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PUBLIC NOTICE
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the West Cape May School District, in the County of Cape May, of the State of New Jersey, that at the start of the Work Session/Regular Board Meeting on **Thursday, May 7, 2026, at 4:30 pm,** in the auditorium of the West Cape May Elementary School located at 301 Moore Street, West Cape May, NJ 08204, the budget public hearing will be presented. The purpose of the public meeting is to conduct a hearing presentation and approve the annual district budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Action will be taken and the public is welcome to attend.

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Patricia Ryan
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary
West Cape May Board of Education

Dated: April 16, 2026

Cape May - West Cape May Boro

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the West Cape May Boro school district, in the County of Cape May, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Auditorium of the West Cape May Boro Elementary School, located at 301 Moore Street, West Cape May, NJ, on Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 4:30 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Actual	October 15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	64	64	72
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	11	9	5
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	75	73	77
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	7	8	16
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	3	2	2
Pupils Received	0	1	0

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	1,367,744	1,391,680	1,419,514
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	1,367,744	1,391,680	1,419,514
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	62,452	10,000	10,000
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	8	20	20
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	134	25	25
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues / Paycheck Protection Program (APSSDs Only)	10-1XXX	2	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources		1,430,340	1,401,725	1,429,559
Revenues from State Sources:				
School Choice Aid	10-3116	602,238	698,490	746,538
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	12,628	10,861	8,444
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	89,350	92,954	84,479
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	11,934	16,932	24,203
Total Revenues from State Sources		716,150	819,237	863,664
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Other Federal Grant Revenue-Passed Through State	10-42XX	0	84,000	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		0	84,000	0
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	259,970	293,140
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-169,070	0	0
Total Operating Budget		1,977,420	2,564,932	2,586,363
Grants and Entitlements:				
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	32	7,962
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	183,222	228,427	189,288
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	1,831	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		185,053	228,459	197,250
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title II	20-4451-4455	807	1,035	776
Title III	20-4491-4494	0	2,261	1,696
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	22,814	23,182	22,844
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	14,047	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	19,223	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	12,606	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		69,497	26,478	25,316
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	0	0	47,322
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	29,408	45,687	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		5,323	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		289,281	300,624	269,888
Total Revenues/Sources		2,266,701	2,865,556	2,856,251
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	0	0	47,322
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	29,408	45,687	0
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		2,237,293	2,819,869	2,808,929

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	688,581	860,166	937,542
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	66,808	72,636	108,655
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	64,010	67,446	70,087
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	53,830	58,187	59,300
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	6,425	8,000	5,500
Summer School	11-422-XXX-XXX	12,568	14,000	13,300
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	104,409	134,882	134,012
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	10,653	8,856	9,210
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	68,536	71,561	76,977
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	15,512	15,255	15,500
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	79,619	81,208	82,749
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	46,988	57,440	53,911
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	62,471	93,907	96,175
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	32,238	55,000	68,919
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	13,610	14,400	15,250
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	96,156	115,696	119,561
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	7,585	0	0
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	71,710	67,292	63,411
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	187,037	258,626	242,780
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	74,151	105,855	101,210
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	214,454	256,605	277,200
Undistributed Expenditures-Food Services	11-000-310-930	0	3,800	5,000
Total Undistributed Expenditures		1,085,129	1,340,383	1,361,865
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	20	20
Total General Current Expense		1,977,351	2,420,838	2,556,269
Capital Expenditures:				
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	69	94,069	30,069
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	0	50,000	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	25	25
Total Capital Outlay		69	144,094	30,094
General Fund Grand Total		1,977,420	2,564,932	2,586,363
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	5,323	0	0
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	201,231	241,258	210,685
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	11,399	32,888	33,887
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	212,630	274,146	244,572
Other State Projects:				
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	1,831	0	0
Total Other State Projects		1,831	0	0
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	214,461	274,146	244,572
Federal Projects:				
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	807	1,035	776
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	2,261	1,696
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	22,814	23,182	22,844
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	14,047	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	19,223	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	12,606	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	69,497	26,478	25,316
Total Special Revenue Funds		289,281	300,624	269,888
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		2,266,701	2,865,556	2,856,251
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Regular	11-105-100-935	0	0	47,322
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	29,408	45,687	0
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		2,237,293	2,819,869	2,808,929

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Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2024	Audited Balance 06-30-2025	Estimated Balance 06-30-2026	Estimated Balance 06-30-2027
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	540,895	506,455	250,000	250,000
(Repayment of Debt)	1	1	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	223,376	223,510	223,535	223,560
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	13,074	13,082	13,102	13,122
--Legal Reserve	92,707	296,655	293,140	0
--Unemployment Fund	7,332	7,334	7,334	7,334
--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	5,323	0	0	0
--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	2023-24 Actual Costs	2024-25 Actual Costs	2025-26 Original Budget	2025-26 Revised Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	$22,239	$24,022	$28,780	$30,380	$30,099
Total Classroom Instruction	$12,023	$13,768	$15,988	$17,120	$17,457
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	$10,378	$11,737	$12,501	$13,117	$13,992
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	$699	$276	$1,699	$1,640	$1,522
Classroom-Purchased Services	$946	$1,755	$1,787	$2,363	$1,944
Total Support Services	$5,550	$5,059	$6,317	$6,600	$6,563
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	$3,666	$3,354	$3,577	$3,898	$3,835
Total Administrative Costs	$1,712	$2,367	$2,478	$2,579	$2,446
Administration Salaries and Benefits	$442	$242	$384	$399	$393
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	$2,944	$2,726	$3,715	$3,871	$3,455
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	$1,583	$1,457	$1,708	$1,824	$1,689
Board Contribution to Food Services	$0	$0	$50	$52	$65
Total Extracurricular Costs	$8	$103	$206	$131	$86
Total Equipment Costs	$126	$0	$0	$0	$0
Legal Costs	$140	$130	$112	$116	$104
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	19.88%	20.41%	22.32%	21.99%	21.77%

*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.nj.gov/education/guide/. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2025-26 revised appropriations and the 2026-27 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
PLAYGROUND UPGRADES	001	$30,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the West Cape May Elementary School Office, located at 301 Moore Street, West Cape May, Cape May County New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

By order of the West Cape May Boro Board of Education,
Patricia Ryan, Board Secretary.