



HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

Yesterday, the State of New Jersey released school aid figures for the 2026 to 2027 school year. Based on information from the Department of Education, our district will see a reduction of approximately **\$48,000, or about 0.54 percent**, in state aid next year. While no district wants to see a reduction in funding, I do want to provide some important context. Based on the state funding formula and the data we had been monitoring throughout the year, we had been preparing for the possibility of a **much larger reduction, potentially approaching 3 percent**. Rising property values and potential increases in aggregate income within a community can significantly impact how the state calculates a district's aid, and those pressures were very much on our radar (please reference my previous email below).

Fortunately, it appears that **recent enrollment growth in the district helped offset some of those factors**, which limited the reduction to a much smaller amount than anticipated.

That said, the work in front of us is still very real. Over the next two weeks, we will continue working through the budget process and addressing a deficit that will require careful planning and, candidly, some difficult decisions. Our responsibility is to approach that work thoughtfully and transparently while doing everything possible to protect the strength of our educational programs.

I also want to thank many members of our community who supported our recent advocacy efforts. While it is impossible to know exactly how those conversations influenced the final outcome, I do believe our voices were heard and that work continues to matter.

A more comprehensive district budget update will be shared next week once we have had additional time to fully review the state figures and incorporate them into our planning. In the meantime, I wanted our community to have this official information as we head into the weekend.

Thank you for your continued support of our schools.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent