

Sussex - Stillwater Twp

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Stillwater Township School District, in the County of Sussex, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Stillwater School All Purpose Room of the Stillwater Township Elementary School, 904 Stillwater Road, Stillwater, NJ 07875, on Monday, April 27, 2026 beginning at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a Regular Board of Education Meeting and public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year. Action will be taken.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October		
	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Actual	October 15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	252	255	273
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	49	62	61
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	301	317	334
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	0	0	1

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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	5,558,880	5,924,794	6,156,870
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	5,558,880	5,924,794	6,156,870
Total Tuition	10-1300	6,800	6,800	9,350
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	111,592	20,000	30,000
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	8,986	6,000	6,000
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	42,225	30,000	20,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		5,728,483	5,987,594	6,222,220
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	151,123	196,276	156,376
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	42,488	0	0
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	236,765	337,070	302,078
Equalization Aid	10-3176	118,533	0	119,789
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	33,792	39,280	28,741
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	4,203	0	0
State Reimbursement for Lead Testing of Drinking Water	10-3300	1,518	0	0
State Reimbursement for Menstrual Products	10-3301	925	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		589,347	572,626	606,984
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	2,583	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		2,583	0	0
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	524,197	371,691
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-307	0	51,500	0
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-310	0	80,000	40,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	45,927	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-291,024	0	0
Total Operating Budget		6,029,389	7,261,844	7,240,895
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	11,642	31,742	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	12,881	11,493	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	24,523	43,235	0
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	111,328	147,851
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	752,729	856,093	1,172,707
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	0	90,330	0
Climate Awareness Education Grant	20-3291	36,118	15,000	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		788,847	1,072,751	1,320,558
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	41,345	27,605	20,704
Title II	20-4451-4455	4,791	4,295	3,221
Title IV	20-4471-4474	10,000	10,000	7,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	85,895	86,514	64,886
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	800	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	839	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	55,937	33,519	25,139

Total Revenues from Federal Sources		199,607	161,933	121,450
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	123,168	47,838	66,916
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-1,691	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		1,134,454	1,325,757	1,508,924
Total Revenues/Sources		7,163,843	8,587,601	8,749,819
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	123,168	47,838	66,916
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		7,040,675	8,539,763	8,682,903

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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	1,854,955	1,880,631	1,907,451
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	582,968	688,330	708,452
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	112,443	96,071	90,396
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	0	8,658	9,070
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	4,297	5,850	5,850
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	0	134,291	167,990
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	6,747	7,967	7,481
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	76,271	83,288	84,010
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	168,044	214,868	249,599
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	162,350	241,580	201,952
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	1,602	2,308	2,505
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	192,645	224,339	249,873
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	18,628	20,006	17,096
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	33,767	37,174	34,942
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	2,006	9,525	17,629
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	318,196	308,602	310,210
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	99,963	108,539	104,804
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	185,252	207,571	208,818
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative Information Technology	11-000-252-XXX	26,057	36,735	27,440
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	600,069	793,888	759,825
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	314,156	458,590	372,624
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	1,099,665	1,386,070	1,474,511
Total Undistributed Expenditures		3,305,418	4,275,341	4,291,309
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	6,000	6,000
Total General Current Expense		5,860,081	6,960,881	7,018,528
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	27,651	6,565	13,162
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	54,578	96,190	1,790
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	30,000	20,000
Total Capital Outlay		82,229	132,755	34,952
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	87,079	168,208	187,415
General Fund Grand Total		6,029,389	7,261,844	7,240,895
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	12,881	11,493	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	9,951	31,742	0
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	472,321	536,243	693,096
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	403,576	479,016	640,878
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	0	0	53,500
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	875,897	1,015,259	1,387,474
Other State Projects:				
Climate Awareness Education Grant Program	20-471-xxx-xxx	36,118	15,000	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	90,330	0
Total Other State Projects		36,118	105,330	0
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	912,015	1,120,589	1,387,474
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	41,345	27,605	20,704
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	4,791	4,295	3,221
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,000	10,000	7,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	85,895	86,514	64,886
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	55,937	33,519	25,139
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	800	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	839	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	199,607	161,933	121,450
Total Special Revenue Funds		1,134,454	1,325,757	1,508,924
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		7,163,843	8,587,601	8,749,819

Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	123,168	47,838	66,916
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		7,040,675	8,539,763	8,682,903

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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)	489,426	383,888	296,691	250,000
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	1,324,242	1,689,345	1,667,845	1,687,845
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	292,334	329,864	255,864	221,864
--Legal Reserve	767,000	762,000	325,000	0
--Unemployment Fund	74,219	74,219	74,219	74,219
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0
--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	19,801	21,492	21,492	21,492
--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 Actual Costs	2024-25 Actual Costs	2025-26 Original Budget	2025-26 Revised Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$21,165	\$21,299	\$24,034	\$23,720	\$23,674
Total Classroom Instruction	\$13,082	\$12,890	\$14,157	\$13,944	\$14,208
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$12,561	\$12,173	\$13,344	\$13,136	\$13,294
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$328	\$506	\$535	\$532	\$629
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$193	\$211	\$278	\$276	\$284
Total Support Services	\$3,237	\$3,426	\$4,111	\$4,062	\$4,092
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$2,839	\$2,767	\$3,227	\$3,196	\$3,197
Total Administrative Costs	\$2,448	\$2,645	\$2,762	\$2,727	\$2,605
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,941	\$2,054	\$2,115	\$2,077	\$2,041
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,381	\$2,312	\$2,970	\$2,954	\$2,737
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,224	\$1,124	\$1,381	\$1,361	\$1,355
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$12	\$19	\$26	\$26	\$25
Total Equipment Costs	\$53	\$94	\$0	\$21	\$205
Legal Costs	\$41	\$44	\$65	\$65	\$62
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	32.28%	33.84%	40.53%	39.37%	41.85%

*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.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Board of Education Office, 904 Stillwater Road, Stillwater, Sussex County New Jersey between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.