

Jackson School District
2021-2022
Tentative Budget

Board of Education Meeting
March 17, 2021

**Look on our
Budget Information Page
to view:**

- **Budget presentations**
- **The full, detailed Tentative Budget document**

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The Budget Process

Public Input is Always Encouraged!

There have been various opportunities for public input:

- Budget Overview & Meeting Schedule: Jan. 20**
- “Building a Budget” Presentations: Feb. 17**
- Tentative Budget Introduced at BOE Meeting: March 17**
- Continued Discussion/Refinement of Budget Prior to Public Hearing on April 28**

Background of Recent Cuts

In 2018, NJ passed a law known as “S2” that **drastically reduced** the amount of state aid we receive.

The cuts are applied in phases, and each year we endure them we are forced to make **hard choices**.

These cuts are **IN ADDITION to** other annual factors in our budget

- Contractual obligations
- Rising costs (software licenses, etc.)
- Gas prices
- Increasing insurance premiums
- Increases in Aid in Lieu
- Tuition increases outside our control
- Changes to Health Plan
 - New staff is now required to have EHP
 - Means less staff contribution to benefits (Chapter 44)

What We are Facing This Year

The Impact of S2 to the Jackson School District

2018-2019 = **\$1.3 million**

2019-2020 = **\$2.3 million**

2020-2021 = **\$3.5 million**

2021-2022 = **\$4.3 million**

2022-2023 = **\$4.1 million**

2023-2024 = **\$2.5 million**

2024-2025 = **\$806,460**

**We have lost
\$7.1 million
in the past 3 years**

**We are losing
\$4.3 million
in the upcoming year**

**We will lose almost
\$19 million
over 7 years**



“Building a Budget” Presentations Overview of Budget Requests

Investments in Curriculum

- World Language K-12
- Health and Phys. Ed K-12
- Increases due to online programs and resources

Technology

- Maintenance and Investments in Technology Infrastructure

Support for Athletics & Co-Curricular

- Staffing, rotating investments in equipment, supplies

Special Education

- Need for Increased Nursing Services

Facilities

- Capital projects prioritized by need

Transportation

- Maintaining buses through careful schedule of replacement, repair

District 5-Year Curriculum Plan

2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025
COMMITTEE REVIEW				
World Language K-12	Math K-5	Math / Science 9-12	Social Studies K-12	ELA K - 12
Health & Phys. Ed K - 12	Art & Music K-12	21st Century Life & Careers K - 12/ Media/Technology	Guidance K-12	Gifted & Talented K-12
	Science K-8	Business & Technology 9 - 12	Math 6-8	
DISTRICT IMPLEMENTATION				
ELA K-12	World Language K-12	Math K-5	Math / Science 9-12	Social Studies K-12
Gifted & Talented K-12	Health & Phys. Ed K - 12	Art & Music K-12	21st Century Life & Careers K - 12/ Media/Technology	Guidance K-12
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Impact of Funding Losses

The tentative budget maintains investments in curriculum and technology.

It does NOT allow the district to make needed capital improvements or significant curricular advancements. It will also increase class size in some grade levels.

We did receive COVID-related ESSER II funds, which we are using to measure and effectively address **learning loss**.

- ESSER = Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund

**Even with ESSER II Funding,
the impact of S2 cuts and other increasing costs
will impact us greatly.**

Additional Impact of Lost Aid to This Tentative Budget:

- Loss of 40 positions through attrition/retirements and reductions in force, will increase class sizes
- Curriculum adoption will be reduced to the bare minimum of updates needed to maintain programs
- Loss of vast majority of our Tier 1 Capital Projects
- Reduction in summer curriculum writing
- Significantly reduced professional development
- Reduction in school supply budgets
- Increase of participation fee amounts to be paid for sports and activities (put on hold last year due to COVID)

Budget Figures and Tax Impact

Tax Levy Information

The “tax levy” is the amount to be raised by taxation.

It takes two forms:

- “General Fund” tax levy (i.e. operating budget)
- “Debt Service” tax levy (i.e. previously approved construction projects, referenda)

**This year’s tentative budget contains a
general fund tax levy increase of 2 %**

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Comparison from 2020-2021 Budget

	2021-2022 Tentative Budget	Change from 2020-2021	% Change
General Fund Tax Levy	\$89,652,460	\$1,757,891	+ 2 %
State Aid	\$40,131,985	-\$4,159,579	- 9.39 %
General Fund	\$138,992,268	-\$3,366,928	- 2.37 %
Federal/State Programs	\$3,175,626	-\$1,690,197	- 34.74 %
Total Debt	\$8,436,438	-\$3,625	- 0.04%
Total Budget	\$150,604,332	-\$5,060,750	-3.25%

What does this mean for taxpayers?

- TOTAL Tentative Budget is **down a total of 3.25 %**
- **.0219-cent increase** to School Tax Rate
- 2021 Tentative School Tax Rate = **\$1.412 per \$100 of assessed home value**
- Average home in Jackson is assessed at \$329,181
- **\$72 increase per year** for the average homeowner

What We Can Do

We have been advocating for Jackson Schools since the first year of S2 and will continue our mission.

We want our state representatives to better understand the impact this funding formula is having on our schools.

- Letter to the Governor
- District 12 Lawmakers' Press Release
- Superintendent will be speaking and submitting a letter at the Senate Public Hearing
- SOS - Parent Communication coming soon