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PUBLIC NOTICE
BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Cape May City 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, April 30, 2026, at 6:00 pm** in the auditorium of the Cape May City Elementary School located at 921 Lafayette Street, 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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Dated: April 16, 2026

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Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Cape May City 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 Cape May City Elementary School, located at 921 Lafayette Street, Cape May, NJ 08204, on Thursday, April 30, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Actual	October 15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	137	134	160
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	10	19	18
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	147	153	178
Private School Placements	0	0	1
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	0	0	2
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	6	5	6
Pupils Received	9	11	18

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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	1,962,587	1,962,587	1,996,932
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	1,962,587	1,962,587	1,996,932
Total Tuition	10-1300	25,701	0	103,259
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	99,737	10,000	10,000
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	28	20	20
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	10	10	10
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues / Paycheck Protection Program (APSSDs Only)	10-1XXX	5,723	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources		2,093,786	1,972,617	2,110,221
Revenues from State Sources:				
School Choice Aid	10-3116	201,024	210,036	228,060
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	5,993	28,119	9,835
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	86,881	130,045	167,253
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	40,306	35,734	28,444
Adjustment Aid	10-3178	66,714	0	0
Military Impact Aid (State Source)	10-3247	1,228,844	781,076	1,013,268
Total Revenues from State Sources		1,629,762	1,185,010	1,446,860
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Impact Aid-8002 or 8003 General	10-4101	1,846,848	700,000	600,000
Impact Aid-8007 or 8008 Capital	10-4102	36,015	0	0
Other Federal Grant Revenue-Passed Through State	10-42XX	60,674	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,943,537	700,000	600,000
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	1,528,829	2,029,030
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	948	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-230,019	0	0
Total Operating Budget		5,437,066	5,387,404	6,186,111
Grants and Entitlements:				
Tuition from Local Education Authorities-Preschool	20-1320	0	190,800	200,685
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	0	190,800	200,685
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	84,517	0
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	745,835	588,031	567,864
Total Revenues from State Sources		745,835	672,548	567,864
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	50,962	43,212	0
Title II	20-4451-4455	2,928	3,784	2,838
Title III	20-4491-4494	0	2,261	1,696
Title IV	20-4471-4474	19,798	10,000	7,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	51,659	52,668	39,501
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	7,172	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		132,519	111,925	51,535
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	0	76,145	141,966
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	88,224	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		966,578	1,051,418	962,050
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	0	0	154,649
Total Revenues from Local Sources		0	0	154,649
Total Local Repayment of Debt		0	0	154,649
Total Repayment of Debt		0	0	154,649
Total Revenues/Sources		6,403,644	6,438,822	7,302,810
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	0	76,145	141,966
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	88,224	0	0
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		6,315,420	6,362,677	7,160,844

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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	1,187,956	1,287,097	1,438,552
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	130,953	173,471	212,768
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	210,743	278,824	231,118
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	57,169	31,556	43,488
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	19,885	20,888	22,900
Summer School	11-422-XXX-XXX	15,198	10,613	32,000
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	225,934	359,586	400,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	69,811	77,092	79,792
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	76,856	121,488	124,685
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	68,712	127,915	155,198
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	64,606	68,726	71,404
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	34,330	79,528	89,200
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	110,039	212,930	246,204
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	13,289	21,800	31,909
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	167,218	122,654	135,366
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	23,414	72,153	76,375
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	118,583	147,807	159,003
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	13,644	24,500	17,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	460,450	621,736	639,116
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	150,712	149,500	170,917
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	796,823	1,009,349	1,155,925
Undistributed Expenditures-Food Services	11-000-310-930	0	5,000	5,000
Total Undistributed Expenditures		2,394,421	3,221,764	3,557,094
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	20	20
Total General Current Expense		4,016,325	5,024,233	5,537,940
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	60,580	0	385,000
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	1,360,161	363,161	263,161
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	10	10
Total Capital Outlay		1,420,741	363,171	648,171
General Fund Grand Total		5,437,066	5,387,404	6,186,111
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	415,551	496,650	469,305
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	408,323	418,214	433,210
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	10,185	24,629	8,000
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	834,059	939,493	910,515
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	834,059	939,493	910,515
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	50,962	43,212	0
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,928	3,784	2,838
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	2,261	1,696
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	19,798	10,000	7,500
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	51,659	52,668	39,501
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	7,172	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	132,519	111,925	51,535
Total Special Revenue Funds		966,578	1,051,418	962,050
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	0	0	154,649
Total Debt Service Funds		0	0	154,649
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		6,403,644	6,438,822	7,302,810
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Regular	11-105-100-935	0	76,145	141,966
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	88,224	0	0
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		6,315,420	6,362,677	7,160,844

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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)	2,745,242	2,411,777	1,382,863	250,000
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	4,795	4,823	4,833	4,843
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	251,320	251,330	251,350	251,370
--Legal Reserve	1,586,737	1,396,082	896,167	0
--Unemployment Fund	28,481	28,485	28,485	28,485
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	986,086	1,741,805	1,741,805	1,741,805
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
(Special Revenue Fund)				
--Student Activity Fund	0	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	$27,059	$28,004	$32,053	$34,992	$32,177
Total Classroom Instruction	$16,453	$16,059	$17,489	$19,172	$17,373
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	$15,296	$14,996	$15,491	$16,987	$15,308
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	$559	$654	$1,294	$1,306	$1,233
Classroom-Purchased Services	$598	$409	$704	$879	$831
Total Support Services	$4,883	$5,940	$7,413	$8,094	$7,837
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	$3,900	$5,308	$5,822	$6,375	$6,196
Total Administrative Costs	$2,190	$2,507	$2,667	$2,935	$2,762
Administration Salaries and Benefits	$1,550	$1,779	$1,841	$2,065	$2,112
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	$3,516	$3,330	$4,253	$4,500	$3,931
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	$1,409	$1,546	$1,918	$1,551	$1,151
Board Contribution to Food Services	$0	$0	$30	$33	$28
Total Extracurricular Costs	$5	$169	$166	$188	$181
Total Equipment Costs	$1,194	$453	$147	$161	$2,208
Legal Costs	$160	$216	$83	$81	$86
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	31.83%	32.88%	38.44%	39.15%	42.08%

*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
ABATEMENT IN OFFICES/REPLACE FLOORING	2027-01	$80,000	N	N	
REPLACEMENT OF FLOORING IN GYM/AUDITORIUM FLOOR	2027-02	$100,000	N	N	
SECURITY FENCING/BORDER	2027-03	$80,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Cape May City Elementary School Office, located at 921 Lafayette Street, 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 Cape May City Board of Education,
Patricia Ryan, Board Secretary