Morris - Morris School District

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Morris School District, in the County of Morris, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Learning Commons at Morristown High School of the Morris School District Board of Education, 50 Early Street, Morristown, NJ 07960, on Monday April 27, 2026 at 7:30pm, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Actual	October 15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	4,476	4,275	4,302
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	21	31	20
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	751	737	713
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	7	3	0
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	5,255	5,046	5,035
Private School Placements	48	40	67
Pupils Sent to Contracted Preschool Prog	520	525	0
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	2	1	50
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	19	19	13
Pupils Received	217	215	217

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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	103,822,558	107,655,074	111,423,002
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	103,822,558	107,655,074	111,423,002
Total Tuition	10-1300	3,746,071	4,325,688	4,998,831
Transportation Fees from Other Local Education Authorities	10-1420-1440	723,995	564,300	605,985
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	204,209	85,544	85,543
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	1,264,280	486,000	336,000
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	244,399	9,000	9,000
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	116,158	25,000	25,000
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues / Paycheck Protection Program (APSSDs Only)	10-1XXX	3,392	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources		110,125,062	113,150,606	117,483,361
Revenues from State Sources:				
School Choice Aid	10-3116	267,568	188,585	149,508
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	2,091,300	2,366,192	2,429,465
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	2,674,646	0	0
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	5,913,590	6,140,425	6,083,477
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	1,683,122	1,634,289	1,645,246
Adjustment Aid	10-3178	218,451	0	0
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	178,709	0	0
State Reimbursement for Lead Testing of Drinking Water	10-3300	2,617	0	0
State Reimbursement for Menstrual Products	10-3301	11,964	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		13,041,967	10,329,491	10,307,696
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	59,733	27,095	117,888
Other Federal Grant Revenue-Passed Through State	10-42XX	372,195	200,000	100,000
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		431,928	227,095	217,888
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	9,572,947	8,144,398
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-307	3,101,060	682,093	2,159,861
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-310	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,400,000
Other Financing Sources	10-5XXX	3,075,515	3,830,081	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	1,556,874	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		738,980	0	0
Total Operating Budget		131,514,512	140,349,187	139,713,204
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	596,665	184,576	0
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	384	88,898	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	223,715	182,647	137,161
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	820,764	456,121	137,161
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	761,550	283,747	500,224
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	9,931,524	10,612,029	10,706,964
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	1,350,407	1,557,054	1,156,973
Total Revenues from State Sources		12,043,481	12,452,830	12,364,161
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	861,708	1,342,754	762,295
Title II	20-4451-4455	168,276	299,593	117,494
Title III	20-4491-4494	264,077	408,515	166,874
Title IV	20-4471-4474	34,427	25,349	47,934
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	2,007,464	1,993,815	1,500,000
Vocational Education	20-4430	0	40,103	30,077
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	231,835	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	116,626	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		3,684,413	4,110,129	2,624,674
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	890,301	996,036	812,556
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-41,189	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		-134	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		17,397,636	18,015,116	15,938,552
Total Revenues/Sources		148,912,148	158,364,303	155,651,756
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	890,301	996,036	812,556
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		148,021,847	157,368,267	154,839,200

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Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	33,124,610	37,368,534	34,762,011
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	10,584,743	10,936,776	10,886,366
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	308,170	411,587	381,365
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	2,690,069	2,680,942	2,603,412
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	408,533	458,173	415,027
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,582,448	1,583,638	1,632,521
Before/After School Programs	11-421-XXX-XXX	15,638	71,906	58,785
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	5,718,529	6,084,678	6,714,227
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	100,027	104,944	102,876
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	1,359,319	1,607,717	1,547,114
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	2,233,328	2,689,719	2,696,501
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	485,179	606,271	585,592
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	2,723,529	2,820,827	2,832,251
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	3,063,706	3,417,094	3,464,762
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,232,614	1,188,629	1,106,314
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	1,710,563	1,804,992	1,703,917
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	60,830	171,623	149,114
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	1,924,528	2,036,533	1,816,247
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	4,619,317	4,831,200	4,602,394
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	2,055,363	2,359,135	2,420,313
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	641,807	675,406	728,049
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	12,132,943	12,849,429	12,903,294
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	11,140,296	12,421,322	12,115,909
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	22,545,163	26,004,714	29,328,662
Total Undistributed Expenditures		73,747,041	81,674,233	84,817,536
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	244,399	9,000	9,000
Total General Current Expense		122,705,651	135,194,789	135,566,023
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	2,393,419	3,106,154	477,403
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	836,521	719,831	747,599
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	3,101,060	0	1,450,000
Increase In Capital Reserve	10-604	1,000,000	0	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	116,158	25,000	25,000
Total Capital Outlay		7,447,158	3,850,985	2,700,002
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	1,361,703	1,303,413	1,447,179
General Fund Grand Total		131,514,512	140,349,187	139,713,204
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	223,715	182,647	137,161
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	555,476	184,576	0
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	250	88,898	0
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	1,052,396	1,090,923	998,902
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	10,530,979	10,798,515	11,020,842
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	0	2,374	0
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	11,583,375	11,891,812	12,019,744
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	106,303	144,000	108,001
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	66,638	92,307	69,231
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	273,347	288,348	216,262
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	362,310	380,162	285,122
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	133,152	102,757	77,069
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	408,657	535,050	401,288
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	14,430	0
Total Other State Projects		1,350,407	1,557,054	1,156,973
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	12,933,782	13,448,866	13,176,717
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	861,708	1,342,754	762,295
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	168,276	299,593	117,494
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	264,077	408,515	166,874
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	34,427	25,349	47,934
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,007,464	1,993,815	1,500,000
Vocational Education	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	40,103	30,077
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	116,626	0	0

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Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	231,835	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	3,684,413	4,110,129	2,624,674
Total Special Revenue Funds		17,397,636	18,015,116	15,938,552
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		148,912,148	158,364,303	155,651,756
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	890,301	996,036	812,556
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		148,021,847	157,368,267	154,839,200

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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)	10,239,190	7,719,445	5,397,946	2,775,846
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	6,251,631	3,467,946	2,810,853	675,992
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	5,221,629	4,466,028	3,475,028	2,084,028
--Legal Reserve	11,315,884	12,773,746	5,522,298	0
--Unemployment Fund	2,096,968	2,100,360	2,100,360	2,100,360
--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	246,101	287,290	287,290	287,290
--Scholarship Fund	88,898	89,032	89,032	89,032
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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Morris - Morris School District
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	$19,858	$21,186	$22,588	$24,045	$24,091
Total Classroom Instruction	$11,084	$11,844	$12,719	$13,522	$13,359
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	$10,502	$11,134	$11,867	$12,176	$12,603
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	$306	$419	$555	$980	$351
Classroom-Purchased Services	$277	$292	$297	$367	$405
Total Support Services	$3,435	$3,566	$3,862	$4,119	$4,197
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	$3,017	$3,169	$3,384	$3,607	$3,740
Total Administrative Costs	$2,139	$2,224	$2,302	$2,479	$2,468
Administration Salaries and Benefits	$1,677	$1,735	$1,810	$1,974	$2,003
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	$2,462	$2,726	$2,870	$3,019	$3,095
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	$1,331	$1,461	$1,611	$1,662	$1,763
Board Contribution to Food Services	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	$445	$485	$483	$520	$539
Total Equipment Costs	$237	$469	$49	$628	$96
Legal Costs	$38	$41	$54	$46	$57
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	31.10%	31.35%	35.48%	34.29%	38.15%

*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
FMS Turf Field Payment	1	$1,909,861	N	N	
Electrical Panel Upgrade	2	$250,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at Central Office on the 2nd Floor of Lafayette Learning Center building, 31 Hazel Street, Morristown, NJ 07960, Morris County New Jersey between the hours of 9am and 2pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

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