WE NEED YOUR HELP

An updated, quick-look resource for how you can help.

- We have already lost \$22.4 million in state aid over 7 years.
- We have already cut 214 positions including administration, made cuts to sports, coaches and extracurriculars, reduced AP offerings and HS electives, and are unable to properly maintain our buildings.

We have been informed by the NJ DOE that we are not allowed to borrow the \$30 million we need to balance the 2024-2025 budget.

This announcement could have unimaginable consequences for our students.

PLEASE PARTNER WITH US TO ASK FOR A SOLUTION TO SAVE OUR DISTRICT

WHAT ARE WE ASKING YOU TO DO?

CALL. TEXT. EMAIL.
TAG / POST / COMMENT or DM on SOCIALS

Ability to DM, Message, Tag and Post on Accounts Varies

See the next page for:

SAMPLE TEXT you can copy and paste to use, and **CONTACT INFORMATION** you can **copy and paste** to send emails and videos.



CONSIDER GETTING YOUR KIDS INVOLVED! OR SENDING A VIDEO!



Sometimes a VIDEO can better capture the passion of a request.

Consider making a **SHORT VIDEO** explaining the **VALUE OF THE AREAS THAT COULD BE AT RISK** if we are unable to find a solution to our budget crisis. (Contact info on the next page.)

"I attend (or my child attends) a school in the Jackson School District and I need to be sure you understand what is at risk in our district if we don't work together to solve our budget crisis.

_____ is so vital to my/my child's education.

Here's what it means to me..."

Information on where to send video on the next page.

Please also send to us if you would like us to use it in our campaign and website!



Full Details, Video and More Scan QR Code or visit <u>website</u> <u>www.JacksonSD.org</u>

WHAT DOES \$30 MILLION IN CUTS LOOK LIKE?

We are educators.
We will NOT approve a budget that makes these cuts.

HOWEVER,

If our aid is not restored and if we are not permitted to take a loan, the state could come in to make cuts.

The state would focus on areas that are not defined as being part of a "Thorough and Efficient" education (known as "T&E").

The items listed below are defined by NJ as NOT being "T&E" items.
These items COMBINED do not even reach \$30 million.

- Elem Class Sizes = 30
- MS & HS Class Sizes = 35-40
- Closing Schools
- NO Athletics
- · NO Clubs, Band, Theater
- NO SROs and a significant reduction of security officers
- NO Courtesy Busing
- NO Academic Supports (beyond the classroom)
- Limited or NO AP Courses
- NO late buses
- NO facility improvements
- Reduced Electives

I WANT TO HELP BUT WHAT DO I SAY? WHOM DO I CALL OR EMAIL?

We've heard from parents, staff and residents who were looking for a quick resource to use to help the Jackson School District secure the funds we need to support our district for next year.

This information and even more details about our budget crisis and advocacy are available on our <u>Budget and Financial Information Page</u> - but this document contains a quick-look resource with a SAMPLE LETTER and CONTACT INFORMATION you can use to copy and paste if you wish.

INFORMATION YOU CAN USE FEEL FREE TO COPY and PASTE OR WRITE YOUR OWN!

I am imploring you to advocate for the students of the Jackson School District, who have lost \$22.4 million in state aid over the past seven years. Our district also just learned that all districts will not be permitted to ask for any loans to help balance our budgets for the 2024-2025 school year.

This will have unimaginable consequences for the Jackson School District. Our district has already cut 214 positions including administration, made cuts to sports, coaches and extra-curriculars, reduced AP offerings and HS electives, and are unable to properly maintain our buildings. The Tentative Budget introduced in March 2024 was based on the hope that we could secure a \$30 million loan to be able to support our students.

If we aren't going to have our aid restored, we at least need the ability to borrow this \$30 million to support our students. We have lost so much already and we cannot withstand \$30 million more in budget cuts.

We are fiscally sound. We do not have a spending problem - we have a REVENUE problem. Why should our students have fewer programs, services, athletics, co-curriculars and opportunities?

I respectfully ask that you save us from the fiscal cliff we are about to go over.

Please consider visiting the <u>Jackson School</u> <u>District Budget and Financial Page</u> to learn more about our unique situation.

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Governor Phil Murphy

TEXT: 732-605-5455 **CALL**: 609-292-6000

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or

www.nj.gov/governor/contact/

Commissioner of Education Kevin Dehmer

CALL: 609-376-3500 X & Instagram: @newjerseydoe Facebook: njdeptofed

SENDING A VIDEO?

Please consider sending it to us, too!

Please indicate whether it is OK for us to use it on our website, on social media, and in any materials we send out as part of our information campaign!

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