

# Quinton Township Board of Education

Public Hearing  
on the  
2025-2026 Budget

# Budget Goals

- Maintain status in Salem County as a **High Achieving School District**.
- Maintain a teaching staff that **provides effective coverage** of all mandated CCCS and CCSS for both regular and special education populations.
- Maintain administrative staff to provide **continued support** for instructional improvement, student safety and a positive and productive learning environment.
- Maintain our paraprofessional staff to **meet Special Education, Basic Skills, and Early Childhood needs** in a cost effective manner.
- Maintain and improve our school building and property.

# Budget Goals

With  
Tax Levy Aid

- **Lower Teacher/Student Ratio**
- **Additional Support Staff in Classrooms**
- **Basic Skills Programming and Staffing**
- **Mental Health Resources and Services**
- **New Programs to ensure alignment to NJSLS (Science/Health)**
- **Internal Building Upgrades**
- **ELL Resources and Support**

# Budget Constraints

- **Salaries 3.33% increase Annually**
- **Health Benefits 2025-26 increase is 11%**
- **Building Maintenance/Repairs (Roof Replacement/HVAC Project, Gym Door Replacement)**
- **Utilities (estimated 20%)**
- **2024-25 Special Education/Transportation/Related Services for**
- **Out of District Placements Students (Tuition & Transportation) - \$1,007,577**
- **Transportation Increase for 2025-26 is 3.57%**

# Budget Constraints

- Salem High School Tuition \$711,664
- Salem Vocational Technical School Tuition \$301,725
- Private School Tuition \$497,550
- CSSD & Regional Day Tuition \$187,615
- Transportation \$669,000

# State & Federal Aid

<b>State Aid</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>
School Choice Aid	\$ 371,520	\$ 426,348
Transportation Aid	\$ 80,638	\$ 187,189
Special Education Aid	\$ 291,684	\$ 367,235
Equalization Aid	\$2,295,976	\$2,446,974
Security Aid	\$ 80,638	\$ 95,734
Preschool Aid	\$ 635,502	\$ 620,511
Tax Levy Aid	0	\$

  

<b>Federal Aid</b>	<b>2024-2025</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>
Title I	\$54,987	\$38,490
Title II	\$ 7,278	\$ 5,095
Title III	\$ 735	\$ 400
Title IV	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,600
IDEA Basic	\$73,696	\$52,987
REAP	\$20,061	\$ 0

# Tax Levy Aid

- **Tax Levy Aid is a one-time application to the Commissioner of Education to increase district spending in anticipation to the FY 2026 Appropriations Act. The Tax Levy Aid application is only available to those districts who are both spending below adequacy and taxing below local fair share.**

# Adequacy Spending

In New Jersey, the “adequacy spending” refers to the amount of funding deemed necessary to provide a “thorough and efficient” education to all students, calculated through the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA).

**Pre-budget Spending Adequacy \$5,552,236**

**Budget Year Adequacy Budget \$6,620,815**

**Spending Below Adequacy \$1,068,579**

# Local Fair Share

In New Jersey, the “local fair share” is the amount a school district is expected to raise through local property taxes to fund education.

<b>Pre Budget Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$2,883,938</b>
<b>Current Local Fair Share</b>	<b>\$3,710,872</b>
<b>Below Local Fair Share</b>	<b>\$ 826,934</b>

# Budget Increases with Tax Levy Aid

Salaries Grades 1-5	\$736,596.00	\$871,206.00	\$134,610.00
Salaries Basic Skills	\$79,000.00	\$166,651.00	\$87,651.00
Salaries Grades 6-8	\$457,554.00	\$528,110.00	\$70,556.00
Salaries - Aides	\$62,460.00	\$82,560.00	\$20,100.00
Contracted Services-MH	\$0.00	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
Contracted Services-Instruct	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00
General Supplies - Instruct	\$50,000.00	\$77,549.00	\$27,549.00
Tuition - Priv for Disabilities	\$497,550.00	\$570,113.00	\$72,563.00
Transportation Special Ed	\$260,000.00	\$295,000.00	\$35,000.00
Health Benefits	\$789,815.00	\$949,786.00	\$159,971.00

# Tax Levy with Aid Increase

	Quinton - 10/1/2024				
Total Tax Levy w/debt Svc & Deferral	Estimated Equalized Value	Estimated Equalized Tax Rate	Home Value	School Tax	Increase Annual
\$ 3,728,891.00	\$ 180,626,519.00	2.06	\$100,000.00	\$2,064.42	\$340.56

# 2025-2026 Final Budget

Questions?