

Ocean - Stafford Twp

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Stafford Township School District, in the County of Ocean, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held at the Stafford Township Arts Center (STAC) of the Stafford Township Board of Education, 1000 McKinley Avenue, Manahawkin, NJ 08050 on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 7:30pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs and Other Capital Projects, is \$277,000 for other capital project costs in the amount of \$277,000 for other capital project costs namely:

- a. \$55,000 for Parking Lot Repavement;
- b. \$100,000 for Construct Undercarriage Cleaner Ramp/Electrical TFTM;
- c. \$85,000 for MDF IDF Core Switches Relocation Replacement; and
- d. \$37,000 for Ocean Acres Refurbish Generator

The total cost of these projects is \$277,000 which represent expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2024	15, 2025	15, 2026
	Actual	Actual	Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	2,142	2,183	2,278
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	410	433	479
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	2,552	2,616	2,757
Private School Placements	5	7	10
Pupils Sent to Contracted Preschool Prog	89	120	0
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	2	0	121
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	2	2	3
Pupils Received	4	4	3

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	33,076,010	36,656,985	40,188,054
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	33,076,010	36,656,985	40,188,054
Total Tuition	10-1300	135,742	107,483	110,112
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	0	402,517	602,704
Interest Earned On Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-1XXX	100	100	100
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	500	500	500
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	500	500	500
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues / Paycheck Protection Program (APSSDs Only)	10-1XXX	2,826,920	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources		36,039,772	37,168,085	40,901,970
Revenues from State Sources:				
School Choice Aid	10-3116	432,941	511,473	563,456
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	507,193	1,456,423	1,452,985
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	330,427	350,000	275,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	1,288,981	2,741,801	2,878,951
Equalization Aid	10-3176	2,343,968	0	149,891
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	238,635	443,280	438,168
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	248,573	52,207	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		5,390,718	5,555,184	5,758,451
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	36,435	15,080	27,594
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		36,435	15,080	27,594
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-303	0	6,636,087	6,800,497
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-307	0	0	277,000
Withdrawal from Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-310	0	200,000	400,000
Transfers from Other Funds	10-312	0	40,000	50,583
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-5200	284,261	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		0	523,808	0
Total Operating Budget		42,518,474	50,138,244	54,216,095
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	79,373	30,000	50,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	79,373	30,000	50,000
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	106,691	185,099
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	6,302,601	6,692,632	6,959,810
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	18,866	37,747	0
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	202,389	225,353	159,817
Total Revenues from State Sources		6,523,856	7,062,423	7,304,726
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	318,154	134,468	100,851
Title II	20-4451-4455	45,628	41,455	31,091
Title III	20-4491-4494	25,511	21,853	16,390
Title IV	20-4471-4474	20,823	21,491	16,118
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	756,916	707,602	530,668
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	55,342	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	37,350	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	547	0	0
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	65,544	0	0
ARP Homeless Children and Youth II Grant	20-4546	38	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,325,853	926,869	695,118
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	301,840	312,620	323,800
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		293	40,000	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		8,231,215	8,371,912	8,373,644
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	446,919	450,648	3,950,236
Total Revenues from Local Sources		446,919	450,648	3,950,236

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 Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	230,231	232,152	994,759
Total Local Repayment of Debt		677,150	682,800	4,944,995
Total Repayment of Debt		677,150	682,800	4,944,995
Total Revenues/Sources		51,426,839	59,192,956	67,534,734
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	301,840	312,620	323,800
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		51,124,999	58,880,336	67,210,934

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	10,948,084	11,530,317	11,536,322
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	4,675,920	5,573,963	6,203,175
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	616,475	815,271	710,962
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	162,891	144,808	147,308
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	383,391	723,615	656,585
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	33,896	70,326	72,956
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	315,645	418,815	410,252
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	827,374	986,527	1,032,781
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	891,474	943,943	1,257,433
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	331,596	485,998	513,531
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,231,230	1,425,071	1,458,175
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	848,455	1,100,110	1,121,456
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	1,964	37,685	39,485
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	13,379	37,318	64,540
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	849,575	1,116,197	1,054,743
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,090,773	1,141,924	1,083,597
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	602,433	642,243	655,664
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	97,362	145,045	94,094
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	3,926,270	4,919,108	4,797,136
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	3,370,771	3,413,673	3,810,070
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	10,518,005	14,144,235	17,092,418
Total Undistributed Expenditures		25,333,593	31,751,833	35,214,916
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	500	500
Interest Earned on Current Expense Emergency Res	10-607	0	100	100
Total General Current Expense		41,736,963	49,816,792	53,813,283
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	283,857	198,825	66,108
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	147,004	122,127	336,204
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	350,650	0	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	500	500
Total Capital Outlay		781,511	321,452	402,812
General Fund Grand Total		42,518,474	50,138,244	54,216,095
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	79,666	70,000	50,000
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	2,570,265	2,609,612	2,757,479
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	3,899,171	4,487,592	4,711,230
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	135,005	14,739	0
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	6,604,441	7,111,943	7,468,709
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,087	9,511	7,133
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	40,158	50,222	37,666
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	67,258	81,701	61,275
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	25,343	24,897	18,672
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,141	6,787	5,090
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	49,402	39,975	29,981
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	18,866	37,747	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	12,260	0
Total Other State Projects		221,255	263,100	159,817
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	6,825,696	7,375,043	7,628,526
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	318,154	134,468	100,851
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	45,628	41,455	31,091
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	25,511	21,853	16,390
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	20,823	21,491	16,118
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	756,916	707,602	530,668
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	65,544	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	55,342	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	37,350	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	547	0	0
ARP Homeless Children and Youth II	20-496-xxx-xxx	38	0	0

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Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,325,853	926,869	695,118
Total Special Revenue Funds		8,231,215	8,371,912	8,373,644
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	677,150	682,800	4,944,995
Total Debt Service Funds		677,150	682,800	4,944,995
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		51,426,839	59,192,956	67,534,734
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	301,840	312,620	323,800
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		51,124,999	58,880,336	67,210,934

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 Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2024	Audited Balance 06-30-2025	Estimated Balance 06-30-2026	Estimated Balance 06-30-2027
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	1,506,532	1,266,088	2,148,856	992,289
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	2,124,189	1,774,039	1,774,539	1,498,039
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	2,470,956	2,693,822	2,494,322	2,094,822
--Legal Reserve	12,096,264	11,892,785	5,643,930	0
--Unemployment Fund	896,551	816,523	816,523	816,523
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	250,100	210,200	170,300	119,817
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
(Special Revenue Fund)				
--Student Activity Fund	97,983	97,690	57,690	57,690
--Scholarship Fund	0	0	0	0
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2025-26	2026-27
	Actual	Actual	Original	Revised	Proposed
	Costs	Costs	Budget	Budget	Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$15,678	\$16,619	\$21,433	\$19,302	\$19,748
Total Classroom Instruction	\$9,059	\$9,819	\$12,510	\$11,168	\$11,493
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$8,628	\$9,321	\$11,961	\$10,686	\$11,108
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$294	\$269	\$320	\$281	\$184
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$137	\$228	\$229	\$201	\$201
Total Support Services	\$2,813	\$3,211	\$4,311	\$3,831	\$4,007
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$2,615	\$2,943	\$3,945	\$3,549	\$3,716
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,393	\$1,339	\$1,621	\$1,564	\$1,497
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,168	\$1,167	\$1,358	\$1,277	\$1,274
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,039	\$1,832	\$2,438	\$2,264	\$2,204
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,034	\$1,081	\$1,384	\$1,190	\$1,317
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$77	\$88	\$92	\$82	\$82
Total Equipment Costs	\$87	\$163	\$37	\$82	\$24
Legal Costs	\$29	\$21	\$31	\$27	\$32
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	39.57%	38.83%	48.77%	47.48%	54.49%

*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.

** Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: <http://www.nj.gov/education/guide/>. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2025-26 revised appropriations and the 2026-27 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

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Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
Parking Lot Repavement	2026 #001	\$55,000	N	N	
MDF IDF Core switches relocation replacement	2026 #002	\$85,000	Y	N	
Construct Undercarriage clnr Ramp/Electrical	TFTM 2026 #003	\$100,000	N	N	
OA Refurbish Generator	2026 #004	\$37,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at Oxycocus Elementary School, 250 North Main Street, Manahawkin, Ocean County, New Jersey between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

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