



**2023-2024**  
**“Building a Budget”**  
**Presentations**

**Board of Education Meeting**  
**Feb. 15, 2023**

# Background of State Aid Cuts

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

**The cuts are applied in phases, and each year we endure them we are forced to make harder and harder choices. This compounds!**

# 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 = **\$4.6 million**

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

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

**\$19.3 million will  
be lost in state aid  
over 7 years**

# Impact of State Aid Loss for This Year

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FYI:

The maximum we can increase our tax levy is 2 %  
Last year that figure was \$1.79 million

To put this into perspective:

- We have lost **\$16 MILLION** in S2 State Aid Cuts over the past 5 years
- For 2023-2024, we are losing **ANOTHER \$2.5 MILLION**
- Due to these losses, **our surplus/free balance** we rollover from year to year **has dissolved**

**AND we still need to address annual increases to:**

- **Our contractual responsibilities above 2%**
- **Gas prices**
- **Increasing insurance premiums**
- **Tuition increases outside of our control**
- **Transportation cost increases in the millions**
- **The impact of the current economy - rising costs for just about everything**

# Budget Challenges: The Perfect Storm

- **Devastating S2 cuts year after year and another \$2.5 million cut to state aid for 23-24**
- **Depleted surplus/free balance to roll over**
- **Increases in services needed for students (ELL, etc.)**
  - Currently = 453 ELL students (5.97% of student population)
  - 5 years ago = 181 ELL students (2.22% of student population)
- **Increases in nonpublic transportation costs**
  - Currently 4,331 students qualify for nonpublic transportation/ AIL
  - 5 years ago = 667 students qualified for nonpublic transportation or AIL
  - In one year, our budget allocation for non-public transportation went from \$1.3 million to \$4.5 million.
- **Increased costs of just about everything due to the economy changes (gas, electric, food, supplies, etc.) and contractual salary increases above 2% tax cap**

# FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Weds	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8			11
12	13	14	15 Feb. 15 6 PM @ JMHS BOE Meeting & Budget Presentations			18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28				

**PRESENTATIONS:**  
Curriculum, Technology,  
Special Education,  
Guidance, Co-Curricular,  
Athletics, Facilities/Capital  
Projects, Transportation

# Department Budget Presentations

- Department presentation will demonstrate budgeted money from 22-23 along with the proposed budget for the 23-24 school year including some anticipated cuts.
- After tonight's presentations we continue to work on the budget and then present a tentative budget.
- The tentative budget will present an overview of all anticipated cuts to the budget.
- The tentative budget will be presented at the March 15 Board of Education Meeting.
- All information and presentations will be posted on the Jackson School District website.