



EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

PROPOSED BUDGET 2019-2020

BUDGET PRIORITIES

- ❖ Maintain academic programs and services including:
 - *Full-day Kindergarten, Integrated pre-K*
 - *Early Intervention, Basic Skills, Tutorial*
 - *Spanish Gr 3-6, Enrichment, Specials*
 - *No-fee co & extra-curricular activities*
 - *Para-professionals for special needs students*
- ❖ Continued provision of enhanced educational experiences
 - *field trips, guest speakers & educators, EATV*
- ❖ Continuation of Life Skills program for Special Need Students
- ❖ Maintain average class size
 - *Grades K-3 = 20*
 - *Grades 4-6 = 16*
 - *Grades 7-8 = 16*
- ❖ *Continuation of School Choice Program*



BUDGET SPECIFICS

- ❖ Boiler Replacement
- ❖ Window Replacement
- ❖ Security upgrades
- ❖ Replacement of aging Chromebooks and iPads as needed
- ❖ Continuation of district-wide technology programs:
 - *Genesis Student Information*
 - *IEP Direct Special Education*
 - *CDK Financial and Personnel Packages*
 - *LinkIt!*
 - *Student curriculum licenses, including ST Math, Renaissance*
 - *GCN mandated training and professional development for teachers*
 - *Teacher/Principal evaluation system*
 - *Comcast Fiber for internet connection*
 - *Various student educational programs*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2018 National Blue Ribbon School

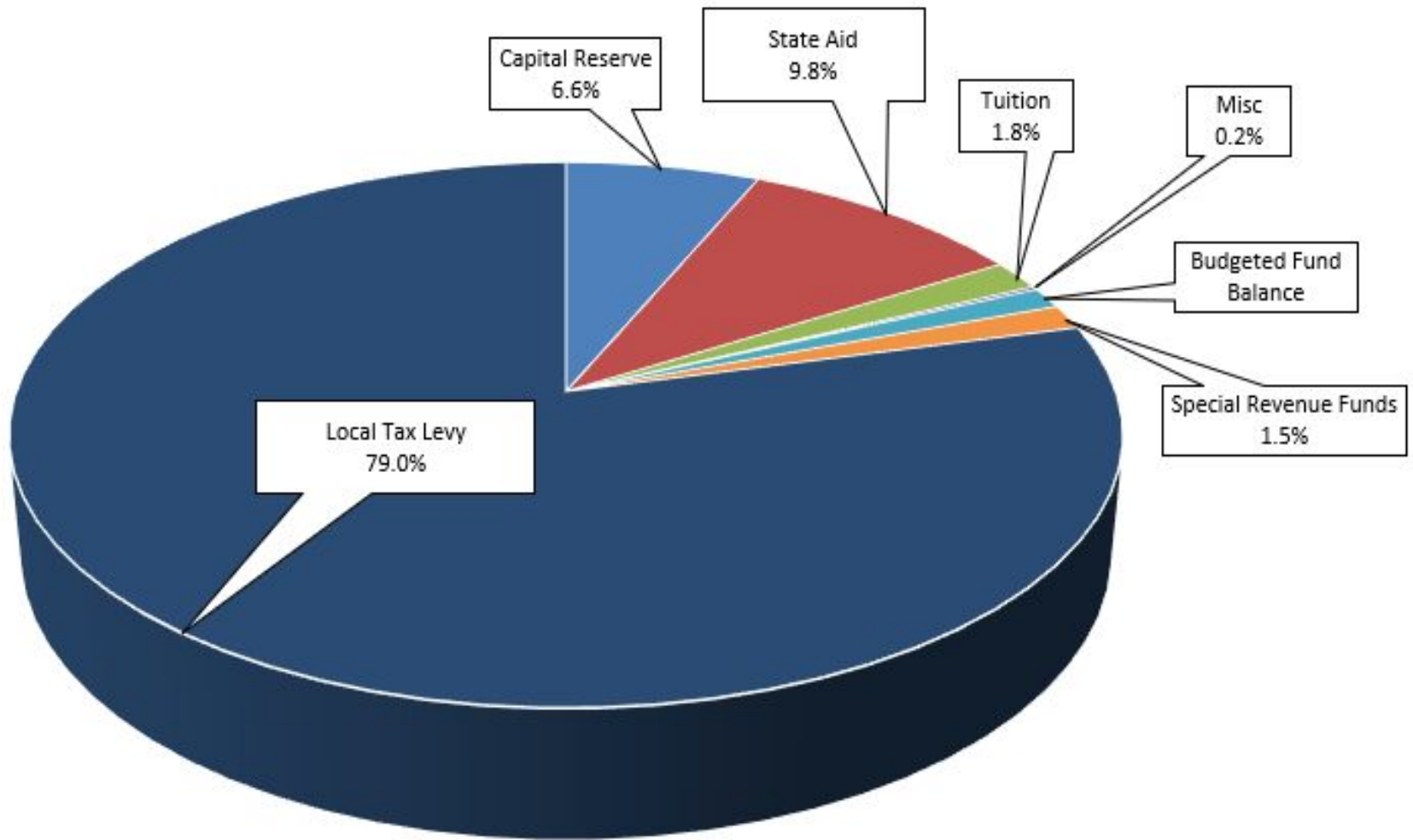
2019 Kindness Certified School

2019 Science Olympiad Team Placed 3rd

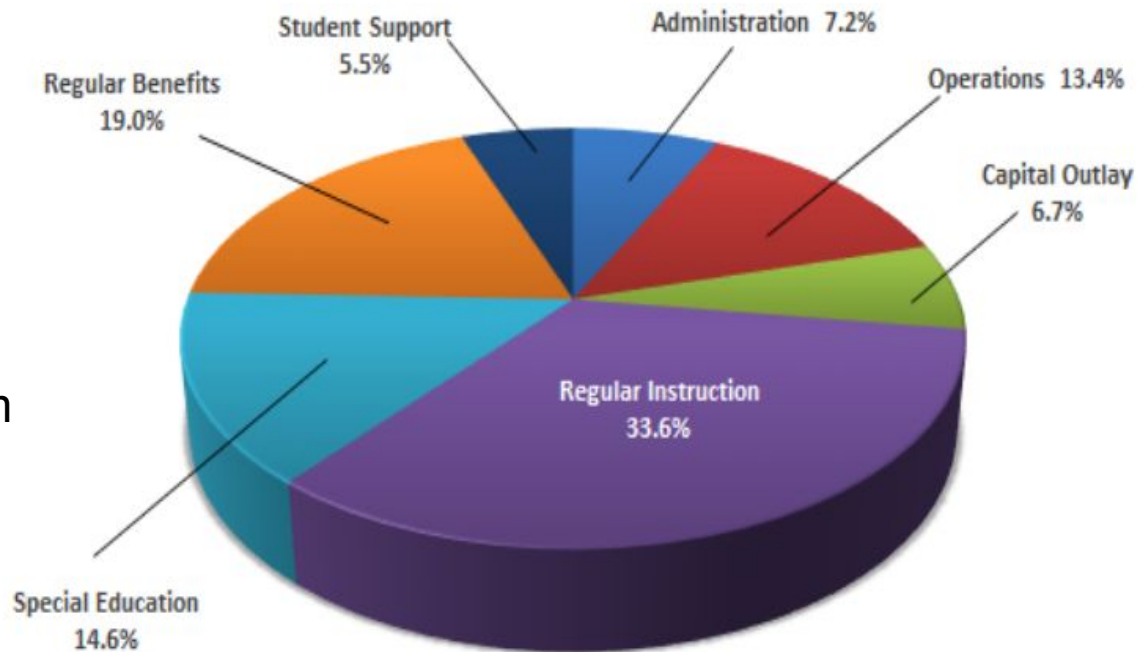
GreatSchools.org - *“This school is rated above average in school quality compared to other schools in New Jersey. Students here perform above average on state tests, are making above average year-over-year academic improvement”*

Parent Review - *“This is an amazing school. My son has not had anything but incredible teachers and the culture at the school is one that fosters great young minds and members of the community. There is no bullying whatsoever. The kids are rewarded for displaying care for one another. The academics are challenging and individualized. Great job EATS!”*

OPERATING REVENUES 2019 - 2020



HOW YOUR TAX \$\$\$ ARE SPENT



Program Offerings:

- ❖ Pre-school Program
- ❖ Full Day Kindergarten Program
- ❖ Basic Skills Instruction
- ❖ Gifted and Talented Program
- ❖ Special Education Support as Required by Individual IEP's
- ❖ Comprehensive Art, Music, PE, Foreign Language
- ❖ No Pay Clubs and Sports Programs
- ❖ Classroom Supplies, Textbooks, Computers, Laptops, & iPads

ANNUAL TAX RATE COMPARISONS

	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020
Tax Levy	\$6,863,399	\$6,930,899	\$7,063,298
Rateables	\$672,109,457	\$675,255,560	\$670,672,732
Tax Rate General Fund (per \$100)	\$1.021	\$1.026	\$1.053
Tax Rate Debt Service (per \$100)	\$.034	\$.032	\$.029



TAX IMPACT OF THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL BUDGET

Home Value	2018 2019	2019 2020	Annual Difference	Difference per Month
Per \$100,000	\$1,057.99	\$1,082.10	\$3.23	\$.27
Average assessed house \$385,400	\$4,077.49	\$4,166.07	\$88.58	\$7.38



COST REDUCTIONS/SAVINGS

- ❖ Shared Services
 - *Business Administrator*
 - *Transportation / Professional Development*
 - *Municipality snow plowing/grass cutting/cleaning/tech services*
- ❖ Membership in Educational Services Commission
 - *Discounted supplies*
 - *Discounted services*
- ❖ *State Contract Pricing*
- ❖ *Discounted Utility costs through participation in ACES*
- ❖ Insurance (NJSIG)
 - Benefit of “pooling of risk”
 - Annual Safety Grant
- ❖ School Choice Aid of \$327,024 {24 students}
- ❖ Pre-K program/ Out-of-District tuition students received
- ❖ Inhouse Special Education Programs
- ❖ Health benefits employee contribution
- ❖ Student information systems/Teacher Evaluation System

RECENT HISTORY OF STATE AID

Budget Year	State Aid	% of Budget
2010-2011	\$477,657	6.6%
2011-2012	\$621,848	8.6%
2012-2013	\$601,449	8.2%
2013-2014	\$705,486	9.3%
2014-2015	\$839,086	10.8%
2015-2016	\$875,042	10.5%
2016-2017	\$876,206	9.7%
2017-2018	\$884,867	10.9%
2018-2019	\$876,130	10.1%
2019-2020	\$874,234	9.8%

CONCLUSIONS

Total recommended operating budget of \$8,809,280

- ❖ Maintains all existing programs, positions and services

- ❖ Includes Facility upgrades
 - Boiler Replacement
 - Window Replacement

- ❖ Includes ongoing replacement of Chromebooks and iPads

Total Tax Levy for General Fund and Debt Service of \$7,257,323 is approximately 1.58% increase over the current year

Tax Levy for General Fund is approximately 1.9% over the current year

Budget provides for continuation of our guiding principle

“All the Children, All the Time”