

# Haworth School District



2025-2026 Proposed Budget Presentation

April 24, 2025

## District Mission Statement

The Haworth Public School District, a safe and nurturing small school environment, in partnership with our community, is dedicated to providing every student with educational excellence through a comprehensive, innovative and rigorous curriculum that fosters productive and responsible lifelong learners in a global society.



## Financial Mission Statement

The budget is driven by our commitment to student accomplishment in a way that is fiscally responsible to the taxpayer.

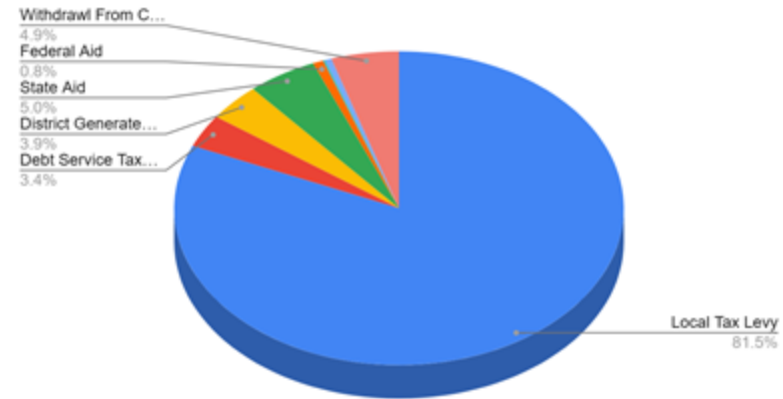
Making a budget we always keep in mind that **we never want to sacrifice one for the other.**

# REVENUES



# 2025-2026: Revenue Sources

Source	Dollar Amount	Percent of Total Budget
Local Tax Levy	11,226,992	81.51%
Debt Service Tax Levy	465,861	3.38%
District Generated Revenue	530,500	3.85%
State Aid	688,484	5.00%
Federal Aid	105,100	0.76%
Debt Service Aid	24,239	0.18%
Fund Balance (Fund 10)	60,719	0.44%
Withdrawal From Capital Reserve	672,359	4.88%
Total	13,774,254	100.00%



# District Revenue Generation

School Year	Revenue Generated
2020-2021	<b>144,307*</b>
2021-2022	<b>217,837*</b>
2022-2023	<b>158,750</b>
2023-2024	<b>211,343</b>
2024-2025	<b>\$440,790</b>
<b>2025-2026</b>	<b>\$530,500</b>

\* Figures includes collected tuition during COVID and for Cresskill flooding

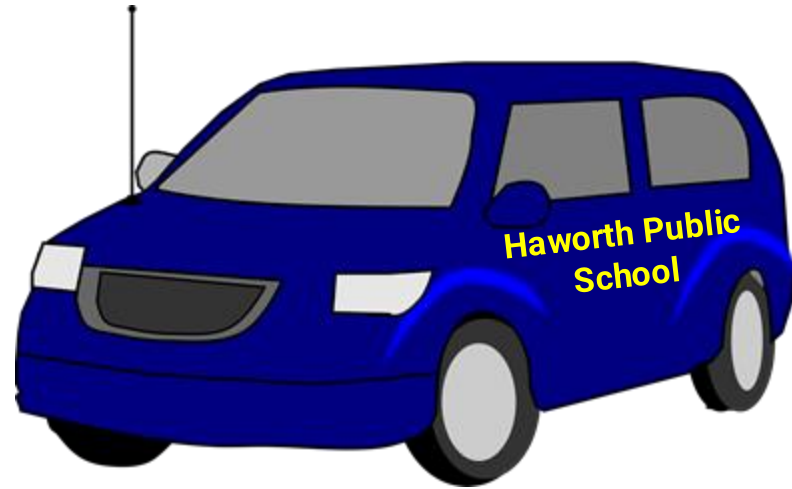
# 2025-2026 District Revenue Generation Sources

Program	Revenue Generated
Pre-K	\$220,000
Before Care & After Care	\$35,000
Building Rent	\$190,000
School Lunch	\$20,000
Operating Interest	\$25,000
Capital Reserve Interest	\$25,000
Building Usage	\$5,000*

# Reducing Costs: District Transportation Program

We are currently have plans to explore a district-operated transportation program, giving us greater control over the costs associated with transporting out-of-district students.

This initiative will also allow us to offer a more personalized and student-centered approach to transportation services.



# Reducing Costs: Shared Services Programs

- Northern Valley Special Education Transportation
- Ed Data Supply Services (Purchasing Group)
- Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES)
- Northern Valley School Lunch Program - Pomptonian Food Services
- Northern Valley Curriculum Center – Professional Development Services
- Insurance Fund for Property and Liability (NESBIG)
- Internet Provider (E-Rate/Northern Valley)
- Insurance Fund for Workers' Compensation (NESBIG)
- Borough provides:
  - snow plowing
  - trash/recycling
  - large area mowing
  - crossing guards
- Looking into in-district transport options which includes a school vehicle and new transportation contracts which would update accordingly



# 2025-2026 BUDGET FACTORS





# Major Factors Considered in the School Budget Process



- Continued Efforts to Address Student Learning Gaps
  - Program Offerings (Academics, Social & Emotional, Enrichment Activities)
  - **Student Achievement/Growth**
  - **Enrollment Increase**
  - **Safety and Security**
  - Additional Services and Supports
  - Facilities and Maintenance (Including Technology)
  - Staffing (New Positions, Continuing Positions)
  - Rising Costs (CPI, Healthcare Costs, Transportation Costs)
- Other:
    - Technology (STEAM)
    - Professional Development
    - Curriculum and Instruction (New Texts and Subscriptions)
    - Contracts and Benefits ( $\cong$  65%)
    - Supplies
    - Special Education (Programing and Format - ICS)

# Major Factors Considered in the School Budget Process (continued)



- Professional Development aligned with Math and ELA curriculum updates
- Curriculum and Instruction (New Texts and Subscriptions)
  - Math & Science Curriculum Updates
- HTA, Three-year teacher contract settlement
- Special Education (Programing and Format - ICS)
- Predicted housing projections and population growth
- Transportation Costs

# RELEVANT DISTRICT & MARKET CONDITIONS



# District Growth: Enrollment Rates

School Year	Enrollment	Annual % Increase
2019-2020	387	—
2020-2021	408	5.4%
2021-2022	414	1.4%
2022-2023	427	3%
2023-2024	464	7.9%
2024-2025	505	8.8%
<b>Total Percent Increase (since 19-20 School Year)</b>		<b>30.4%</b>



## District growth creates:

- a need more teachers and benefits
- More teacher aides and benefits
- increased special ed costs
- increased transportation costs

# Economic Market Conditions

Transportation Costs			
School Year	Cost	Annual Cost Increase	Annual Percent Increase
2020-2021	\$35,617	---	—
2021-2022	\$95,445	\$59,828	168%
2022-2023	\$194,000	\$98,555	103%
2023-2024	\$205,000	\$11,000	6%
2024-2025	\$194,542	-\$10,458	-5%
2025-2026	\$183,000	-\$11,542	-6%
Total Cost Increase (Since 20-21)	\$147,383	Total Percent Increase (Since 20-21)	413.80%



# Economic Market Conditions



Healthcare Costs			
School Year	Cost	Annual Cost Increase	Annual % Increase
2020-2021	\$1,164,351	--	—
2021-2022	\$1,347,624	\$183,273	15.74%
2022-2023	\$1,580,769	\$233,145	17.30%
2023-2024	\$1,617,257.00	\$36,488.00	2.31%
2024-2025	\$1,917,448.00	\$300,191.00	18.56%
2025-2026	\$2,199,282.00	\$281,834.00	14.70%
<b>Total Cost Increase (Since 20-21)</b>	<b>\$1,034,931.00</b>	<b>Total Percent Increase (Since 20-21)</b>	<b>88.88%</b>

# Economic Market Conditions: CPI



Consumer Price Index (CPI)	
School Year	CPI Annual Increase
2020-2021	1.70%
2021-2022	1.69%
2022-2023	1.91%
2023-2024	5.86%
2024-2025	5.81%
2025-2026 (expected)	2.40%- 4.0%

# 2025-2026 TAX REVENUE





# Calculated Tax Levy

**REQUIRED SPENDING** (Including DS)

**\$13,774,254**

- BUDGETED FUND BALANCE  
60,719
- REVENUE NOT FROM TAXES  
2,020,682

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**Total**

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**\$ 2,081,401**

**Debt Service Tax Collected (Required Pmt)**

**\$ 465,861**

# Net Tax Impact

- Increase for 25-26 Local Tax Levy @ 7.90% (General Fund & DS)

**24-25 Local Tax Levy - \$10,396,326\*.077**

**\$ 800,528**

(Used State Calculated Cap adjustments due to Enrollment Increase and Healthcare Costs)

- Use of Banked Cap Eligibility

**\$ 30,138**

- \$525,204 of eligible banked cap and additional adjustments not used;

- \$495,066 in bank cap will expire at the end of this FY)

- Debt Service (Small decrease in pmt due)

**\$ 25,419**

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# 2025-26 Budget Tax Levy

**HAWORTH**



**1134 Households**

Approx. Tax Levy Increase For Each Household:

Total Tax Levy Increase (General and Debt Service)

**\$856,085**

Total Increase per Household (median assessed value)

**\$755/year or \$62.91/month**

# School Budgeting 101:

## “The Two Percent Cap”

### The “Two Percent Cap”:

As of 2010, the New Jersey Legislature mandated a **“2% Cap”** forcing towns and school districts to restrict spending so as to not overburden taxpayers with large annual increases.



### Permissible Special Circumstances for Exceeding the Cap:

- Financing for debt service
- Increasing pension, healthcare/insurance costs
- Enrollment increases
- Inflationary conditions

### State Calculations of Special Circumstances:

- The DOE provides ratios and corresponding dollar figures to account for these possible adjustments.
- Such adjustments allow districts to tax residents above the “2% Cap” based on the aforementioned conditions

# School Budgeting 101:

## “Banked Cap”

### “Banked Cap”:

Districts who do not budget the full 2% allotment as determined by the State of New Jersey accumulate “banked cap”.

The “**Banked Cap**” figure is the:

- remaining portion of the 2% which might not have been budgeted by a school district for that fiscal year.
- state calculations of special circumstances DOE provides from the ratios and corresponding dollar figures to make up for possible adjustments

Districts have three years to spend the “**Banked Cap**” before they lose access to the money.



# HPS:

## 2% Percent Cap and Banked Cap

Haworth Tax Rate & Allotted Banked Cap		
School Year	Rate (%)	Banked Cap
2022-2023	2%	\$506,091
2023-2024	2%	\$416,622
2024-2025	5.6%	\$108,582
2025-2026	7.9%	\$0
Total Available Banked Cap		\$525,204

Given our average district budget, the 2% cap translates to roughly \$200,000

Haworth Enrollment and Cost of Goods				
School Year	Enrollment Increase (%)	Healthcare Increase (%)	Inflation Increase (%)	Tax Increase (%)
2021-2022	1%	15.74%	7.00%	1.90%
2022-2023	3%	17.30%	6.50%	2%
2023-2024	8%	2.31%	3.40%	2%
2024-2025	8.80%	18.56%	2.90%	5.60%
2025-2026	3%	14.70%	2.40%	7.90%
TOTALS	24%	68.61%	22.20%	19.40%

# Highlights

## The Proposed 2025-2026 Budget: “To address shifting needs”

- Offers a fiscal plan which priorities student learning
- Expands the existing **BSI and I&RS** programs schoolwide
- Expands **Spanish** program into the kindergarten
- Accommodates for state mandated math curriculum updates
  - **Purchase of new math program resources**
- Expands specialized **Basic Skills** program into the **middle school levels (K-8)**
- **Maintains grade level expansions (5th & 6th) to ensure smaller class sizes**
- Increases staffing to accommodate student population growth **(2 FTE added)**
- **Expands** upon existing **revenue generating programs**
- Provides transportation savings with use of school vehicle
- Aligns with the district’s strategic plan & Long Range Facilities Plan (LRFP)
- Addresses facility concerns with regard to: security, food service, required maintenance
- Continues district technology initiatives (Infrastructure/Web Filtering/1:1)
- Absorbs the current increasing **CPI index** as dictated by market factors



# Highlights

## The Proposed 2025-2026 Budget: “To address shifting needs”

- Turf Field
- Security Cameras
- Increased Energy demands with larger square footage
- Science consultant
- New camps mapping (CGI) and school floor plan in conjunction with emergency services
- Other facilities upgrades to increase accessibility and security on campus





**Thank you for viewing the  
2025-2026  
Haworth School District  
Budget.**