

# Middletown Township Board of Education

**Final Budget Presentation**  
**April 28, 2026**



# **2025-2026 Final Budget**

## **Budget Summary**



# Changes at final budget public hearing

- The final budget includes a reallocation of \$360,000 from the budgeted replenishment of maintenance reserve to equipment and projects for the new Bayshore Elementary School and New Monmouth Elementary School:
- New Monmouth Elementary School
  - \$100,000 allocated for playground equipment
    - The district applied for the Local Recreation Improvement Grant for the last two grant cycles to replace playground equipment at New Monmouth but was not awarded a grant.
- Bayshore Elementary School
  - \$260,000 allocated to kindergarten room bathrooms and a new playground

# Proposed Budgeted Revenue



	2025-2026	2026-2027	Change \$	Notes
Tax levy	\$176,634,681	\$182,060,370	\$5,425,689	3.07% increase in the tax levy; includes use of health care cost adjustment
State aid	\$15,248,130	\$15,719,251	\$471,121	\$418K of aid in 25-26 is non-recurring; actual 26-27 increase is \$890K
Projected extraordinary aid	\$1,800,000	\$1,800,000	\$0	Estimate, 2025-2026 aid will not be known until July 2026
Other local sources and interest	\$1,781,499	\$1,618,000	(\$163,499)	Includes interest, tuition, enterprise activities, refunds of prior year expenses, rental fees
Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) reimbursement	\$33,340	\$48,301	\$14,961	State provides the projected amount
Transportation revenue from other districts	\$250,000	\$200,000	(\$50,000)	Based on anticipated joined routes with other districts
<b>Total General Fund Revenue</b>	<b>\$195,747,650</b>	<b>\$201,445,922</b>	<b>\$5,698,272</b>	Increase in general fund revenue is 2.91%

# Proposed Budgeted Expenses

	2025-2026 Current Budget	2026-2027 Projected	Change \$	Change %
Regular Programs - Instruction	\$66,000,613	\$67,599,535	\$1,598,922	2.4%
Total Special Education - Instruction	\$20,353,908	\$20,830,301	\$476,393	2.3%
Total Co-Curricular, Athletics, After School and Summer programs	\$2,643,304	\$2,549,289	(\$94,015)	(3.6%)
Total Tuition	\$5,672,747	\$6,201,560	\$528,813	9.3%
Attendance, Health, Related Services, and Guidance	\$10,495,460	\$10,333,592	(\$161,868)	(1.5%)
Other Student Support Services - Special Education (CST)	\$7,087,777	\$7,033,441	(\$54,336)	(0.8%)
Improvement of Instruction, Staff Training, Media Services	\$1,997,969	\$1,803,763	(\$194,206)	(9.7%)

# Proposed Budgeted Expenses

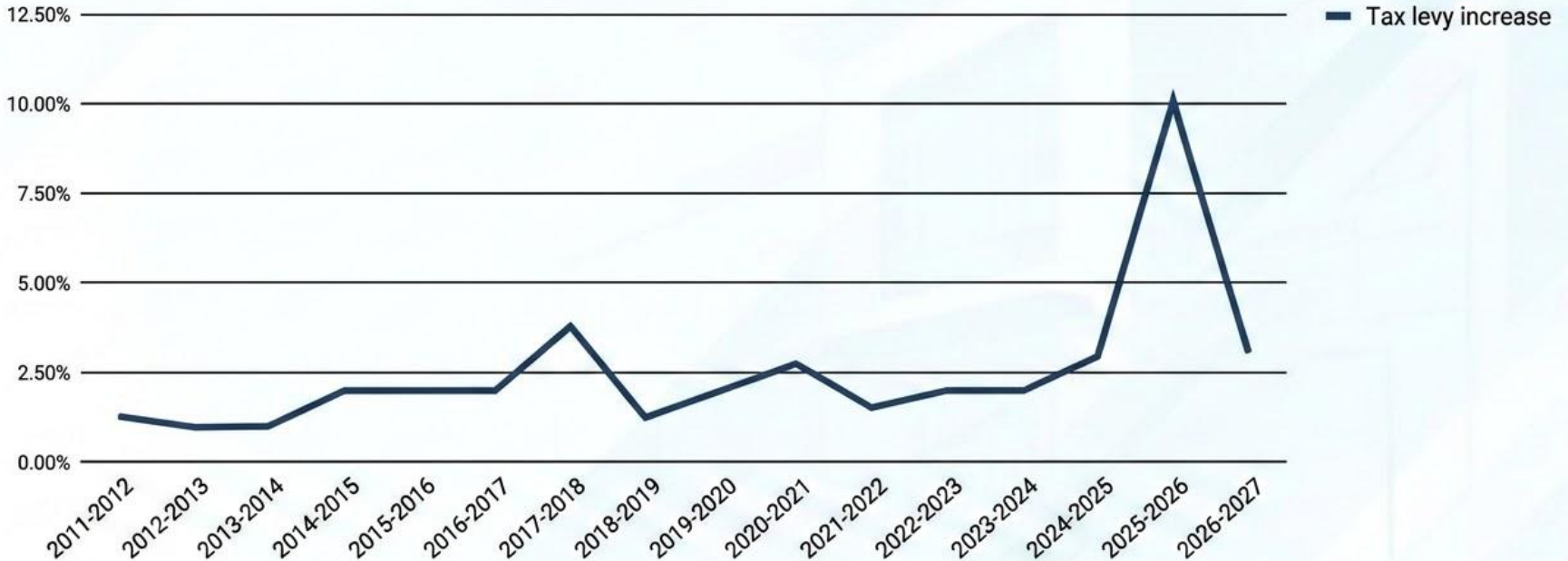
	2025-2026 Current Budget	2026-2027 Projected	Change \$	Change %
School, District, Central and IT Administrative Costs	\$11,373,017	\$11,114,709	(\$258,308)	(2.3%)
Operation and Maintenance of Plant (includes security)	\$17,067,392	\$17,661,764	\$594,372	3.5%
Student Transportation Services	\$13,771,710	\$14,536,212	\$764,502	5.6%
Employee Benefits	\$37,878,251	\$37,518,390	(\$359,861)	(1.0%)
Capital Outlay	\$1,191,608	\$2,025,200	\$833,592	70.0%
Transfer of funds to charter schools	\$213,144	\$203,671	(\$9,473)	(4.4%)
Transfer of interest and deposit to maintenance reserve	\$750	\$2,034,495	\$2,033,745	
<b>Total General Fund Budget</b>	<b>\$195,747,650</b>	<b>\$201,445,922</b>	<b>\$5,698,272</b>	<b>2.91%</b>

# Tax Levy Increases

Average tax levy increase since the implementation of the 2% cap in 2011 is 2.54%.



Tax Levy Increases 2011-2012 to 2026-2027 (proposed)



# 2026-2027 Proposed Tax Levy



The proposed increase in the tax levy for 2026-2027 is 3.07%. This is comprised of:

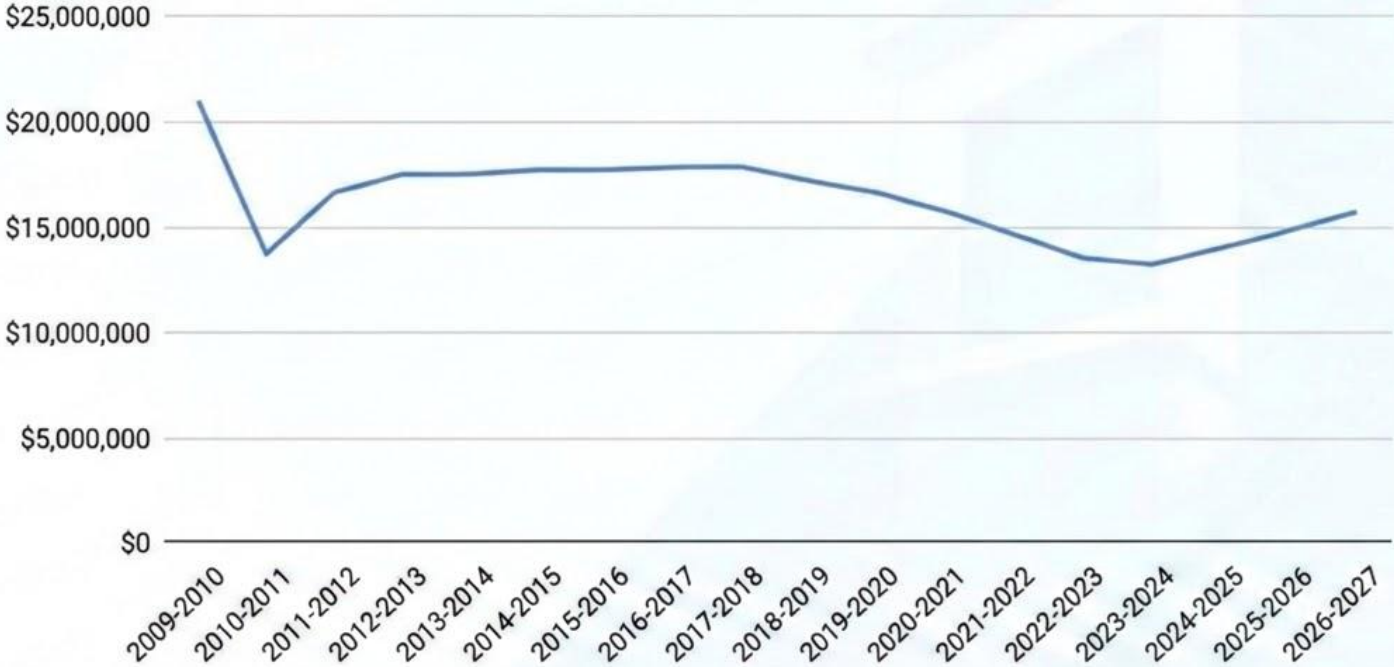
Allowable regular increase in tax levy:	2.00%
<u>Adjustment for increase in health care costs:</u>	<u>1.07%</u>
	3.07%

The district will have no banked tax levy cap remaining for future year carryover.

# State Aid - 2010-2011 to 2026-2027



## State Aid



# Proposed capital projects

Replace frame/bank of doors - HSS	\$60,000
Main entrance door frames/door replacement - HSS	\$200,000
Bleacher repairs - Thompson	\$50,000
Replacement of concrete - Harmony	\$100,000
Kindergarten bathrooms and new playground at Bayshore Elementary School	\$260,000
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$670,000

# Proposed equipment purchases

Challenge course major repairs - HSN and HSS	\$89,000
Replacement of sound systems in gyms - HSN	\$30,000
Scoreboard replacements - secondary schools	\$18,000
Wrestling mat - HSN	\$8,000
Anticipated IEP driven equipment needs	\$5,000
Security camera software upgrade	\$200,000
Facilities fleet replacement	\$180,000
Replacement salters and snowplows	\$26,000
Bat wing mower for tractor (replacement)	\$25,000
Replacement of outdoor signage	\$5,000
Playground equipment - New Monmouth	\$100,000
<hr/> Total	<hr/> \$686,000

# Anticipated Personnel Reductions for 2026-2027

Administration	3
Instructional staff	25
Support staff	12
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Total	40

It is anticipated that these positions will be absorbed through attrition (retirements, non-renewals for performance, etc.)

# Reserves

	Balance June 30, 2025	Amount of budgeted withdrawal during 2025-2026 year	Anticipated reserve deposits prior to June 30, 2026	Deposits budgeted in 2026-2027 budget	Balance, July 1, 2026
Capital	\$42,317	(\$0)	\$TBD	\$503,000	\$545,317
Maintenance	\$36,358	(\$0)	\$TBD	\$2,032,995	\$2,069,353
Total	\$78,675	(\$0)	\$TBD	\$2,535,995	\$2,614,670

# Debt Service

The district's outstanding debt as of June 30, 2026 will be as follows:

Issue Description	Balance, 6/30/2026	Maturity Dates
Refunding issue - 2020	\$7,735,000	8/1/2027
Refunding issue - 2013	\$1,605,000	8/1/2027
Original issue - 2014	\$6,135,000	8/1/2029
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Total	\$15,475,000	

# Budget Timeline

Date	Event/Action
March 24	Board approved the tentative budget.
March 26	District submitted the approved tentative budget to the NJDOE Monmouth County office for review.
April 10	Tentative budget was approved by NJDOE.
April 16	Budget was posted on the district's website.
April 28	Public hearing and adoption of the final budget at the Board voting meeting.