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Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Hunterdon Central Regional High school district, in the County of Hunterdon, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Auditorium of the 9/10 Building of the Hunterdon Central Regional High School Board of Education, 84 Route 31, Flemington, NJ 08822, on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 6:00 pm, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2024	15, 2025	15, 2026
	Actual	Actual	Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	1,794	1,703	1,781
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	85	101	60
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	333	301	311
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	42	58	58
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	2,254	2,163	2,210
Private School Placements	13	14	17
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	4	4	6
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	4	4	4
Pupils Received	8	1	1
Pupils in State Facilities	2	1	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	59,991,752	61,191,586	63,027,334
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	59,991,752	61,191,586	63,027,334
Total Tuition	10-1300	227,532	122,945	54,316
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	10,080	0	0
Transportation Fees from Other Local Education Authorities	10-1420-1440	55,793	10,000	100,000
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	28,800	28,800	28,800
Sale of Property	10-1930	330	75,000	50,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	989,480	1,073,239	1,045,015
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	122,358	7,000	25,000
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	1,086,484	90,000	120,000
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues / Paycheck Protection Program (APSSDs Only)	10-1XXX	48,041	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources		62,560,650	62,598,570	64,450,465
Revenues from State Sources:				
School Choice Aid	10-3116	199,373	313,136	323,888
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	326,420	1,471,813	1,551,605
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	810,132	0	0
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	1,858,075	2,772,842	2,678,534
Equalization Aid	10-3176	2,153,659	0	0
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	48,383	383,691	380,209
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	213,965	0	0
State Reimbursement for Menstrual Products	10-3301	13,530	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		5,623,537	4,941,482	4,934,236
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	16,366	5,564	31,631
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		16,366	5,564	31,631
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget				
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	3,974,385	4,051,342	3,923,342
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-307	1,886,308	0	0
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-309	1,160,733	5,561,229	11,605,491
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-310	463,239	387,139	0
Transfers from Other Funds	10-5200	207,788	0	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	1,836,986	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-4,165,189	0	0
Total Operating Budget		71,727,817	79,382,312	84,945,165
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	833,980	0	0
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	53,592	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	15,654	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	903,226	0	0
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	73,205	75,130	56,345
Title II	20-4451-4455	34,059	34,883	26,163
Title III	20-4491-4494	28,622	18,847	14,136
Title IV	20-4471-4474	10,000	10,000	7,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	557,037	523,985	392,989
Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (ACSERS)	20-4537	10,075	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		712,998	662,845	497,133
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-72,986	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		4,828	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		1,548,066	662,845	497,133
Total Revenues/Sources		73,275,883	80,045,157	85,442,298
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		73,275,883	80,045,157	85,442,298

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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	17,647,920	18,468,900	18,398,189
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	3,992,303	4,656,703	4,485,480
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	0	1,200	600
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	424,710	541,379	464,740
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	305,943	336,905	313,990
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,661,783	1,718,062	1,746,445
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	3,105,003	4,556,343	5,959,824
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	9,132	9,500	10,064
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	635,360	821,819	815,944
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	215,833	234,250	232,334
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	500,789	507,250	556,601
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	2,322,669	2,467,481	2,198,628
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,805,745	1,944,629	1,709,535
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,403,512	1,496,765	1,550,759
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	1,022,669	1,111,323	1,157,312
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	0	9,000	5,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	839,101	968,042	1,065,794
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,153,218	1,328,474	1,246,151
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	1,056,245	1,375,813	1,178,323
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	64,845	109,522	77,931
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	5,278,553	7,260,306	6,799,622
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	3,717,550	4,089,658	4,127,712
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	13,805,566	16,566,915	18,431,274
Total Undistributed Expenditures		36,935,790	44,857,090	47,122,808
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	122,358	7,000	25,000
Increase In Maintenance Reserve	10-606	340,881	0	0
Total General Current Expense		61,431,688	70,587,239	72,557,252
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-XXX-XXX-730	1,181,578	1,787,489	455,805
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-XXX	849,690	3,849,685	11,812,108
Increase In Capital Reserve	12-000-400-931	1,886,308	3,045,803	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	5,270,156	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	10-604	1,086,484	90,000	120,000
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	10,274,216	8,772,977	12,387,913
General Fund Grand Total		71,727,817	79,382,312	84,945,165
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects				
Student Activity Fund	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	15,654	0	0
Scholarship Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	760,994	0	0
Federal Projects:	20-476-XXX-XXX	58,420	0	0
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	73,205	75,130	56,345
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	34,059	34,883	26,163
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	28,622	18,847	14,136
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,000	10,000	7,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	557,037	523,985	392,989
Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (ACSERS) Program	20-486-XXX-XXX	10,075	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	712,998	662,845	497,133
Total Special Revenue Funds		1,548,066	662,845	497,133
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		73,275,883	80,045,157	85,442,298
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		73,275,883	80,045,157	85,442,298

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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)	2,206,574	2,173,204	1,550,907	1,550,907
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	25,876,515	29,186,114	24,337,182	12,851,691
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	2,909,718	2,909,718	2,529,579	2,554,579
--Legal Reserve	8,025,727	7,974,684	3,923,342	0
--Unemployment Fund	992,065	1,040,106	1,040,106	1,040,106
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	192,716	192,716	192,716	192,716
--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	910,640	983,626	983,626	983,626
--Scholarship Fund	259,281	254,453	254,453	254,453
(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	\$21,803	\$24,975	\$27,523	\$29,717	\$28,928
Total Classroom Instruction	\$12,051	\$13,888	\$14,765	\$15,850	\$15,772
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$11,531	\$13,196	\$14,023	\$15,062	\$14,994
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$309	\$444	\$450	\$468	\$468
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$211	\$249	\$292	\$320	\$311
Total Support Services	\$4,230	\$4,888	\$5,236	\$5,612	\$5,422
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,772	\$4,399	\$4,658	\$4,975	\$4,858
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,717	\$1,895	\$2,073	\$2,404	\$2,190
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,503	\$1,636	\$1,801	\$2,054	\$1,933
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,568	\$2,896	\$3,763	\$4,078	\$3,807
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,330	\$1,639	\$1,862	\$1,986	\$1,968
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$1,029	\$1,183	\$1,229	\$1,308	\$1,313
Total Equipment Costs	\$362	\$545	\$427	\$858	\$212
Legal Costs	\$38	\$52	\$49	\$82	\$51
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	38.24%	39.12%	43.67%	42.40%	48.80%

*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
Construction Professional Svcs-Projects Listed	2027-Services	\$27,500	N	N	
IMC HVAC	LRFP 2007-1	\$1,385,063	Y	N	
Music HVAC	LRFP 2027-2	\$1,435,125	Y	N	
Old Gym HVAC	LRFP 2027-3	\$1,551,938	Y	N	
100's Wing HVAC	LRFP 2027-4	\$3,270,750	Y	N	
Faculty Dining Room HVAC	LRFP 2027-5	\$100,125	Y	N	
Old Gym Roof	LRFP 2027-6	\$492,615	Y	N	
IMC Roof	LRFP 2027-7	\$240,300	Y	N	
Weight Room HVAC	LRFP 2027-8	\$460,575	Y	N	
Woodshop & Engineering Lab	LRFP 2027-9	\$1,719,000	N	N	
Rear Athletic Field Road	LRFP 2027-10	\$666,750	N	N	
Tennis Lot Lighting	LRFP 2027-11	\$31,250	N	N	
Junction Road Sidewalk	LRFP 2027-12	\$252,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Business Office, 84 Route 31, Flemington, NJ 08822, Hunterdon 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.