Hunterdon - Flemington-Raritan Reg

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Flemington-Raritan Regional School District, in the County of Hunterdon, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held at the JP Case Middle School, 301 Case Boulevard, Flemington, NJ 08822, on April 29, 2026 at 7:00 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	2,728	2,645	2,751
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	506	504	512
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	3,234	3,149	3,263
Private School Placements	16	14	25
Pupils Sent to Contracted Preschool Prog	52	89	0
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	0	0	112
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	14	11	0
Pupils Received	2	4	4

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	59,718,733	65,727,008	70,482,759
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	59,718,733	65,727,008	70,482,759
Total Tuition	10-1300	218,341	120,000	120,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	917,636	874,150	600,000
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	3,947	0	0
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	14,773	10,000	10,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		60,873,430	66,731,158	71,212,759
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	297,208	1,754,604	1,647,480
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	934,602	400,000	400,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	3,231,931	4,064,670	4,275,972
Equalization Aid	10-3176	2,426,667	0	0
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	140,035	642,316	689,977
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	28,954	146,227	2,041
Total Revenues from State Sources		7,059,397	7,007,817	7,015,470
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	31,839	26,778	18,368
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		31,839	26,778	18,368
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	0	0	116,284
Other Financing Sources	10-5XXX	2,444,819	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		992,677	0	0
Total Operating Budget		71,402,162	73,765,753	78,362,881
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	258,302	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	23,960	76,639	15,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	282,262	76,639	15,000
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	465,338	0
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	2,219,912	2,721,930	5,088,775
Total Revenues from State Sources		2,219,912	3,187,268	5,088,775
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	283,165	167,130	142,061
Title II	20-4451-4455	51,418	50,319	42,771
Title III	20-4491-4494	65,407	52,435	44,570
Title IV	20-4471-4474	18,536	18,116	15,399
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	821,117	829,409	704,998
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	9,845	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	148,280	0	0
ARP Homeless Children and Youth II Grant	20-4546	600	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,398,368	1,117,409	949,799
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	1,080,658	1,403,960	1,106,285
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-39,929	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		4,941,271	5,785,276	7,159,859
Repayment of Debt:				
Transfers from Other Funds	40-5200	79,721	0	0
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	4,872,997	4,969,450	4,991,460
Total Revenues from Local Sources		4,872,997	4,969,450	4,991,460
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	895,306	900,223	906,402
Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303	0	72,147	79,723
Total Local Repayment of Debt		5,848,024	5,941,820	5,977,585
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		63,986	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		5,912,010	5,941,820	5,977,585
Total Revenues/Sources		82,255,443	85,492,849	91,500,325
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	1,080,658	1,403,960	1,106,285
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		81,174,785	84,088,889	90,394,040

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	20,111,790	18,847,587	19,837,265
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	8,324,495	9,240,847	9,388,332
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	1,577,655	1,045,076	926,106
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	775,794	928,317	820,147
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	115,999	117,786	117,340
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	153,073	144,392	152,746
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	1,433,626	1,345,266	1,000,543
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	779,679	791,477	949,417
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	1,433,514	1,474,579	1,674,921
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	77,397	126,243	150,854
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	1,090,725	907,799	991,646
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,466,810	1,602,480	1,721,593
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	398,230	381,278	385,902
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	408,243	491,380	504,906
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	527,872	439,969	463,584
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	925,708	1,060,350	1,077,044
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	3,391,435	3,665,678	3,535,004
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	626,506	665,369	649,549
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative Information Technology	11-000-252-XXX	601,783	699,026	667,986
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	7,143,715	8,092,013	8,256,779
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	7,157,818	6,632,316	6,128,026
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	12,768,321	14,234,789	18,503,019
Total Undistributed Expenditures		40,231,382	42,610,012	46,660,773
Total General Current Expense		71,290,188	72,934,017	77,902,709
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	61,239	153,936	281,589
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	50,735	652,000	150,735
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	10,000	10,000
Total Capital Outlay		111,974	815,936	442,324
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	0	15,800	17,848
General Fund Grand Total		71,402,162	73,765,753	78,362,881
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	23,960	76,639	15,000
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	218,373	0	0
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	1,284,315	1,451,750	1,540,415
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	1,858,711	2,825,755	4,604,645
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	157,544	313,723	50,000
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	3,300,570	4,591,228	6,195,060
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	3,300,570	4,591,228	6,195,060
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	283,165	167,130	142,061
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	51,418	50,319	42,771
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	65,407	52,435	44,570
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	18,536	18,116	15,399
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	821,117	829,409	704,998
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	148,280	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-XXX-XXX	9,845	0	0
ARP Homeless Children and Youth II	20-496-XXX-XXX	600	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,398,368	1,117,409	949,799
Total Special Revenue Funds		4,941,271	5,785,276	7,159,859
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	5,912,010	5,941,820	5,977,585
Total Debt Service Funds		5,912,010	5,941,820	5,977,585
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		82,255,443	85,492,849	91,500,325
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	1,080,658	1,403,960	1,106,285
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		81,174,785	84,088,889	90,394,040

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)	1,005,968	1,591,599	1,591,599	1,475,315
(Repayment of Debt)	215,856	151,870	79,723	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	592,379	1,232,236	1,242,236	1,252,236
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	158,277	162,224	162,224	162,224
--Legal Reserve	2,267,884	0	0	0
--Unemployment Fund	548,647	594,419	594,419	594,419
--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	160,421	200,350	200,350	200,350
--Scholarship Fund	0	0	0	0
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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	$19,472	$19,660	$19,574	$21,037	$22,352
Total Classroom Instruction	$12,336	$12,410	$11,870	$12,777	$13,747
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	$11,792	$11,998	$11,403	$12,256	$13,259
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	$305	$249	$280	$288	$275
Classroom-Purchased Services	$239	$163	$187	$234	$213
Total Support Services	$2,569	$2,657	$2,620	$2,857	$3,242
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	$2,254	$2,382	$2,186	$2,363	$2,750
Total Administrative Costs	$2,270	$2,161	$2,187	$2,510	$2,483
Administration Salaries and Benefits	$1,969	$1,932	$1,891	$2,195	$2,208
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	$2,184	$2,303	$2,592	$2,685	$2,677
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	$398	$426	$409	$436	$468
Board Contribution to Food Services	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	$96	$104	$97	$104	$110
Total Equipment Costs	$36	$67	$141	$149	$102
Legal Costs	$28	$12	$43	$46	$23
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	27.31%	31.33%	33.39%	35.52%	45.06%

*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.

Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
Replace flooring at RFIS	2027-01	$100,000	N	N	

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at Reading Fleming Intermediate School, 50 Court Street, Flemington, NJ 08822, Hunterdon County New Jersey between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.