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Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Ocean Township School District, in the County of Ocean, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Media Center of the Frederic A. Priff Elementary School of the Ocean Township Board of Education, 139 Wells Mills Road, Waretown, NJ, on Thursday, May 1, 2025 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2025-2026 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	13, 2023	15, 2024	15, 2025 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	472	441	442
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	106	116	116
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	578	557	558
Private School Placements	8	7	10
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	284	300	310
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	89	86	86
Pupils Received	6	5	2
Pupils in State Facilities	1	0	0

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Revised	2025-26 Proposed
<b>Operating Budget:</b>				
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	13,643,582	14,994,297	15,502,272
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	13,643,582	14,994,297	15,502,272
Total Tuition	10-1300	103,452	29,544	25,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	347,586	65,000	224,452
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	100	100	100
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	650	650	650
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues / Paycheck Protection Program (APSSDs Only)	10-1XXX	9,249	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>14,104,619</b>	<b>15,089,591</b>	<b>15,752,474</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	443,920	443,920	414,471
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	395,000	200,000	300,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	541,176	541,176	1,176,353
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	176,928	176,928	194,073
Adjustment Aid	10-3178	586,925	521,841	0
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	115,005	29,288	0
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>2,258,954</b>	<b>1,913,153</b>	<b>2,084,897</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	58,613	45,456	12,519
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>58,613</b>	<b>45,456</b>	<b>12,519</b>
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget</b>				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-303	0	2,361,553	1,781,506
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-307	0	305,000	600,000
Transfers from Other Funds	10-310	0	200,000	200,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-5200	0	75,000	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		231,095	141,097	0
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>		<b>16,653,281</b>	<b>20,130,850</b>	<b>20,431,396</b>
<b>Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	5,001	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>	20-1XXX	<b>5,001</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	0	83,434
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	1,513,932	1,660,120	1,698,551
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	16,198	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>1,530,130</b>	<b>1,660,120</b>	<b>1,781,985</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Title I	20-4411-4416	288,390	251,563	221,968
Title II	20-4451-4455	28,420	25,667	22,232
Title IV	20-4471-4474	0	5,595	16,186
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	225,930	192,408	173,149
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	45,080	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health Support	20-4544	11,836	0	0
Staffing Grant				
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	90,716	0	0
CRRSA Act-ESSER II	20-4534	19,912	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	17,849	0	0
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant	20-4536	2,896	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>731,029</b>	<b>475,233</b>	<b>433,535</b>
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	85,578	150,920	156,310
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		1,182	0	0
<b>Total Grants and Entitlements</b>		<b>2,352,920</b>	<b>2,286,273</b>	<b>2,371,830</b>
<b>Repayment of Debt:</b>				
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	404,882	407,856	408,318
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>404,882</b>	<b>407,856</b>	<b>408,318</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	297,827	298,419	298,757
<b>Total Local Repayment of Debt</b>		<b>702,709</b>	<b>706,275</b>	<b>707,075</b>

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Budget Category	Account	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Revised	2025-26 Proposed
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		2,166	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		704,875	706,275	707,075
Total Revenues/Sources		19,711,076	23,123,398	23,510,301
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	85,578	150,920	156,310
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		19,625,498	22,972,478	23,353,991

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2023-24 Actual	2024-25 Revised	2025-26 Proposed
<b>General Current Expense:</b>				
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	2,178,532	2,585,444	2,389,186
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	1,326,042	1,463,346	1,320,937
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	2,220	6,800	6,800
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	30,822	40,000	30,000
<b>Support Services:</b>				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	7,377,492	8,913,993	9,303,636
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	18,153	18,788	19,493
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	118,698	131,244	137,794
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	314,580	452,506	426,416
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students-Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	155,145	179,348	158,605
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	93,249	106,137	109,213
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	312,314	275,299	258,832
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	36,087	31,707	43,691
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	129,556	167,218	140,922
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	1,866	10,875	10,875
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	204,617	220,802	194,364
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	187,619	201,705	185,818
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	193,767	202,694	197,262
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	965,175	1,116,563	1,056,638
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	940,749	1,115,998	1,061,107
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	2,065,401	2,579,136	2,777,860
Total Undistributed Expenditures		13,114,468	15,724,013	16,082,526
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	100	100
Total General Current Expense		16,652,084	19,819,703	19,829,549
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	0	4,300	0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	1,197	306,197	601,197
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	650	650
Total Capital Outlay		1,197	311,147	601,847
General Fund Grand Total		16,653,281	20,130,850	20,431,396
<b>Special Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	6,183	0	0
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	744,860	821,298	851,801
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	844,550	974,742	1,086,494
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	10,100	15,000	0
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	1,599,510	1,811,040	1,938,295
Other State Projects:				
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	16,198	0	0
Total Other State Projects		16,198	0	0
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,615,708	1,811,040	1,938,295
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	288,390	251,563	221,968
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	28,420	25,667	22,232
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	5,595	16,186
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	225,930	192,408	173,149
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	17,849	0	0
CRRSA Act-ESSER II Grant Program	20-483-xxx-xxx	19,912	0	0
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant Program	20-485-xxx-xxx	2,896	0	0
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	90,716	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	45,080	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJTSS) Mental Health	20-491-xxx-xxx	11,836	0	0
Support Staffing Grant				
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	731,029	475,233	433,535
Total Special Revenue Funds		2,352,920	2,286,273	2,371,830
<b>Repayment of Debt:</b>				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	704,875	706,275	707,075
Total Debt Service Funds		704,875	706,275	707,075
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		19,711,076	23,123,398	23,510,301
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	85,578	150,920	156,310
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		19,625,498	22,972,478	23,353,991

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Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2023	Audited Balance 06-30-2024	Estimated Balance 06-30-2025	Estimated Balance 06-30-2026
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	2,787,355	2,028,122	679,359	399,795
(Repayment of Debt)	2,166	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	1,352,158	1,352,808	1,248,458	649,108
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	560,872	410,972	211,072	11,172
--Legal Reserve	1,895,640	2,514,732	1,501,942	0
--Unemployment Fund	54,169	58,797	58,797	58,797
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
(Special Revenue Fund)				
--Student Activity Fund	8,395	7,213	7,213	7,213
--Scholarship Fund	0	0	0	0
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2022-23 Actual Costs	2023-24 Actual Costs	2024-25 Original Budget	2024-25 Revised Budget	2025-26 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$15,845	\$16,920	\$19,502	\$20,529	\$20,155
Total Classroom Instruction	\$8,490	\$10,043	\$11,649	\$12,136	\$11,796
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$8,019	\$9,632	\$10,913	\$11,358	\$11,048
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$320	\$325	\$596	\$631	\$543
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$151	\$86	\$139	\$147	\$205
Total Support Services	\$3,465	\$3,443	\$4,045	\$4,334	\$4,483
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,081	\$3,022	\$3,455	\$3,617	\$3,873
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,635	\$1,357	\$1,475	\$1,545	\$1,498
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,466	\$1,168	\$1,259	\$1,313	\$1,315
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,218	\$1,973	\$2,204	\$2,382	\$2,266
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,280	\$1,046	\$1,098	\$1,173	\$1,059
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$11	\$76	\$101	\$106	\$83
Total Equipment Costs	\$12	\$17	\$33	\$35	\$0
Legal Costs	\$24	\$47	\$43	\$47	\$45
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	46.04%	42.48%	49.20%	47.38%	54.32%

\*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.

\*\* Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/guide/>. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2024-25 revised appropriations and the 2025-26 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

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Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
WES Roof Project	25-001	\$600,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Administration Trailer, 64 Railroad Avenue, Waretown, Ocean County New Jersey between the hours of 8:30 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.