

Hunterdon - Readington Twp

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Readington Township School District, in the County of Hunterdon, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in Holland Brook School of the Readington Township Board of Education, 52 Readington Road, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, 08889, on Tuesday, April 28, 2026 at 7:00 p.m, 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	1,169	1,185	1,416
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	234	247	246
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	1,403	1,432	1,662
Private School Placements	5	5	6
Pupils Sent to Contracted Preschool Prog	154	193	0
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	1	2	0
Pupils Received	1	7	0

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
<b>Operating Budget:</b>				
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	33,219,691	34,364,000	35,735,125
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	33,219,691	34,364,000	35,735,125
Total Tuition	10-1300	18,000	0	0
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	23,415	45,000	45,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	101,488	70,000	70,000
Interest Earned On Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-1XXX	195	0	0
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	16,523	10,000	10,000
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>33,379,312</b>	<b>34,489,000</b>	<b>35,860,125</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	994,744	1,218,296	1,026,903
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	552,662	0	0
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	1,609,773	1,522,185	1,860,865
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	160,045	189,955	218,494
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	51,370	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>3,368,594</b>	<b>2,930,436</b>	<b>3,106,262</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	13,099	3,014	9,295
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>13,099</b>	<b>3,014</b>	<b>9,295</b>
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget</b>				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-303	1,270,908	1,329,067	1,435,620
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-307	3,180,000	0	0
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-309	0	70,000	254,545
Withdrawal from Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-310	357,736	0	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-312	57,264	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		0	177,658	0
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>		<b>41,654,959</b>	<b>38,999,175</b>	<b>40,665,847</b>
<b>Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	188,208	0	0
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	100	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	9,452	47,407	0
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>	<b>20-1XXX</b>	<b>197,760</b>	<b>47,407</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	130,721	0
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	3,376,640	3,599,921	4,639,740
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>3,376,640</b>	<b>3,730,642</b>	<b>4,639,740</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Title I	20-4411-4416	51,120	49,662	65,000
Title II	20-4451-4455	22,394	21,270	14,000
Title III	20-4491-4494	34,158	5,251	10,000
Title IV	20-4471-4474	10,000	10,000	8,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	400,834	421,588	316,500
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	2,591	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	16,036	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support	20-4544	7,370	0	0
Staffing Grant				
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	10,658	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>555,161</b>	<b>507,771</b>	<b>414,000</b>
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	235,875	0	0
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	130,296	101,220
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-15,334	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		100	0	0
<b>Total Grants and Entitlements</b>		<b>4,350,202</b>	<b>4,416,116</b>	<b>5,154,960</b>
<b>Repayment of Debt:</b>				
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	2,055,742	2,059,048	2,004,034
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>2,055,742</b>	<b>2,059,048</b>	<b>2,004,034</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				

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Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	7,146	7,077	7,091
Total Local Repayment of Debt		2,062,888	2,066,125	2,011,125
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Total Revenues/Sources		48,068,049	45,481,416	47,831,932
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	235,875	0	0
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	130,296	101,220
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		47,832,174	45,351,120	47,730,712

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
<b>General Current Expense:</b>				
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	10,396,576	10,306,293	10,294,495
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	4,090,906	4,300,290	4,191,491
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	778,913	793,370	809,661
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	166,507	177,050	182,550
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	119,112	120,500	120,600
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	161,504	180,000	180,303
<b>Support Services:</b>				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	398,287	485,826	567,692
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	470,135	520,035	538,882
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	824,459	827,230	849,075
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	262,168	308,774	291,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	589,616	624,180	640,914
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,090,781	1,217,228	1,202,958
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	565,916	577,575	533,385
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	861,979	950,850	916,023
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	323,307	405,830	437,524
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	657,571	761,324	653,870
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,496,317	1,669,010	1,467,845
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	518,981	589,575	501,050
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	62,449	67,500	41,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	3,166,378	3,148,663	3,164,972
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,867,230	2,055,036	2,190,742
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	7,268,736	8,595,274	10,472,634
<b>Total Undistributed Expenditures</b>		<b>20,424,310</b>	<b>22,803,910</b>	<b>24,469,566</b>
Increase In Maintenance Reserve	10-606	50,000	0	0
Interest Earned on Current Expense Emergency Res	10-607	195	0	0
<b>Total General Current Expense</b>		<b>36,188,023</b>	<b>38,681,413</b>	<b>40,248,666</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>				
<b>Equipment</b>				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-XXX-XXX-730	1,535,558	152,091	66,800
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-XXX	3,459,371	137,811	67,811
Increase In Capital Reserve	12-000-400-931	0	0	254,545
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	437,371	0	0
Total Capital Outlay	10-604	16,523	10,000	10,000
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	5,448,823	299,902	399,156
<b>General Fund Grand Total</b>		<b>41,654,959</b>	<b>38,999,175</b>	<b>40,665,847</b>
<b>Special Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
<b>Local Projects</b>				
Student Activity Fund	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	9,452	47,407	0
Scholarship Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	172,874	0	0
Preschool Education Aid:	20-476-XXX-XXX	200	0	0
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	731,955	569,617	429,786
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	2,880,560	3,291,321	4,311,174
<b>Total Preschool Education Aid</b>	20-218-XXX-XXX	<b>3,612,515</b>	<b>3,860,938</b>	<b>4,740,960</b>
<b>Total State Projects</b>	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	<b>3,612,515</b>	<b>3,860,938</b>	<b>4,740,960</b>
<b>Federal Projects:</b>				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	51,120	49,662	65,000
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	22,394	21,270	14,000
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	34,158	5,251	10,000
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,000	10,000	8,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	400,834	421,588	316,500
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	10,658	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	2,591	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	16,036	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health	20-491-xxx-xxx	7,370	0	0
Support Staffing Grant				
<b>Total Federal Projects</b>	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	<b>555,161</b>	<b>507,771</b>	<b>414,000</b>
<b>Total Special Revenue Funds</b>		<b>4,350,202</b>	<b>4,416,116</b>	<b>5,154,960</b>
<b>Repayment of Debt:</b>				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	2,062,888	2,066,125	2,011,125
Total Debt Service Funds		2,062,888	2,066,125	2,011,125
<b>Total Expenditures/Appropriations</b>		<b>48,068,049</b>	<b>45,481,416</b>	<b>47,831,932</b>

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Regular	11-105-100-935	235,875	0	0
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	0	130,296	101,220
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		47,832,174	45,351,120	47,730,712

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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)	1,848,418	1,971,117	1,427,050	776,430
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	3,850,137	1,124,031	1,064,031	819,486
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	365,029	57,293	57,293	57,293
--Legal Reserve	1,570,000	1,570,000	785,000	0
--Unemployment Fund	0	0	0	0
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	58,167	1,098	1,098	1,098
--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	69,690	85,024	85,024	85,024
--Scholarship Fund	5,265	5,165	5,165	5,165
(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	\$23,899	\$26,554	\$23,115	\$25,971	\$23,468
Total Classroom Instruction	\$13,882	\$14,724	\$13,501	\$15,076	\$13,551
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$13,383	\$13,967	\$13,143	\$14,606	\$13,193
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$454	\$708	\$292	\$392	\$294
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$45	\$48	\$66	\$79	\$64
Total Support Services	\$4,886	\$6,469	\$4,717	\$5,209	\$5,063
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,762	\$4,294	\$4,293	\$4,683	\$4,600
Total Administrative Costs	\$2,319	\$2,453	\$2,249	\$2,726	\$2,179
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,999	\$2,087	\$1,939	\$2,137	\$1,881
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,337	\$2,411	\$2,126	\$2,393	\$2,096
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$620	\$638	\$657	\$725	\$625
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$260	\$258	\$252	\$278	\$252
Total Equipment Costs	\$404	\$1,095	\$54	\$106	\$40
Legal Costs	\$30	\$62	\$50	\$57	\$48
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	31.40%	31.78%	38.10%	36.22%	44.05%

\*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
Preschool ROD Grant - Local Share	4350-000-26-1000	\$254,545	Y	N	

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education (the "Board") has established a capital reserve account pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:21-2 and N.J.S.A.18A:7G-31 in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, which is subject to an annual audit; and WHEREAS, the Board may use the capital reserve account to implement a capital project or referendum in the Readington Township School District's ("District") Long Range Facility Plan ("LRFP") as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-4(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2; and WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-14.1, the Board may, by resolution, transfer funds from the capital reserve account to the line items in the capital outlay major account/fund to fund the total costs, less any excess costs, of a school facilities project; and WHEREAS, the district plans to add 2 bathrooms to existing classrooms at Three Bridges School in conformity with a state-approved Preschool Regular Operating District (ROD) grant approved through resolution 3.05 at its board meeting in January 20, 2026 in the amount of \$208,363.20 for the state share, \$312,544.80 for local district share, totaling \$520,908.00, and; WHEREAS, the district approved architectural fees in the amount of \$58,000.00 for the project through resolution 3.04 at its board meeting in January 20, 2026, leaving a remaining local share balance of \$254,545.00 to be appropriated for construction services for the project; and WHEREAS, the Board directs the Business Administrator and architect of record to submit all projects listed above to the State of New Jersey for amendment and inclusion in the District's LRFP; and 4 Agenda March 23, 2026 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board authorizes in the 2026-2027 budget a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$254,545.00 to fund the total costs in the Capital Projects Fund, less any excess costs, of the Projects will be returned to the capital reserve account for any unspent costs upon completion of the project.

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education qualified for health benefit adjustments, enrollment adjustments, or utilized less than 2% of allowable tax levy in prior budget cycles; and WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education currently has an accumulated balance of \$3,820.00 from the 2023-2024 school year, and \$197,749.00 in banked cap from the 2025-2026 school year; WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education has qualified for a health benefit adjustment of \$1,435,070.00 and an enrollment adjustment of \$247,940.00, totaling \$1,683,010.00 in the 2026-2027 school year; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education includes in the tentative budget \$678,886.00 of the qualifying adjustments to exceed the 2% tax levy for the 2026-2027 school year budget, leaving \$1,004,124.00 unutilized to remain in banked cap for future budget cycles. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b), the district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority by utilizing the adjustment in health care costs. Being fiscally conservative and due to the district not raising taxes to the maximum allowable limit for the 2026-2027 school year, \$1,201,873.00 shall remain unutilized in banked cap for future budget cycles, with \$3,820.00 from 2023-2024 school year expiring in conformity with state law. The district acknowledges banked cap cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time than law allows, and shall utilize the adjustment for health care costs in the 2026-2027 school year by June 30, 2027.

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education qualified for a health benefit adjustment due to the significant health benefit cost increase of the State Health Benefit Plan run by the State of New Jersey; and WHEREAS, based on budgeted health costs increases, the Readington Township Board of Education qualified for an amount of \$1,435,070.00 for potential use on the 2026-2027 budget; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the use of the health benefit adjustment in the budget is intended to be used to pay for the significant increased costs of health benefit premiums.

WHEREAS, the Readington Township Board of Education qualified for an enrollment adjustment due to the significant student increase; and WHEREAS, based on budgeted enrollment increases, the Readington Township Board of Education qualified for an amount of \$247,940.00 for potential use on the 2026-2027 budget; and NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the use of the enrollment adjustment in the budget is intended to be used to pay for the increased costs of student enrollment for supplies and materials necessary for the additional students.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Readington Township School Board Office building, 52 Readington Road, Whitehouse Station, Hunterdon County, New Jersey, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. 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