

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 the Holland Brook School of the Readington Township Board of Education, 52 Readington Road, Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, 08889, on Tuesday, April 29, 2025 at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2025-2026 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October 13, 2023 Actual	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	1,162	1,169	1,365
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	236	234	235
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	1,398	1,403	1,600
Private School Placements	4	5	5
Pupils Sent to Contracted Preschool Prog	0	154	0
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	2	0	0
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	1	1	0
Pupils Received	15	1	0

Hunterdon - Readington Twp Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Revised	2025-26 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	32,316,089	33,219,691	34,364,000
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	32,316,089	33,219,691	34,364,000
Total Tuition	10-1300	4,200	0	0
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	23,035	45,000	45,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	258,304	70,000	70,000
Interest Earned On Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-1XXX	903	0	0
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	43,613	10,000	10,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		32,646,144	33,344,691	34,489,000
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	752,795	994,744	1,218,296
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	598,597	0	0
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	1,514,490	1,609,773	1,522,185
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	142,002	160,045	189,955
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	38,020	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		3,045,904	2,764,562	2,930,436
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	18,155	26,995	3,014
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		18,155	26,995	3,014
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-303	1,179,101	1,270,908	1,329,067
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-307	1,537,000	0	0
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-309	0	3,100,000	70,000
Withdrawal from Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-310	430,000	357,736	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-312	170,000	57,264	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		0	1,599,311	0
Total Operating Budget		-2,255,491	0	0
		36,770,813	42,521,467	38,821,517
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	170,186	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	1,061	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	171,247	0	0
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	123,463	92,093
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	1,430,317	3,387,960	3,599,921
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	32,099	0	0

Total Revenues from State Sources		1,462,416	3,511,423	3,692,014
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	60,523	51,120	65,000
Title II	20-4451-4455	24,769	22,394	14,000
Title III	20-4491-4494	25,816	34,158	10,000
Title IV	20-4471-4474	10,000	10,000	8,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	407,428	400,834	316,500
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	104,471	2,591	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	15,068	16,036	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	9,003	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	20-4544	37,630	16,755	0
ARP-ESSER Other	20-4540	172,435	38,864	0
	20-4XXX	200,000	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,067,143	592,752	414,000
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	148,620	0	0
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	235,875	130,296
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		8,611	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		200	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		2,858,237	4,340,050	4,236,310
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	2,047,658	2,055,742	2,059,048
Total Revenues from Local Sources		2,047,658	2,055,742	2,059,048

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Budget Category	Account	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Revised	2025-26 Proposed
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	7,105	7,146	7,077
Total Local Repayment of Debt		2,054,763	2,062,888	2,066,125
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Total Revenues/Sources		41,683,813	48,924,405	45,123,952
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	148,620	0	0
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	235,875	130,296
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		41,535,193	48,688,530	44,993,656

Hunterdon - Readington Twp Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Revised	2025-26 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	9,891,387	10,256,050	10,228,975
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	3,924,366	4,090,629	4,217,400
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	862,228	859,375	793,368
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	159,917	170,320	177,050
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	112,485	123,406	121,000
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	175,346	190,596	180,000
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	290,883	462,760	522,860
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	416,482	557,745	520,035
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	779,443	903,165	834,230

Undistributed Expenditures—Other Support Services, Students—Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	177,081	250,206	311,600
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	499,172	620,641	624,180
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,064,420	1,121,109	1,174,528
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	530,077	572,813	578,423
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	831,067	920,006	951,522
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	261,437	383,373	405,830
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	603,330	754,964	665,520
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,438,394	1,601,242	1,476,445
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	500,219	572,105	531,775
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative Information Technology	11-000-252-XXX	60,860	66,000	67,500
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	3,094,337	3,535,190	3,109,791
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,516,866	2,023,688	2,071,264
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	7,040,644	7,874,614	9,006,150
Total Undistributed Expenditures		19,104,712	22,219,621	22,851,653
Interest Earned on Current Expense Emergency Res	10-607	903	0	0
Total General Current Expense		34,231,344	37,909,997	38,569,446
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	505,647	1,095,160	86,400
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	1,161,856	3,488,197	137,811
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	396,654	0	0
Increase In Capital Reserve	10-604	431,699	0	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	43,613	10,000	10,000
Total Capital Outlay		2,539,469	4,593,357	234,211
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	0	18,113	17,860
General Fund Grand Total		36,770,813	42,521,467	38,821,517
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,061	0	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	178,797	0	0
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	200	0	0
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	415,674	739,917	504,299
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	1,098,018	2,949,121	3,318,011
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	65,245	58,260	0
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	1,578,937	3,747,298	3,822,310
Other State Projects:				
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	32,099	0	0
Total Other State Projects		32,099	0	0
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,611,036	3,747,298	3,822,310
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	60,523	51,120	65,000
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	24,769	22,394	14,000
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	25,816	34,158	10,000
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,000	10,000	8,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	407,428	400,834	316,500
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	200,000	0	0
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	172,435	38,864	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	104,471	2,591	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	15,068	16,036	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	9,003	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	20-491-xxx-xxx	37,630	16,755	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,067,143	592,752	414,000

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Advertised Appropriations**

Budget Category	Account	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Revised	2025-26 Proposed
Total Special Revenue Funds		2,858,237	4,340,050	4,236,310
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510- XXX	2,054,763	2,062,888	2,066,125
Total Debt Service Funds		2,054,763	2,062,888	2,066,125
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		41,683,813	48,924,405	45,123,952
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Regular	11-105-100-935	148,620	0	0
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	0	235,875	130,296
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		41,535,193	48,688,530	44,993,656

**Hunterdon - Readington Twp
Advertised Recapitulation of Balances**

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2023	Audited Balance 06-30-2024	Estimated Balance 06-30-2025	Estimated Balance 06-30-2026
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	1,627,915	1,848,418	1,362,510	818,443
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	4,911,825	3,850,137	760,137	700,137
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	795,029	365,029	7,293	7,293
--Legal Reserve	1,585,000	1,570,000	785,000	0
--Unemployment Fund	0	0	0	0
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	227,264	58,167	903	903
--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	78,301	69,690	69,690	69,690
--Scholarship Fund	5,465	5,265	5,265	5,265
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

**Hunterdon - Readington Twp
Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations**

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2022-23 Actual Costs	2023-24 Actual Costs	2024-25 Original Budget	2024-25 Revised Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$21,534	\$23,899	\$22,757	\$26,013	\$23,115
Total Classroom Instruction	\$12,640	\$13,882	\$13,256	\$14,934	\$13,501
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$12,268	\$13,383	\$12,810	\$14,281	\$13,143
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$330	\$454	\$386	\$584	\$292
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$42	\$45	\$60	\$70	\$66
Total Support Services	\$4,046	\$4,886	\$4,483	\$5,125	\$4,717
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,578	\$3,762	\$3,958	\$4,506	\$4,293
Total Administrative Costs	\$2,299	\$2,319	\$2,186	\$2,668	\$2,249
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,924	\$1,999	\$1,871	\$2,109	\$1,939
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,144	\$2,337	\$2,312	\$2,702	\$2,126
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$569	\$620	\$636	\$715	\$657
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$256	\$260	\$272	\$291	\$252
Total Equipment Costs	\$178	\$404	\$94	\$823	\$54
Legal Costs	\$47	\$30	\$53	\$78	\$50
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	28.21%	31.40%	35.34%	33.80%	38.10%

*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.state.nj.us/education/guide/>. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2024-25 revised appropriations and the 2025-26 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.

Hunterdon - Readington Twp Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
Referendum - Legal Fees	4350-000-25-1000	\$70,000	Y	N	

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 GAAP, which is subject to an annual audit, and may use the capital reserve account to implement a capital project or referendum in the district's Long Range Facility Plan as required pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7G-4(a) and N.J.A.C. 6A:26-2, and 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 or referendum, and the Board has previously approved holding a referendum lowering current taxes at its February 25, 2025 board meeting for 83 capital projects at 4 school buildings at a cost of \$38,047,000.00, offset by state aid in the approximate amount of \$10,437,423.00, resulting in a net cost to the local taxpayers of \$27,609,577.00, and potential costs for holding a referendum are required to be built into the 2025-2026 budget, and the Board previously approved at its February 11, 2025 board meeting the architect of record to submit all projects in the referendum to the State of New Jersey for amendment and inclusion in the District's long-range facilities plan, and the Board authorizes in the 2025-2026 budget a capital reserve withdrawal in the amount of \$70,000.00 for referendum legal and ballot costs should any be incurred, which shall be refunded in entirety if the referendum passes, or returned to the general fund should no costs be incurred.

The Board 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 the Board qualified for an amount of \$677,664.00 for potential use on the 2026-2027 budget and plans to keep \$197,749.00 as banked cap, the use of the health benefit adjustment in the budget is intended to be used to pay for the increased costs of health benefit premiums

The Board qualified for health benefit adjustments, enrollment adjustments, or utilized less than 2% of allowable tax levy in prior budget cycles; and the Board has an accumulated balance of \$221,509.00 in banked cap from the 2022-2023 school year and \$3,820.00 from the 2023-2024 school year, and the Board generated an additional balance of \$197,749.00 in banked cap in the 2025-2026 school year, and the Board includes in the tentative budget no adjustment for banked cap, and in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-10.3(b), the district has fully exhausted all eligible statutory spending authority by utilizing an adjustment in health care costs of \$677,644.00. Being fiscally conservative and due to the district not raising taxes to the maximum allowable limit for the 2025-2026 school year, \$221,509.00 in banked cap from the 2022-2023 school year shall expire and not be eligible for use in future budget cycles. The Board will still carry over banked cap of \$197,749.00 in the 2025-2026 school year and \$3,820.00 from the 2023-2024 school year, or a grand total of \$201,569.00 for use in the 2026-2027 budget cycle. The district acknowledges banked cap cannot be deferred or incrementally completed over a longer period of time than law allows.

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