



# 2018–2019 BUDGET

The school budget reflects our educational program in dollars. It is the basis for every phase of the district’s operation - personnel, curriculum, buildings, instructional materials, equipment, transportation, after-school activities, etc. We face the same challenges that school districts across the state face — a 2% cap, enrollment changes, increases in health insurance premiums, utilities, textbooks and supplies, unfunded state mandates, and facilities maintenance.

The budget was carefully scrutinized for efficiency and effectiveness. All expenditures, existing and new, were carefully considered and any possible savings were explored. Once the budget is approved by the county, on behalf of the state, and adopted by the Board of Education, the total dollar amount budgeted for the year is set.

With the current total assessed value of properties in Washington Township, the 2018-2019 budget will raise the tax levy by 1.64¢ per \$100 assessed value or about \$41 a year on the average Washington Township home.

**The proposed 2018-2019 budget**

- ★ Provides an exceptional instructional program for students.
- ★ Provides students with safe and secure facilities
- ★ Provides students with educational technology.
- ★ Provides professional development for staff
- ★ Provides students with opportunities to explore their talents and interests, including co-curricular activities.
- ★ Provides an educational program that is fiscally responsible to the taxpayers of Washington Township.

## 2018 — 2019 Budget Revenues

Revenue Source	Amount	Notes
Local Tax Levy	\$6,200,906	Increase of \$121,586
Banked Cap	\$17, 642	From prior years’ unused levy—will help fund a second School Resource Officer
Other Local Income	\$104,648	From Warren Hills for Transportation Coordination Services
State Aid	\$2,622,788	\$15,457 less than 2017-2018
Emergency Aid	\$15,457	Additional aid provided after approval of tentative budget
Interest	\$1,000	Anticipated from capital/maintenance reserve funds
ESSA Grant	\$54,800	Anticipated Grant Funding
IDEA Grant	\$132,000	Anticipated Grant Funding
Non-Public Funding	\$46,800	Funding for Washington Township non-public schools (Good Shepherd)
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$9,196,041</b>	



**Washington Township Board of Education**

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### Highlights of the 2018-2019 budget — What's new?

- ✓ Additional School Resource Officer (SRO). Both Schools will have their own SRO
- ✓ Updated security cameras in both buildings.
- ✓ Panic button alarms in both buildings.
- ✓ Continued asbestos removal at Port Colden. Several areas will get new ceilings, lights and floors.
- ✓ Drainage repairs at Port Colden.
- ✓ Brass Castle Library will get a new carpet and paint.
- ✓ Brass Castle Office will; get a new carpet.
- ✓ Both schools will have repairs or replacements to emergency lighting.
- ✓ There will be a decrease in one homeroom due to declining enrollment.

### Tax Rates — What does 1¢ Mean?

Tax rates are based on the total assessed value of the municipality. In 2018, for Washington Township, this value is \$684,535,076. This means for the 2018-2019 budget, each 1¢ on the tax rate equals \$68,454.

#### For a home assessed at

#### Monthly increase

#### Yearly Increase

\$200,000

\$2.73

\$32.80

\$250,000

\$3.41

\$41.00

\$350,000

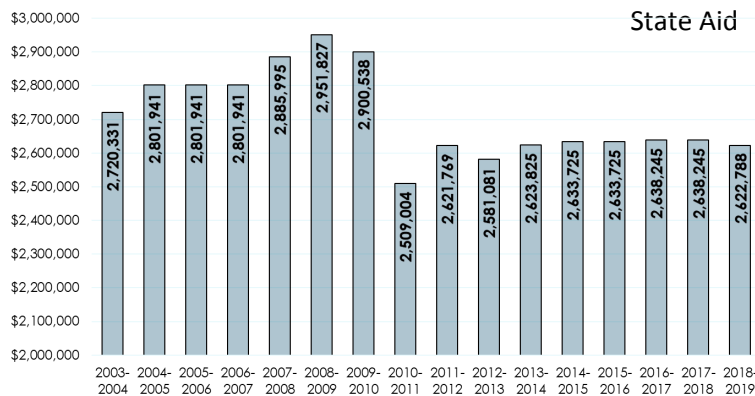
\$4.78

\$57.40

### Tax Rate History

	2005 2006	2006 2007	2007 2008	2008 2009	2009 2010	2010 2011	2011 2012	2012 2013	2013 2014	2014 2015	2015 2016	2016 2017	2017 2018	2018 2019
Change per \$100 assessed value	0.2¢	3.8¢	2.5¢	-3.1¢	1.1¢	2.8¢	0.9¢	2.0¢	1.5¢	2.7¢	1.7¢	1.5¢	1.89¢	1.64¢

### State Aid History / Summary



After the Board approved the tentative budget in March and it was sent to the county office for approval, the district received notification that we would receive an additional \$15,457 in Emergency Aid. This additional aid brings the total to \$2,638,245.

For more information on the state funding formula visit: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/stateaid/1819>

Through careful budgeting and planning, the District has been able to take a “pay as we go” approach to funding projects, equipment purchases and major maintenance concerns. Since 2006 the District has completed nearly 3.9 million dollars in capital improvements, maintenance projects and equipment purchases without taking on bond debt.

- ⇒ Capital projects — including new windows at BC, office at PC, roofing, fire alarm systems, security upgrades, etc.
- ⇒ Maintenance projects — including HVAC at BC & PC, paving, sidewalk repairs, asbestos removal, etc.
- ⇒ Major equipment purchases — including a tractor for PC, fob (key) system, phone system, computer servers, wireless access points, computers, classroom and library furniture, pick up truck, etc.)

### Washington Township School District

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