



School Funding Meeting

Assembly Speaker Vincent Prieto (D), Leg. District 32

Thursday, April 6, 2017, 11:00 a.m.

NJ has created a public school system of *haves* and *have-nots*

- There are 591 Public School Districts (excluding Charters).
- 212 Districts (36%) receive more than 100% of full, uncapped SFRA Funding.
 - These districts are overfunded by approximately \$600m.
 - 1 of 10 School Districts in LD32 is overfunded.
 - Bergen County Vo-Tech (277%; \$3.63m)
- 379 Districts (64%) receive less than 100%.
 - These districts are underfunded by approximately \$2b.
 - 9 of 10 School Districts in LD32 are underfunded by \$106,243,869!
 - Legislators (32) Senator Sacco; Assemblywoman Jimenez; Assembly Speaker Prieto
 - Fair Funding Index Database: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1Pc-ZwgPSvIUr0797uTzhxLAXm-pUnqRM-4pmoNlrD0/edit>

School Districts (FY17) in Legislative District 32

| | District | County | LD | DFG | Enrollment | State Aid Received | Uncapped SFRA Aid | State Aid Gap | State Aid Per Pupil | SFRA Received |
|----|--------------------|--------|----|-----|------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Bergen Co Voc-Tech | Bergen | 32 | V | 2,172 | \$ 5,695,547 | \$ 2,059,397 | \$ 3,636,150 | \$ 1,674 | 277% |
| 2 | Edgewater Boro | Bergen | 32 | GH | 1,357 | \$ 975,360 | \$ 2,106,153 | \$ (1,130,793) | \$ (833) | 46% |
| 3 | Fairview Boro | Bergen | 32 | A | 1,704 | \$ 7,478,669 | \$ 20,472,342 | \$ (12,993,673) | \$ (7,625) | 37% |
| 4 | East Newark Boro | Hudson | 32 | A | 410 | \$ 3,426,439 | \$ 6,999,876 | \$ (3,573,437) | \$ (8,716) | 49% |
| 5 | Guttenberg Town | Hudson | 32 | B | 1,287 | \$ 5,096,583 | \$ 13,649,144 | \$ (8,552,561) | \$ (6,645) | 37% |
| 6 | Harrison Town | Hudson | 32 | B | 2,083 | \$ 25,418,188 | \$ 26,926,003 | \$ (1,507,815) | \$ (724) | 94% |
| 7 | Kearny Town | Hudson | 32 | B | 5,833 | \$ 30,928,987 | \$ 65,339,943 | \$ (34,410,956) | \$ (5,899) | 47% |
| 8 | North Bergen Twp | Hudson | 32 | B | 7,314 | \$ 57,095,133 | \$ 77,008,625 | \$ (19,913,492) | \$ (2,723) | 74% |
| 9 | Secaucus Town | Hudson | 32 | DE | 2,123 | \$ 999,542 | \$ 2,776,625 | \$ (1,777,083) | \$ (837) | 36% |
| 10 | West New York Town | Hudson | 32 | A | 7,644 | \$ 94,065,988 | \$ 120,086,197 | \$ (26,020,209) | \$ (3,404) | 78% |
| | | | | | 31,927 | \$ 231,180,436 | \$ 337,424,305 | \$ (106,243,869) | | |

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Memorandum

- 11 of 13 School Districts in Hudson County are underfunded by \$-60,968,043!
- Legislators (31) Senator Cunningham (D); Assembly Chiaravalloti (D), McKnight (D)
- Legislators (32) Senator Sacco (D); Assembly Jimenez (D); Speaker Prieto (D)
- Legislators (33) Senator Stack (D); Assembly Chaparro (D); Mukherji (D)

Hudson County School Districts (FY17)

| | District | County | LD | DFG | Enrollment | State Aid Received | Uncapped SFRA Aid | State Aid Gap | State Aid Per Pupil | SFRA Received |
|----|--------------------|--------|----|-----|------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Bayonne City | Hudson | 31 | CD | 9,310 | \$ 54,016,434 | \$ 106,623,682 | \$ (52,607,248) | \$ (5,651) | 51% |
| 2 | East Newark Boro | Hudson | 32 | A | 410 | \$ 3,426,439 | \$ 6,999,876 | \$ (3,573,437) | \$ (8,716) | 49% |
| 3 | Guttenberg Town | Hudson | 32 | B | 1,287 | \$ 5,096,583 | \$ 13,649,144 | \$ (8,552,561) | \$ (6,645) | 37% |
| 4 | Harrison Town | Hudson | 32 | B | 2,083 | \$ 25,418,188 | \$ 26,926,003 | \$ (1,507,815) | \$ (724) | 94% |
| 5 | Hoboken City | Hudson | 33 | FG | 2,596 | \$ 10,682,520 | \$ 3,187,584 | \$ 7,494,936 | \$ 2,887 | 335% |
| 6 | Hudson Co Voc-Tech | Hudson | 31 | V | 2,082 | \$ 21,204,179 | \$ 23,441,872 | \$ (2,237,693) | \$ (1,075) | 90% |
| 7 | Jersey City | Hudson | 31 | B | 30,860 | \$ 418,779,890 | \$ 296,693,585 | \$ 122,086,305 | \$ 3,956 | 141% |
| 8 | Kearny Town | Hudson | 32 | B | 5,833 | \$ 30,928,987 | \$ 65,339,943 | \$ (34,410,956) | \$ (5,899) | 47% |
| 9 | North Bergen Twp | Hudson | 32 | B | 7,314 | \$ 57,095,133 | \$ 77,008,625 | \$ (19,913,492) | \$ (2,723) | 74% |
| 10 | Secaucus Town | Hudson | 32 | DE | 2,123 | \$ 999,542 | \$ 2,776,625 | \$ (1,777,083) | \$ (837) | 36% |
| 11 | Union City | Hudson | 33 | A | 12,272 | \$ 179,005,701 | \$ 220,005,632 | \$ (40,999,931) | \$ (3,341) | 81% |
| 12 | Weehawken Twp | Hudson | 33 | CD | 1,359 | \$ 2,722,708 | \$ 1,671,567 | \$ 1,051,141 | \$ 773 | 163% |
| 13 | West New York Town | Hudson | 32 | A | 7,644 | \$ 94,065,988 | \$ 120,086,197 | \$ (26,020,209) | \$ (3,404) | 78% |
| | | | | | 85,173 | \$ 903,442,292 | \$ 964,410,335 | \$ (60,968,043) | | |

- 20 of 28 School Districts in Gloucester County are underfunded by \$59,769,537!
- Legislators (3) Senate President Sweeney (D); Assembly Burzichelli (D), Taliaferro (D)
- Legislators (4) Senator Maden; Assembly Moriarty (D), Masquera (D)
- Legislators (5) Senator Cruz-Perez (D); Assembly Barclay (D), Jones (D)

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|----|------------------------|------------|----|-----|------------|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------------|---------------|
| 1 | Clayton Boro | Gloucester | 3 | CD | 1,374 | \$ 9,975,618 | \$ 16,923,765 | \$ (6,948,147) | \$ (5,057) | 59% |
| 2 | Clearview Reg | Gloucester | 5 | FG | 2,423 | \$ 15,000,094 | \$ 15,576,965 | \$ (576,871) | \$ (238) | 96% |
| 3 | Delsea Reg | Gloucester | 3 | CD | 1,495 | \$ 14,007,064 | \$ 12,831,042 | \$ 1,176,022 | \$ 787 | 109% |
| 4 | Deptford Twp | Gloucester | 5 | CD | 4,198 | \$ 23,651,378 | \$ 32,280,642 | \$ (8,629,264) | \$ (2,056) | 73% |
| 5 | East Greenwich Twp | Gloucester | 3 | FG | 1,319 | \$ 3,475,969 | \$ 7,148,962 | \$ (3,672,993) | \$ (2,785) | 49% |
| 6 | Elk Twp | Gloucester | 3 | B | 301 | \$ 2,572,361 | \$ 2,024,149 | \$ 548,212 | \$ 1,821 | 127% |
| 7 | Franklin Twp | Gloucester | 3 | CD | 1,297 | \$ 8,803,530 | \$ 10,307,355 | \$ (1,503,825) | \$ (1,159) | 85% |
| 8 | Gateway Reg | Gloucester | 3 | CD | 978 | \$ 7,507,065 | \$ 9,978,788 | \$ (2,471,723) | \$ (2,527) | 75% |
| 9 | Glassboro | Gloucester | 3 | B | 2,039 | \$ 16,554,309 | \$ 18,601,012 | \$ (2,046,703) | \$ (1,004) | 89% |
| 10 | Gloucester Co Voc-Tech | Gloucester | 3 | V | 1,344 | \$ 7,732,725 | \$ 11,572,493 | \$ (3,839,768) | \$ (2,857) | 67% |
| 11 | Greenwich Twp | Gloucester | 3 | DE | 551 | \$ 1,132,945 | \$ 841,233 | \$ 291,712 | \$ 529 | 135% |
| 12 | Harrison Twp | Gloucester | 5 | GH | 1,358 | \$ 6,171,027 | \$ 6,181,916 | \$ (10,889) | \$ (8) | 100% |
| 13 | Kingsway Reg | Gloucester | 3 | FG | 2,453 | \$ 8,866,900 | \$ 19,476,369 | \$ (10,609,469) | \$ (4,325) | 46% |
| 14 | Logan Twp | Gloucester | 3 | FG | 1,069 | \$ 5,405,785 | \$ 3,782,964 | \$ 1,622,821 | \$ 1,518 | 143% |
| 15 | Mantua Twp | Gloucester | 5 | FG | 1,080 | \$ 6,171,701 | \$ 4,760,865 | \$ 1,410,836 | \$ 1,307 | 130% |
| 16 | Monroe Twp | Gloucester | 4 | CD | 5,980 | \$ 34,838,962 | \$ 55,404,743 | \$ (20,565,781) | \$ (3,439) | 63% |
| 17 | National Park Boro | Gloucester | 3 | B | 243 | \$ 2,087,717 | \$ 2,593,052 | \$ (505,335) | \$ (2,080) | 81% |
| 18 | Newfield Boro | Gloucester | 3 | N | 217 | \$ 1,437,594 | \$ 2,114,035 | \$ (676,441) | \$ (3,117) | 68% |
| 19 | Paulsboro Boro | Gloucester | 3 | A | 1,044 | \$ 12,240,579 | \$ 15,860,238 | \$ (3,419,659) | \$ (3,276) | 78% |
| 20 | Pitman Boro | Gloucester | 4 | FG | 1,304 | \$ 9,850,252 | \$ 9,045,689 | \$ 804,563 | \$ 617 | 109% |
| 21 | South Harrison Twp | Gloucester | 3 | FG | 383 | \$ 1,634,459 | \$ 1,670,554 | \$ (36,095) | \$ (94) | 98% |
| 22 | Swedesboro-Woolwich | Gloucester | 3 | DE | 1,703 | \$ 6,987,560 | \$ 12,439,324 | \$ (5,451,764) | \$ (3,201) | 56% |
| 23 | Washington Twp | Gloucester | 4 | FG | 7,039 | \$ 50,115,305 | \$ 37,062,979 | \$ 13,052,326 | \$ 1,854 | 135% |
| 24 | Wenonah Boro | Gloucester | 5 | I | 181 | \$ 500,494 | \$ 320,200 | \$ 180,294 | \$ 996 | 156% |
| 25 | West Deptford Twp | Gloucester | 3 | DE | 2,877 | \$ 12,146,669 | \$ 14,855,087 | \$ (2,708,418) | \$ (942) | 82% |
| 26 | Westville Boro | Gloucester | 5 | B | 328 | \$ 2,492,911 | \$ 3,481,772 | \$ (988,861) | \$ (3,015) | 72% |
| 27 | Woodbury City | Gloucester | 5 | B | 1,395 | \$ 12,103,526 | \$ 16,141,379 | \$ (4,037,853) | \$ (2,895) | 75% |
| 28 | Woodbury Heights Boro | Gloucester | 3 | FG | 226 | \$ 1,002,506 | \$ 1,158,970 | \$ (156,464) | \$ (692) | 86% |
| | | | | | 46,198 | \$ 284,467,005 | \$ 344,236,542 | \$ (59,769,537) | | |



- 100 (17%) districts experienced significant enrollment growth.
 - Growing Districts have seen no corresponding increases in State Aid.
 - (LD11) Monmouth County's Red Bank Boro (23%), Freehold Borough (28%);
 - (LD3) Gloucester County's Kingsway Regional (44%)
- 200 Districts have experienced enrollment decreases.
 - Shrinking Districts are held harmless and continue to receive the same level of aid.

The School Funding Reform Act of 2008 (SFRA) has largely been ignored

- Why not run formula and fund our public schools based on the formula?
- Why haven't you phased out adjustment aid and enrollment caps?

Follow the formula, re-appropriate money based on demographic changes and enrollment fluctuations

- Eliminate budgetary Hold Harmless/adjustment aid redistribute \$600m in adjustment aid
 - Originally part of a plan to phase school funding in/out of districts over five years.
 - Nine years later school funding allocations are frozen in time, while our communities have changed; costs have increased, student enrollment has increased or decreased in a number of districts; communities have gentrified; etc.
- Eliminate Enrollment Caps.
- Sweeney's Plan to add another \$500m over next five years.

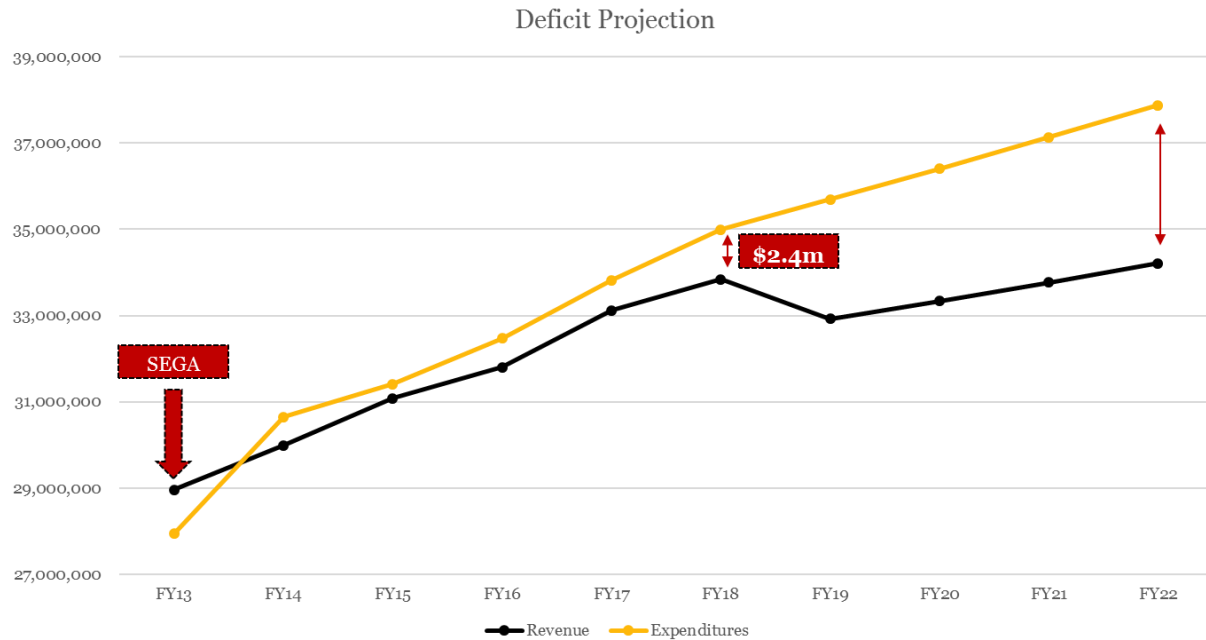
There is money to bail out EIRC, why not the underfunded school districts?

- How can the State Board of Education provide a \$3.3m bail out EIRC, with no conditions on receiving money, while public schools are being eroded from the inside out?

Impact on Kingsway:

- Enrollment grew by 44% since SFRA ('08)
- No corresponding increases in State Aid
- Local levy raised by \$33m over this period
 - Local levy increased by 56% and are now taxing over our local fair share
 - We are 21% (\$8m) below adequacy.
- Local levy cannot cover cost of compensation increases alone
- We generate \$500,000 in shared administrative services
- Significant cuts to building maintenance, technology, supplies
- Spending per pupil driven to below \$10,000 (Avg. HS over \$15,000)
 - 2nd lowest spending public school district in the State of NJ
- We are 25 teachers short of what we need TODAY
- WE CAN'T KEEP UP WITH GROWTH





System of Haves and Have-Nots:

- South Plainfield is perhaps the most ideally funded district in the State. Receiving 100% of full, uncapped SFRA (state aid); taxing their community at a rate the community can afford (99%) and slightly over adequacy (102%).
- Every district should be funded in a similar way, ideally at 100% in all three categories below.
 - State Aid (SFRA) – 100% is what every school district is entitled per law (SFRA)
 - Local Tax Gap – Reflects whether a community is paying more/less than they can afford.
 - Budget Adequacy – The amount of money the State says we need to spend to provide a “Thorough & Efficient” education to every student.

| District | State Aid Received (+/-) | % of Full SFRA | Local Tax Gap (+/-) | % of Local Fair Share | Budget Adequacy (+/-) | Spending: Adequacy |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Ideal District | - | 100% | \$0 | 100% | - | 100% |
| So. Plainfield | \$23 k | 100% | -\$579 k | 99% | \$1.02 m | 102% |



An example of the Have-Not (Underfunded) Districts

- 64% (379) of New Jersey's Public Schools fall into this category of underfunded districts at varying degrees.
- How can any law maker, in one of the wealthiest states in the Union say it is OK to fund one student at 46% and another at 518%?

| District | State Aid Received (+/-) | % of Full SFRA | Local Tax Gap (+/-) | % of Local Fair Share | Budget Adequacy (+/-) | Spending: Adequacy |
|----------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Chesterfield | -3.8m | 10% | \$1.21m | 117% | \$-2.33m | 79% |
| Hackensack | -21.7m | 37% | \$4.13m | 106% | \$-15.14m | 86% |
| Kingsway | -10.6m | 43% | \$525k | 103% | \$-8.36m | 78% |
| E. Greenwich | -3.7m | 49% | \$264k | 102% | \$-2.64m | 85% |
| Swede-Wool. | -5.5m | 56% | \$2.78m | 123% | \$-1.67m | 93% |
| Clearview | \$-575k | 96% | \$-4.9m | 78% | \$-3.86m | 90% |
| So. Harrison | \$-36k | 98% | \$-758k | 80% | \$-605k | 89% |
| So. Plainfield | - | 100% | -\$579k | 99% | \$1.02 m | 102% |

An example of the Have (Overfunded) Districts

- 36% (212) of New Jersey's Public Schools fall into this category of overfunded districts at varying degrees.
- How can any law maker, in one of the most progressive states in the Union say it is OK to create a public school system of Haves and Have-Nots?

| District | State Aid Received (+/-) | % of Full SFRA | Local Tax Gap (+/-) | % of Local Fair Share | Budget Adequacy (+/-) | Spending: Adequacy |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Hillsborough | \$4.93m | 124% | \$-4.49m | 95% | \$5.25m | 105% |
| Jersey City | \$122.1m | 141% | \$-224.3m | 33% | \$-96.1m | 85% |
| Marlboro | \$5.00m | 175% | -\$5.46m | 93% | \$14.4m | 122% |
| Brick Twp. | \$23.3m | 284% | \$-32.8m | 75% | - | 100% |
| Hoboken City | \$7.49m | 335% | \$-145.6m | 22% | \$5.95m | 113% |
| Dennis Twp. | \$4.98m | 518% | \$-1.48m | 85% | \$6.16m | 169% |



This is a Tax Issue!

- When the State overfunds a district, those taxpayers get an unfair break. When the State underfunds a district, those tax payers disproportionately shoulder the burden to fund their schools!

| | District | State Aid Received (+/-) | % of Full SFRA | Local Tax Gap (+/-) | % of Local Fair Share |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|
| Overfunded Undertaxed | Hoboken City | \$7.49m | 335% | \$-145.6m | 22% |
| | Jersey City | \$122.1m | 141% | \$-224.3m | 33% |
| | Brick Twp. | \$23.3m | 284% | \$-32.8m | 75% |
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| Underfunded Overtaxed | E. Greenwich | -3.7m | 49% | \$264k | 102% |
| | Kingsway | -10.6m | 43% | \$525k | 103% |
| | Hackensack | -21.7m | 37% | \$4.13m | 106% |
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