



2019–2020 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 2019-2020 budget will raise the tax levy by 2.2534¢ per \$100 assessed value or about \$56 a year on the average Washington Township home.

The proposed 2019-2020 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.

2019 — 2020 Budget Revenues

Revenue Source	Budget	% of Budget	Notes
Local Tax Levy	\$6,342,919	68.2%	Increase of \$121,586
Other Local Income	\$101,430	1.1%	From Warren Hills - Transportation Coordination
State Aid	\$2,306,815	24.8%	Decrease of \$210,670 from 2018-2019 Decrease of \$315,670 since 2017-2018
Interest	\$6,000	Less than 0.1%	Anticipated from capital/maintenance reserve funds
ESSA Grant	\$49,000	0.5%	Anticipated Grant Funding
IDEA Grant	\$151,000	1.6%	Anticipated Grant Funding
Withdraw from Capital Reserve	\$338,345	3.6%	To fund Port Colden roof and boiler projects
Total Revenues	\$9,196,041		

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The 2019-2020 proposed budget:

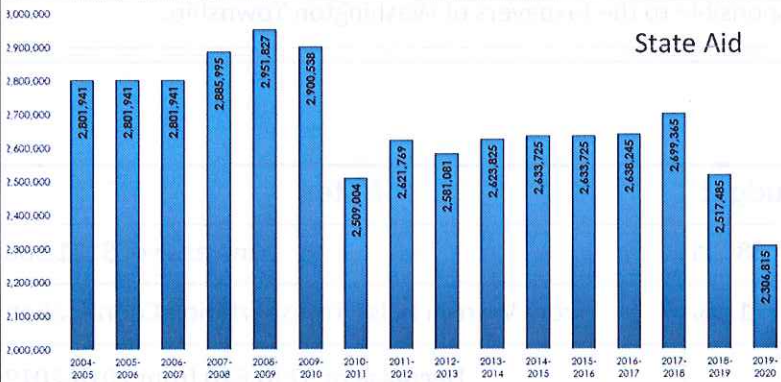
- ✓ Maintains all educational programs for students including special area programs, Gifted & Talented / Enrichment programs, RTI programs, special education programs, counseling programs and extra-curricular programs
- ✓ Continues the support of an SRO in each building
- ✓ Provides upgrades to student access to technology
- ✓ Provides for curriculum updates required by the state.
- ✓ Improves staff professional skills by providing quality professional development opportunities
- ✓ Supports students with small class sizes, access to health care, support personnel and services
- ✓ Funds Port Colden boiler replacement & roof projects, interior door & lower level window replacement projects
- ✓ Funds Brass Castle systematic replacement of classroom/hallway floors & some classroom furniture in each school

Tax Rates — What does 1¢ Mean?	For a home assessed at	Monthly increase	Yearly Increase
Tax rates are based on the total assessed value of the municipality. In 2019, for Washington Township, this value is \$681,354,276. This means for the 2019-2020 budget, each 1¢ on the tax rate equals \$68,135.	\$200,000	\$3.76	\$45.12
	\$250,000	\$4.70	\$56.32
	\$350,000	\$6.57	\$78.85

Tax Rate History

	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	2019 2020
Change per \$100 assessed value	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¢	2.253¢

State Aid History / Summary



As the state attempts to fully fund the flawed 2008 School Funding Reform Act, “adjustment aid” is being phased out in nearly 200 school districts. Since 2017 – 2018, Washington Township has lost \$315,670 in state aid. Unless the state changes the formula, adds funds or our enrollment increases, we expect additional decreases in state aid for another 5 years. The 2% tax levy increase of \$124,371 does not make up for this year’s \$210,670 loss of state aid.

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, including this budget, the district will have completed over 4.5 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.
- ⇒ Equipment purchases — including tractor for PC, fob (key) & phone system, computer servers, wireless access points, computers, classroom and library furniture, pick up truck, etc.)

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