

# CLINTON PUBLIC SCHOOL

## Budget Hearing

2017-18



Presented April 26, 2017

# Mission

The Clinton-Glen Gardner School District, a community who values traditions, nurtures and cultivates each child to be a compassionate, curious, and creative thinker entrusted and empowered to build and lead the future.

# Goals

- All students will build strong academic foundations for present and future success.
- All students will build upon their innate curiosity and creativity.
- All students will exhibit ongoing growth in their compassionate behavior.

# Strategies

- We will synergize our curriculum and our professional development with our mission.
- We will partner with an array of local and outside entities to complement and expand our resources.
- We will repurpose and design flexible environments to enrich learning.
- We will provide students with diverse opportunities for discovery and growth.

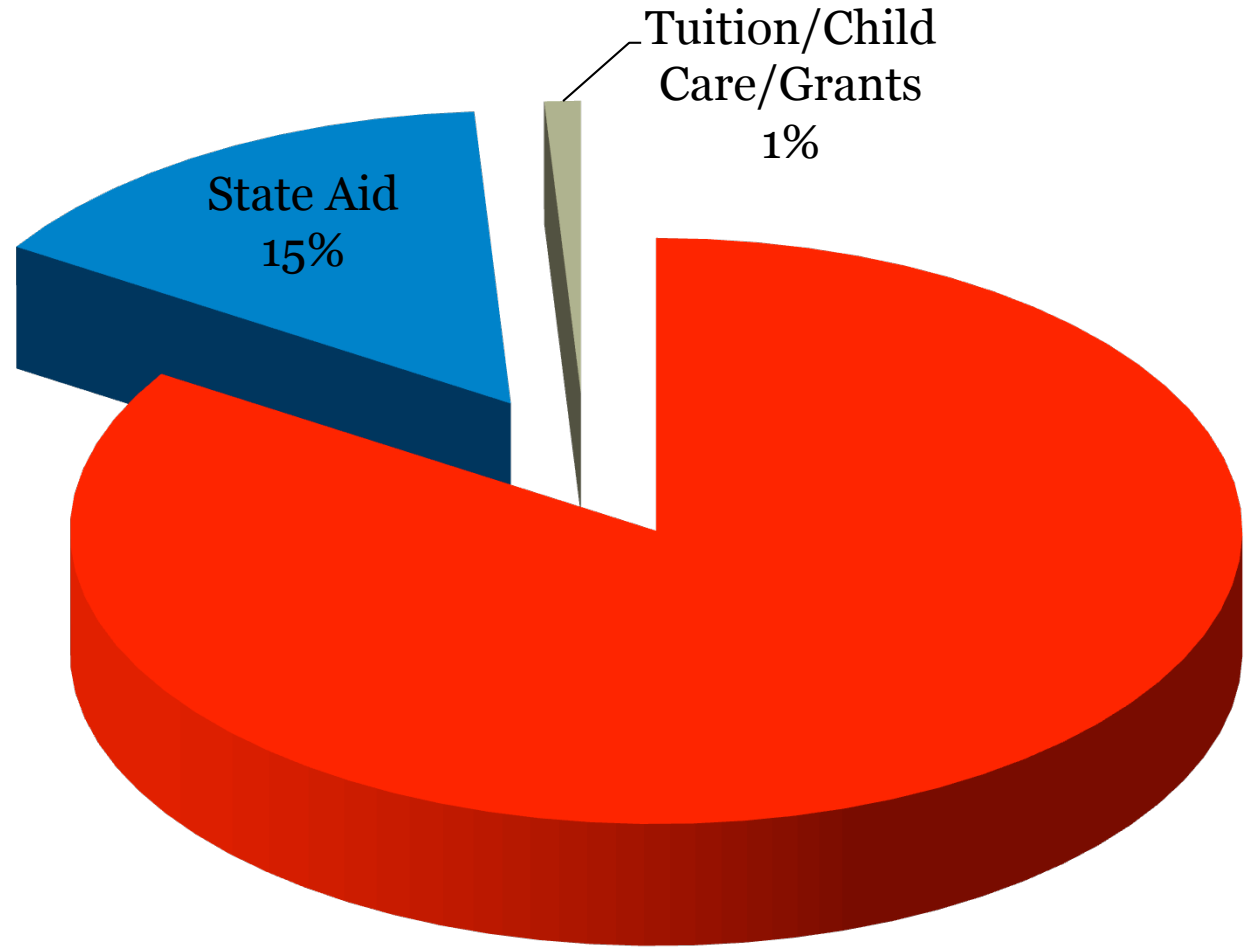
# We are supporting key Educational Programs

- 1:1 iPad initiative continued for every 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade student
- 1:1 Chromebooks/Laptop for every 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade student
- Continuation of three Grade 1 and 2 sections for 2017-2018
- Expansion of Foundations to Grade 2 Materials
- Continuation of GoMath k-7
- Implementation of K-4 NGSS
- Support of New Master Schedule
- Inclusion of over 15 new electives
- Maker Space Integration

# Budget Summary

- Total Operating budget increase of 1.7% or \$136,483
- General fund taxes increase of 2% or \$134,383 (no banked cap used, \$67,853 in bank for future years)
- State Aid no increase
- Contracted Salary increase of 2.5% Admin, CEA negotiating
- Health Benefit premium increase of 7%

# Where do we get our funding?



**\$8.1 million Operating Budget**

# State Aid

- **Adequacy Budget** - State Model for cost per pupil that assumes a much larger school district
- **Local Fair Share** taxation based on wealth of community
- Majority of Glen Gardner's Aid is **Equalization** and hold harmless **Adjustment Aid** and subject to State changes
- Current formula under review by the State for modification
- State calculates **separately** for each municipality
  - Part of 2009 State merger report



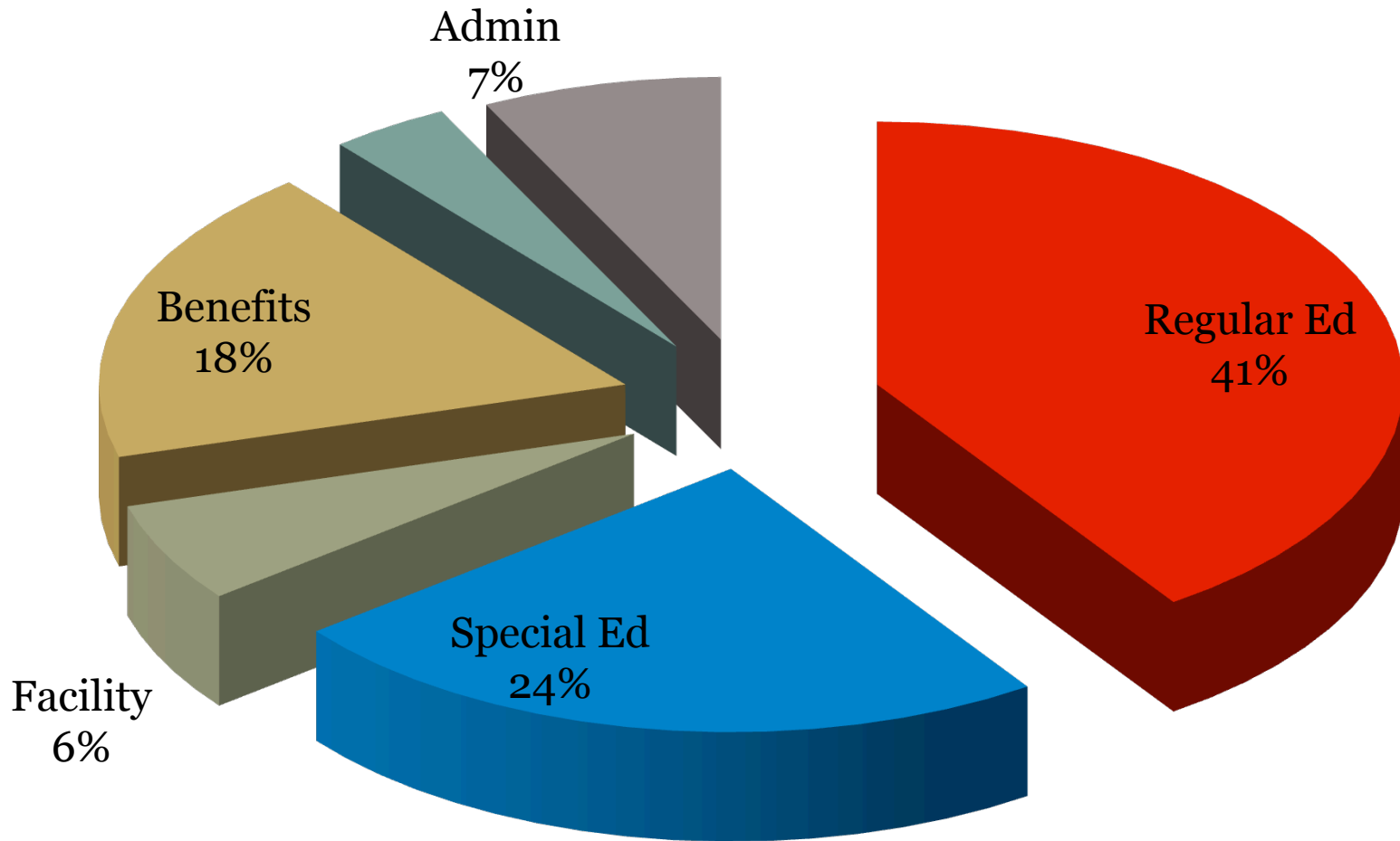
# Managing our Budget

- **Administrative Cost Per Pupil** lower than the regional limit by **13%**
- Debt Interest Rates of **1.53%** at **2.1%** due to excellent market timing & **AA Bond Rating** awarded by Standard and Poor's
- Stronger stewardship over our facility by **In-sourcing custodial**
- **Health Benefit** increases lower than market (average **7%** per year over 5 years in a private plan)
- **Facility Projects** timed with 1996 debt payoff to minimize impact
- **3 Year Lease Purchase** of major technology initiatives
- In-House **Before and After Care Program** supporting our programs

# Budget CAP

- **\$134,383** or **2%** Budget CAP - authority to increase taxes
- Balanced Budget **without** use of Operating Surplus
- Expanded by **Child Care, Tuition & Grant** Revenues
- District has qualified health care budget cap exception in the amount of \$67,853. This was banked and not used
- Future Challenges within a 2% CAP limitation
  - No exception in CAP for **capital improvements** absence of a public referendum (unique to school districts)
  - **Ch. 78 Health Premium Sharing** now fully phased-in
    - Allowed district to realize \$50,000/year reduction in costs over 4 years with increased staff premium contributions

# How will the funds be used?



**\$8.1 Million Operating Budget**

# Shared Services & Efficiencies

- **Banking services** provided by a county-wide consortium of schools yielding additional services for payroll and remote depositing
- **Hunterdon & Middlesex County ESC** – Internet Bandwidth, Paraprofessionals, Electricity, Educational & Custodial Materials, Facility Maintenance & Services
- **Educational Grants** for expanding programs
- **ACES** consortium of schools for Natural Gas
- **Town of Clinton** for School Resource Officer, Snow Removal, Field Use, and many other areas of working together to share resources
- **Borough of Glen Gardner** for Snow Removal & ongoing cooperation through 2009 State merger transitions
- Hosting Shared **professional development** with in-county schools
- Hosting County-wide **safety trainings** for local police departments

# Long Range Facility Plan

- **2014 Referendum Project Completions \$2.1 million**
  - New Fire Alarm System, HVAC Johnson Controls & New Rooftop Units, Replacement of 1996 Roof
- **Capital Reserve Account - \$600,000**
  - Past 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Roof Replacement & Window Upgrades
  - Currently funding [2016 Bond Referendum](#) to offset a tax increase
  - Future projects need 100% unless project is funded by a Bond Referendum, and then the state pays 40% in state aid
- **Maintenance Reserve Account –\$100,000**
  - Flooring repairs, parking lot maintenance and 16-17 concrete walkway repairs

# Technology Financing

- **3 Year Cycle on Technology Leases since 2008**
- **Capital leases with ownership**
- **Benefit low interest rates by bundling purchases**
  - Copier Equipment on 4-6 year cycles
  - Laptops, Chromebooks, & Servers
  - Wireless Access
  - PA System
  - Phone System
  - Accounting Software Upgrades
  - Security Cameras
  - Swipe access on door entry

# Allocation of General Fund Taxes

<b>District</b>	<b>2016-17 % of Taxes</b>	<b>2016-17 Tax in millions</b>	<b>2017-18 % of Taxes</b>	<b>2017-18 Tax in millions</b>
Clinton	72.6%	\$4.88	71.2%	\$4.88
Glen Gardner	27.4%	\$1.83	28.8%	\$1.97
Total Taxes	100%	\$6.71	100%	\$6.85

- State of New Jersey determines allocation each year

# Debt Impact

District	2001 Bonds 20 Year	2014 & 2016 Bonds 10 & 5 year	Total
Clinton	\$162,738	\$105,778	<b>\$268,516</b>
Glen Gardner	0	\$42,808	<b>\$42,808</b>
<i>Total Taxes</i>	<i>\$162,738</i>	<i>\$148,586</i>	<b>\$311,324</b>

- District received a AA or “Stable” Rating by Standard & Poor’s



# Tax Impact

	Clinton	Glen Gardner
2017-18 Tax Bill- per \$100,000 Value	\$1,403	\$1,424
Taxes increase (decrease)- per \$100,000 Value	(\$21)	\$96

- Glen Gardner Borough will be contributing \$30,000 in tax relief from the merger surplus effectively reducing Glen Gardner school taxes by 2 cents.
- Average Assesses Value in Clinton Town - **\$353,953**
- Average Assessed Value in Glen Gardner Borough - **\$174,858**

# Tax Rate Data

	Clinton	Glen Gardner
2016/17 Tax Rate	\$1.42	\$1.33
<b>2016/17 Rate Change</b>	<b>(\$0.02) Decr</b>	<b>\$0.06 Incr</b>
Assessed Values	\$357,584,850	\$139,322,461
Assessed Value Change	\$2,360,700	\$373,700

•Tax Rate = [ \$ requested (Levy) / Assessed Valuations ] x \$100

# We appreciate your support

- PTO
- Booster Club
- Partners In Education (PIE) Foundation
- Parent Music Association
- Rotarians
- Town of Clinton
- Borough of Glen Gardner

# Contact Us

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