



# 2016 Final Budget Review

*April 25, 2016*

# The Budget Timeline

- **February**
  - February 8 - Public budget discussion ✓
  - February 16 - Governor's Budget Address
  - Feb 18 - State Aid Released ✓
- **March**
  - March 14 - Board budget work session ✓
  - March 21 - Preliminary budget adoption, due to County on March 22 ✓
- **April**
  - April 18 - Public budget discussion ✓
  - April 25 - Public Hearing / Final Adoption ✓



# What have been our priorities when developing the 2016-17 budget?

- Develop a fiscally responsible budget - Below cap
- Maintain all student programs and services
- Continue Inquiry Based Learning implementation
- Continue OnCourse components and Learning Management System roll-out
- Plan K-5 Mathematics program update
- Plan Next Generation Science Standards curriculum updates
- Continue 1:1 roll-out for grade 6 - 12
- Add extra/co-curricular activities at TMS (Girls V-ball)
- Adjust staff to reflect enrollment/budget



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- AP Honor Roll for increased access to AP classes and tests
- Numerous clubs and activities
  - Nationally recognized art and music programs
  - Awarded one of the Best Communities for Music Education (BCME)
  - GRAMMY Signature School District Finalist
  - Over 80% of TMS & CHS students participate in some club/activity
- 42 athletic teams that are competitive and provide opportunities for over 1200 students in grades 6-12
- STEM elementary magnet program that provides a unique experience for students
- Inquiry-based educational model w/1:1 support grades 6-12
- Competitively ranked in NJ Monthly, US World & News, Newsweek, GreatSchools.org & many others



# Expanding the 1:1 program

## The Plan

- Expand Chromebooks to all students in grades 6, 10, 11 & 12
  - Professional Development for staff focused on blended learning and using the LMS beginning this spring including

## Cost Savings

- Roll out 1:1 with lease purchase of 1,200 chromebooks
- Funded by savings from eliminated or reduced\* alternate platform support

## \*Eliminated or Reduced as a result of moving toward Chromebooks

- Eliminated: replacement lab & classroom desktops
- Reduced: Hardware and maintenance of wired connections
- Reduced: Servers & onsite storage by moving to the Cloud
- Reduced: Software management costs using Google Apps



# K-5 Class Size Averages

<b>Grade</b>	<b>Average Class Sizes BT / HE / SB/ TG</b>
<b>K w/ Para Pro</b>	<b>15.7 / 20 / 20.7 / 15.7</b>
<b>Grade 1</b>	<b>16.3 / 17.7 / 17.8 / 17</b>
<b>Grade 2</b>	<b>18.7 / 21 / 20.5 / 24</b>
<b>Grade 3</b>	<b>17.7 / 19.3 / 24 / 23</b>
<b>Grade 4</b>	<b>18 / 24.7 / 25.7 / 16.7</b>
<b>Grade 5</b>	<b>18.8 / 21.3 / 20 / 22</b>



# What are our challenges moving forward?

- Addressing aging facilities

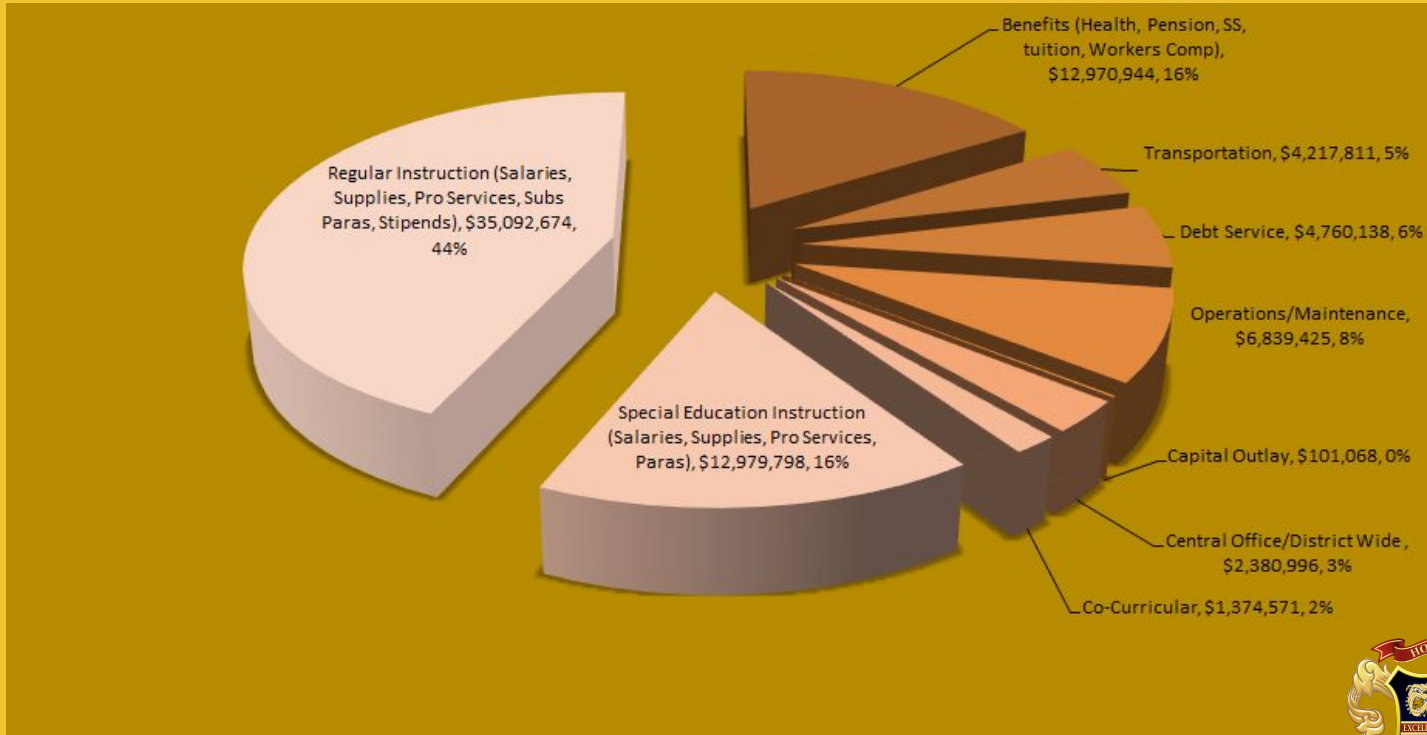
- Roof projects > \$6.5M
- HVAC at CHS and TMS > \$1.5M
- Windows at HES, TMS > \$1.5M
- Barrier-free access to building entrance

- Energy Efficiency (e.g. H.E. lighting)

**Addressed Through Referendum**



# Where our money is going 2016-17



**Biggest Budget Drivers: Staff/Benefits, Special Education, Operations, Transportation**





# Proposed Budget for 2016-17

Expenditures	2015-16 Original	2016-17 Proposed	Change vs. Original
Regular Instructions	\$34,583,005	\$35,092,674	1.4%
Special Education	12,885,953	12,979,798	0.7%
Benefits	12,152,702	12,970,944	6.7%
Operations / Maintenance	6,806,649	6,839,425	0.5%
Transportation	4,127,294	4,217,811	2.2%
Capital Outlay	1,296,756	101,068	-92.2%
Support Services	2,359,954	2,380,996	0.9%
Debt Service	4,761,438	4,760,138	-0.0%
Co-Curricular / Athletics	1,189,561	1,374,571	15.6%*
Grand Total	\$80,163,312	\$80,717,425	0.7%

\*Increase results from a change in accounting procedures



# District Revenues for 2016-17

Expenditures	2015-16 Original	2016-17 Proposed	Change vs. Original
Total Fund Balance	\$ 1,180,282	\$ 1,843,323	56.0%
Total Local Tax Levy	73,602,576	74,150,251	0.7%
Total State Aid	2,838,824	2,953,735	4.0%*
Total Miscellaneous	891,093	917,000	2.9%
Total Federal Aid	888,037	853,116	-3.9%
Total Capital Reserve	763,000	-	-100.0%
Grand Total	\$ 80,163,312	\$ 80,717,425	0.7%

\*State Aid includes an increase in School Choice Aid



# A General Fund Tax Levy History

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17
General Fund	\$ 64,435,292	\$ 65,955,801	\$ 68,227,094	\$ 68,841,138	\$ 69,391,867
% Increase	1.8%	2.4%	3.4%	0.9%	<b>0.8%</b>
Debt Service	\$ 4,558,625	\$ 4,746,742	\$ 3,847,443	\$ 4,760,126	\$ 4,758,384
% Increase	-4.8%	4.1%	-18.9%	23.7%	<b>0.0%</b>
Total Tax Levy	\$ 68,993,917	\$ 70,702,543	\$ 72,074,537	\$ 73,601,264	\$ 74,150,251
% Increase	1.3%	2.5%	1.9%	2.1%	<b>0.7%</b>



# Municipal Tax Apportionment

	2012-13 Tax Rate Increase	2013-14 Tax Rate Increase	2014-15 Tax Rate Increase	2015-16 Tax Rate Increase	2016-17 Tax Rate Per \$100
Hopewell Borough	+0.06	+0.07	+0.04	+0.13	1.54 (+0.01)
Hopewell Township	+0.06	+0.04	+0.03	+0.04	1.55 (+0.03)
Pennington Borough	+0.02	+0.03	+0.08	+0.06	1.55 (+0.00)



# Banked Cap History

	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18
<b>Available</b>	\$750,497	\$2,211,468	\$2,961,965
<b>Used</b>	0	0	
<b>Left</b>	\$750,497	\$2,961,965	



# Budget Highlights

- **0.7% Total Tax Levy - The lowest Tax Levy Increase EVER**
- **0.8% General Fund Increase - The lowest GF increase EVER**
- All existing student programs and services are maintained
- **Capital projects are removed in preparation of a referendum**

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