

Fort Lee



School District

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2018-2019

PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING

May 7, 2018

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BUDGET PREPARATION

- Begins in October
- Meetings with Principals, Supervisors, and Directors
- Review of all cost centers and proposals
- Budget framework developed
- Budget reviewed w/ BOE through committee process
- BOE approval of preliminary budget
- Submittal to County Superintendent
- BOE approval of final budget (prior to May 9)

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Revenues

	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>% change</u>
Tax Levy	58,320,672	60,410,472	63,212,253	4.64%
Municipal Shared Services	0	0	262,000	100.00%
Balances Appropriated	529,692	450,000	110,000	-75.56%
State Aid	2,101,283	*2,228,995	2,474,768	11.03%
Extraordinary Aid	400,000	987,960	987,960	0%
Miscellaneous Revenue	56,082	80,050	124,825	55.93%
Tuition	35,000	44,000	127,354	189.44%
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	1,652,000	230,000	200,000	-13.04%
Emergency Reserve Withdrawal	0	0	200,000	100.00%
Semi Revenue	40,623	41,721	48,675	16.67%
Federal & State Grants	1,443,727	1,415,227	1,241,954	-12.24%
Debt Service Balances Appropriated	61,946	12,619	148,349	1075.60%
Debt Service Aid	0	1,065,787	409,759	-61.55%
Debt Service Tax Levy	4,451,067	3,212,482	3,716,281	15.68%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$69,092,092	\$70,179,313	\$73,264,178	4.40%

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Adjustments/Waivers

Enrollment Adjustment	\$565,820 (38 weighted increase)
Healthcare Adjustment	\$1,016,435 (11% above cap)

Healthcare by the Numbers

FY19 Medical/Prescription Costs	\$10,838,671
FY18 Medical/Prescription Costs	<u>\$ 9,338,413</u>
Year over Year Change	\$ 1,500,258
Funding FY19 Healthcare Costs	
Covered Under Cap _{2.0%}	\$186,768
Healthcare Adjustment _{11.0%}	\$1,016,435
Additional Costs Borne by General Fund _{3.1%}	\$297,055

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Appropriations

	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>	<u>% change</u>
Current Expense	61,019,423	63,786,115	67,200,301	5.35%
Capital Outlay/Reserve	2,115,929	687,083	547,534	-20.31%
Special Revenue	*1,938,750	1,415,227	1,241,954	-12.24%
Debt Service	4,513,013	4,290,888	4,274,389	-0.38%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$69,587,115	\$70,179,313	\$73,264,178	4.40%

*Includes State Approved Final Award Amounts Including Carryover

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Annual Tax Increase

	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>
*Net Valuation Taxable	6,411,602,808	6,521,373,218
*Assessed Value	\$459,700	\$463,700
Property Tax Increase	\$25.81	\$70.85
General Fund Tax Levy	3.58%	4.64%
Debt Service Tax Levy	-27.83%	15.68%

Annual Tax Impact

1.55%

*Tax Information Provided by Borough Tax Officials

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Capital Reserve

The Capital Reserve Account is used to reserve funds to implement projects in the Long-Range Facility Plan. These projects are first submitted to the NJ DOE for a determination on the allocation of State funds.

	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>
Beginning Balance – 7/1	2,755,256	2,475,371	2,224,971
Less: Budgeted Withdrawal	(1,652,000)	(230,000)	(200,000)
Less: Board Resolution Withdrawal	0	(220,450)	0
Add: Interest	50	50	50
Add: Increase in Reserves	1,372,065	200,000	112,000
Ending Balance – 6/30	2,475,371	2,224,971	2,137,021

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Emergency Reserve

The Emergency Reserve Account is used to reserve funds to meet an increase in total health care costs in excess of four percent if the district did not receive an automatic adjustment for health care costs or to implement school security improvements, including, but not limited to security cameras to monitor the school, an electronic notification system that automatically notifies parents in case of a schoolwide emergency, an automatic door locking system for access control, and a badge system for school employees.

	<u>16-17</u>	<u>17-18</u>	<u>18-19</u>
Beginning Balance – 7/1	250,000	250,000	250,000
Less: Budgeted Withdrawal	0	0	(200,000)
Ending Balance – 6/30	250,000	250,000	50,000

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Capital Reserve Projects

Elevator Replacements	\$200,000
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Emergency Reserve Projects

Security Mantrap Installations	\$200,000
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- \$49,840,000 Referendum approved by voters in April, 2015.
- Referendum project yet to be completed is the construction of an addition to Lewis F. Cole Middle School.
- Maintains all existing programs.
- Enhances and further develops the S.T.R.E.A.M. Program at LFCMS , FLHS and the elementary schools.
- One-to-One Initiative: Purchasing new devices for every student in grade 7.
- Provides/maintains portable devices for all staff.

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- Reflects increased costs in Special Education: out of district tuition, related services and transportation.
- Provides for all contractual obligations.
- Continues to enhance, improve and align district curriculum and comprehensive professional development program in accordance with the Five-Year Curriculum cycle and New Jersey Student Learning Standards: ELA K-5 program rollout/Balanced Literacy Training, Math K-5 pilot, STREAM programs/courses, Benchmark Assessment Program (STAR).

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STAFFING

Three (3) Special Education Staff	\$274,000
Twelve (12) Paraprofessionals	\$323,948
One (1) Bus Driver	\$57,265
TOTAL	\$655,213
<i>Elimination of three point five (3.5) Vacant Positions</i>	

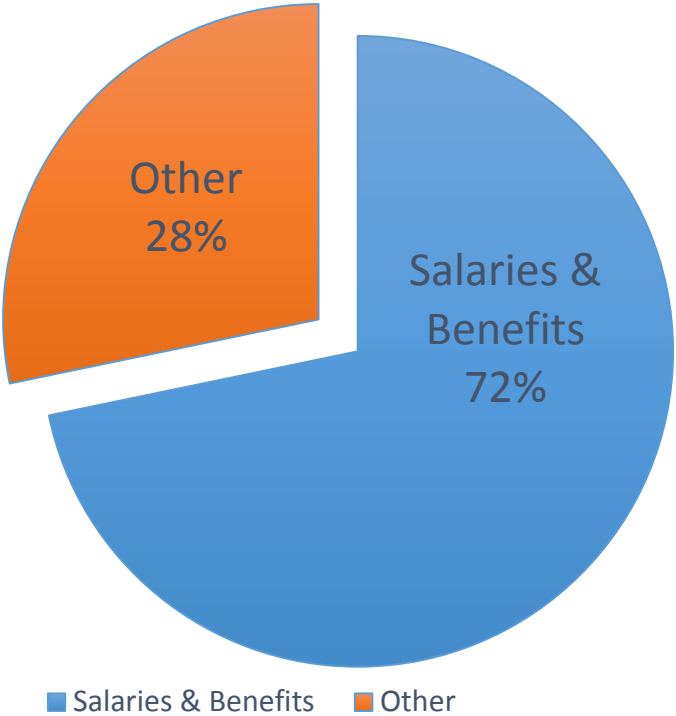
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COST CONTROLS

- Marketed Prescription Drug Plan resulting in a 2018 calendar year increase of 0%; historical prescription plan increase has been 10.7%.
- Continued involvement in Cooperative Purchasing Programs: Ed-Data, Hunterdon Educational Services Commission, and Middlesex Services Commission.
- Energy efficiency and conservation projects: ESIP, EnerNOC (energy curtailment program).
- Participation in Municipal Shared Services, Transportation Jointure, Joint Insurance Fund and Worker's Compensation Pool.
- Managing retirement positions by better allocating resources.
- Continued use of electronic communication with community: report cards, flyers.
- Preventative maintenance program.
- Increase with "in-house" maintenance and repairs.

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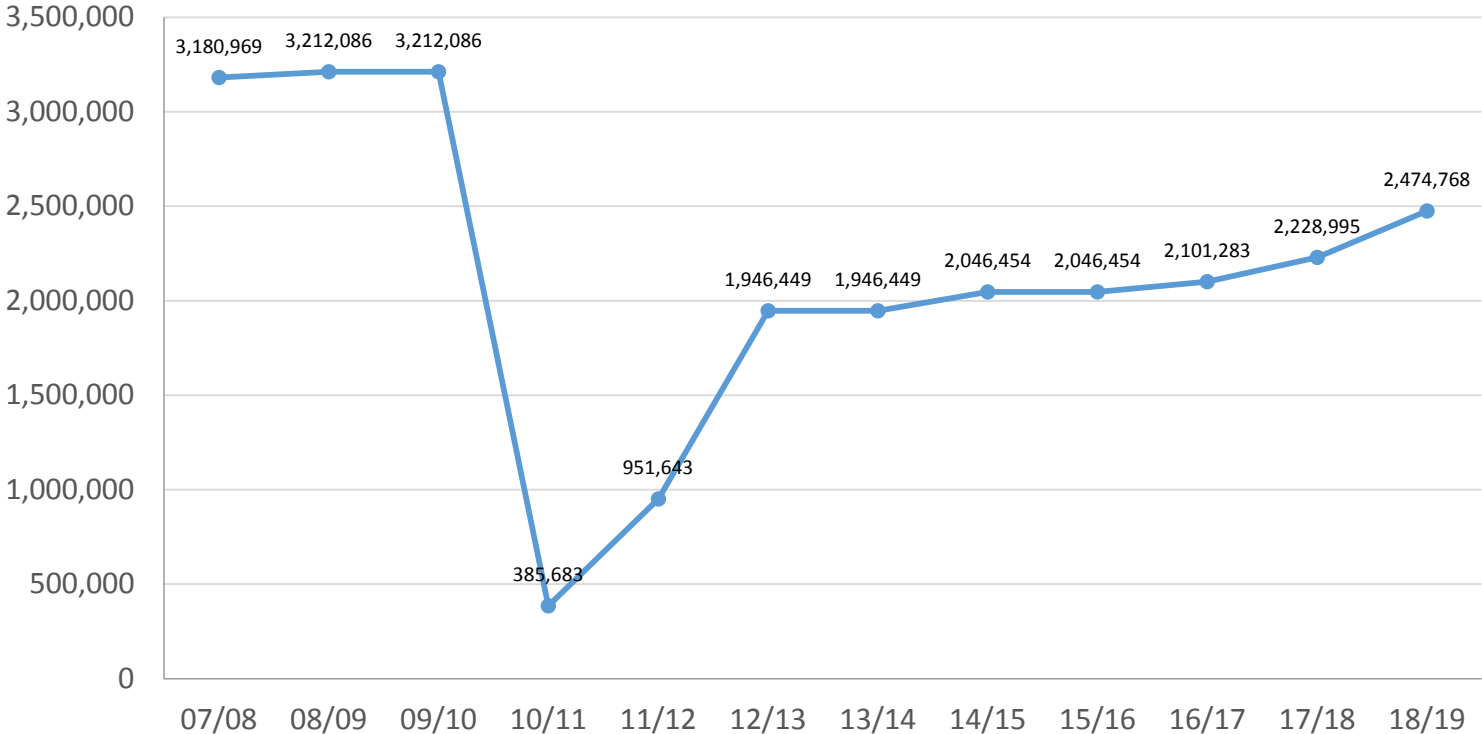


Salaries & Benefits	\$52,562,042
Other	\$20,702,136

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State Aid Revenue

Trending Upward



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BUDGET TIMELINES

Special Meeting to adopt the Preliminary Budget

☐ 3/19/18

Submission of Preliminary Budget to Executive County Office

☐ 3/20/18

Budget Presentations to Schools, PTAs, and Staff

☐ 4/2/18 – 4/16/18

Public Budget Presentation

☐ 4/24/18

Public Hearing and Adoption of Budget

☐ 5/7/2018

Submission of Final Budget to Executive County Office

☐ 5/8/2018

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Board Members

- Candace Romba, Board President
- Esther Han Silver, Board Vice President
- Elisa Cho
- Paula Colbath
- Ralph DiMeglio
- Holly Morell
- Michael Rubino
- David Sarnoff
- Luran Tuck