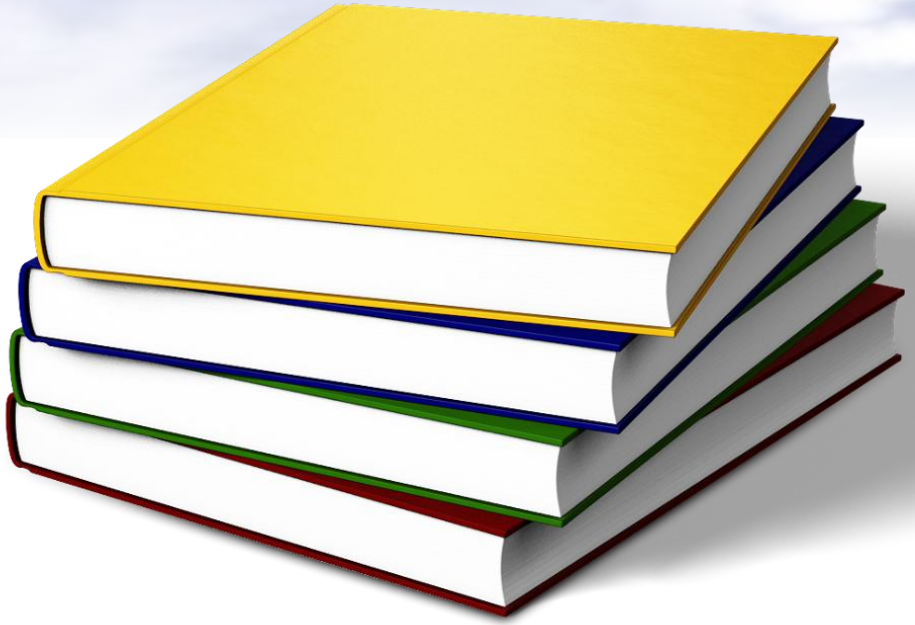
Tewksbury Township Board of Education 2026-2027 Budget



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An overview of the process…



- TENTATIVE Budget Introduction – March 25, 2026
- REVIEW by NJDOE County Office
- PUBLIC HEARING – April 29, 2026

Our District and Board Goal



To create a financial framework so that the school district is fiscally responsible while supporting learning environments.

How we are achieving this goal



- Our General Fund Tax Levy is 2%
    - It was important to us to remain at 2% for our regular school tax since we passed the referendum this Fall.
- Our Debt Service Tax Levy is increased by 45.5% because we passed a $25 million dollar referendum in November
    - The referendum was composed of two questions that addressed infrastructure needs and upgrades to our STEAM areas at OTS, and the voters of our community passed both questions, which allows us to receive $8.5 million dollars in state financial aid towards all projects that were included in the referendum.

Budget Summary Expenses

EXPENSES	Original Budget 2025-26	Proposed Budget 2026-27	$ Increase (Decrease)	Percent Change
Current Expense	$16,277,170	$16,683,496	$406,326	2.5%
Capital Outlay	$708,479	$552,297	-$156,182	-22.0%
Total General Fund	$16,985,649	$17,235,793	$250,144	1.5%
Special Revenue Fund (Grants)	$150,194	$150,194	$0	0.0%
Debt Service Fund	$763,759	$1,684,278	$920,519	120.5%
Total Expense Budget	$17,899,602	$19,070,265	$1,170,663	6.5%

Budget Summary Revenues

REVENUES	Original Budget 2025-26	Proposed Budget 2026-27	$ Increase (Decrease)	% Percent Change
General Fund:				
Budgeted Fund Balance/withdrawal from reserves	$1,499,076	$1,350,798	-$148,278	-9.9%
Local Tax Levy	$13,851,655	$14,128,688	$277,033	2.0%
Tuition/Shared Services	$129,080	$130,900	$1,820	1.4%
Other	$72,820	$165,795	$92,975	127.7%
Total Local Funds	$15,552,631	$15,776,181	$223,550	1.4%
State Aid	$1,433,018	$1,459,612	$26,594	1.9%
Total General Fund	$16,985,649	$17,235,793	$250,144	1.5%
Special Revenue Fund (Grants)	$150,194	$150,194	$0	0.0%
Debt Service Fund:				
Local Tax Levy	$763,759	$1,111,624	$347,865	45.5%
Debt Service Aid	$0	$572,654	$572,654	100.0%
Total Debt Service Fund	$763,759	$1,684,278	$920,519	120.5%
Total Revenue Budget	$17,899,602	$19,070,265	$1,170,663	6.5%

Local Tax Levy

General Fund	2025-26	2026-27	Change	Change
General Fund	$13,851,655	$14,128,688	$277,033	2.0%
Debt Service Fund	$763,759	$1,111,624	$347,865	45.5%
Total Taxes	$14,615,414	$15,240,312	$624,898	47.5%

Tax Levy Impact



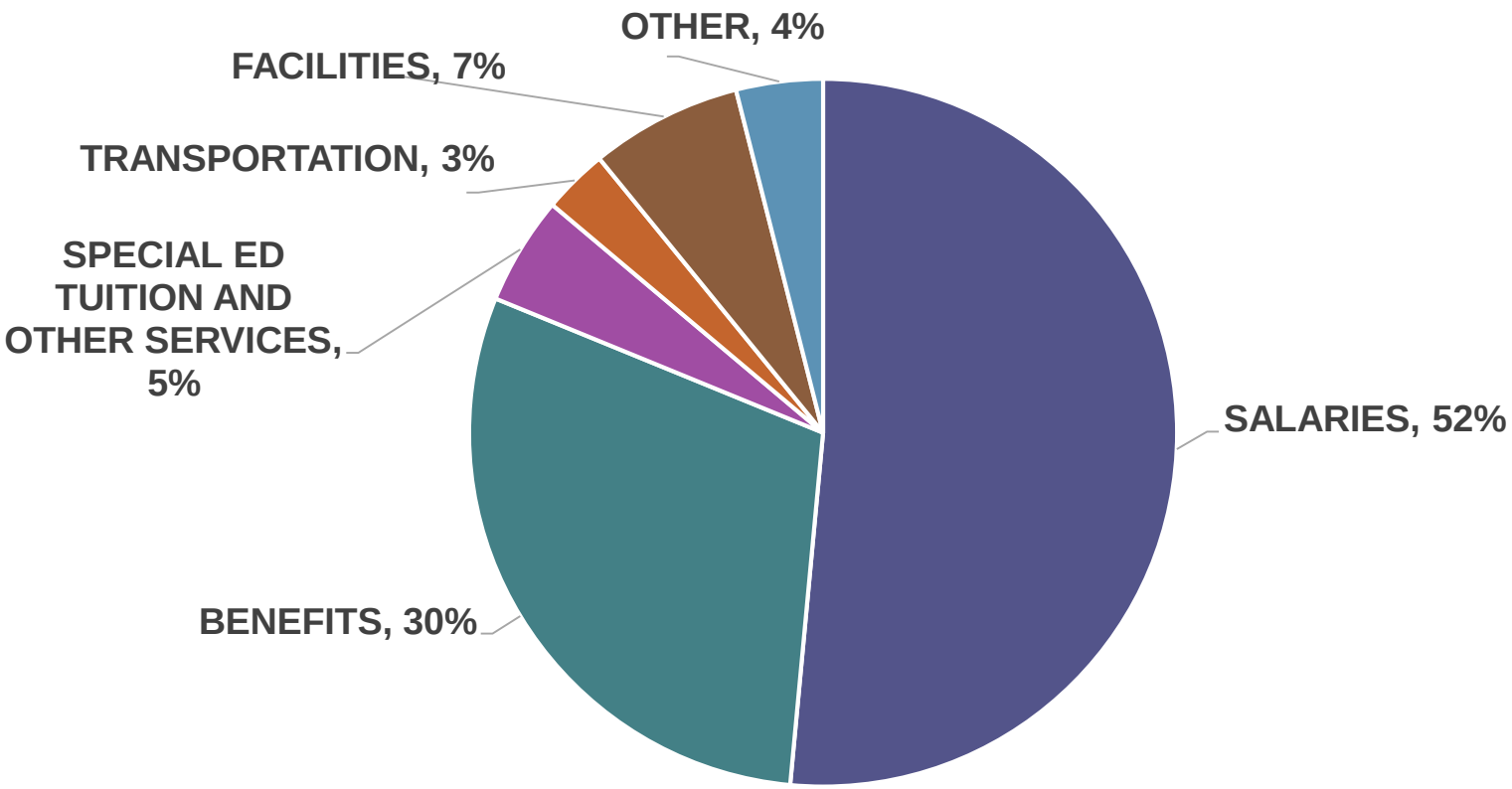
Calendar Year	Average Property Value	Calendar Year Tax Rate	Property Tax
2025	$660,409	.9263	$6,117.78
2026	$683,582	.9668	$6,608.97
Tax Increase on *Average* Home = $491 Or Monthly Increase on Average Home = $40.92			



Budget Components



Allocations



Salaries and Benefits equal $13.6 million and represent 82% of the General Fund Budget

Facilities Improvements



- TES – Roof upgrades, crack sealing in parking lot, lighting upgrades, new dishwasher
- OTS – Gym divider replacement and hoop service/repairs
- District –Security upgrades, Technology upgrades
- District – New mower

Referendum Facilities Improvements



- Summer/Fall 2026
  - Exterior Doors at both schools
  - Boilers at TES
  - Gym HVAC at OTS
- Summer/Fall 2027
  - Roof Top Units and HVAC upgrades at TES
  - Roof Top Units associated with STEAM area at OTS
  - Flooring Replacement/Asbestos abatement at OTS
  - APR, Science, Art, STEAM areas renovated/upgraded at OTS
  - Interior Doors at OTS

Included Initiatives



Dr. Jennifer Shouffler
Superintendent of Schools

District Initiatives
Improvement of Instruction



Curriculum Projects

- Updates to Curriculum Documents
  - Grades 3-5 ELA: cursive writing resources from the NJDOE
  - K-8 Art and Technology: curriculum connections (Strategic Planning)
  - Grades 5-8 ELA Honors Program: Refine Program (Strategic Planning)

- Purchase supplemental resources for ML, ASAP (Basic Skills), and Aspire (Gifted) programs (Strategic Planning)

District Initiatives for Instruction



Professional Learning

- Improve writing instruction K-8 through demonstration lessons, classroom coaching, and attendance at outside workshops (Strategic Planning)
- Support best practices for math instruction K-8 through demonstration lessons and workshops
- Support the teaching of K-8 Civics learning standards in Social Studies classrooms through workshops (Strategic Planning)
- Support best teaching practices for Intervention, Co-teaching, and Differentiated Instruction strategies in the PK-8 classroom through workshops (Strategic Planning)
- Support the arts programs with programs and assemblies (Strategic Planning)
- Continue effective use of Professional Learning Communities to create student-focused learning goals (Strategic Planning)

District Initiatives for Instruction

Support for Students



- Support smooth transitions – entering Kindergarten, rising 5th graders, and transitioning to high school (Strategic Planning)
- Offer extra-help after school through Homework Helper Club
- Offer opportunities for students and their families to engage with the schools: Art Shows, Science Fair, Innovation Cafe, Family Math, and Other Programs (Strategic Planning)

Co-Curricular Sports & Clubs



- Sports program with competitions against other local schools
- Clubs at TES and OTS for students to develop new interests and support social development
- Participation fees for sports and clubs

Personnel



- Review needs for Special Education Staffing as students move up a grade. (Strategic Plan)
- Move to three sections of classes in grades 7 and grade 8
- Continue the Preschool Disabled Program (including traditional students)
- Review enrollment PK-8
    - 38 students are registration for Kindergarten of 3/19/26

Shared Services



- Continue shared staffing services with Califon in the areas of special education services
- Continue Jointure agreements for transportation with Califon, Lebanon Township and Hunterdon County ESC
- Inter-local agreement with Tewksbury Township for snow removal, use of facility and grounds, maintenance of fields and fuel depot

District Initiatives Technology



- Network access points replacement
- Security Improvements
- Licenses/Maintenance
- Chromebooks

Budget Questions?



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