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THE EWING PUBLIC SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION – PRELIMINARY BUDGET

March 18, 2019
8:00 PM

Presented by:
Michael A. Nitti, *Superintendent of Schools, Certified School Business Administrator*
Dennis J. Nettleton, *CPA, RSBA, SFO, Certified School Business Administrator*

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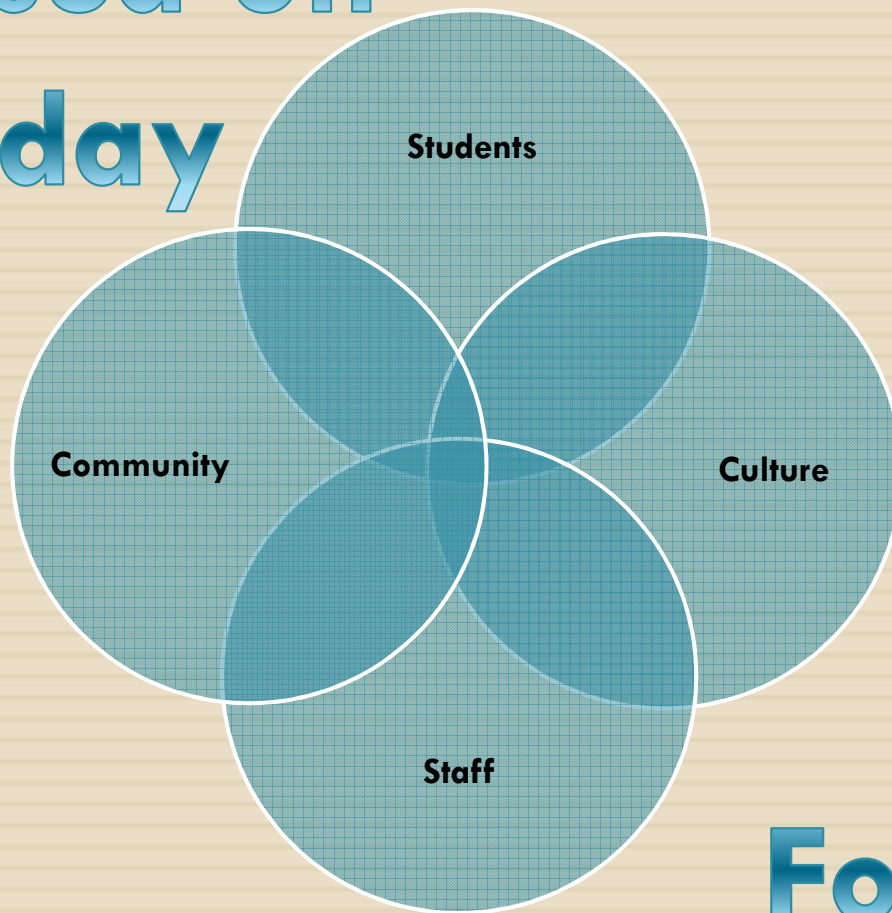
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AGENDA

1. Introduction
2. Board of Education President Anthony F. Messina
3. Budget Presentation: Superintendent Michael A. Nitti,
& Business Administrator Dennis J. Nettleton, CPA
4. Board of Education Comments/Feedback
5. Public Comments/Feedback
6. Board Action – Resolution to Adopt the Preliminary
Budget for 2019-20
7. Adjournment

The Ewing Public Schools

**Focused on
Today**



**Working
For Tomorrow**

2019-20 Annual Budget Timeline

Date	Description
February 20	Annual Board of Education Budget Retreat
February 25	Preliminary Budget Overview 8:00 PM at Anheil Elementary School Auditorium
March 5	Governor's Budget Address
March 7	Release of State Aid
March 15	Release of new Ratables from Ewing Township (Re-Valuation)
March 18	Preliminary Budget Presentation and Approval 8:00 PM at Fisher Middle School Auditorium
April 29	Public Hearing – Board Adopts the Final Budget 8:00 PM at Fisher Middle School Auditorium

Budget Process

1. Building Administrators and District Supervisors/Directors evaluate needs and submit requests to Central Office
2. Multiple reviews by Central Office Staff
3. Preliminary budget developed
4. Preliminary budget recommended to Board of Education
5. Revenues re-evaluated after receiving State Aid
6. Board of Education reviews and votes on preliminary budget
7. Public Hearing and Board votes on Final Budget

Goals, Priorities, & Initiatives

□ GOALS/PRIORITIES

- Maintain/Enhance ALL Instructional Programs (core subjects, related arts, specialized programs)
- Maintain staffing
- Focus on Student Achievement
- Maintain favorable class sizes
- Maintain Full-Day Kindergarten
- Maintain Gifted & Talented, Honors & AP Programs

□ UPGRADES/INITIATIVES

- Professional/Staff Development
- Student Emotional Health Initiatives
- School Safety Enhancements
- Special Program Expansion
- Instructional Technology Enhancements
- Facilities – preventative maintenance focus
- Replacement of Turf Field
- Management of Referendum Projects

Budgetary Developments

□ REVENUE

- Chapter 78 contributions
- Profitable Enterprise Funds
- SEMI Medicaid Revenue
- Continued EPEF Support
- Continued Township share of Pilot \$
- State Aid Increase
- Township Revaluation

□ EXPENDITURES

- Retirements/Breakage
- Debt Service
- Charter School Projection
- Future facilities needs?
- Low Income Housing
- Rising impact of out-of-district placements
- Continued Rising Transportation costs
- Collective Bargaining

Referendum Projects

□ Phase 1 – Summer '19

- All summer ESY programs at FMS
- Antheil/Lore Classroom renovations
- Lore/OBA/Parkway Roofing
- EHS Parking/District Tennis Courts
- School Security Upgrades*

□ Phase 2 – Summer '20

- FMS roofing
- District Wide HVAC Projects
- Additional district-wide classroom renovations
- HVAC Building automation controls
- Remaining roofing projects
- EHS/FMS Gyms & locker rooms*
- EHS Auditorium*

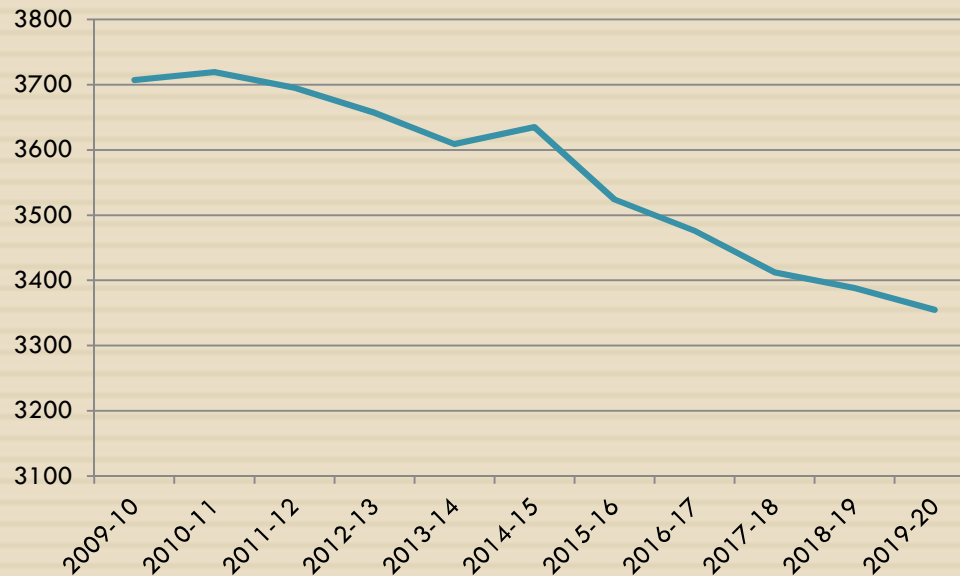
**Projects not contained to summer, will be some school year work necessary.*

Enrollment History/Trends*

Enrollment History

Budget Year	Enrollment
2009-10	3,707
2010-11	3,719
2011-12	3,695
2012-13	3,657
2013-14	3,609
2014-15	3,635
2015-16	3,597
2016-17	3,548
2017-18	3,542
2018-19	3,506
2019-20	3,528

Enrollment Trends



**All projections are based on the Demographic Study performed by Statistical Forecasting, LLC.*

2019-20 Preliminary General Fund Revenues vs. Appropriations

Description	No Tax Levy Increase	1.0% Tax Levy Increase	1.5% Tax Levy Increase	2.0% Tax Levy Increase
Revenues	\$ 73,754,394	\$ 74,314,397	\$ 74,594,398	\$ 73,127,319
Appropriations	74,874,399	74,874,399	74,874,399	74,874,399
Difference	-\$1,120,005	-\$560,002	-\$280,001	\$ -



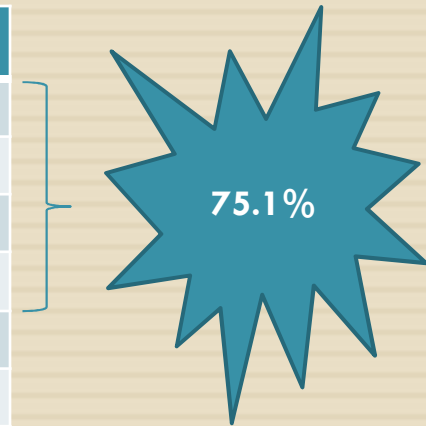
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2019-20 General Fund Preliminary Revenue Projections

Description	2017-18 \$ Amount	2017-18 %-age	2018-19 \$ Amount	2018-19 %-age
Local Tax Levy	\$ 56,000,250	78.65%	\$ 57,120,255	78.11%
Tuition	248,991	0.35%	500,000	0.68%
Other Misc. Revenues	242,717	0.34%	200,003	0.27%
State Aid	12,536,746	17.60%	13,507,061	18.47%
Fund Balance	2,176,006	3.06%	3,547,080	2.47%
Subtotal General Fund Revenues	\$ 71,204,710	100.00%	\$ 74,874,399	100.00%

2019-20 General Fund Preliminary Appropriations

Description	2019-20 Appropriations	% of Total
Staffing (All Salaries)	\$ 41,567,582	55.52%
Employee Benefits (Medical, Prescription, Dental)	11,943,833	15.95%
PERS & FICA Obligation	2,001,954	2.67%
Insurance (Including Workers' Comp)	722,810	0.97%
Other District-Wide Costs	3,298,707	4.41%
Curriculum	188,687	0.25%
Special Education	5,789,683	7.73%
School Budgets	669,664	0.89%
Operations	2,110,628	2.82%
Transportation	4,592,851	6.13%
Technology	388,000	0.52%
Capital Reserve Withdrawal – EHS Field	1,600,000	2.14%
Total Preliminary Appropriations	\$ 74,874,399	100.00%



Debt Service Management

Description	14-15	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21*
Principal	\$6,170,000	\$6,325,000	\$6,555,000	\$2,985,000	\$1,485,000	\$1,520,000	\$2,100,000
Interest	422,248	279,685	156,518	75,058	42,372	2,245,318	2,402,971
Less:							
Debt Svc Aid	-721,572	-785,679	-1,147,443	-417,001	-	-692,353	-1,286,393
Total	\$5,870,676	\$5,819,006	\$5,564,075	\$2,643,057	\$1,527,372	\$3,072,965	\$2,856,578
\$ Change	-	-\$51,670	-\$254,931	-\$2,921,018	-\$1,115,685	\$1,545,593	-\$216,387
% Change	-	-0.88%	-4.38%	-52.50%	-42.21%	101.19%	-7.04%

*Anticipated based on debt repayment schedule.

Increase due to Referendum
2018!

Average Total Tax Increase – Last 5 Budget Years

Description	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19*	2019-20
General Fund Tax Levy	\$51,324,819	\$52,351,315	\$53,398,341	\$55,126,410	\$56,000,250	\$57,120,255
Debt Service Tax Levy	5,870,676	5,819,006	5,564,075	2,643,057	1,527,372	3,072,965
Total Tax Levy	\$57,195,495	\$58,170,321	\$58,962,416	\$57,769,467	\$57,527,622	\$60,193,220
\$ Change	-	\$974,826	\$792,095	-\$1,192,949	-\$241,845	\$2,665,598
% Change	-	1.7%	1.4%	-2.0%	-0.4%	4.6%

Avg. % Increase of 1.1%

*Note 2018-19 was reduced from original tax levy by \$402,500 due to add'l State Aid in July of 2018.

2019-20 Preliminary Tax Levy Summary

If Local Tax Levy is increased by 2%

- Preliminary Tax Rate would be \$1.8262
- Ratables increased to \$3,264,857,600
- Average Home Assessment also increased to \$198,100*
- Due to the revaluation, annual change in school tax will vary greatly depending on your individual property assessment. Chart below is for illustrative purposes only and may not reflect your actual tax bill.

Assessed Home Value	2018-19 \$2.8748	2019-20 \$1.8262
\$125,000	\$ 3,593.54	\$ 2,282.80
\$150,000	\$ 4,312.25	\$2,739.36
\$198,100	\$ 5,695.05	\$3,617.78
\$200,000	\$ 5,749.67	\$3,652.48
\$250,000	\$ 7,187.09	\$4,565.60
\$300,000	\$ 8,624.50	\$5,478.72
\$350,000	\$ 10,061.92	\$6,391.84
\$400,000	\$ 11,499.34	\$7,304.96

*These estimates were obtained from Jeff Burd in the Ewing Township Tax Assessors' Office.

Questions?

