

STUDENT LEARNING EXPERIENCE

2026-2027
NORTH PLAINFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT
PRELIMINARY BUDGET
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NORTH PLAINFIELD SCHOOLS



East End School



Stony Brook School



West End School



Somerset School



Middle School



High School



Harrison School

MISSION & VISION STATEMENTS

Mission: North Plainfield School District is dedicated to prioritizing **student learning** through the academic experience, extracurriculars and community engagement. We are a diverse student community, guided by our core values.

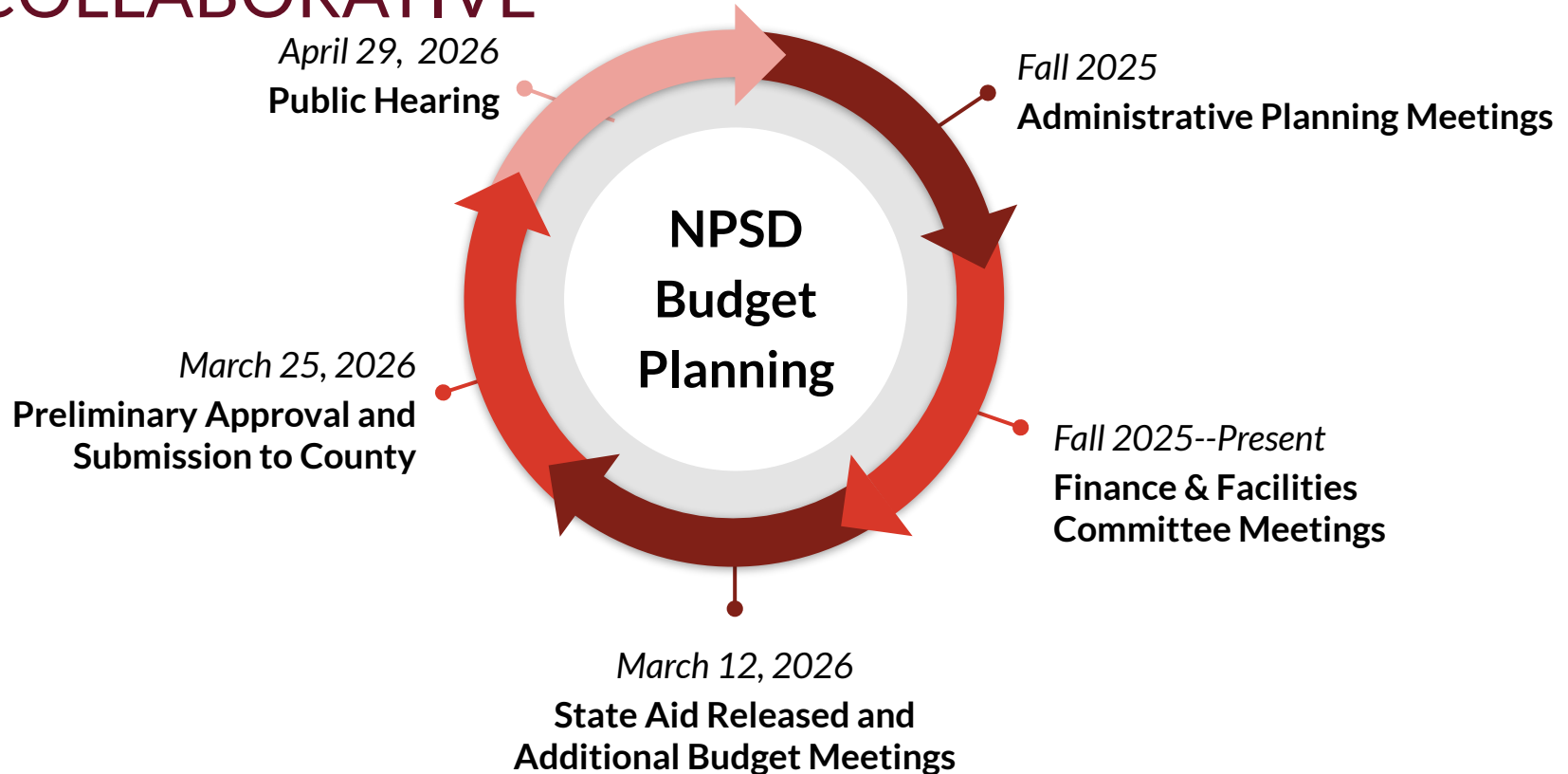
Vision: We commit to setting **high expectations** for students to **meet grade level standards** in a safe and supportive learning environment, aspiring for all students to be enrolled, employed or enlisted upon graduation.



★ NJQSAC HIGH PERFORMING DISTRICT!



DELIBERATE, PURPOSEFUL & COLLABORATIVE



STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Driving the Work!



1- STUDENT EXPERIENCE

To create an experience that allows for the full exploration of interests, life opportunities, and careers while prioritizing well-being



2- FACILITIES & SAFETY

To create innovative, safe, and expanded learning environments in a fiscally prudent manner



3- SCHOOL CLIMATE & CULTURE

Strengthen a climate of respect and inclusion so that all have a sense of belonging



4- TEACHER RECRUITMENT & DEVELOPMENT

Improve student outcomes by strengthening our professional learning practices and staff recruitment/retainment through a data-informed mindset



Teaching & Learning

Opportunity

*World Class
Teaching Force*

BUDGET GUIDING PRINCIPLES



*Fiscal
Responsibility*

*High
Expectations*

Safe & Secure Schools

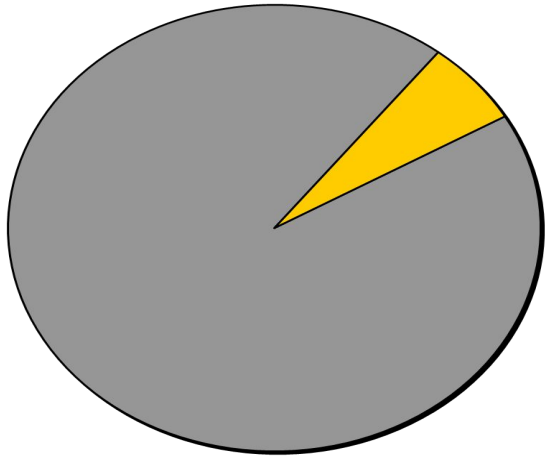


KEY BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS

- Reviewing and Analyzing Staffing Needs
- Student enrollment
- Recent Negotiations
- Managing Health Benefits renewals and insurance lines
- Maintaining Operational Efficiency/Aging Facilities
- Multi-year planning for sustainability of quality program and stabilization of tax impact
- Tax Impact on our Community

HOW DO WE BUILD YOUR BUDGET?

Step 1: Required Spending Makes Up A Large Part Of The District's Budget



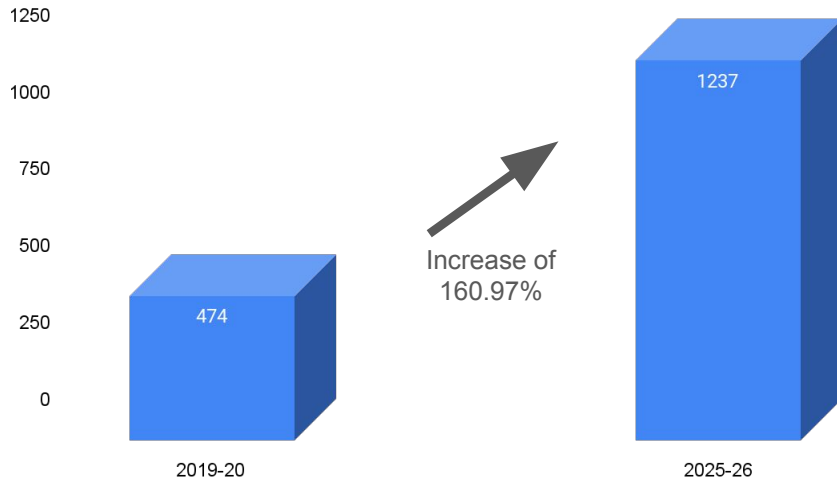
- + Contracted Salaries
- + Contracted Health Benefits
- + Mandated Special Education Spending
- + Mandated Professional Services
- + Essential Building Maintenance
- + Transportation
- + Mandated Insurances
- + Other Employee Benefits
- + State Mandated Services

ENROLLMENT DECREASED 3.9% (ASSA REPORT)

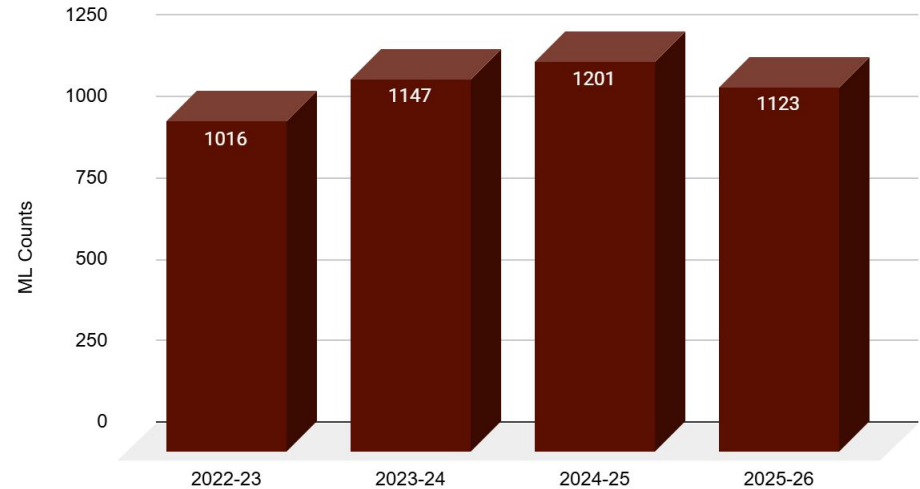
	2025-26	2024-25	2023-24	2022-23
NPHS	1090	1139	1195	1209
NPMS	510	538	521	487
Somerset	486	485	499	531
EES	487	451	476	485
SBS	261	272	277	250
WES	555	599	536	540
TOTAL	3365	3484	3504	3502

Multilingual Learners ENROLLMENT

ML Growth 2019-2025



ML Population by Year (Oct 15th Snapshots)



STAFFING UNDER CONSIDERATION



1- STUDENT EXPERIENCE

- Art Teacher
- Music Teacher
- Percussion Director



2- FACILITIES & SAFETY

- Maintenance Worker
- Crossing Guards
(NPHS Unit Lunch)

**GOAL 1:
STUDENT
EXPERIENCE**



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

HIGH SCHOOL



- **Clubs**
 - Film Club
 - Book Club
 - Math Honor Society
 - English Honor Society
 - Chess Club

SOMERSET SCHOOL



- **Clubs**
 - Expansion of Band

MIDDLE SCHOOL



- **Assistant Coaches**
 - Volleyball - Boys
 - Volleyball - Girls

ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS



- **Clubs**
 - Musical Theatre Club

**GOAL 4:
TEACHER
RECRUITMENT &
DEVELOPMENT**



RECRUITMENT & DEVELOPMENT

- **Mentors** for all new staff regardless of certification status
- New Teacher year long professional development
- 50% **reimbursement** for college credits
- TCNJ partnership for **ESL/Bilingual certification**

- **Increased Stipend** for paraprofessionals in self contained classrooms
- Paras Work District Calendar to Include Professional Development Days
- RBT Hiring
- **Paid summer training** and **paid after-school professional learning**
- **For NP, by NP**

GOAL 1: STUDENT EXPERIENCE



STUDENT EXPERIENCE *Opportunities*



New Courses

- >>> Oceanography
- >>> Rutgers Univ. - Emergency & Clinical Care
- >>> Wind Ensemble



22 Advanced Placement Courses

- >>> Adding AP Seminar,
- >>> Adding AP Spanish Literature



Free Full Day PreK 3-4

- >>> 23 Classrooms Total
- >>> PreK-3 and PreK-4



Dual Language Immersion

- >>> PK-5
- >>> Honors Spanish 2, 3, 4, and 5



34 Clubs Offered (9-12) [38 next year]

13 Clubs Offered (7-8) [15 next year]

18 Clubs Offered (5-6)

8 Clubs Offered (K-4)

21 HS Sports Offered

14 MS Sports Offered [15 next year]

GOAL 1: STUDENT EXPERIENCE



Professional Learning Continues



GOAL 4: TEACHER RECRUITMENT & DEVELOPMENT

Language Arts Literacy

- Into Reading/Arriba Lectura
 - Continues (Grades K-2)
 - New (Grade 3)
 - Pilot (Grade 4)

Humanities

- Unified Writing Model continues (Grades 9-12)

Math

- Pilot Program (Grade K-4)
- New Program (Grades 5-8)

Science

- Mystery Science continues (Grades K-5)
- OpenSciEd continues (Grades 6-8)
- New Program (Grades 9-12)

High School

- Rotate and Drop Schedule

Focused Instructional Techniques continues...

- **What I Need (WIN) Period** (Grades K-4)
- **Co-teaching** (Grades 5-12)
- **Small Group Instruction** (Grades 5-12)
- **Sheltered Instruction** (Grades 5-12)
- **AP Training** (Grades 9-12)





Dual Language

- PreK - Grade 5
- Grade 6: Honors Spanish 2
- Grade 7: Honors Spanish 3
- Grade 8: Honors Spanish 4
- Grade 9: Honors Spanish 5



ESL Program

- K-6: New ESL curriculum

SPECIAL
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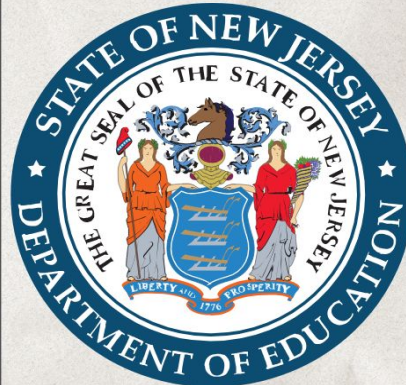
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EXCITING NEWS

EXCITING NEWS FROM THE NJDOE

North Plainfield School District's K-4 Dual Language Immersion Program is **designated a Model Program for 2025-2028, one of only three districts statewide** to receive this prestigious designation.

As a model program, NPSD will serve as a regional resource center where NJ educators can witness exemplary instruction and programmatic practices in dual language immersion.



GOAL 3:
SCHOOL
CLIMATE &
CULTURE



CURRICULUM & PROFESSIONAL LEARNING *Teacher Development & Support*



GOAL 4:
TEACHER
RECRUITMENT &
DEVELOPMENT



Multi-year initiative including
Professional Learning, planning and
implementation

→ **YEAR 4**



One unified Curriculum Planning,
Lesson Plan Platform

→ **YEAR 4**



Unique Learning System (ULS) provides
standards-based curriculum for students
with moderate to severe disabilities

→ **YEAR 3**



Continued Tier 2 & 3 identification data
teams and progress monitoring

Additional training & equity in materials

→ **YEAR 6**



Data Warehouse (District)
Introduce common assessments (Gr. 6-12)

→ **YEAR 7**



Benchmark assessments (Gr. K-8)

→ **YEAR 4**

GOAL 2:
FACILITIES &
SAFETY



CAPITAL PROJECTS



Health & Safety

- Continued HVAC Replacements - Somerset School and NPHS 127
- Continued Roof Improvements
- Harrison School Vestibule
- Middle School Addition



Enrollment

GOAL 2:
FACILITIES &
SAFETY



COMMITMENT TO IMPROVED FACILITIES

Continued Drop Ceiling and
Floor Replacement Plan



Continued Tile Painting



Field Maintenance Tractor



Boiler Replacement at Watchung



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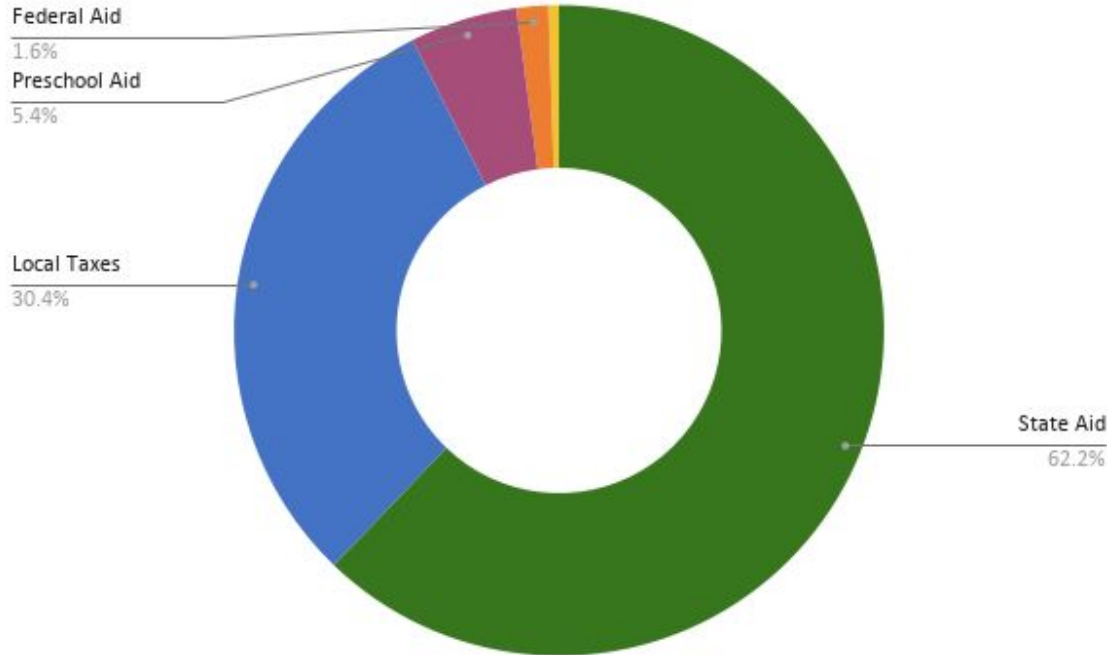


COMMITMENT TO IMPROVED HEALTH, SAFETY, & SECURITY

- Continued LED Light Pedestrian Crossing Sign
- District Wide Burglar Alarm and Camera Improvements
- New Security Camera Cloud System



WHERE DOES YOUR SCHOOL BUDGET REVENUE COME FROM?



STATE AID:

\$69,692,886 (62%)

LOCAL TAXES:

\$34,948,747 (30%)

PRESCHOOL AID:

\$6,001,301 (5%)

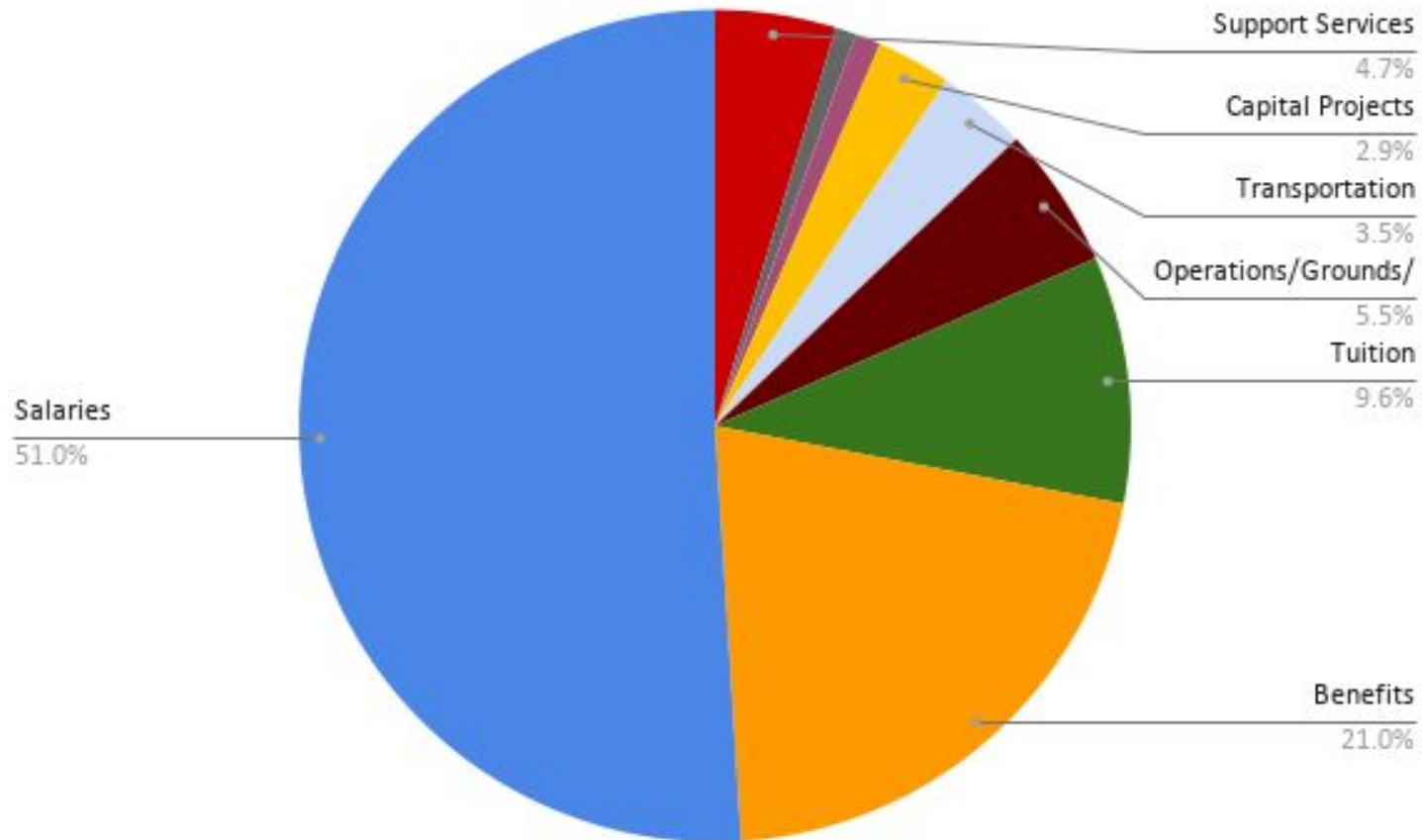
FEDERAL AID:

\$1,767,185 (2.0%)

MISCELLANEOUS REVENUE:

\$585,000 (1.0%)

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?



TAX LEVY INCREASE 2% GENERAL FUND

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total	% Change
2026-2027 Total Expenditures	\$104,297,633	\$7,768,486	\$907,800	\$112,973,919	
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$70,248,887	\$7,768,486	\$0	\$78,017,373	
Taxes to be Raised	\$34,048,746	\$0	\$907,800	\$34,956,546	



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Questions?

Next presentation:

Public Budget Presentation

April 29, 2026

