



**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL**  
National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
PROPOSED BUDGET  
2023-2024**

*Budget provides continuation of our guiding principle  
“All the Children, All the Time”*

# **BUDGET PRIORITIES**

- ❖ Academic Support Programs to ensure student growth and provide early interventions as needed
- ❖ Maintain academic programs and services including:
  - *Full Day Kindergarten, Integrated Preschool, Extended School Year*
  - *Early Intervention, Basic Skills, Tutorial, Counseling Support*
  - *Spanish Grades 3-8, Enrichment, Specials*
  - *No fee co curricular & extra curricular activities*
  - *Paraprofessionals for special needs students and student support*
- ❖ Life Skills program for special needs students
- ❖ Continued provision of enhanced educational experiences
  - Peer Leaders, Character Education, EATV, Field Trips, Participation in Cougar Share, Band & Chorus
- ❖ Maintain average class size
  - *Grades K-3 = 17*
  - *Grades 4-6 = 16*
  - *Grades 7-8 = 14*
- ❖ Participation in School Choice Program
- ❖ Use of Emergency Reserve and Grant funds for Wireless Access upgrade to improve security throughout the District

# **BUDGET SPECIFICS**

- ❖ *Use of Capital Reserve to repay Short Term Note from April 2021 No Tax Impact Referendum*
  - *Received \$346,573 in Debt Service Aid*
- ❖ *Special Education Supports and Evaluations*
- ❖ *Continuation of district-wide technology programs:*
  - *Achieve 3000*
  - *LinkIt!*
  - *Genesis Student Information*
  - *Blackboard Connect Mass Notification System*
  - *IEP Direct Special Education/504 Direct*
  - *CDK Financial and Personnel Packages*
  - *Various student educational programs*
  - *Student curriculum licenses*
    - *ST Math/Smarty Ants/IXL Math*
    - *Learning A-Z*
    - *Google Read & Write*
  - *BehaviorFlow – program to improve outcomes and achieve goals*
- ❖ *1:1 Take Home Technology initiative – Chromebooks/iPads*
- ❖ *Upgraded WiFi*

# COST REDUCTIONS/SAVINGS

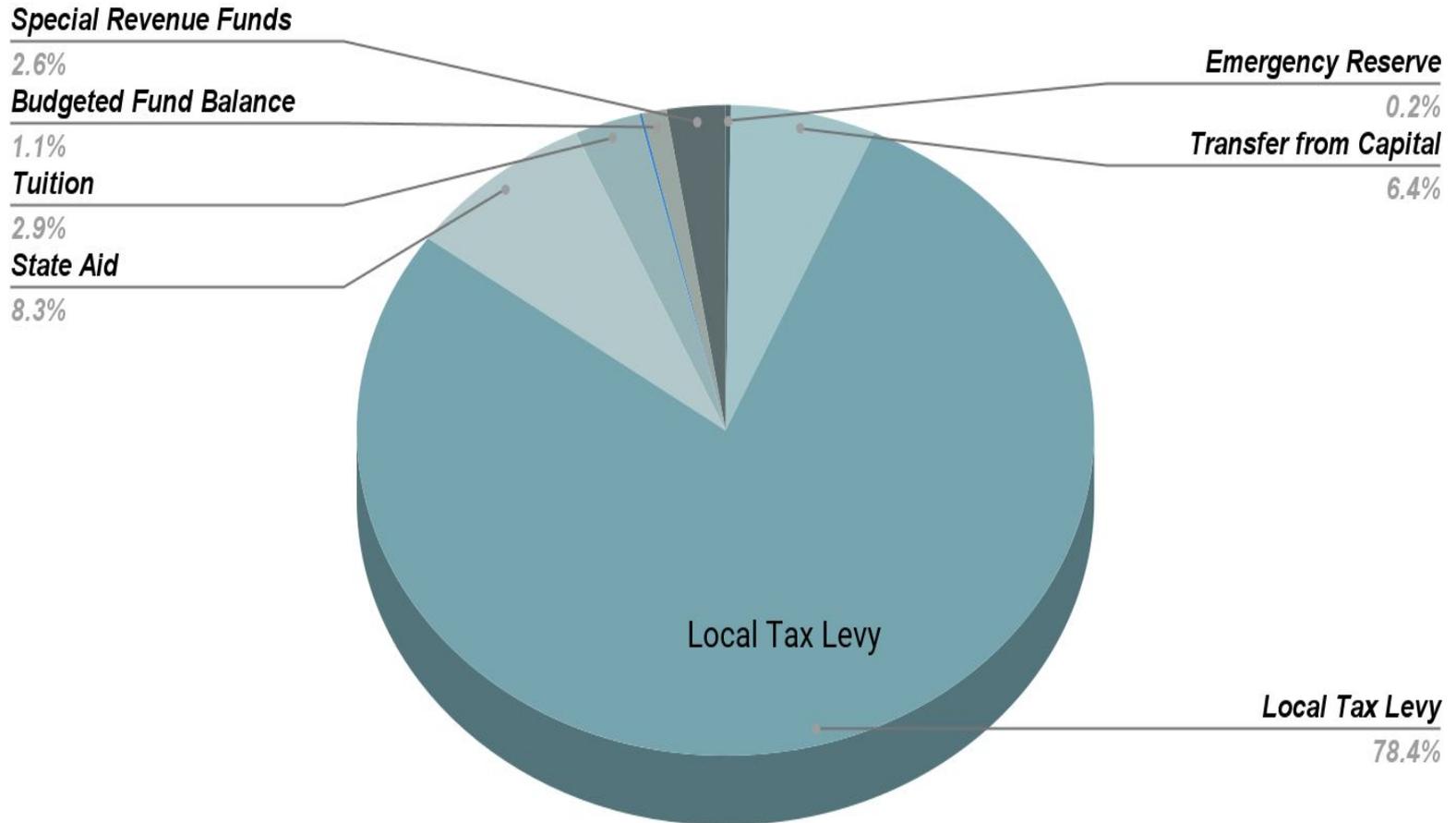
- ❖ Shared Services
  - *Business Administrator/Speech Therapist/Nursing*
  - *Counselor/Child Study Team Evaluations*
  - *Transportation/Professional Development/Election Services*
  - *Municipality snow plowing/grass cutting/cleaning/tech services*
- ❖ Membership in Educational Services Commissions
  - *Discounted supplies & shared services*
- ❖ State Contract Pricing
  - *Discounted supplies*
- ❖ Discounted Utility costs through participation in ACES
- ❖ Insurance (NJSIG)
  - *Benefit of “pooling of risk”*
  - *Annual Safety Grant*
  - *Vector Solution Training platform for required trainings – no cost*
  - *NEPHA Employment Hotline/Resources*
- ❖ School Choice Aid of \$353,976{24 students}
- ❖ Preschool program/ Out-of-District tuition students received
- ❖ In-house Special Education Programs
- ❖ Health benefits employee contribution
- ❖ No Tax Referendum in April 2021 - Received \$346,573 in Aid, saving district money while completing Capital Improvement projects

# American Rescue Plan Funding

- ❖ Additional Counselor available to provide extra support to students
- ❖ Educational Technology to support student achievement and identify areas of intervention
- ❖ Summer enrichment opportunities for student success
- ❖ After school activities to enhance academic, social, emotional & mental health of students
- ❖ Orton Gillingham staff training for Dyslexia support of students
- ❖ Parent Mental Health Workshops
- ❖ Professional Development Opportunities
- ❖ WiFi upgrade



# OPERATING REVENUES 2023 - 2024

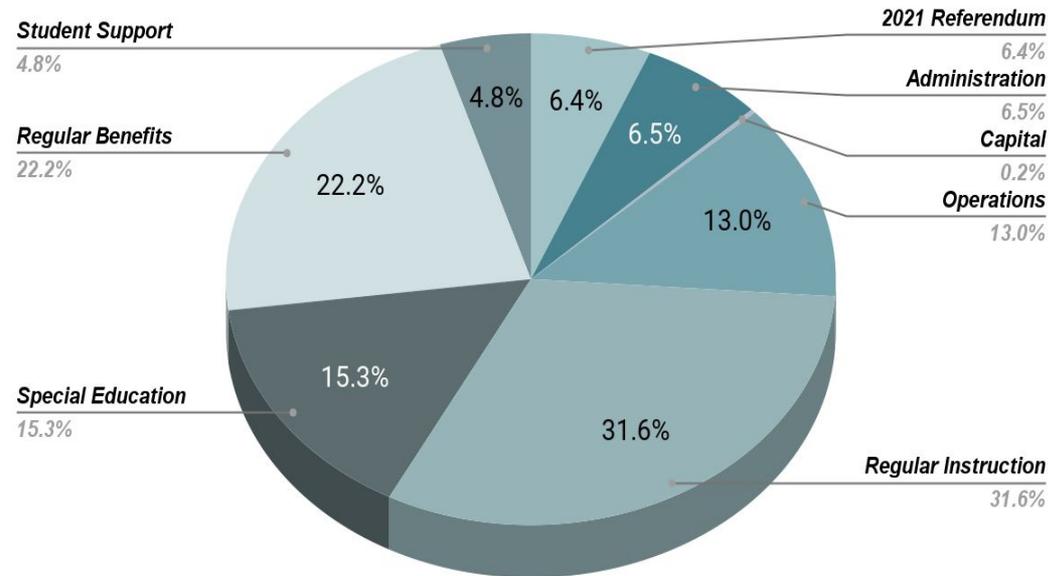


**Increase in State Aid of \$61,495 from 2022-2023  
Special Education and School Choice**

# HOW YOUR TAX FUNDS ARE SPENT

## Program Offerings:

- ❖ Tutorials provided
- ❖ RTI/ Basic Skills Instruction
- ❖ Integrated Preschool Program
- ❖ Full Day Kindergarten Program
- ❖ Advanced Math
- ❖ Gifted and Talented Program
- ❖ Special Education Support as Required by Individual IEP's
- ❖ Additional Counseling available for students
- ❖ 1:1 ChromeBook and Ipad Program for all students
- ❖ Makerspace Lab
- ❖ No Fee Clubs and Sports Programs
- ❖ Classroom Supplies, Updated Math Curriculum
- ❖ Technology Supplies
- ❖ Wireless Access upgrade to improve security throughout the District



# **ANNUAL TAX RATE COMPARISONS**

	<b>2021-2022</b>	<b>2022-2023</b>	<b>2023-2024</b>
<b>Tax Levy</b>	\$7,625,549	\$7,963,158	\$8,276,517
<b>Rateables</b>	\$672,503,140	\$673,400,890	\$675,141,773
<b>Tax Rate General Fund (per \$100)</b>	\$1.134	\$1.182	\$1.225
<b>Tax Rate Debt Service (per \$100)</b>	\$.0295	\$.0291	\$.0292

# **TAX IMPACT OF THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL BUDGET**

Home Value	2022 2023	2023 2024	Annual Difference	Difference per Month
Per \$100,000	\$1,211	\$1,255	\$43.58	\$3.63



# **RECENT HISTORY OF STATE AID**

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<b>Budget Year</b>	<b>State Aid</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
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%
2020-2021	\$851,830	9.9%
2021-2022	\$827,083	9.3 %*
2022-2023	\$813,830	8.6%*
2023-2024	\$875,325	8.8%*

\* does not includes Capital & Maintenance projects in total budget

# CONCLUSIONS

Total recommended operating budget of \$11,794,913

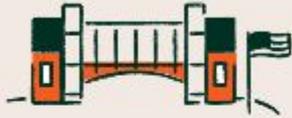
Maintains all existing programs, positions and services including:

- School Security Officer
- Educational Software Programs to support student achievement and identify areas in need of extra support
- 1:1 Chromebook & iPads for all students
- Paraprofessionals - classroom & 1:1
  - 2 additional Paras to meet student needs
- Professional Development for all staff to help nurture student development and success
- Tuition reimbursement for teacher growth
- Facility maintenance and upkeep of Grounds
- No fee extracurricular and co-curricular activities
- Courtesy and Special Needs Busing
- Media Center and Maker Space in support of STEAM
- Robust Vocal and Instrumental Music Programs
- *Additional Preschool Classroom for 2023-2024*



# East Amwell Township Rankings

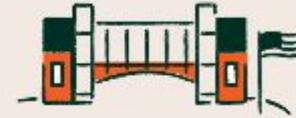
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Best Public Elementary  
Schools in Hunterdon  
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#1 of 29



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School Teachers in  
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*“This school effectively supports students with learning differences: The special education teachers are amazing at this school. The Orton Gillingham instruction provided is beyond amazing.”*  
~GreatSchools.org