



May 7, 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The Delran Township Board of Education approved a spending plan for the 2019-2020 school year. Below is information for your consideration.

2019-2020 School Budget Overview

The Delran Township Board of Education finalized and approved the 2019-2020 operating budget. The annual spending plan increases the local tax levy by \$640,977, which is a 2% increase. The local tax levy increase estimates a tax increase of \$111.53 on the average assessed home which is valued at \$211,332 for 2019.

2019-2020 New Jersey Department of Education Funding

The district received funding from the New Jersey Department of Education in the amount of \$15,567,631; an additional \$1,453,121 over the 2018-2019 school year. The District is funded at 62%.

2019-2020 Budget Increases and Variables

The 2019-2020 budget reflects an increase of out of district tuitions of \$1,069,219 over the current year. Additionally, an increase of \$768,440 covers purchased services for students (e.g. speech supports, one to one aide supports, occupational and/or physical therapists) and staff salaries. These variables were addressed in part through the application of the state aid increase noted above.

The remaining funds from the local tax levy increase were allocated to operational costs such as salaries, health benefits, and maintenance. The application of New Jersey Department of Education funding and the increase to the local tax levy have allowed for academic programs, services and staffing levels to be maintained in accordance with 2018-2019 levels and enhanced through curriculum writing, textbook purchases and equipment purchases.

2019-2020 Capital Project Reserve Account Withdrawals

Millbridge and Delran Intermediate School will have enhancements to their security vestibules this summer in the amount of \$135,000 and \$35,000 respectively; the STEM lab work at Delran High School will continue on the woodshop side of the space in the amount of \$783,000 in March, 2020 and ceiling tile abatement at Delran Middle School in the amount of \$200,000 will take place during June, 2020.

Senate Bill 2: A Primer

In July, 2018 Senate Bill 2 was signed by Governor Murphy. This legislation arguably impacts Delran Township over the long term as it allocates school funding to districts like Delran Township to allow the requirements set forth in the School Funding Reform Act of 2008.

The intent of Senate Bill 2 is to allocate increased levels of funding to districts like Delran that receive less than 100% of funding over a seven year phase in. This was the primary source of the funding increase for the 2019-2020 school year.

Over time, Senate Bill 2 reduces school funding for certain school districts according to the following schedule:

- 5 percent reduction in the 2018-2019 school year; 13 percent reduction in the 2019-2020 school year; 23 percent reduction in the 2020-2021 school year; 37 percent reduction in the 2021-2022 school year; 55 percent reduction in the 2022-2023 school year; 76 percent reduction in the 2023-2024 school year; and 100 percent reduction in the 2024-2025 school year.

Does this mean Delran Township Public Schools should expect to receive an additional 23% in its school funding from the New Jersey Department of Education in 2020-2021? No.

Provided Senate Bill 2 continues to be implemented according to the schedule above it could be reasonable to expect a district like Delran to continue to receive additional funding in future years. That notification would not be communicated until approximately March, 2020 for the 2020-2021 budget and is entirely subject to the discretion of the New Jersey Department of Education.

2020-2021 School Budget Formation

The development of the annual budget is a year round process. I welcome your comments and feedback by calling me directly at 856-461-6845. The Board of Education meets on the following dates:

5/20/19	Regular Public Meeting	DHS	7:30 PM
6/3/19	Work Session	BOE	7:30 PM
6/17/19	Regular Public Meeting	DHS	7:30 PM
7/22/19	Work Session and Regular Public Meeting	BOE	6:00 PM
8/26/19	Work Session and Regular Public Meeting	BOE	6:00 PM
9/9/19	Work Session	BOE	7:30 PM
9/23/19	Regular Public Meeting	DHS	7:30 PM

10/7/19	Work Session	BOE	7:30 PM
10/21/19	Regular Public Meeting	DMS	7:30 PM
11/4/19	Work Session	BOE	7:30 PM
11/18/19	Regular Public Meeting	DHS	7:30 PM
12/2/19	Work Session	BOE	7:30 PM
12/16/19	Regular Public Meeting	DMS	7:30 PM
1/2/20	Reorganization Meeting/Board Training	BOE	6:00 PM
1/6/20	Work Session	BOE	7:30 PM
1/21/20	Regular Public Meeting	DMS	7:30 PM

Thank you for the continued interest in Delran Township Public Schools.

Sincerely,



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Superintendent of Schools