

WATCHUNG HILLS REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL

2023/2024 BUDGET UPDATE

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BUDGET TIMELINE

FEBRUARY 7, 2023 - PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION

FEBRUARY 21, 2023 – BUDGET UPDATE-PROPOSED CUTS

MARCH 2, 2023 – RELEASE OF STATE AID/TAX ALLOCATION DATA

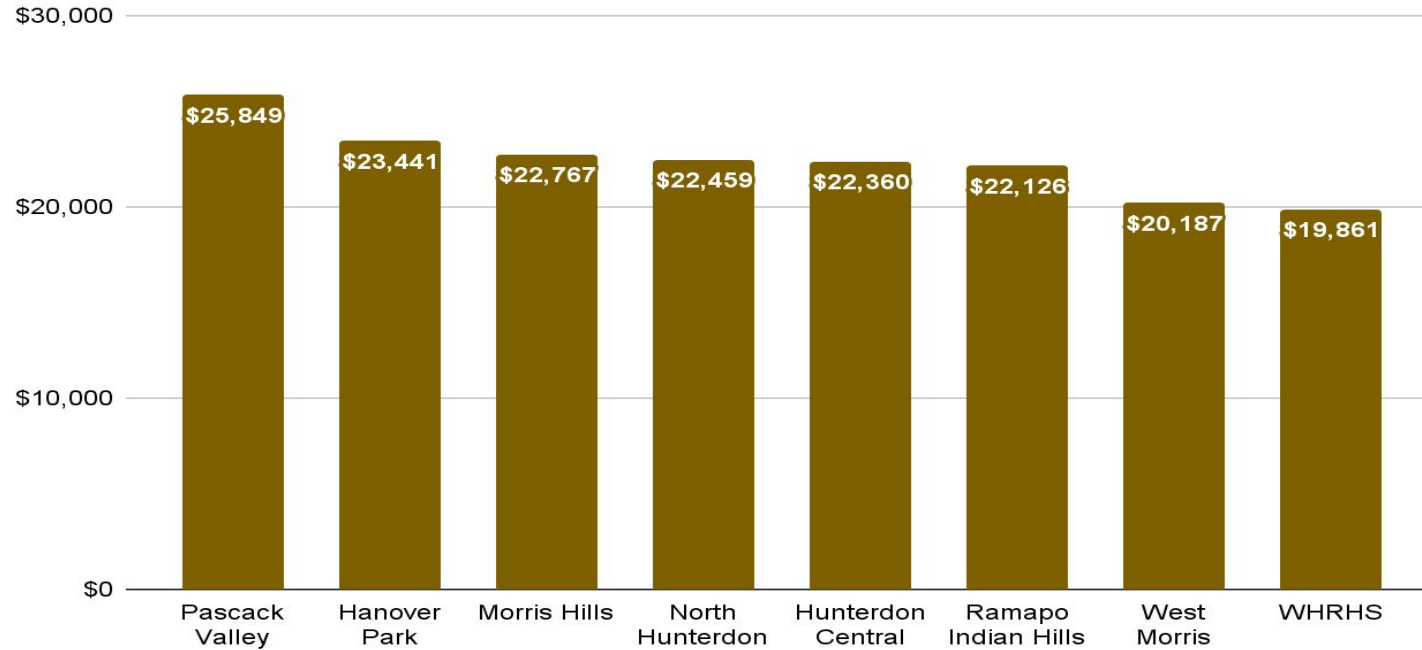
MARCH 14, 2023– VOTE ON PRELIMINARY TENTATIVE BUDGET

MARCH 20, 2023 – TENTATIVE BUDGET TO COUNTY OFFICE

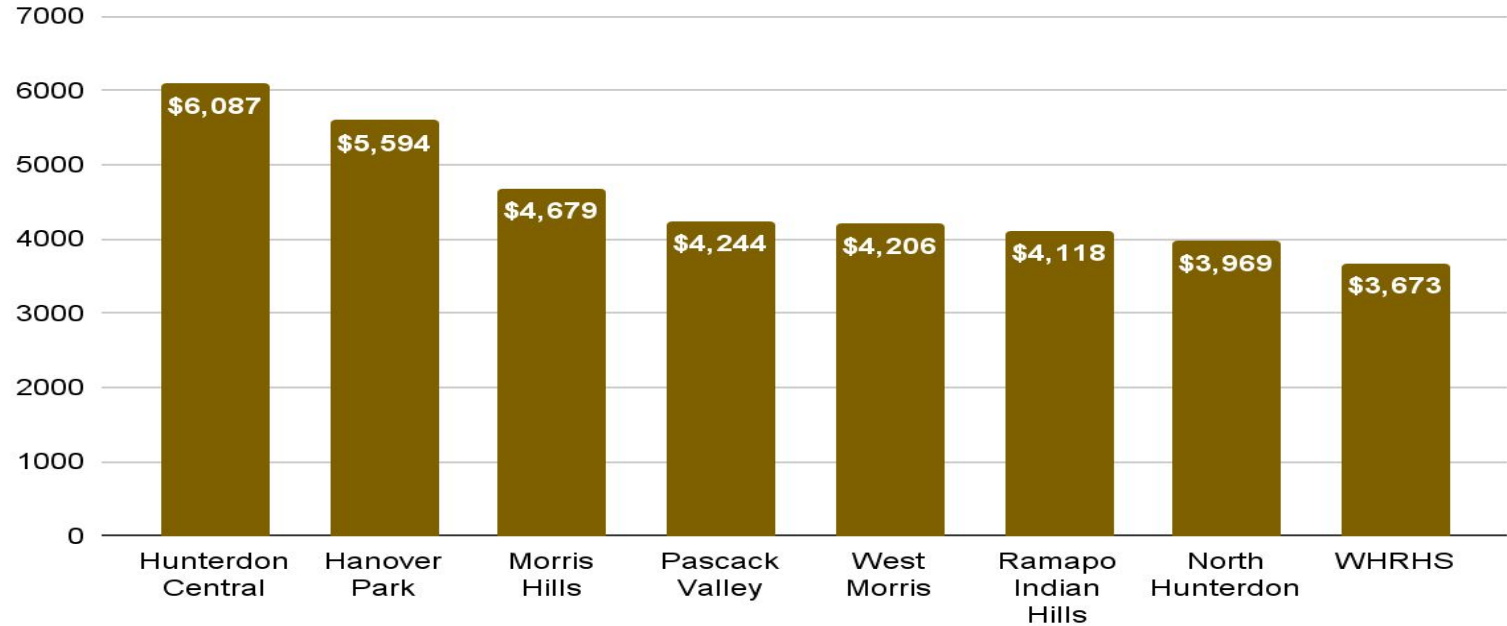
APRIL 25, 2023 – PUBLIC HEARING ON THE BUDGET



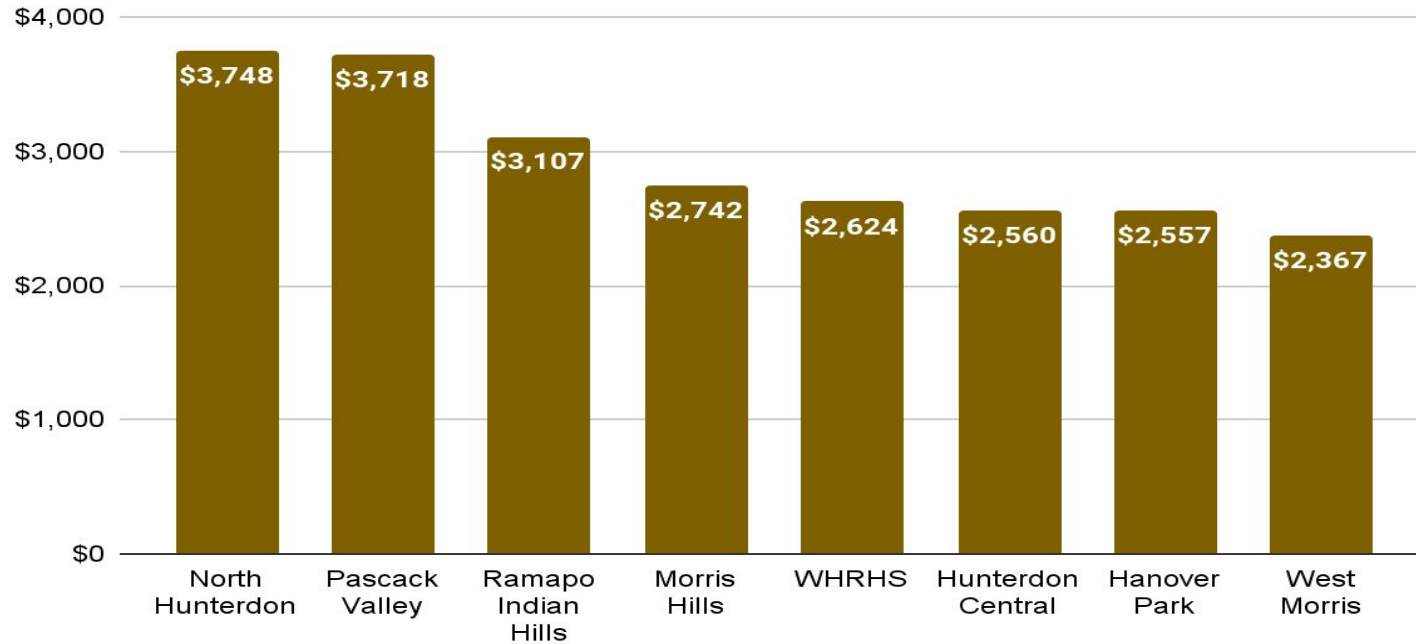
PER PUPIL COST COMPARISONS-TOTAL



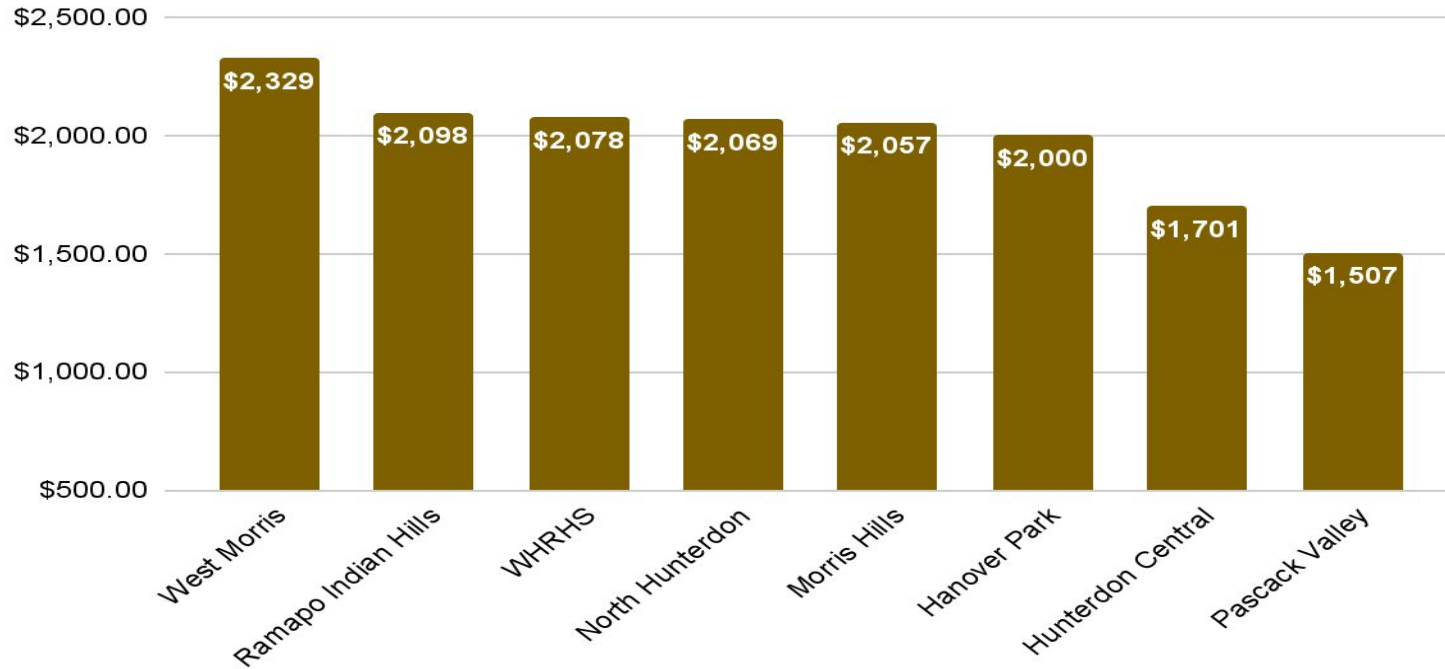
HEALTH BENEFITS - PER PUPIL COMPARISON



OPERATIONS AND MAINT. PER PUPIL COMPARISON



TRANSPORTATION PER PUPIL COST COMPARISON



TAX LEVY INCREASE VS CPI - 2018-2023

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>CPI (NOVEMBER)</u>	<u>TAX LEVY INCREASE</u>
2018/19	1.60	2.00
2019/20	1.90	1.77
2020/21	0.80	1.24
2021/22	5.60	2.00
2022/23	7.80	0.97
2023/24 FORECAST	4.50	3.50 (PROPOSED)



COST SAVING MEASURES

- UTILIZE JOINT PURCHASING ARRANGEMENTS WITH HEALTH INSURANCE (SHIF) AND PROPERTY & CASUALTY INSURANCE (SAIF)
- SHARE SERVICES WITH K-8 SCHOOLS & TOWNSHIPS
 - BUSSING
 - BUILDINGS & GROUNDS SUPPLIES & SERVICES
 - TRASH REMOVAL
- AGGRESSIVELY PURSUE STATE GRANTS FOR CONSTRUCTION, ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY
- IMPROVEMENTS TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY (ESIP)
- STAFF REDUCTION SINCE 2018 - 21 FTE



2023/2024 BUDGET PROBLEMS

- **HEALTH CARE INCREASES - INDUSTRY PROBLEM**
 - STATE HEALTH BENEFITS - 15% INCREASE
 - WHRHS - (SHIF) - 8.74%
- **SALARY INCREASES**
 - NJ SCHOOL DISTRICTS AVERAGING ABOVE 3%
- **SPECIAL EDUCATION**
 - \$400k INCREASE - 14.8%
- **TRANSPORTATION**
 - \$360k INCREASE - 12%
 - INFLATION INCREASE OF 5.82%
- **INFLATION!!!**



PROPOSED REVENUE SOLUTIONS

- **TAP INTO CAPITAL RESERVE TO HELP FUND CAPITAL PROJECT**
 - USE \$700k TO HELP FUND \$1.3 MILLION PROJECT
 - BALANCE IN RESERVE FORECASTED AS \$3.5 MILLION

- **USE ALLOWABLE TAX LEVY WAIVERS**
 - BANKED CAP - \$576k
 - HEALTH CARE WAIVER - \$510k
 - RECOMMEND TO USE - \$495k
 - RESULT - 3.5% TAX LEVY INCREASE



PROPOSED APPROPRIATION CUTS

- **SALARY CUT PROPOSALS**
 - **REDUCE HEADCOUNT - 4.1 POSITIONS - \$399k SAVINGS (S&B)**
 - **HIRE 2 PT AIDE POSITIONS VS. FT - \$122k SAVINGS**
 - **REPRIORITIZE ESSER GRANT FUNDS - \$56k SAVINGS**

- **EQUIPMENT CUT PROPOSALS**
 - **INSTRUCTIONAL (CLASSROOM SOUND) - \$12k**
 - **ATHLETICS - \$9.5k**
 - **TECHNOLOGY - \$63k**
 - **BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - \$70k**
 - **4 YEAR LEASE ON REMAINDER - \$425k**



PROPOSED APPROPRIATION CUTS

- **PROPOSED FACILITIES ADDITION**
 - NEW TRACK - \$1.3 MILLION - ADD
 - UPDATED 5 YEAR FACILITY PLAN - \$10k
- **PROPOSED FACILITIES CUTS**
 - TURF LIGHTS - MOVE TO CURRENT YEAR - \$365k
 - SECURITY UPGRADE - DEFER - \$170k
 - CARPET/EXTERIOR DOORS - \$135k
 - ATHLETICS-FENCE - \$18k
 - MAINTENANCE - \$46k
- **TRANSPORTATION - LATE BUS ELIMINATION - \$118k**



PROPOSED OPERATING REVENUE

<u>Category</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Use of Surplus/Reserves	\$1,256,000	\$2,105,123	67.60%
Tuition Revenue	\$7,704,998	\$7,430,453	(3.56%)
Miscellaneous/Federal Revenue	\$209,671	\$469,300	123.83%
State Aid	\$2,451,800	\$2,451,800	0.00%
Tax Levy	<u>\$33,021,286</u>	<u>\$34,177,031</u>	<u>3.50%</u>
Total Operating Revenue Budget	\$44,643,755	\$46,633,707	4.46%



PROPOSED OPERATING EXPENDITURES

<u>Category</u>	<u>2022/2023</u>	<u>2023/2024</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Salaries & Benefits	\$30,627,776	\$31,306,072	2.2%
Supplies & Miscellaneous	\$4,132,239	\$3,737,649	(9.5%)
Special Ed. Tuition	\$2,812,827	\$3,228,749	14.8%
Operations & Transportation	\$6,433,361	\$6,863,485	6.7%
Capital Outlay	<u>\$637,552</u>	<u>\$1,497,752</u>	<u>134.9%</u>
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QUESTIONS ??



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