

Monmouth - Manalapan-Englishtown Regional Board of Education

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Manalapan-Englishtown Regional School District, in the County of Monmouth, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Wemrock Brook School, 118 Millhurst Road, Manalapan, NJ 07726, on Tuesday, May 5, 2026, 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	3,849	3,881	3,805
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	623	642	672
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	4,472	4,523	4,477
Private School Placements	21	20	22
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	4	5	10
Pupils Received	4	6	0

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	79,070,942	85,409,761	90,994,248
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	79,070,942	85,409,761	90,994,248
Total Tuition	10-1300	188,456	0	0
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	12,700	0	0
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	81,827	79,000	69,000
Sale of Property	10-1930	23,700	0	0
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	870,381	903,000	1,105,500
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	0	2,500	2,500
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	35,068	25,000	25,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		80,283,074	86,419,261	92,196,248
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	1,968,298	2,509,451	2,637,809
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	1,092,594	800,000	800,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	3,789,745	4,927,814	5,240,296
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	10-3133	80,583	0	0
Equalization Aid	10-3176	1,991,823	0	0
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	427,473	723,032	771,811
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	75,243	142,440	0
State Reimbursement for Menstrual Products	10-3301	13,901	7,500	7,500
Total Revenues from State Sources		9,439,660	9,110,237	9,457,416
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	22,779	9,730	31,198
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		22,779	9,730	31,198
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-303	0	4,700,735	5,849,225
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-309	0	0	1,005,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-310	0	1,250,000	1,250,000
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		0	2,156,935	0
Total Operating Budget		-1,570,844	0	0
		88,174,669	103,646,898	109,789,087
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	5,518	0	0
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	1,565	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	282,414	353,994	100,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	289,497	353,994	100,000
Revenues from State Sources:				
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	0	5,200	0
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	69,582	174,795	6,063
Total Revenues from State Sources		69,582	179,995	6,063
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	170,516	241,741	181,305
Title II	20-4451-4455	53,751	127,154	95,365
Title III	20-4491-4494	34,695	28,091	21,068
Title IV	20-4471-4474	14,084	14,828	11,121
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	1,324,336	1,301,386	976,039
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	9,203	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	203,765	0	0

Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (ACSERS)	20-4537	35,811	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,846,161	1,713,200	1,284,898
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-5,518	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		-65	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		2,199,657	2,247,189	1,390,961
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	3,601,353	3,598,599	8,302,676
Total Revenues from Local Sources		3,601,353	3,598,599	8,302,676
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	0	0	2,195,165
Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303	0	1	0
Total Local Repayment of Debt		3,601,353	3,598,600	10,497,841
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		47	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		3,601,400	3,598,600	10,497,841
Total Revenues/Sources		93,975,726	109,492,687	121,677,889
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		93,975,726	109,492,687	121,677,889

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	23,593,535	26,450,162	26,400,346
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	8,706,588	9,353,162	10,006,752
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	2,112,063	2,327,882	2,334,931
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	666,875	696,664	712,843
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	179,961	223,000	222,000
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	154,955	194,840	176,500
Before/After School Programs	11-421-XXX-XXX	133,649	245,000	175,000
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	1,687,430	2,030,474	2,878,574
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	267,459	272,616	279,392
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	1,026,420	1,221,908	1,113,314
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	1,330,085	1,475,161	2,000,141
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	1,370,187	1,742,078	2,114,813
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	683,120	957,259	982,412
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,622,972	1,893,102	1,976,953
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	986,487	1,111,700	1,164,149
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	1,339,681	1,360,722	1,388,600
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	56,965	134,029	158,101
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	809,405	1,453,895	1,564,698
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	3,780,110	4,362,661	4,029,620
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	1,183,780	1,690,819	1,460,836
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	642,754	833,700	843,526
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	9,476,993	11,756,447	11,630,126
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	5,430,641	6,362,240	6,502,988
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	19,459,575	24,190,020	28,012,549
Total Undistributed Expenditures		51,154,064	62,848,831	68,100,792
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	2,500	2,500
Total General Current Expense		86,701,690	102,342,041	108,131,664
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	483,383	1,118,171	470,807
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	977,083	131,686	1,126,616
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	25,000	25,000
Total Capital Outlay		1,460,466	1,274,857	1,622,423
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	12,513	30,000	35,000
General Fund Grand Total		88,174,669	103,646,898	109,789,087
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	282,414	353,994	100,000
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	1,500	0	0
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	890	756
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,895	2,330	1,980
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	635	539
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	3,280	2,788
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	0	5,200	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	67,687	167,660	0
Total Other State Projects		69,582	179,995	6,063
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IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,324,336	1,301,386	976,039
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	203,765	0	0
Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (ACSERS) Program	20-486-XXX-XXX	35,811	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	9,203	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,846,161	1,713,200	1,284,898
Total Special Revenue Funds		2,199,657	2,247,189	1,390,961
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	3,601,400	3,598,600	10,497,841
Total Debt Service Funds		3,601,400	3,598,600	10,497,841
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		93,975,726	109,492,687	121,677,889
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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)	3,503,695	2,506,460	2,111,913	2,029,799
(Repayment of Debt)	48	1	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	4,810,766	4,975,827	5,000,827	4,020,827
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	3,750,000	3,750,000	2,502,500	1,255,000
--Legal Reserve	8,085,362	10,073,299	5,767,111	0
--Unemployment Fund	854,433	768,555	768,555	768,555
--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	36,080	41,598	41,598	41,598
--Scholarship Fund	414	479	479	479
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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	\$16,113	\$17,012	\$19,699	\$20,078	\$21,187
Total Classroom Instruction	\$9,523	\$10,082	\$11,637	\$11,519	\$12,210
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$9,082	\$9,601	\$10,674	\$10,706	\$11,531
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$296	\$318	\$748	\$594	\$527
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$145	\$162	\$215	\$220	\$152
Total Support Services	\$2,267	\$2,443	\$2,870	\$2,931	\$3,290
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,985	\$2,174	\$2,484	\$2,523	\$2,723
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,703	\$1,778	\$2,057	\$2,225	\$2,185
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,417	\$1,502	\$1,659	\$1,678	\$1,771
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,328	\$2,392	\$2,732	\$2,998	\$3,044
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,202	\$1,246	\$1,454	\$1,476	\$1,531
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$93	\$95	\$121	\$122	\$121
Total Equipment Costs	\$166	\$106	\$82	\$247	\$105
Legal Costs	\$19	\$22	\$46	\$47	\$50
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	34.93%	36.46%	41.92%	41.72%	46.90%

*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.

Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
LOCKER REPLACEMENT PROJECT - PINE BROOK	#40 - LOCKERS	\$350,000	N	N	
BLEACHER REPLACEMENT PROJECT - MEMS	#41 - BLEACHERS	\$225,000	N	N	
WIFI NETWORK UPGRADE - DISTRICT WIDE	#43 - WIFI UPGRADE	\$430,000	N	N	

Capital Reserve Withdrawal – Other Capital Projects

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects is \$1,005,000 for other capital project costs as described below. The total cost for these projects is \$1,005,000, which represents 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.

Project Description – Statement of Purpose	Capital Reserve Withdrawal Amount	Total Projected Cost of the Project
Locker Replacement Program – Pine Brook School	\$350,000	\$350,000
Bleacher Replacement – Manalapan-Englishtown Middle Schools	\$225,000	\$225,000
Wireless Communication Network Upgrade – District Wide	\$430,000	\$430,000
Totals	\$1,005,000	\$1,005,000

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Peter M. Friedman Building, 54 Main Street,, Englishtown, Monmouth County, New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 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.