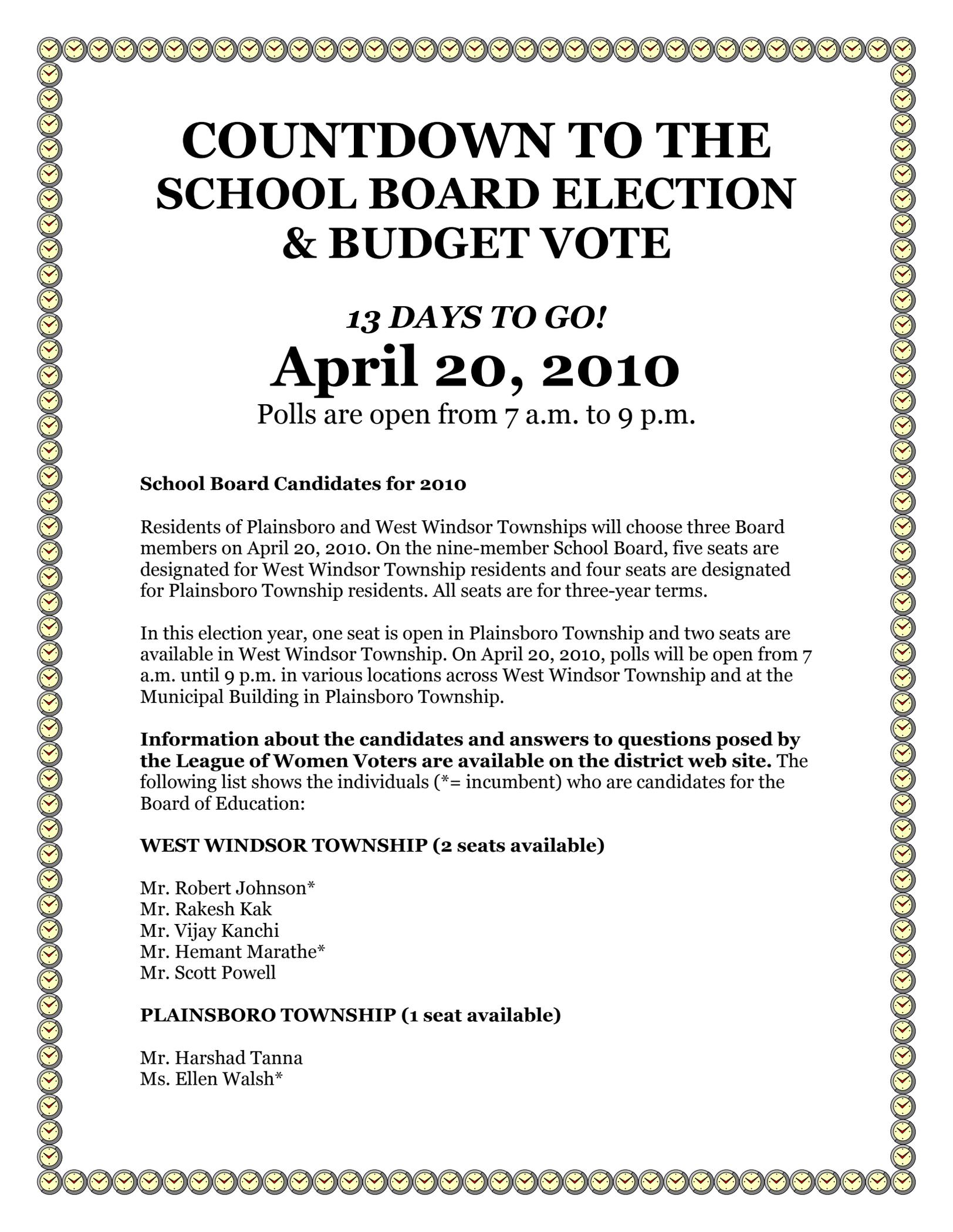
April 20, 2010: School Board Election and Budget Vote. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

To download an application for vote by mail, check out:

[http://www.wv-p.org/about us/budget information/election information /](http://www.wv-p.org/about_us/budget_information/election_information/)

To read more about New Jersey elections, check out:

[http://www.njelections.org/loc officials doe.html](http://www.njelections.org/loc_officials_doe.html)



COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

13 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

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School Board Candidates for 2010

Residents of Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships will choose three Board members on April 20, 2010. On the nine-member School Board, five seats are designated for West Windsor Township residents and four seats are designated for Plainsboro Township 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. On April 20, 2010, polls will be open from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. in various locations across West Windsor Township and at the Municipal Building in Plainsboro Township.

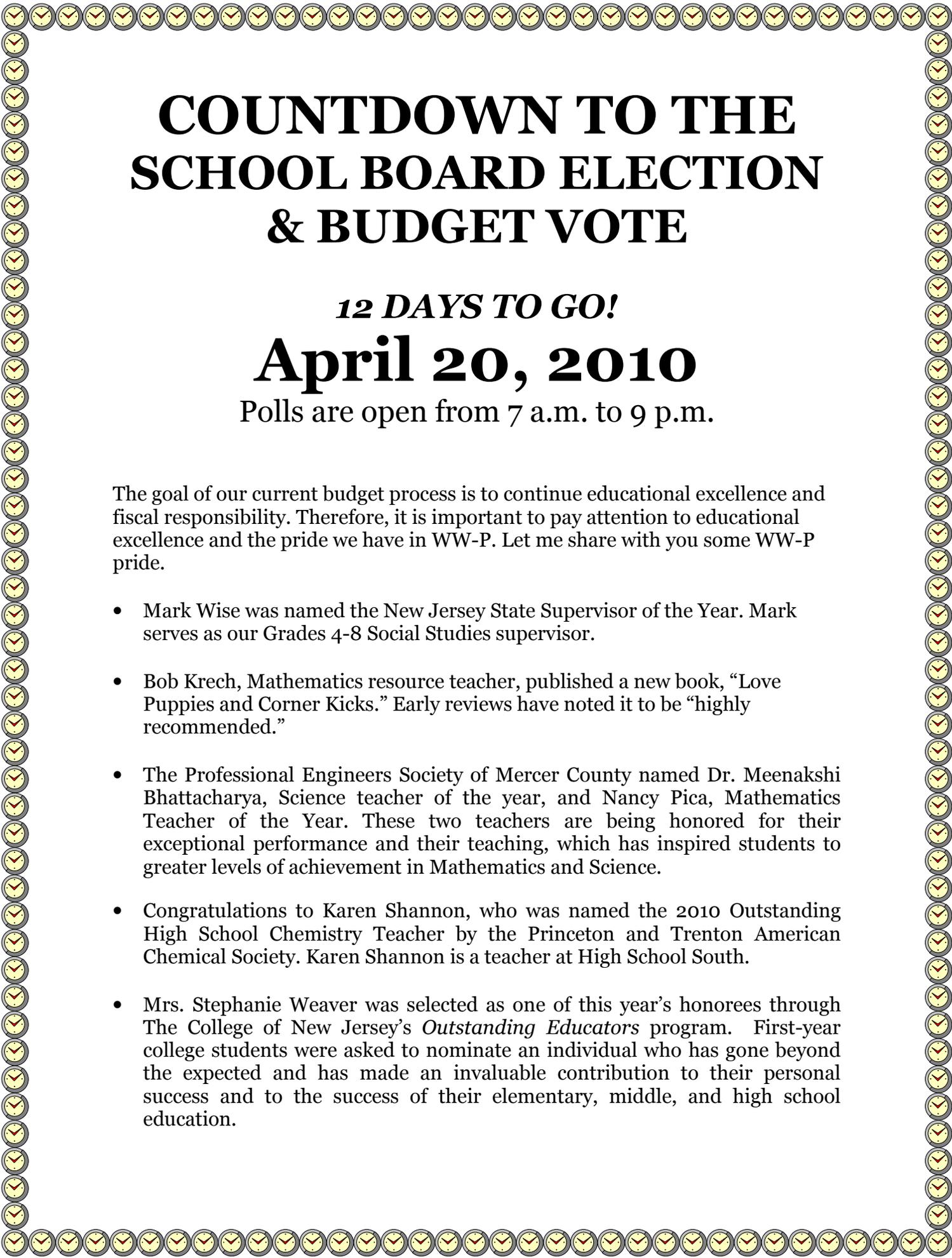
Information about the candidates and answers to questions posed by the League of Women Voters are available on the district web site. The following list shows the individuals (*= incumbent) who are candidates for the Board of Education:

WEST WINDSOR TOWNSHIP (2 seats available)

Mr. Robert Johnson*
Mr. Rakesh Kak
Mr. Vijay Kanchi
Mr. Hemant Marathe*
Mr. Scott Powell

PLAINSBORO TOWNSHIP (1 seat available)

Mr. Harshad Tanna
Ms. Ellen Walsh*



COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

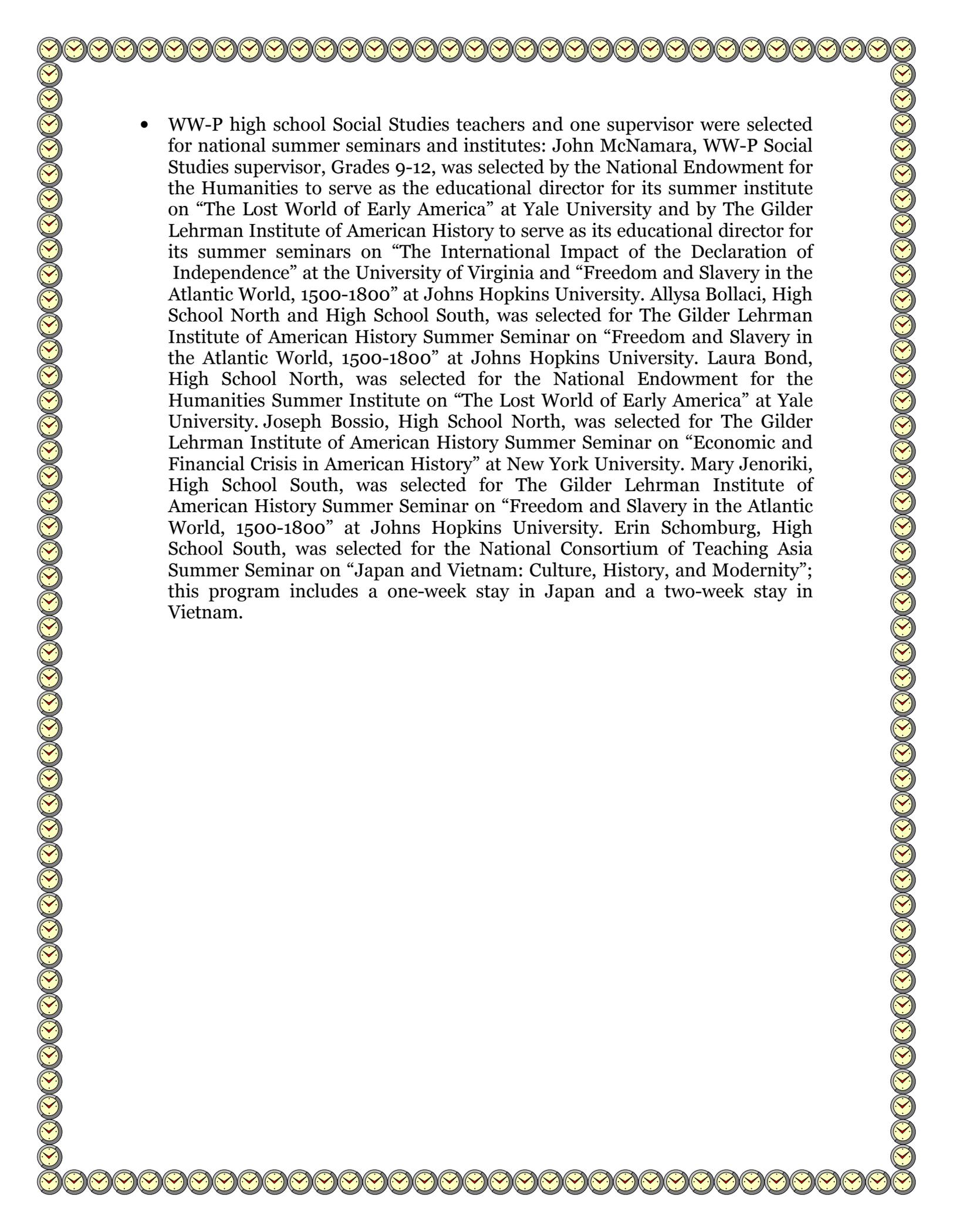
12 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

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The goal of our current budget process is to continue educational excellence and fiscal responsibility. Therefore, it is important to pay attention to educational excellence and the pride we have in WW-P. Let me share with you some WW-P pride.

- Mark Wise was named the New Jersey State Supervisor of the Year. Mark serves as our Grades 4-8 Social Studies supervisor.
- Bob Krech, Mathematics resource teacher, published a new book, “Love Puppies and Corner Kicks.” Early reviews have noted it to be “highly recommended.”
- The Professional Engineers Society of Mercer County named Dr. Meenakshi Bhattacharya, Science teacher of the year, and Nancy Pica, Mathematics Teacher of the Year. These two teachers are being honored for their exceptional performance and their teaching, which has inspired students to greater levels of achievement in Mathematics and Science.
- Congratulations to Karen Shannon, who was named the 2010 Outstanding High School Chemistry Teacher by the Princeton and Trenton American Chemical Society. Karen Shannon is a teacher at High School South.
- Mrs. Stephanie Weaver was selected as one of this year’s honorees through The College of New Jersey’s *Outstanding Educators* program. First-year college students were asked to nominate an individual who has gone beyond the expected and has made an invaluable contribution to their personal success and to the success of their elementary, middle, and high school education.

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- WW-P high school Social Studies teachers and one supervisor were selected for national summer seminars and institutes: John McNamara, WW-P Social Studies supervisor, Grades 9-12, was selected by the National Endowment for the Humanities to serve as the educational director for its summer institute on “The Lost World of Early America” at Yale University and by The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to serve as its educational director for its summer seminars on “The International Impact of the Declaration of Independence” at the University of Virginia and “Freedom and Slavery in the Atlantic World, 1500-1800” at Johns Hopkins University. Allysa Bollaci, High School North and High School South, was selected for The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Summer Seminar on “Freedom and Slavery in the Atlantic World, 1500-1800” at Johns Hopkins University. Laura Bond, High School North, was selected for the National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Institute on “The Lost World of Early America” at Yale University. Joseph Bossio, High School North, was selected for The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Summer Seminar on “Economic and Financial Crisis in American History” at New York University. Mary Jenoriki, High School South, was selected for The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History Summer Seminar on “Freedom and Slavery in the Atlantic World, 1500-1800” at Johns Hopkins University. Erin Schomburg, High School South, was selected for the National Consortium of Teaching Asia Summer Seminar on “Japan and Vietnam: Culture, History, and Modernity”; this program includes a one-week stay in Japan and a two-week stay in Vietnam.

COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

11 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Current economic times demand change. For the eighth consecutive year, the proposed 2010-2011 WW-P budget is lean and reasonable. This year, we changed the way we reviewed and prepared the school district budget in response to the cuts in general state aid. This change includes restructuring and reducing across all areas. Our community values form the base upon which this budget was built and our emphasis is on working together for the success of the children of our two communities. **Please remember to vote on April 20, 2010.** Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Additional information about the budget is available on the district web site: www.ww-p.org

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

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PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES FOR 2010-2011

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- Reduction of health and library services staffing

District Level

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- Reduction of five administrators
- Reduction in capital spending
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- Savings from Economy and Efficiency Study for Building and Grounds

WHAT IS MY TAX IMPACT?

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West Windsor. The proposed budget would increase the tax rate by 4 cents for \$100 of assessed property value. The West Windsor tax rate would be \$1.34 per \$100. Over the past 4 years, the annual increase averaged 3.7%. For the owners of a home at the township average, the school taxes are estimated to be \$7,171.

POLLING PLACES: 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 West Windsor 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 West Windsor General District No.(s) 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, and 16.

Polling District No. 3 – Polling place at High School South, 346 Clarksville Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey, in the School District for legal voters residing within West Windsor General District No.(s) 2, 4, 5, 7, and 10.

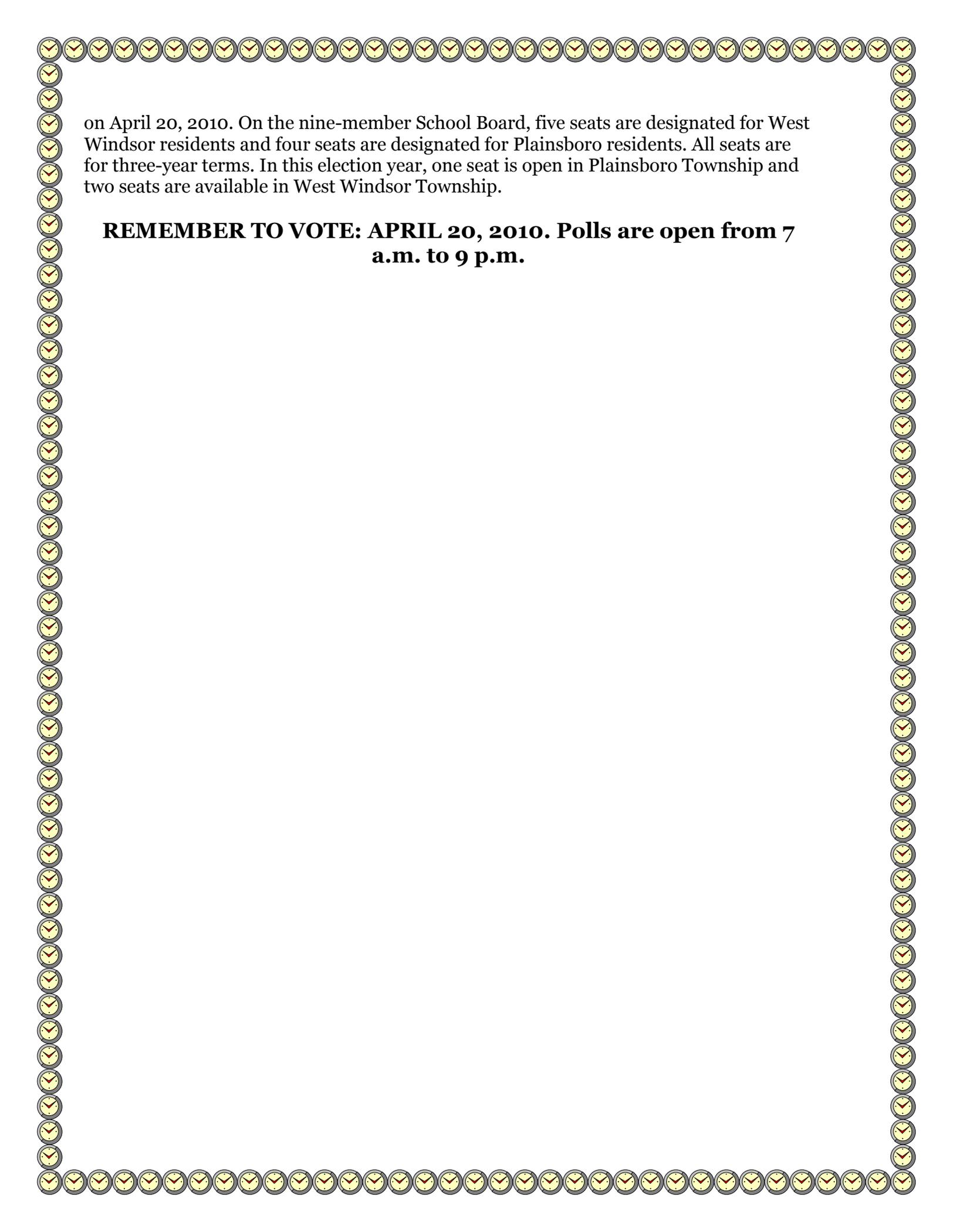
Polling District No. 4 – Polling place at Grover Middle School, 10 Southfield Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey, in the School District for legal voters residing within West Windsor General District No.(s) 3, 9, and 14.

POLLING PLACES: PLAINSBORO

Polling District No.(s) 5-8 – Polling place at the Plainsboro Municipal Building for legal voters residing within Plainsboro General District No.(s) 1-12.

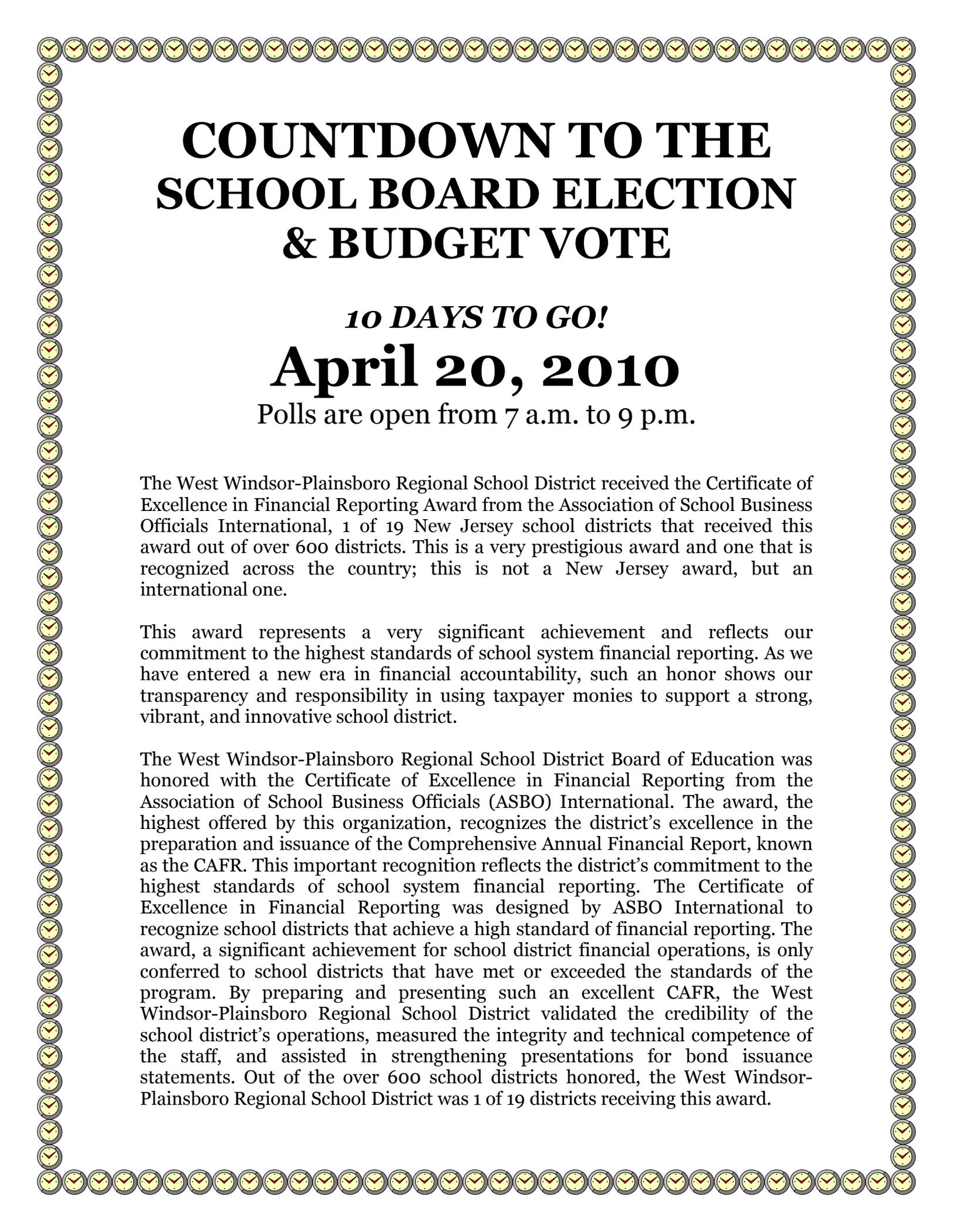
SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION

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REMEMBER TO VOTE: APRIL 20, 2010. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.



COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

10 DAYS TO GO!

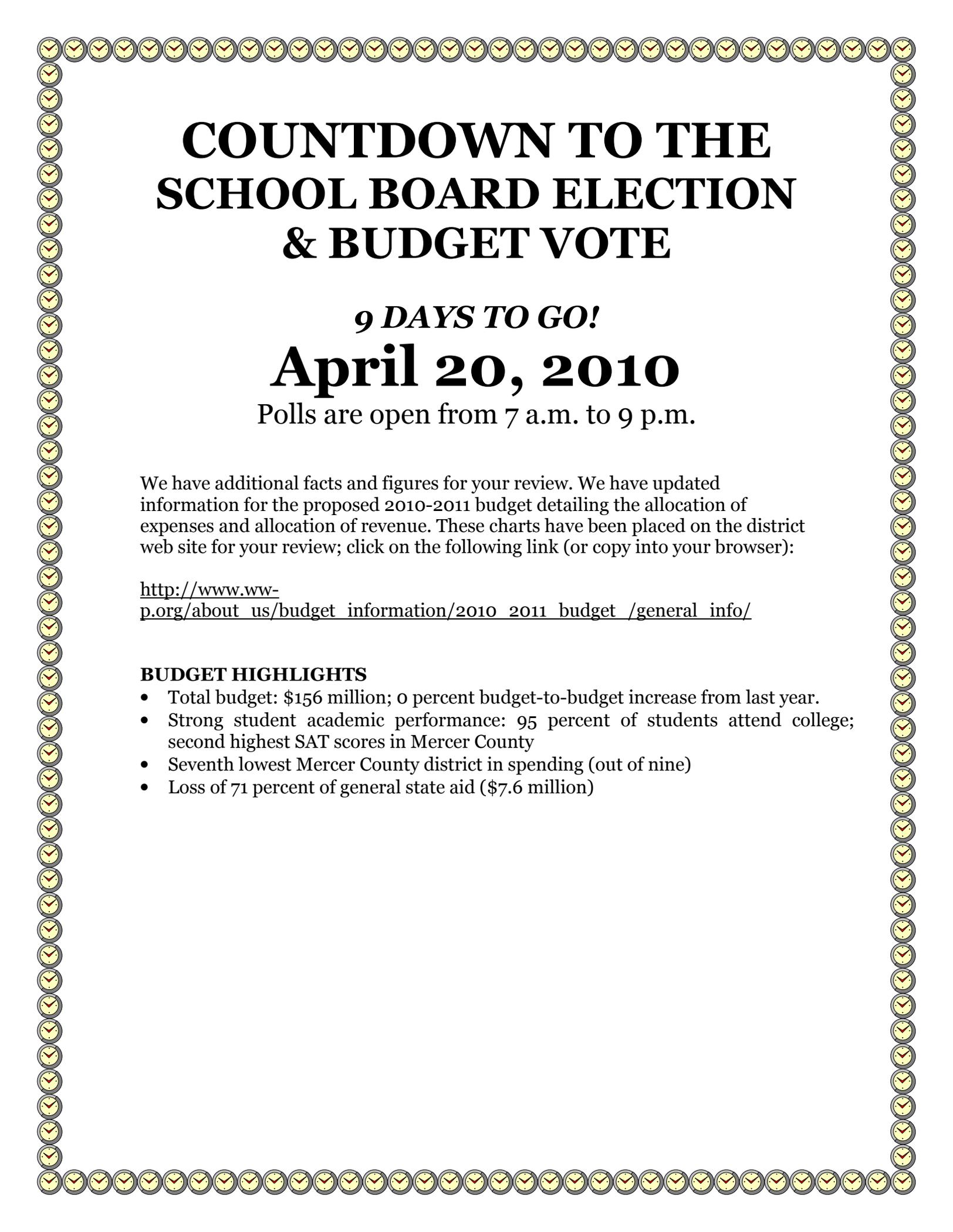
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The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District received the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting Award from the Association of School Business Officials International, 1 of 19 New Jersey school districts that received this award out of over 600 districts. This is a very prestigious award and one that is recognized across the country; this is not a New Jersey award, but an international one.

This award represents a very significant achievement and reflects our commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting. As we have entered a new era in financial accountability, such an honor shows our transparency and responsibility in using taxpayer monies to support a strong, vibrant, and innovative school district.

The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education was honored with the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting from the Association of School Business Officials (ASBO) International. The award, the highest offered by this organization, recognizes the district's excellence in the preparation and issuance of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, known as the CAFR. This important recognition reflects the district's commitment to the highest standards of school system financial reporting. The Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting was designed by ASBO International to recognize school districts that achieve a high standard of financial reporting. The award, a significant achievement for school district financial operations, is only conferred to school districts that have met or exceeded the standards of the program. By preparing and presenting such an excellent CAFR, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District validated the credibility of the school district's operations, measured the integrity and technical competence of the staff, and assisted in strengthening presentations for bond issuance statements. Out of the over 600 school districts honored, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District was 1 of 19 districts receiving this award.



COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

9 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

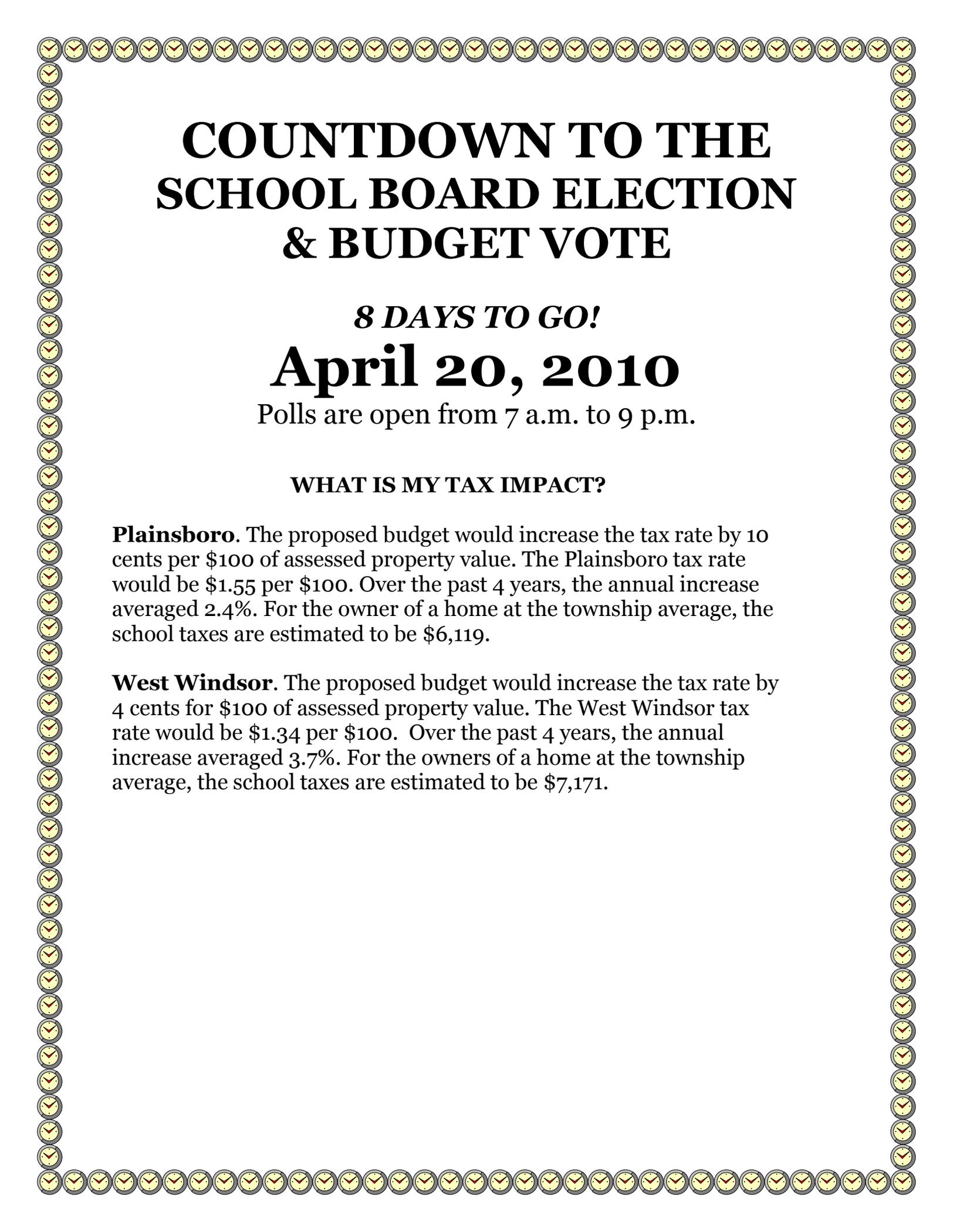
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We have additional facts and figures for your review. We have updated information for the proposed 2010-2011 budget detailing the allocation of expenses and allocation of revenue. These charts have been placed on the district web site for your review; click on the following link (or copy into your browser):

[http://www.wwp.org/about us/budget information/2010 2011 budget /general info/](http://www.wwp.org/about_us/budget_information/2010_2011_budget_general_info/)

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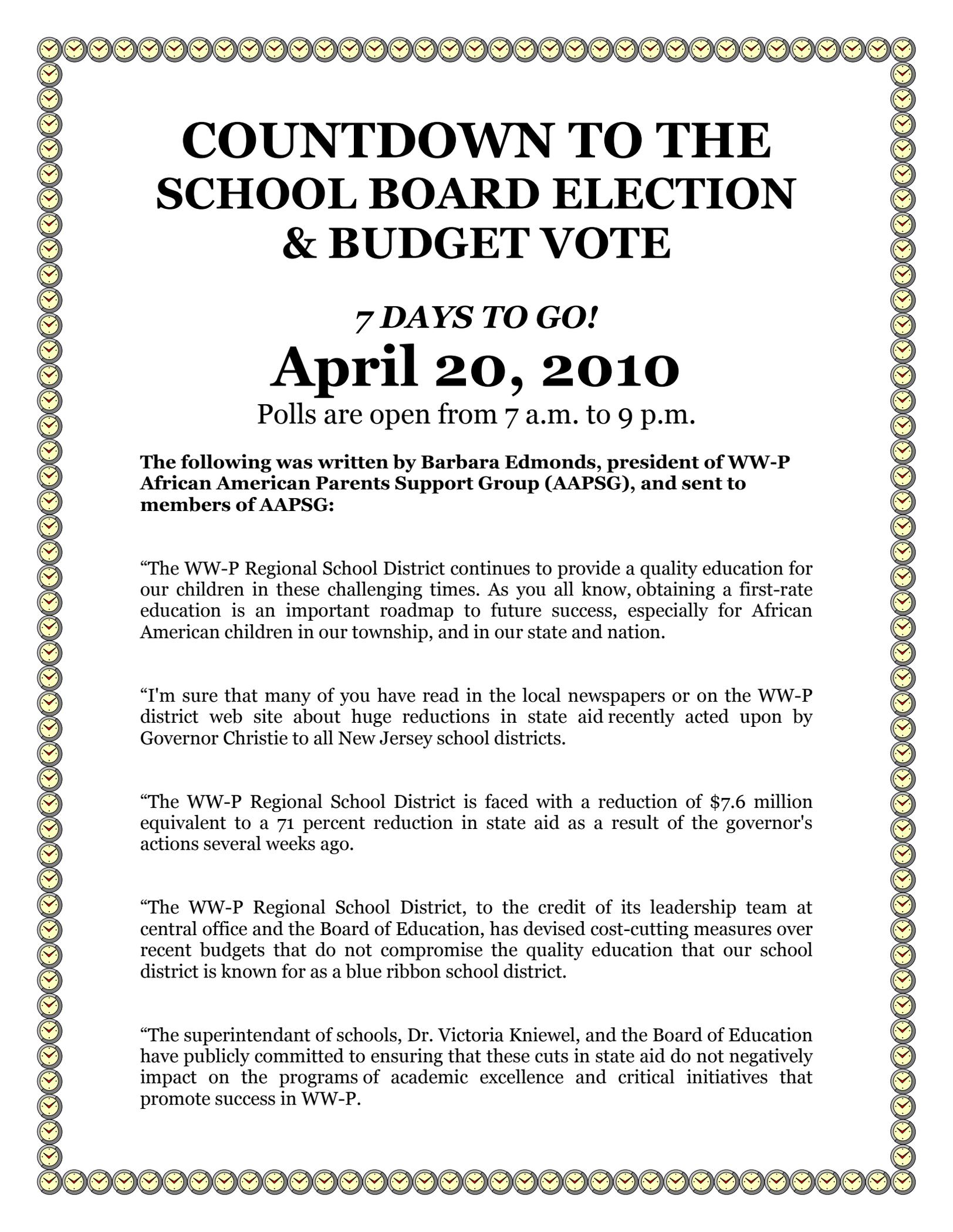
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COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

7 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

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The following was written by Barbara Edmonds, president of WW-P African American Parents Support Group (AAPSG), and sent to members of AAPSG:

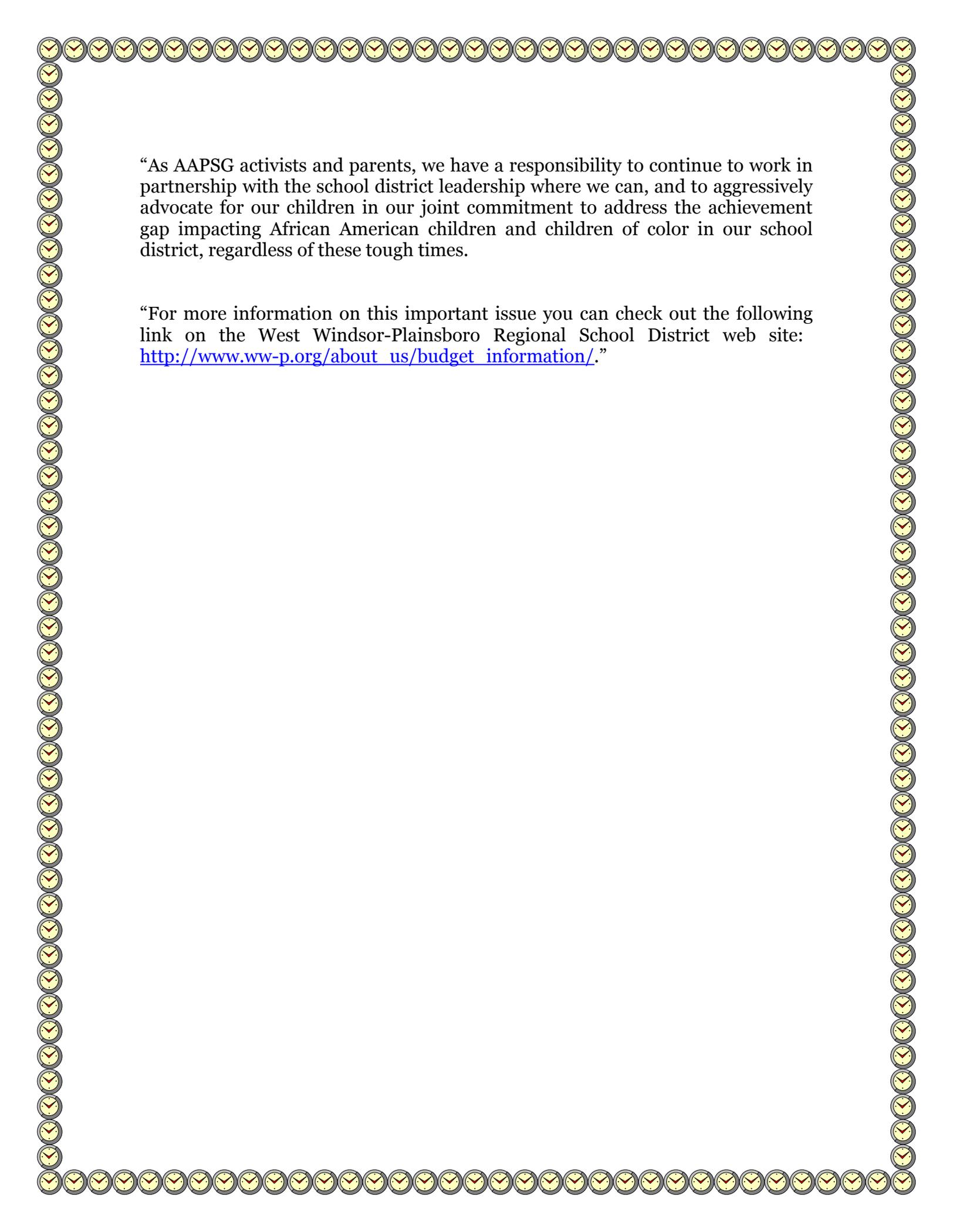
“The WW-P Regional School District continues to provide a quality education for our children in these challenging times. As you all know, obtaining a first-rate education is an important roadmap to future success, especially for African American children in our township, and in our state and nation.

“I’m sure that many of you have read in the local newspapers or on the WW-P district web site about huge reductions in state aid recently acted upon by Governor Christie to all New Jersey school districts.

“The WW-P Regional School District is faced with a reduction of \$7.6 million equivalent to a 71 percent reduction in state aid as a result of the governor's actions several weeks ago.

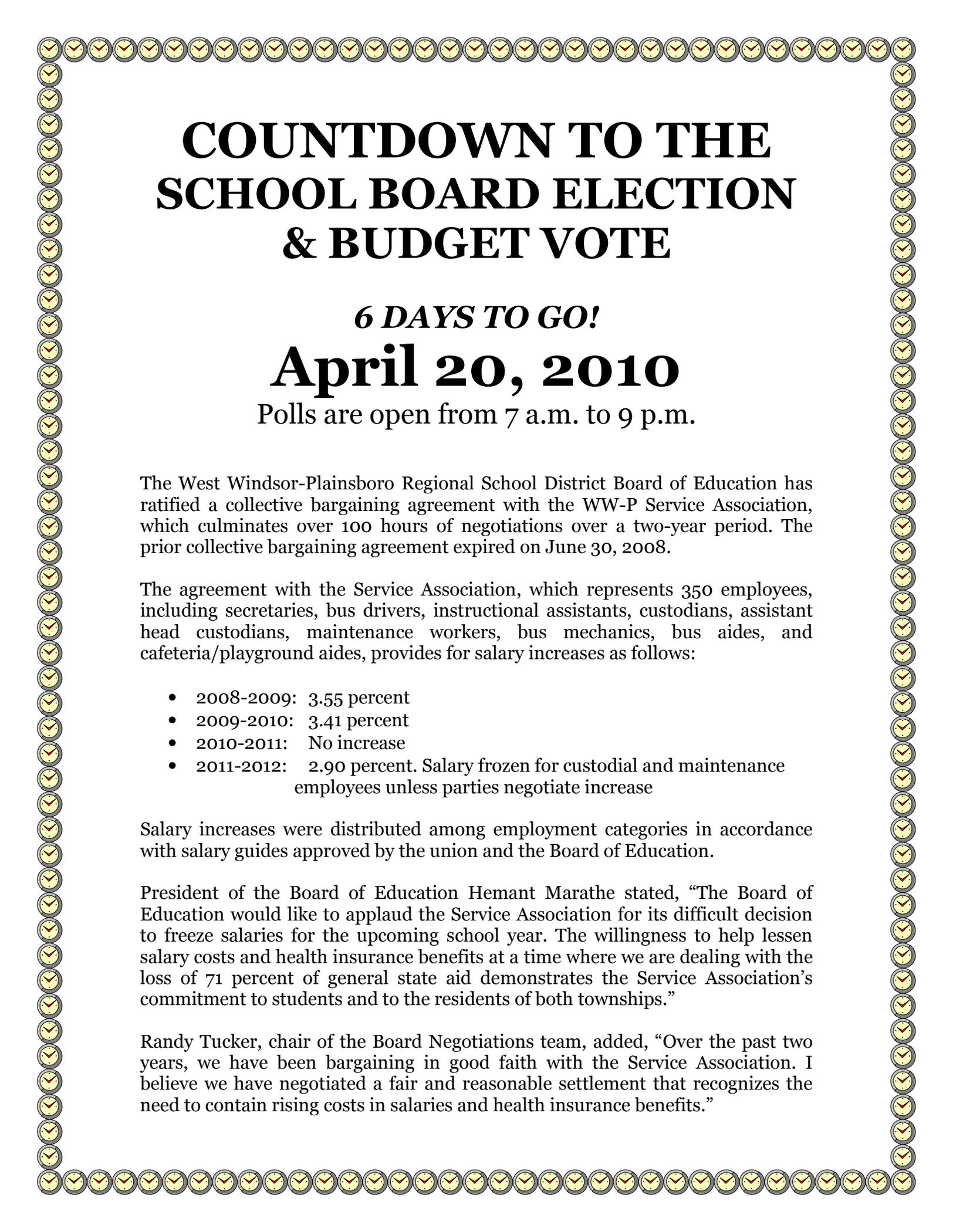
“The WW-P Regional School District, to the credit of its leadership team at central office and the Board of Education, has devised cost-cutting measures over recent budgets that do not compromise the quality education that our school district is known for as a blue ribbon school district.

“The superintendent of schools, Dr. Victoria Kniewel, and the Board of Education have publicly committed to ensuring that these cuts in state aid do not negatively impact on the programs of academic excellence and critical initiatives that promote success in WW-P.



“As AAPSG activists and parents, we have a responsibility to continue to work in partnership with the school district leadership where we can, and to aggressively advocate for our children in our joint commitment to address the achievement gap impacting African American children and children of color in our school district, regardless of these tough times.

“For more information on this important issue you can check out the following link on the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District web site:
[http://www.ww-p.org/about us/budget information/.](http://www.ww-p.org/about_us/budget_information/)”



COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

6 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

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The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District Board of Education has ratified a collective bargaining agreement with the WW-P Service Association, which culminates over 100 hours of negotiations over a two-year period. The prior collective bargaining agreement expired on June 30, 2008.

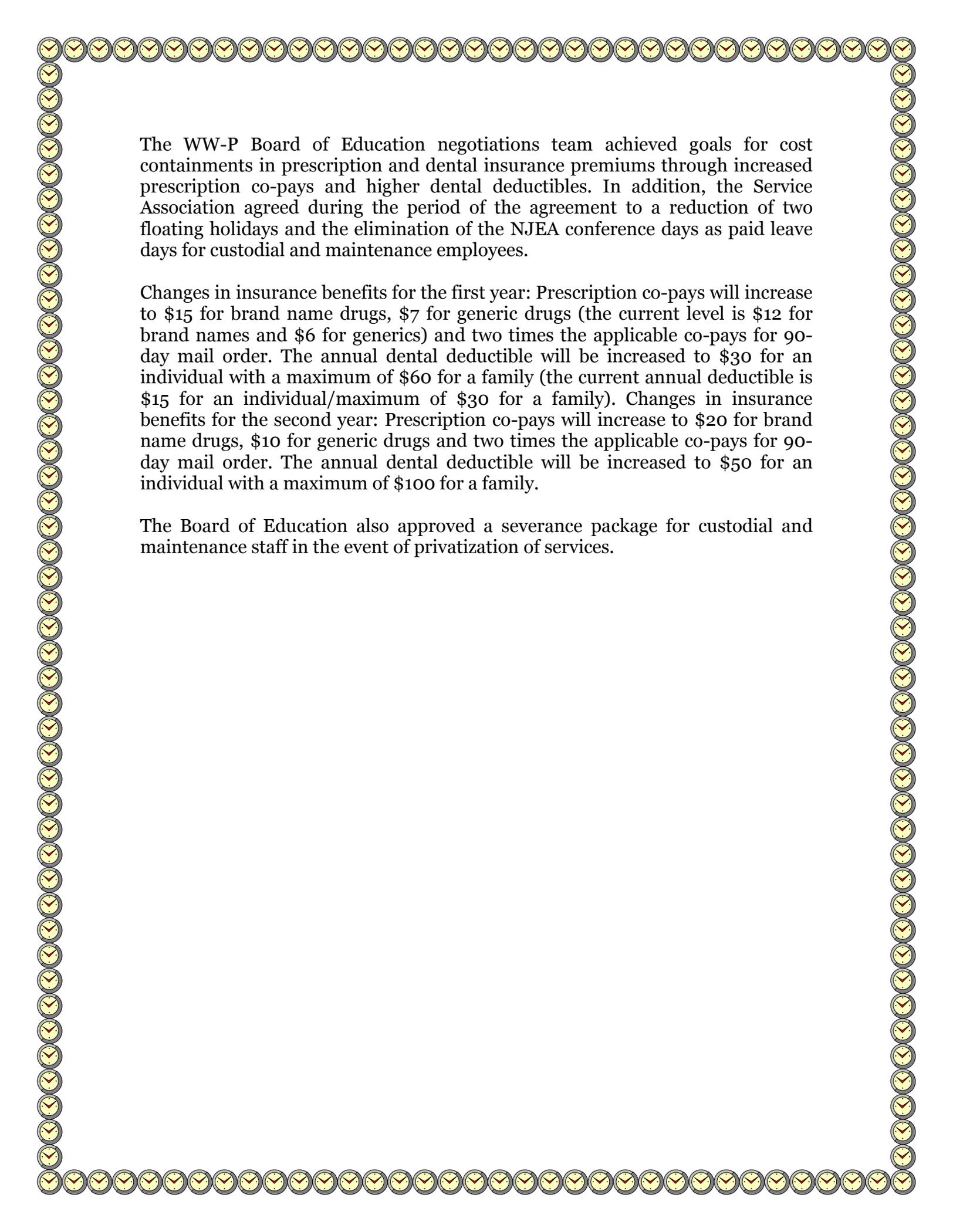
The agreement with the Service Association, which represents 350 employees, including secretaries, bus drivers, instructional assistants, custodians, assistant head custodians, maintenance workers, bus mechanics, bus aides, and cafeteria/playground aides, provides for salary increases as follows:

- 2008-2009: 3.55 percent
- 2009-2010: 3.41 percent
- 2010-2011: No increase
- 2011-2012: 2.90 percent. Salary frozen for custodial and maintenance employees unless parties negotiate increase

Salary increases were distributed among employment categories in accordance with salary guides approved by the union and the Board of Education.

President of the Board of Education Hemant Marathe stated, “The Board of Education would like to applaud the Service Association for its difficult decision to freeze salaries for the upcoming school year. The willingness to help lessen salary costs and health insurance benefits at a time where we are dealing with the loss of 71 percent of general state aid demonstrates the Service Association’s commitment to students and to the residents of both townships.”

Randy Tucker, chair of the Board Negotiations team, added, “Over the past two years, we have been bargaining in good faith with the Service Association. I believe we have negotiated a fair and reasonable settlement that recognizes the need to contain rising costs in salaries and health insurance benefits.”



The WW-P Board of Education negotiations team achieved goals for cost containments in prescription and dental insurance premiums through increased prescription co-pays and higher dental deductibles. In addition, the Service Association agreed during the period of the agreement to a reduction of two floating holidays and the elimination of the NJEA conference days as paid leave days for custodial and maintenance employees.

Changes in insurance benefits for the first year: Prescription co-pays will increase to \$15 for brand name drugs, \$7 for generic drugs (the current level is \$12 for brand names and \$6 for generics) and two times the applicable co-pays for 90-day mail order. The annual dental deductible will be increased to \$30 for an individual with a maximum of \$60 for a family (the current annual deductible is \$15 for an individual/maximum of \$30 for a family). Changes in insurance benefits for the second year: Prescription co-pays will increase to \$20 for brand name drugs, \$10 for generic drugs and two times the applicable co-pays for 90-day mail order. The annual dental deductible will be increased to \$50 for an individual with a maximum of \$100 for a family.

The Board of Education also approved a severance package for custodial and maintenance staff in the event of privatization of services.

COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

5 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

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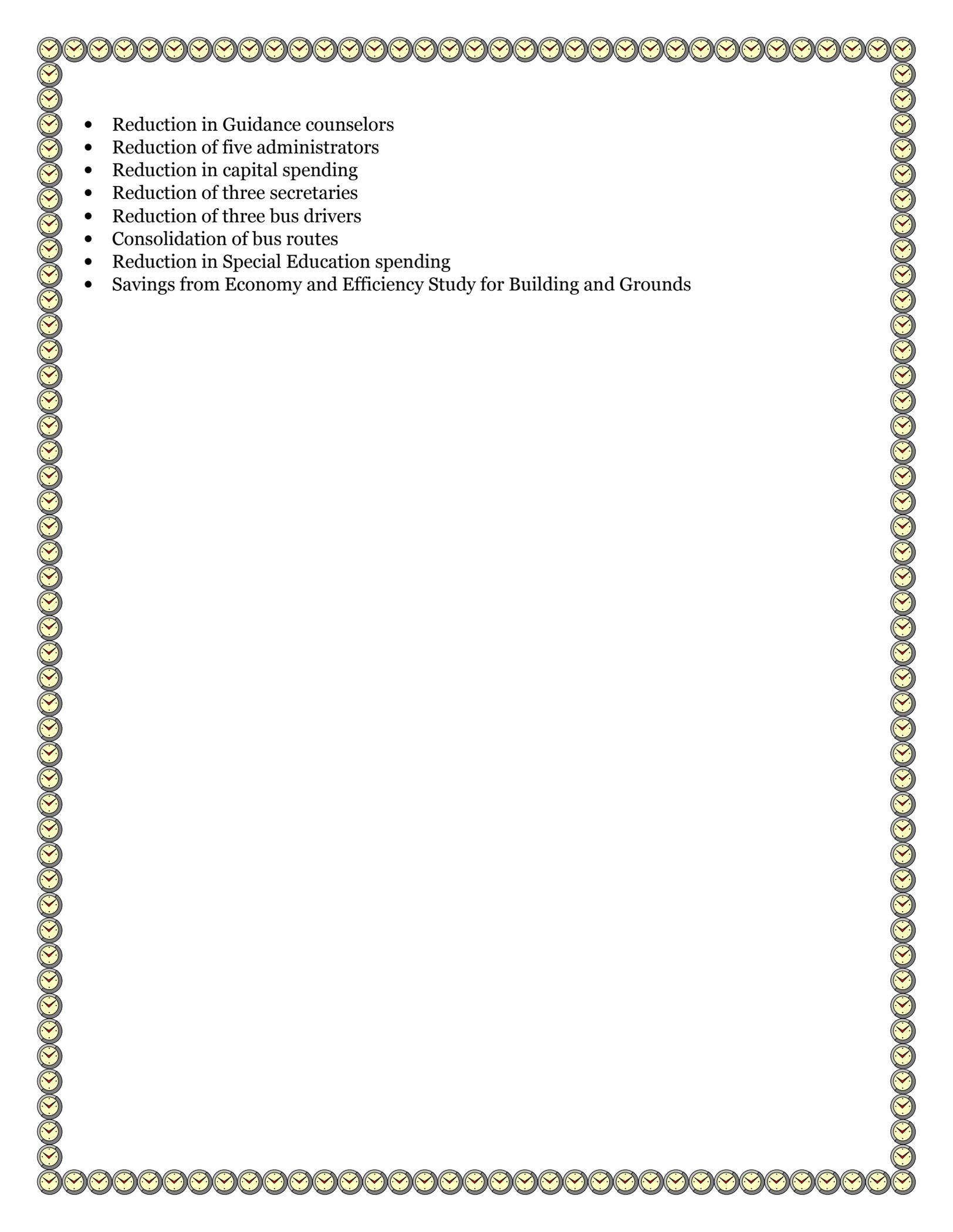
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COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

4 DAYS TO GO!

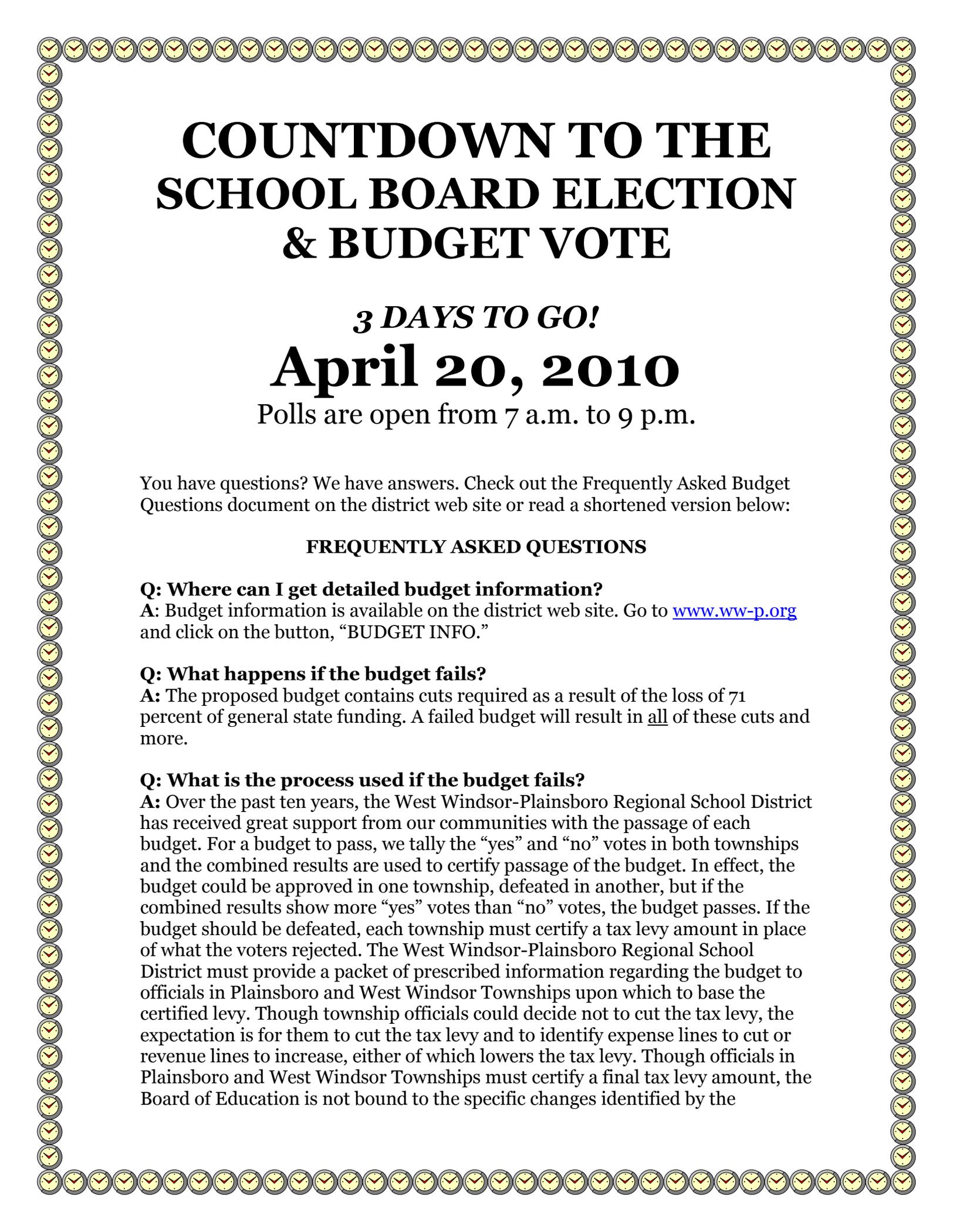
April 20, 2010

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Check out total comparative per pupil spending in Mercer County.

	2004-05 Actual	2005-06 Actual	2006-07 Actual	2007-08 Actual	2008-09 Actual	2009-10 Original*	2010-11 Proposal
East Windsor	\$10,483	\$11,314	\$11,760	\$12,830	\$12,825	\$13,056	NA
Ewing	\$10,040	\$10,461	\$10,785	\$11,866	\$12,376	\$13,468	NA
Hamilton	\$8,707	\$9,083	\$9,564	\$9,876	\$10,635	\$11,587	\$11,810
Hopewell Valley	\$11,810	\$12,055	\$12,588	\$13,783	\$14,301	\$15,067	\$15,581
Lawrence	\$10,649	\$11,516	\$12,963	\$13,912	\$14,406	\$15,346	NA
Princeton	\$13,003	\$14,098	\$14,743	\$15,961	\$16,407	\$17,421	\$17,146
Robbinsville	\$9,048	\$10,436	\$10,399	\$10,112	\$10,478	\$10,747	\$10,779
Trenton	\$14,202	\$15,775	\$16,239	\$16,379	\$16,826	\$16,481	NA
West-Windsor Plainsboro	\$11,122	\$11,302	\$11,533	\$11,609	\$12,048	\$13,045	\$12,887
NJ Average K-12 (over 3500 students)	\$11,274	\$11,857	\$12,259	\$12,938	\$13,338		

*Budgets as advertised in local newspapers. NA = Not available at this time.



COUNTDOWN TO THE SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION & BUDGET VOTE

3 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

You have questions? We have answers. Check out the Frequently Asked Budget Questions document on the district web site or read a shortened version below:

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: Where can I get detailed budget information?

A: Budget information is available on the district web site. Go to www.ww-p.org and click on the button, “BUDGET INFO.”

Q: What happens if the budget fails?

A: The proposed budget contains cuts required as a result of the loss of 71 percent of general state funding. A failed budget will result in all of these cuts and more.

Q: What is the process used if the budget fails?

A: Over the past ten years, the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District has received great support from our communities with the passage of each budget. For a budget to pass, we tally the “yes” and “no” votes in both townships and the combined results are used to certify passage of the budget. In effect, the budget could be approved in one township, defeated in another, but if the combined results show more “yes” votes than “no” votes, the budget passes. If the budget should be defeated, each township must certify a tax levy amount in place of what the voters rejected. The West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District must provide a packet of prescribed information regarding the budget to officials in Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships upon which to base the certified levy. Though township officials could decide not to cut the tax levy, the expectation is for them to cut the tax levy and to identify expense lines to cut or revenue lines to increase, either of which lowers the tax levy. Though officials in Plainsboro and West Windsor Townships must certify a final tax levy amount, the Board of Education is not bound to the specific changes identified by the

townships. If the district does not accept the amount cut proposed by the townships, the Board of Education can appeal to the executive county superintendent. The final date all must be certified, agreed, and communicated to interested parties is May 19, 2010.

Q: What co-curricular activities are being eliminated?

A: In the budget, we are reducing under-subscribed co-curricular activities. These are clubs and programs that have a very small number of enrollees.

Q: Will there be an activities fee?

A: The Board of Education is not creating a student activities fee for high school students – or for any students. While some neighboring districts have increased their revenue stream through this process, we believe the importance of allowing all students to participate in after-school activities is an integral part of the full education offered in WW-P.

Q: How many administrators work in WW-P?

A: Each of our school buildings has a principal and nine of the ten buildings have assistant principals. We will have one superintendent, three assistant superintendents, and directors and supervisors, for a total of 44 administrators. Over the past eight years, with a 12 percent increase in students, we have had an 11 percent reduction in administrators. In the proposed budget, we have a decrease of 5 administrative positions.

Q: When you use the budget category, “Administration,” what is in the category?

A: In “Administration,” you will find expenses related to school and general administration, as follows: **School:** School principals and assistant principals; secretarial support; office supplies; materials; and professional memberships. **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.

Q: How many administrators are you reducing?

A: At this time, we have planned for the reduction of five administrator positions. With upcoming retirements, we will review the administrative structure and possibly reduce additional positions or change the structure. Our administrative costs are below the state average.

Q: How are the staff members contributing to the budget?

A: The approved revised settlement with the WW-P Education Association for 2010-2011 calls for a freeze in salary raises for the first six pay periods of 2010-2011, which contributes a savings of approximately \$775,000 in salary. The total savings in the re-negotiated contract will total over \$1 million, as the WW-P

Education Association also agreed to forgo the professional conference benefit for the 2011-12 school year. The members of the Administrators Association will forgo previously negotiated salary increases for the first six pay periods in 2010-2011 and reduce professional conference benefits, for a savings of approximately \$80,000. Service Association members agreed to take a 0 percent salary increase for the 2010-2011 school year. In addition, the Service Association has agreed to a one-year salary freeze. Central Office administrators are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. This group of administrators has already taken steps to contain cost increases in health insurance and will make comparable adjustments in salary as those agreed upon by the Education and Administrators Associations.

Q: Why are we paying money to the charter school?

A: There is an approved charter school that will draw students and funding from the West Windsor-Plainsboro Regional School District. In January 2010, the State Department of Education approved the creation of a new charter school: Princeton International Academy Charter School. In its application, the Princeton International Academy stated that the school expects approximately 75 students from WW-P to attend this charter school. If so, the tax dollars could follow these students, for a total of approximately \$862,000 plus transportation costs. The creation of a charter school redirects local property taxes. In effect, local taxpayers have no input or control over how these property tax dollars are spent by the charter school because a charter school receives its property tax revenues without oversight by the host Board of Education.

Q: Why are you eliminating teachers? Are you eliminating other staff members?

A: To reduce expenses, we are reducing teachers across the district, in a variety of areas. We have carefully reviewed these academic areas, and believe that these reductions will not materially affect the educational program. With the reduction of 71 percent in general state aid (\$7.6 million), the administrative team used a “scalpel” to carefully and thoughtfully reduce expenses and restructure departments, where appropriate. The budget that goes before the voters has a 0 percent budget-to-budget increase, with a \$3.4 million reduction in expenses throughout the district. We expect to reduce the following:

Elementary School Level

- Reduction in the number of K-4 Health teachers
- Reduction in K-5 Computer teachers
- Reduction in the number of staff through increased class sizes

Middle School Level

- Reduction in the number of middle school teaching positions
- Restructuring of support teachers
- Reduction in the number of coaches and programs in Athletics and co-curricular activities

High School Level

- Reduction in staff through increasing class sizes
- Reduction in the number of coaches and programs in Athletics and co-curricular activities
- Reduction in number of under-subscribed courses and Athletic teams
- Reduction of health and library services staffing

District Level

- Reduction in Guidance counselors
- Reduction of five administrators
- Reduction in capital spending
- Reduction of three secretaries
- Reduction of three bus drivers

Q: Are you eliminating high school classes?

A: High school classes with low enrollment could be eliminated. If there are high school classes with low enrollments, it is our intention to try to combine courses. One example would be combining an upper level World Language course with an AP World Language course. If we are unable to combine classes and if the enrollment of a particular class is low, that course might be eliminated this year. In order to maintain class sizes at reasonable levels, we need to offer courses with a full class. We will make sure that high school courses needed for graduation are available.

Q: What is my tax impact?

A: Plainsboro. The proposed budget would increase the tax rate by 10 cents per \$100 of assessed property value. The Plainsboro tax rate would be \$1.55 per \$100. Over the past 4 years, the annual increase averaged 2.5%. For the owner of a home at the township average, the school taxes are estimated to be \$6,119. **West Windsor.** The proposed budget would increase the tax rate by 4 cents for \$100 of assessed property value. The West Windsor tax rate would be \$1.34 per \$100. Over the past 4 years, the annual increase averaged 3.7%. For the owners of a home at the township average, the school taxes are estimated to be \$7,171.

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2 DAYS TO GO!

April 20, 2010

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DISTRICT SNAPSHOT

Graduates Going to College
95 Percent

Students Taking the SAT
99 percent

SAT Results (Critical Reading//Math/Writing)

District: 594/632/600

State: 496/513/496

National: 501/515/493

ACT Results (English/Math/Reading/Science/Composite)

District: 25.9/27.3/25.8/24.9/26.1

State: 22.9/23.5/23.2/22.1/23.1

National: 20.6/21.0/21.4/20.9/21.1

AP Tests

90 percent had Grades of 3 or higher, with 814 students taking 1,716 exams.

AP Scholars 2009: 135

AP Scholars with Honors: 71

AP Scholars with Distinction: 123

AP National Scholars: 24

National Merit Scholars

Class of 2010: Semifinalists: 23

Letters of Commendation: 108

Class of 2009 Bloustein Distinguished Scholars: 76

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1 DAY TO GO!

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Current economic times demand change. For the eighth consecutive year, the proposed 2010-2011 WW-P budget is lean and reasonable. This year, we changed the way we reviewed and prepared the school district budget in response to the cuts in general state aid. This change includes restructuring and reducing across all areas. Our community values form the base upon which this budget was built and our emphasis is on working together for the success of the children of our two communities. **Please remember to vote on April 20, 2010.** Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Additional information about the budget is available on the district web site: www.ww-p.org

The proposed budget contains cuts required as a result of the loss of 71 percent of general state funding. A failed budget will result in all of these cuts and more.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

- Total budget: \$156 million; 0 percent budget-to-budget increase from last year.
- Strong student academic performance: 95 percent of students attend college; second highest SAT scores in Mercer County
- Seventh lowest Mercer County district in spending (out of nine)
- Loss of 71 percent of general state aid (\$7.6 million)

PROPOSED BUDGET CHANGES FOR 2010-2011

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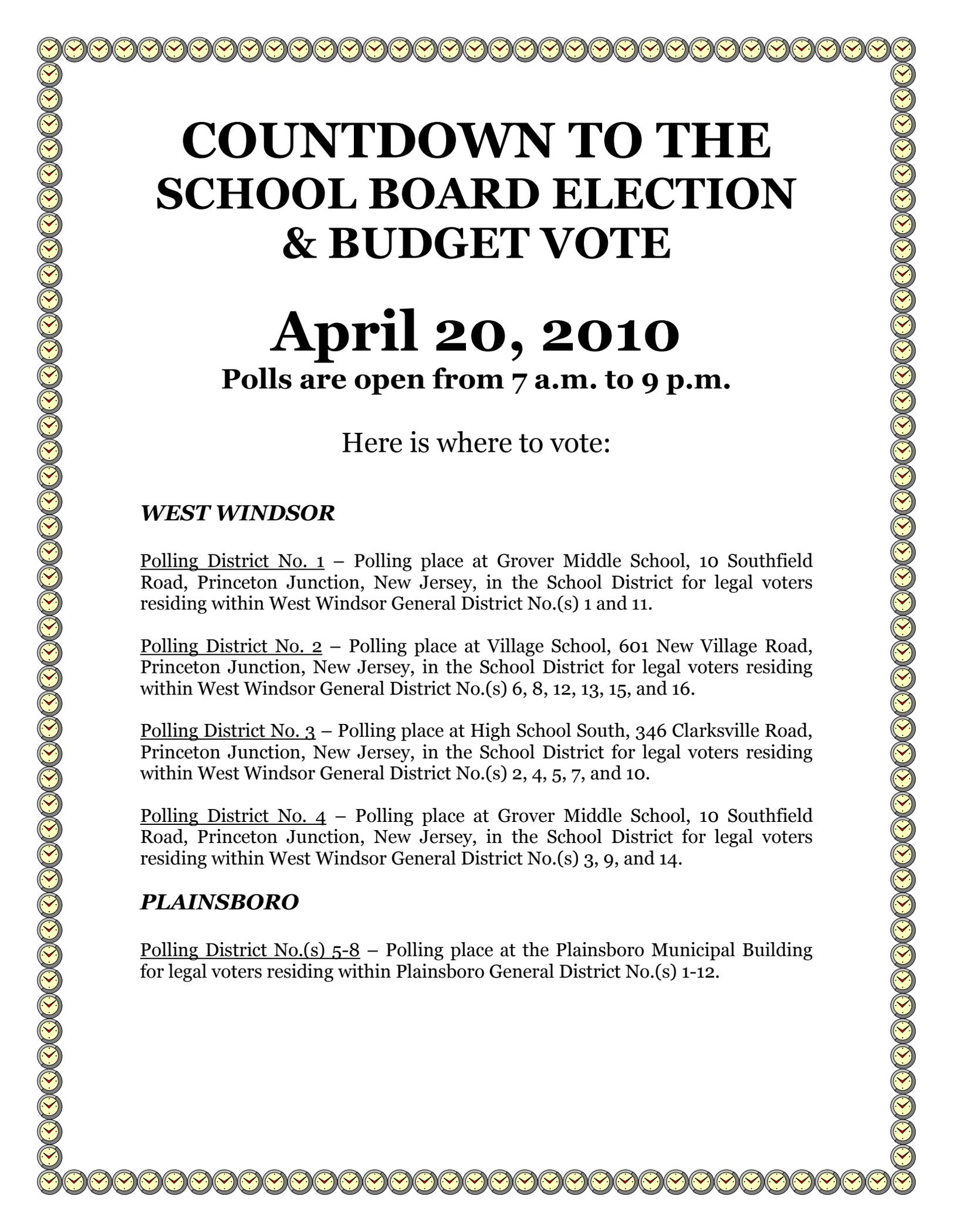
District Level

- Reduction in Guidance counselors
- Reduction of five administrators
- Reduction in capital spending
- Reduction of three secretaries
- Reduction of three bus drivers
- Consolidation of bus routes
- Savings from Economy and Efficiency Study for Building and Grounds
- WWPEA and WWPAA concessions, totaling \$1 million
- WWPSA salary freeze for 2010-2011

WHAT IS MY TAX IMPACT?

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Here is where to vote:

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 West Windsor 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 West Windsor General District No.(s) 6, 8, 12, 13, 15, and 16.

Polling District No. 3 – Polling place at High School South, 346 Clarksville Road, Princeton Junction, New Jersey, in the School District for legal voters residing within West Windsor General District No.(s) 2, 4, 5, 7, and 10.

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 West Windsor General District No.(s) 3, 9, and 14.

PLAINSBORO

Polling District No.(s) 5-8 – Polling place at the Plainsboro Municipal Building for legal voters residing within Plainsboro General District No.(s) 1-12.