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Dear Weymouth Township School Families and Community Members,

The Weymouth Township Board of Education and Administration thank the many community members who participated in this year's budget meetings and Strategic Planning process. Your engagement and thoughtful questions reflect our shared commitment to maintaining a strong school that remains a vital part of the Weymouth Township community.

The 2026-2027 budget was developed with one clear priority: preserving a high-quality educational experience for our students while responsibly managing the district's financial resources. The Board of Education and Administration evaluated every available cost-saving measure before approving the 2026-2027 budget. Through careful planning, strategic reductions, and operational efficiencies, the district continues to do more with less while remaining committed to fiscal responsibility and providing the high-quality educational experience our students deserve.

Like many school districts across New Jersey, Weymouth continues to face a longstanding funding gap resulting from historical reductions in state and federal aid, while experiencing significant increases in healthcare, transportation, utilities, and special education costs. Because only a limited portion of the district's budget is discretionary, these mandated cost increases continue to outpace the statutory 2% tax levy cap.

To reduce the impact on taxpayers, the district identified more than **$526,000** in strategic reductions and operational savings for the 2026-2027 school year through staffing adjustments, transportation efficiencies, and changes to employee health insurance. These decisions were made to preserve classroom instruction and student opportunities while ensuring the district remains financially sustainable and with the efficiency. Following public advertisement, our **official budget hearing was held on May 4th** where we shared the final budget and outlined the impacts to our school and community. We understand the impact these decisions have on our community. Throughout the budget process, every area was carefully reviewed to ensure a fiscally responsible plan that reflects our commitment to our students while being mindful of our taxpayers.

The approved 2026-2027 Local Tax Levy is **$3,451,896**, resulting in an estimated General Fund school tax rate of **2.0801 per $100 of assessed property value**. For a home assessed at **$100,000**, this represents an estimated annual increase of approximately **$240.80** over the prior year.

Our commitment remains unchanged: to provide a safe, supportive, and academically strong learning environment while serving as responsible stewards of public resources. Although financial challenges continue to require difficult decisions, our focus remains on protecting the educational opportunities our students deserve and preserving the important role Weymouth Township School plays in our community.

We appreciate your continued partnership and support of our students, faculty, staff, and school.

Sincerely,

Brenda Callaghan, Superintendent/Principal
Weymouth Township School District