



The Plumsted Township School District NEEDS YOUR HELP!

**It is more important than ever that
the state of New Jersey understands
the state of OUR district.**

**PLEASE PARTNER WITH US
TO ASK FOR A SOLUTION
to give our students the education they deserve.**

Updated - April 2024

Important Budget Update April 2024: NJ Department of Education has informed ALL School Districts They May NOT Seek Loans for 2024-25 Budgets

For Plumsted School District, this means we are unable to borrow the **\$ 2.4 million** we needed to balance the 2024-25 budget as described in our Tentative Budget introduced **March 13th**.

This announcement has unimaginable consequences for the Plumsted Township School District.

- We have already lost over **\$ 6.8 million** in state aid over seven years.
- Already **82 cut positions** including administration, teachers, coaches, sports, and extracurriculars, reduced AP offerings and HS electives, and are unable to properly maintain our buildings.



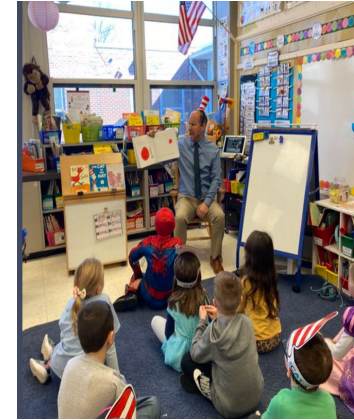
**We are educators.
We WILL NOT approve a budget that cuts \$2.4million more.
This may mean the state has to come in to make cuts.**

**WE NEED decision-makers to
understand what this would mean for our district**





**In light of the Department of Education's announcement
that NJ school districts may NOT seek a loan
to balance the 2024-2025 budget,
it is important to understand our position
and what it would look like to lose
\$2.4 million from our 2024-2025 Budget.**



**We are hoping that continued advocacy will result in a solution.
Please view entire presentation for contact information.**

WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

1.

We Continue our budget work, knowing we WILL NOT approve a budget with \$ 2.4 million in cuts.

- To adjust and strategize in light of the state's new "no loans" decree-we are preparing for the public hearing on the proposed budget.
- **Budget Hearing will be held May 1st at 7 PM at New Egypt High School Media Center.**
- We will continue our diligent budget review, however, we already know through the years of cuts that there is **NOTHING ELSE THAT WE CAN AFFORD TO LOSE** and still provide a safe, thorough and efficient education for our students.

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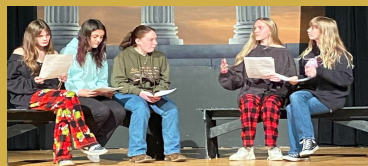
If NOTHING changes, the state could step in to make cuts.

- If a district cannot submit a final budget by the annual deadline **May 15, the NJ Department of Education could step in to make cuts.**
- Of course, we don't want this-BUT we also CANNOT endorse a budget that hurts students!

**TO BE CLEAR:
The Plumsted Twp.
School District**

**WILL NOT
APPROVE
A BUDGET
THAT CUTS
THESE ITEMS.**

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**WHAT DOES \$2.4
MILLION IN CUTS
LOOK LIKE?**

If our aid is not restored and if we are not permitted to take a loan, the state could come in to make cuts.

The state would focus on areas that are not defined as being part of a "Thorough and Efficient" education (known as "T&E").

The items listed below are defined by NJ as NOT being "T&E" items. These items combined don't even reach \$ 2.4 million.

- Elem Class Sizes=35-40
- MS & HS Class Sizes =35-40
- Closing Schools
- NO Athletics
- NO Academies, Clubs, Band, Drama
- Reduction of Security Officers
- NO Courtesy Busing
- NO Academic Supports (beyond the classroom that is not Title I funded)
- Limited or NO AP Courses
- NO late bus
- NO Facility Improvements
- Reduced Electives

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What do we NEED them to UNDERSTAND?

- If we aren't going to have our aid restored, we at least need the ability to borrow this \$ 2.4 million to save our district.
- We are fiscally sound.
- We do not have a spending problem - we have a REVENUE problem.
- Why should our students have fewer programs and services, athletics or co-curriculars and fewer opportunities?

Step 1: Contacting the Governor and the Commissioner of Education

Governor Phil Murphy:

TEXT: 732-605-5455

CALL: 609-292-6000

EMAIL: constituent.relations@nj.gov or
www.nj.gov/governor/contact/

Commissioner of Education Kevin Dehmer

CALL: 609-376-3500



Full Budget Info at www.newegypt.us

Step 2: Contacting the Leadership and Committee Chairs of the NJ Senate and NJ Assembly

This page has full contact information.

NEXT PAGE has email addresses only if you want to cut and paste them into an email.

NJ Senate Leadership and Committee Chairs

Senator Nicholas P. Scutari Senate President @SenPresScutari SenScutari@njleg.org 908.587.0404	Senator M. Teresa Ruiz Senate Majority Leader @senmteresaruiz senruiz@njleg.org 973.484.1000
Senator Vin Gopal Senate Education Committee Chair @vingopal SenGopal@njleg.org 732.333.0166	Senator Shirley Turner Senate Education Committee Vice Chair SenTurner@njleg.org 609.323.7239
Senator Paul Sarlo Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee Chair @PaulASarlo SenSarlo@njleg.org 201.804.8118	Senator Linda R. Greenstein Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee Vice Chair SenGreenstein@njleg.org 609.395.9911
Senator Anthony Bucco Senate Republican Leader @TonyBucco senbucco@njleg.org 973.627.9700	

State Assembly Leadership and Committee Chairs

Assemblyman Craig Coughlin Assembly Speaker @SpeakerCoughlin AsmCoughlin@njleg.org 732.855.7441	Assemblywoman Lisa Swain Assembly Appropriations Chair AswSwain@njleg.org 201.576.9199
Assemblywoman Eliana Pintor Marin Assembly Budget Chair AswPintorMarin@njleg.org 973.589.0713	Assemblyman Benjie E. Wimberly Assembly Budget Vice-Chair @BenjieWimberly AsmWimberly@njleg.org 973.925.7061
Assemblywoman Pamela Lampitt Assembly Education Committee Chair @PamLampitt1 AswLampitt@njleg.org 856.435.1247	Assemblyman Sterley S. Stanley Assembly Education Committee Vice-Chair AsmStanley@njleg.org 732.875.3833
Louis D. Greenwald Assembly Majority Leader AsmGreenwald@njleg.org	Assemblyman John DiMaio Assembly Minority Leader AsmDiMaio@njleg.org

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Email Addresses Only

For Governor Murphy and Senate and Assembly Leadership
(If you want to copy & paste)



constituent.relations@nj.gov

SenScutari@njleg.org

SenRuiz@njleg.org

SenGopal@njleg.org

SenTurner@njleg.org

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AsmDiMaio@njleg.org



To contact ANY legislator or
ALL legislators, see the
resources below.

Please know that our District
12 Legislators have already
been working hard to
advocate for us!

- Link to [NJ Legislative Leadership](#)
- Link to [Full NJ Legislative Roster](#)



"YOUR FUTURE STARTS AT HOME" *Class of 2024*

DECLARED
KAYLA ADAM





St. Francis University

Major: Secondary Education
Committed to Play Lacrosse (Div. I)

Member:
Global Education Academy
National Honor Society



"YOUR FUTURE STARTS AT HOME" *Class of 2024*

DECLARED
GRACE KRAEMER





Monmouth University

Major: Political Science
Concentration: International Relations
Accepted: Masters Pathway
Committed to Bowling Team (Div. I)

Member: Business Academy, National Honor Society & Band



"YOUR FUTURE STARTS AT HOME" *Class of 2024*

DECLARED
MASON AVON




Rutger's University
New Brunswick, NJ

Major: Business
Concentration: Finance
Accepted: Business School

Member: Business Academy National Honor Society



"OUR Future Starts at Home"

Understanding the Loss of State Aid

The Impact of S2 (School Funding Formula) to the Plumsted Twp. School District

2018-2019 = -\$ 231,957

2019-2020 = -\$ 669,078

2020-2021 = -\$1,305,809

2021-2022 = -\$1,947,445

2022-2023 = -\$1,684,057

2023-2024 = -\$ 952,411

2024-2025 = -\$ 13,680

Overall
\$6.8 million
has been lost
in state aid
over seven years

What We Are Doing...

We have aggressively pursued multiple avenues to advocate for a review or pause of S2 cuts and to draw special attention to the unique circumstances faced by Plumsted Twp.

- Had a State Assemblyman Testify to Senate and Assembly Budget Committees on multiple occasions
- Gathered public support to advocate for our students on S2 cuts
- Met with District 12 Legislators
- Review of all assets to see if the district can have another revenue source

What Can YOU Do?

- **ADVOCATE** for our children by contacting legislative leaders who oversee Senate and Assembly Education Committees
- **EDUCATE** them about the devastating impact of lost aid to Plumsted Township Schools
- **IMPLORE** them to **RESTORE OUR AID** and save our district from devastating cuts - **or at a minimum allow us to take a loan to balance our budget**
- **ASK** that the funding formula be revised to correct for special circumstances that exist in districts

This presentation includes facts, figures and information
you can use in your calls and letters
to help EDUCATE Trenton about what is happening to our students!



Tips on Writing or Calling Legislators

- Be **RESPECTFUL** and **CONCISE** - your message doesn't have to be long to be powerful.
- **IDENTIFY** yourself as a constituent (e.g. "I am the parent/taxpayer of a child in the **Plumsted Twp.School District** ... I have lived here for X years...)
- **INCLUDE** your contact information (address, email, and/or phone number)
- **EXPLAIN WHY** you are contacting them, for example:
 - *"I am asking for your help on behalf of the students of the Plumsted Twp. School District. Please work to **RESTORE** our AID - or at a minimum allow our district to borrow the **\$ 2.4 million** we need to support our students next year. Without your assistance, the cuts that would be necessary to balance our budget would impact my child's education in the following ways ..."*
 - *"I am respectfully asking that you consider the special circumstances that exist in Plumsted Twp. and allow us to borrow the funds needed to provide the education our students deserve ..."*
- Make it **PERSONAL** (e.g. what is your child's experience in the district, what will the loss of this funding mean to YOU... what are your concerns.)

Resources to Help You Advocate for Your Children

We find that a static “sample letter” doesn’t have the same impact as even a brief but personal note from a parent or staff member. The next slides offer:

- Some **facts, figures and context for the impact these cuts are having in our district in a variety of areas.**
 - You may copy and paste and use any of the information here in your letters if you wish - or you can author your own thoughts.
 - Even taking one or two ideas and putting YOUR VOICE and support behind them will help.
- Contact information for the leadership of the NJ Senate and NJ Assembly Budget and Education Committees.

**If you have any questions or need more information, please reach out to us.
Call 609-758-6800 Ext. 4206**

Sample Letter Idea:

Dear Senators and Assemblymen and Assemblywomen,

I am imploring you to advocate for the students of the Plumsted Township School District, who have lost **\$ 6.8 million** in state aid over the past seven years. Our district also just learned that all districts will not be permitted to ask for any loans to help balance our budgets for the 2024-2025 school year.

This announcement could have unimaginable consequences for the Plumsted Township School District.

Our district has already cut 82 positions including administration, made cuts to sports, coaches and extra-curriculars, reduced AP offerings and HS electives, and are unable to properly maintain our buildings. The Tentative Budget introduced in March 2024 **was based on the hope that we could secure a \$ 2.4 million loan to be able to support our students.**

If we aren't going to have our aid restored, **we at least need the ability to borrow this \$ 2.4 million to support our students.** We have lost so much already and we cannot withstand **\$ 2.4 million** more in budget cuts.

We are fiscally sound. We do not have a spending problem - we have a REVENUE problem. Why should our students have fewer programs, services, athletics, co-curriculars and opportunities?

I respectfully ask that you save us from the fiscal cliff we are about to go over. Please consider visiting the **WWW.NEWEGYPT.US** Budget link to learn more about our unique situation.

Respectfully,

To fully understand our situation,
please go to the District's Webpage

- Tentative Budget Presentation
- Tentative Budget Document
- Opportunities for Public Input

www.newegypt.us

DECREASING REVENUES

**According to NJDOE State Aid Notice 2-29-2024*

Factors Impacting the 2024-2025 Budget

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- **State Aid - Decreased by \$6,803,436 (since 2018-2019)**
 - Transportation Aid - \$0
 - Security Aid - \$23,602 (frozen at 2018-2019 amount)
 - **COVID-Era Funding Sunsets** (ESSR and ARP)
 - 2023-2024 budget includes \$788,911 that will not be available for 2024-2025
 - **Surplus**
 - Proposed 2024-2025 budget utilizes all project available saving
 - **Tax Levy Cap** - 2% Tax Levy Cap + Permitted Spending Adjustments
 - Proposed budget increases tax levy \$388,986 (2.93%)
 - **Fixed Costs Outside of Our Control**
 - Regional CPI over the last 3 years is 2022 - 8.2%; 2023 - 6.3%; 2024 - 3.4%
 - **Curricular and Instructional Needs**
 - Can no longer postpone needed curriculum updates (Literacy K - 8 and Math 6-8)
 - 750+ more multi-language learners in our district since the start of S2

What is the NJ “Adequacy Budget”?

For every district, the state calculates what would be the necessary funding level to provide a “thorough and efficient education” to every pupil in that district. This is what is referred to as the Adequacy Budget.

Budget Year	How Far is Plumsted Twp. Above or Below Adequacy?	Why?
2024 - 2025	\$1,029,110 BELOW	Requesting Loan - \$2.4 million

In Summary...

After losing **\$ 6.8 million in aid over seven years...**

- AND cutting the budget in every area - including curriculum, activities and athletics...
- AND postponing needed facilities improvements...
- AND cutting 82 positions - including administration, certified and non-certified staff...
- AND increasing class size in our elementary and middle school close to 35-40.

After making some **additional fiscally prudent reductions** to the 2024-2025 Tentative Budget ...

We WILL NOT submit a budget with significant cuts - because doing so would sacrifice our ability to provide a thorough and efficient education for our students.

WE WILL be seeking a loan from the DOE to support our 2024-2025 budget.

WE WILL continue to put our students first
and ensure they have strong, enriching instruction and programs.

At risk
given the
newest
update
from the
NJDOE.

NE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
Haley Anderson, PA-C, ATC
 Class of 2011



NEUROSURGERY PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT
UPHEALTH JACKSONVILLE
 Nova Southeastern University
 Masters of Physician Assistant Studies
 University of Florida
 Masters of Epidemiology and Public Health
 University of Delaware
 B.S. Exercise Science

NE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
DESMOND JACKSON
 CLASS OF 2011



PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONSULTANT
VACO, NORTH CAROLINA
PROFESSIONAL BASKETBALL PLAYER
YAMAGUCHI PATRIOTS, JAPAN
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA, 2015
B.S. IN SPORTS MANAGEMENT
(COLLEGIATE BASKETBALL-DIV. I)

ALUMNI UPDATE!
TRACY LAROC LEE
 CLASS OF 2008
 "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"



RN BSN PCN CLINICAL NURSE LEADER
CENTRASTATE MEDICAL CENTER
KEAN UNIVERSITY-MAJOR: B.S. NURSING
ATTENDING CHAMBERLAIN UNIVERSITY-
MASTERS PROGRAM: ADULT NURSE PRACTITIONER

ALUMNI UPDATE!
SEAN PRZYBYLKOWSKI
 CLASS OF 2013
 "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"

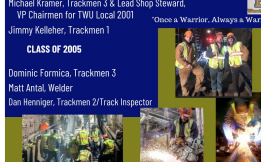


ESQUIRE
JAEVERBAUM WURGALT LAW FIRM
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
JURIS DOCTOR
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY, B.S. DEGREE
DOUBLE MAJOR: POLITICAL SCIENCE & LABOR STUDIES

ALUMNI UPDATE!

CLASS OF 2004
 Michael Kramer, Trackmen 3 & Lead Shop Steward,
 VP Chairman for TWU Local 2001
 Jimmy Kelleher, Trackmen 1

CLASS OF 2005
 Dominic Formica, Trackmen 3
 Matt Antal, Welder
 Dan Henniger, Trackmen 2/Track Inspector



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NE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
Riley and Brady Manion




Class of 2019 **Class of 2017**

RILEY
 Good Morning America (ABC)
 Production Assistant
 High Point University, BS
 (2019)
 Major: Broadcast Journalism
 Concentration: Specialization
 in Entertainment

BRADY
 Good Shepherd Penn
 Partners
 Physical Therapist
 Ardennes University,
 Doctorate PT (2020)
 Major: Physical Therapist
 License: Scholar All-
 American

ALUMNI UPDATE!
MATT DEY
 CLASS OF 2014
 "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"



SECURITY ENGINEER
GoDaddy
DREXEL UNIVERSITY, B.S.
MAJOR: SOFTWARE ENGINEERING

ALUMNI UPDATE

Sohaibia (Raza) Wajed
 CLASS OF 2011
 Clinical Manager
 Nephrology Practice-
 Consultants in Kidney Diseases

MONTCLAIR STATE UNIVERSITY
 B.S., Biochemistry
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
 Master of Health Administration

Mohammed Raza
RUTGERS UNIVERSITY
 B.S., Cell Biology
UNIVERSITY OF WEST VIRGINIA
 (Attending)
THE SCHOOL OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
 (Emergency Medicine Physician)



"ONCE A WARRIOR, ALWAYS A WARRIOR"

ALUMNI UPDATE!
MAKENZIE MAGNOTTA
 CLASS OF 2014
 "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"



HEALTH & PHYSICAL EDUCATION TEACHER
HEAD FIELD HOCKEY COACH
CHAMBERSBURG AREA SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL, PENNSYLVANIA
SHIPPENSBURG UNIVERSITY, B.S.
MAJOR: EXERCISE SCIENCE/TEACHING CERTIFICATION
ATTENDING WILSON COLLEGE: MASTERS OF EDUCATION
COLLEGIATE LACROSSE (DIV II)

ALUMNI UPDATE!
DR. AUSTIN SORCHIK
 CLASS OF 2006
 "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"



South Georgia Medical Center
Director of Osteopathic Medicine
SUSQUEHANNA UNIVERSITY, B.S.
MAJOR: BIOLOGY
PHILADELPHIA COLLEGE OF OSTEOPATHIC MEDICINE
MASTERS DEGREE &
MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH
RESIDENCY: LANGLAND MEDICAL CENTER FAMILY MEDICINE

ALUMNI UPDATE
BRIANNA CASQUEIRA
 CLASS OF 2009
 "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"



Stylist
Polished Salon
Forked River, NJ

The Salon Professional
Academy, 2021
Cosmetology License

NE ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT
LEE HOPKINS
 Class of 2005



N.C FARM BUREAU
INSURANCE AGENT
 Named Top 75 Agents in North Carolina

West Chester University
 Major: Criminal Justice
 Collegiate Football Player (Div. III)

WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY
GOLDEN RAMS

ALUMNI UPDATE!
KYLE EMERY
 CLASS OF 2008
 "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"



POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOW, UCLA
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION (NSF)
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, B.S.
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE 2015
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, MASTERS
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE 2015
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA BARBARA, PH.D.
PH.D. IN SCIENCE 2021

ALUMNI UPDATE!
JOHN GOLDSTEIN
 CLASS OF 2005
 "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"



Contractor
JOHNNY GS HOME IMPROVEMENT, NEW EGYPT
OCEAN COUNTY VO-TECH
(CUSTOM WOOD WORKING & DESIGN)

ALUMNI UPDATE!
 IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY WE RECOGNIZE ALL OF OUR WARRIOR ALUMNI THAT ARE IN ACTIVE DUTY AND SERVED OUR COUNTRY!

NICOLE PARISE
 CLASS OF 2015
 "Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"



E-4 SENIOR AIRMAN SRA.
UNITED STATES AIR FORCE
AVIONICS SYSTEMS (A-10 PLANES)

#WarriorFamily **NE** **#WarriorProud**

#WarriorCommunity
#WarriorStrong

"Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior"