Maywood Board of Education

BUDGET PRESENTATION 2025-2026

APRIL 30, 2025

Budget Overview 2025-2026

- Total operating fund (10) tax levy is $22,430,204, an increase of 4.91%.
- Total operating budget (10) is $28,213,195, an increase of 5.20%. The increase is 4.71% net of transfers to debt service to reduce debt service payments.
- State Aid is $3,944,730, a decrease of 3%. State aid supports 13.98% of the district budget.
- The tax increase of 4.91% still leaves the district budget below adequacy as calculated by the State.
- Payments on the $22M referendum total $2,275,775 for 2025-2026, an increase of 16.36%. Debt service taxes are $1,444,102, net of capital reserve contribution and debt service aid. This is an increase of 1.30%.

The "2% cap" allows expenditures to increase by only 0.59% , creating a budget deficit

Revenue Source	2024-2024		2025-2026		Change	
State Aid	$4,066,732		$3,944,730		-$122,002	-3.00%
Grants	$463,968		$311,547		-$152,421	-32.85%
Taxes	$21,380,350		21,807,957		+$427,607	+2.00%
Total	$25,911,050		$26,064,234		$153,184	+0.59%
Actual budgeted expenditures	$27,015,522		$28,114,179		$1,098,657	+4.07%
Deficit					**-$945,473**	

Taxing Authority vs. Actual Levy 2025-2026

	Maximum Levy Calculation		Actual Levy per Budget	Note
2024-2025 Levy	$21,380,350		$21,380,350	
2% allowable increase	$427,607		$427,607	
Health Care adjustment	$211,684		$211,684	State Health benefits premiums increased 14%
Banked Cap	$1,368,146		$410,563	Cumulative adjustments unused for 3 year
Total Levy	$23,387,787		$22,430,204	
Increase from prior year	$2,007,437		$1,049,854	$ Tax increase
Increase from Prior Year	9.39%		4.91%	% Tax increase
Difference			$-957,583	This amount will move forward to 2026-2026 levy calculation

2025-2026 budget deficit was closed using increased fund balance, health care adjustment and banked cap

Source	2024-2025		2025-2026		Change
Fund Balance	$847,121		$1,148,686		+$301,565
Withdrawals from Reserves	$100,000		$75,000		-$25,000
Health Care adjustment	$--		$211,684		+$211,684
Misc Revenues	$157,351		$204,012		+$46,661
Total					+$534,910
Deficit					-$945,473
Amount to be covered by Banked Cap					**+$410,563**

Effect of Capital Reserve contribution to debt service taxes – keeps taxes same level as 2% increase

	24-25 Base Year	25-26 using 2% increase	25-26 with banked cap and cap res contribution flip
Taxes- fund 10	$21,380,350	$21,807,957	$21,807,957
Healthcare Adjustment		$211,684	$211,684
Banked Cap Used		$0	$410,563
Total fund 10 Taxes		$22,019.641	$22,430,204
Taxes- fund 40		$1,854,665	$1,854,665
Capital Reserve Contribution		$0	-$410,563
Total fund 40 taxes		$1,854,665	$1,444,102
Total Taxes	**$22,805,985**	**$23,874,306**	**$23,874,306**
Total increase		**4.68%**	**4.68%**

If there's a 2% cap, why is our budget increasing by 4.07% ??

Expenditure	24-25	25-26	Actual increase	Amount exceeding 2%
Tuition– Regular Education	$4,074,324	$4,308,140	5.74%	$152,330
Tuition– Special Education	$3,178,021	$3,585,770	12.83	$344,189
Health Insurance	$2,544,515	$2,799,889	10.04%	$204,483
Total over 2%				$701,002

4 year enrollment trend

	Oct 2021	Oct 2022	Oct 2023	Oct 2024	April 2025
In district	925	950	1,001	976	983
Gr 9-12 Becton	276	308	311	326	332
SE sent other	22	27	29	29	38
Charter/Tech	90	82	76	78	78
Total	1,313	1,367	1,417	1,409	1,431
1 year 4 years					1.56% 8.99%

Special education enrollments continue to rise disproportionately to general education enrollments

CLASS		20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25
PRESCHOOL DISABLED (AM)	MAS	12	9	12	6	10
PRESCHOOL DISABLED (PM)	MAS	10	12	9	6	10
SELF-CONTAINED	MAS	7	7	7	10	11
MAP 4-8	MAS	5	7	5	6	6
PRESCHOOL DISABLED (MAP)	MAS	n/a	7	9	12	11
PRESCHOOL DISABLED (MAP)	MEM	9	6	11	10	7
MAP K-3	ME	8	6	7	5	n/a
MD Gr 1 (MAP)	MEM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	9
MAP 4-8	MAS	5	7	5	6	6
LLD 4-8	MAS	7	7	7	10	11
LLD K-3	MEM	6	6	5	12	10
LLD K-3 (2)	MEM	n/a	4	9	12	9
LLD Severe	MEM	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	4
total above		**69**	**78**	**86**	**95**	**104**
year to year			13.04%	10.26%	10.47%	9.47%
5 year increase						50.72%

Maywood's budget is inadequate per NJ DOE

"District Adequacy Budget" - State calculation of necessary funding to provide a thorough and efficient education to every student in the district. The sum of the local share (taxes) and equalization aid (state)should equal this amount

	2023-2024		2024-2025		2025-2026
General Fund Tax Levy	$20,757,621		$21,380,350		$22,430,204
Equalization Aid	$324,912		$1,775,568		$623,474
Total	$21,082,533		$23,155,918		$23,053,678
Adequacy Budget per NJ DOE	$22,368,784		$24,934,692		$28,194,819
Over/(Under) Adequacy	($1,286,251)		($689,895)		($5,141,141)

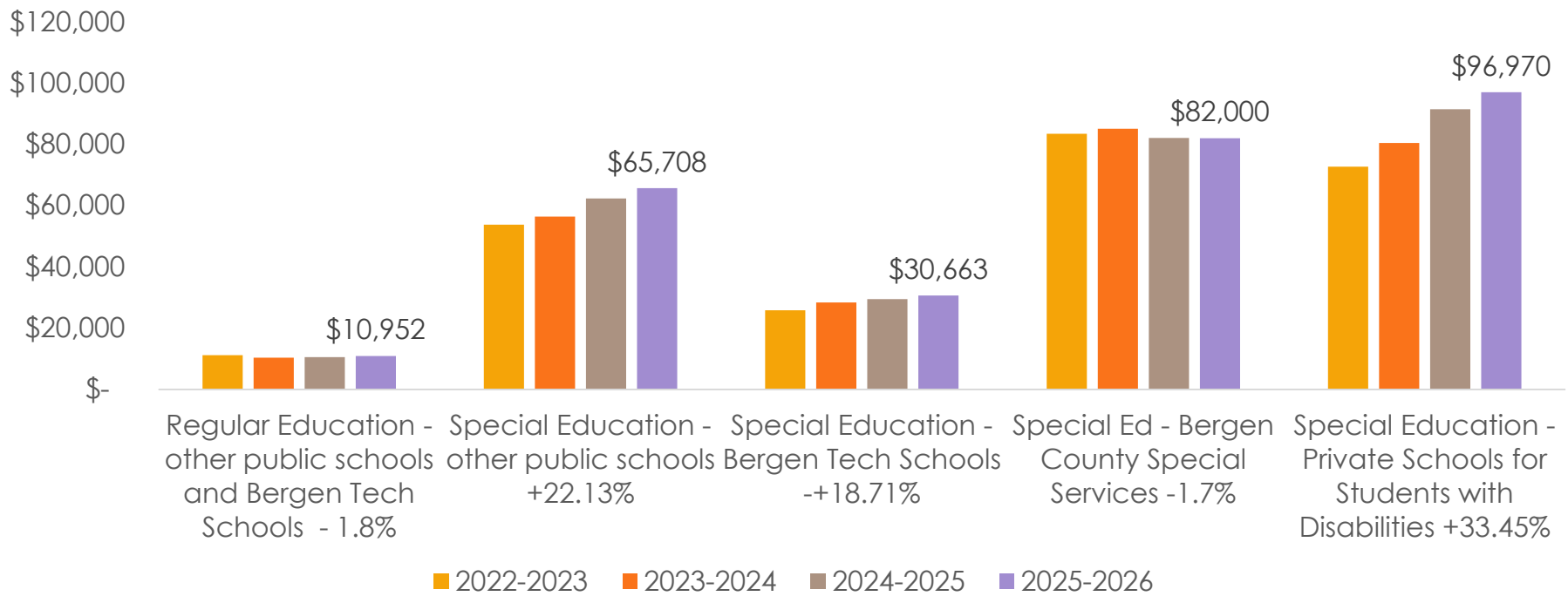
Maywood's tax levy is below NJDOE local fair share calculation

"Local Fair Share" - State calculation of what it believes the local taxing authority would be able to raise and earmark for the district's budget. The difference between the adequacy budget and local fair share is covered through equalization aid.

	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
District Adequacy Budget	$22,368,784	$24,937,692	$28,194,819
Equalization Aid	$324,912	$1,775,568	$623,474
Local Fair Share	$22,042,872	$23,162,124	$27,571,345
Tax Levy	$20,757,621	$21,380,350	$22,430,204
Deficit	($1,285,251)	($1,781,774)	($5,141,141)

Tuition Comparison

2022-2023, 2023-2024, 2024-2025 & 2025-2026
Regular Education tuitions have decreased but Special Education tuitions have risen sharply



Debt Service Payment Schedule

In March of 2023, the taxpayers of Maywood approved a $22M referendum

	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Series 2006	$776,000	$784,150	$781,350	$777,775
Series 2023	0	0	$1,174,436	$1,498,000
Total	**$776,000**	**$784,150**	**$1,955,786**	$2,275,775
Capital reserve contribution (reduces tax levy)	$20,000	$70,000	$200,000	$410,563
Debt Service Aid	0	0	$330,151	$421,110
Local share (tax levy)	$756,000	$714,150	$1,425,635	$1,444,102

Revenue Analysis – Net of withdrawals from Capital Reserve

	23-24		24-25		25-26	
Fund 10	$23,902,274		$26,551,554		$27,802,632	
Fund 20	961,635		463,968		311,547	
Total Budget	**$ 24,863,909**		**$ 27,015,522**		**$ 28,114,179**	
increase			8.65%		4.07%	
State Aid	$ 2,072,844	8.34%	$ 4,066,732	15.05%	$ 3,944,730	14.03%
Fund Balance	1,000,280	4.02%	847,121	3.14%	1,223,686	4.35%
Capital Projects	-		100,000	0.37%	0	
Tax Levy	20,757,621	83.48%	21,380,350	79.14%	22,430,204	79.78%
Grants	961,635	3.87%	463,968	1.72%	311,547	111%
Misc	71,529	0.29%	157,351	0.58%	204,012	0.73%

Total Taxes – Fiscal Year 2025-2026

	23-24		24-25		25-26	
Operating Fund (10)	$20,757,621	3.25%	$21,380,350	3.00%	$22,430,204	4.91%
Debt Service Fund (40)	$714,150	-5.54%	$1,425,635	99.63%	$1,444,102	1.30%
Total	**$21,471,771**	**2.93%**	**$22,805,985**	**6.21%**	**$23,874,306**	**4.68%**
Average home valuation	$449,058		$515,814	14.87%	$554,300	7.46%
General Fund taxes	$5,653	3.25%	$6,097	7.86%	$6,623	8.62%
Debt Service Taxes	$194	-5.83%	$407	109.56%	$427	4.88%
Total	**$5,847**	**2.92%**	**$6,504**	**11.23%**	**$7,049**	**8.39%**

The next steps….

- The budget will be available for viewing between now and May 14th Please contact Jen Pfohl if you have any questions.
- The Board of Education will formally adopt the 2025-2026 budget at the May 14th Board of Education meeting.
- A “user-friendly” budget will be posted on the website within 24 hours of the approval.