



FY 2020-2021 Tentative School District Budget

Flemington-Raritan Regional School District

Monday, March 23, 2020



What is a Tentative Budget:

Tentative Budget: A tentative budget approval for the school year authorizes the District to submit a tentative budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline.

The proposed tentative budget provides evidence to the Executive County Superintendent's Office that there are sufficient funds to provide curriculum and instruction enabling all students to achieve the NJ student learning standards.

“This budget makes an investment in Flemington-Raritan Regional School District students. The Superintendent is committed to ensuring the District focuses on collaborative decision-making with members of the organization, where it belongs, and on giving teachers the support they need to teach the New Jersey student learning standards.”

“By focusing the District’s funding priorities on supporting students and teachers, we can usher in a new era of creativity and ingenuity and lay the foundation for building a culture of innovation.”

— Kari McGann, Superintendent of Flemington-Regional School District



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Our Mission:

- Together, **WE:**
- Foster social, emotional, and academic growth in a safe and nurturing environment;
- **Respect** values and traditions within our families and schools;
- **Strive** to respond to the needs of our diverse and changing communities;
- **Develop** the curiosity and creativity of critical thinkers to become collaborative problem solvers who meet the challenges of a globally competitive society.

Reference: 2018-2023 Strategic Plan

<https://www.frstd.k12.nj.us/cms/lib/NJ01001104/Centricity/Domain/15/Flemington-Raritan%205-29-18%20final%20pres.pdf>



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What is a budget?

- A budget is a description of a financial plan. It is a list of estimates of revenues to and expenditures by an agent for a stated period of time. Normally a budget describes a period in the future not the past. It is a plan for allocating resources: a plan specifying how resources, especially time or money, will be allocated or spent during a particular period. It identifies for a particular purpose: the total amount of money allocated or needed for a particular purpose or period of time.
- The budget is our District's **financial plan** to deliver and maintain the District's facilities and the mandated/non-mandated programs for the students we serve.



FY 2020-21 Budget Themes

Helps ensure every child has the opportunity to receive a high quality education meeting Goal Area #1- Academics/Curriculum in the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan

Maintains strong support for the District's most vulnerable students to achieve Goal Area #2- Special Services in the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan

Provides funding for each school in a fiscally responsible manner to achieve Goal Area #3- Resource Management in the 2018-2023 Strategic Plan

Continues to build support for educational innovation in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics)

Acknowledges the appropriate District's role in education by investigating the possible elimination or reduction of duplicative or ineffective programs

FY 2020-21 District Priorities

Security, Emotional and Mental Health, and Safety

Effective Schools Solutions expansion- maintain at Robert Hunter Elementary School and expand to Reading-Fleming Intermediate School

Continuation of the curriculum cycle and Next Generation Science Standards and STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math)

Compliance with Special Education

Mandated Professional Learning

“Safe Schools”

Professional Learning Initiatives

Articulation- Vertical and Horizontal

Continuation of the expansion of educational technology

Enhancement of educational leadership and data driven decision making for continuous district/school improvement’

Continue to strengthen districtwide environment that promotes stability and leadership

District Overview

Our 3,118 students, 375 certified staff, and our support staff are housed in six buildings: four elementary (pre K-4), an intermediate school (5-6), and a middle school (7-8).

Our graduates complete their 9-12 education at the Hunterdon Central Regional High School. The overall demographic profile for our district includes:

State Funded pre-school students: **0**

Homeless students: **2**

Low socioeconomic students (LSE): **608**

Students with Disabilities: **682**

English Language Learners: **174**

Enrollment: 3,118 students (March 21, 2020) 3,119 students (April 8, 2019)

Last year at this time we had 19 students Out-of-District

This year there are 14 students at this time that are placed in an out-of-district learning environment.

The FY 2020-2021 District budget provides:

\$67,275,701 million in total budget, costs are predominantly instruction, providing services and transporting students in grades kindergarten through grade eight.

Expenditures		Revenue (Fund 10)	
General Current Expense	\$60,289,006	Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 563,299
Capital Outlay	\$ 377,235	Local Tax Levy	\$53,700,231
		(includes \$34,636 Enrollment adjustment)	
		Tuition	\$ 101,000
		Misc. Revenue	\$ 315,000
Special Revenue Fund	\$ 826,970		
		SEMI	\$ 97,827
Repayment of Debt	\$ 5,782,490	State Aid	\$ 5,560,650
		Extraordinary Aid	\$ 328,234
		Fund 20	
		Est. Special Revenue	\$ 826,970
		Fund 40	
		Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 15,086
		Local Tax Levy	\$ 4,895,030
		Debt Service Aid	\$ 872,374
Total Expenditures	\$67,275,701	Total Revenue	\$67,275,701

The FY 2020-2021 District Tax Levy:

Tax Levy Cap = 2.07%

(2% max plus an enrollment adjustment as predicted by State)

Percent Share	Borough	Township
2020-2021	0.106648121	0.893351879
Tax Levy General Fund	\$5,727,028.73	\$47,973,202.27
Tax Levy Debt Service	\$ 522,045.75	\$ 4,372,984.25
Municipal Ratables	\$461,954,800	\$4,139,786,500
Total 2020 Tax Levy	\$6,024,562.48	\$51,124,472.02
Total New Tax Rate	\$1.3041	\$1.2350
Total Old Tax Rate	\$1.2787	\$1.2020
Change	\$0.0254	\$0.0330

The FY 2020-2021 District Tax Levy:

Percent Share	Borough	Township
2020-2021	0.106648121	0.893351879
Change	\$0.0254	\$0.0330
Change for \$100,000 Borough Home	\$25.40	n/a
Change for \$200,000 Borough Home	\$50.80	n/a
Change for \$100,000 Township Home	n/a	\$33.00
Change for \$200,000 Township Home	n/a	\$66.00
Tax for \$100,000 Borough Home	\$1,304.10	n/a
Tax for \$100,000 Township Home	n/a	\$1,235.00

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