



EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL
National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence



**EAST AMWELL TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**PROPOSED BUDGET
2021-2022**

BUDGET PRIORITIES

- ❖ Life Skills program for special needs students
- ❖ Maintain academic programs and services including:
 - *Full Day Kindergarten, Integrated Preschool, Extended School Year*
 - *Early Intervention, Basic Skills, Tutorial, Counseling Support*
 - *Spanish Gr 3-8, Enrichment, Specials*
 - *No fee co curricular & extra curricular activities*
 - *Paraprofessionals for special needs students*
- ❖ Continued provision of enhanced educational experiences
 - *Peer Leaders, Character Education, EATV, Guest Speakers & Educators, Field Trips, Participation in Cougar Share*
- ❖ Maintain average class size
 - *Grades K-3 = 18*
 - *Grades 4-6 = 18*
 - *Grades 7-8 = 16*
- ❖ Participation in School Choice Program
- ❖ Academic Support Programs to ensure student growth and provide early interventions as needed
- ❖ Use of Capital and Maintenance Reserve funds for school facility upkeep

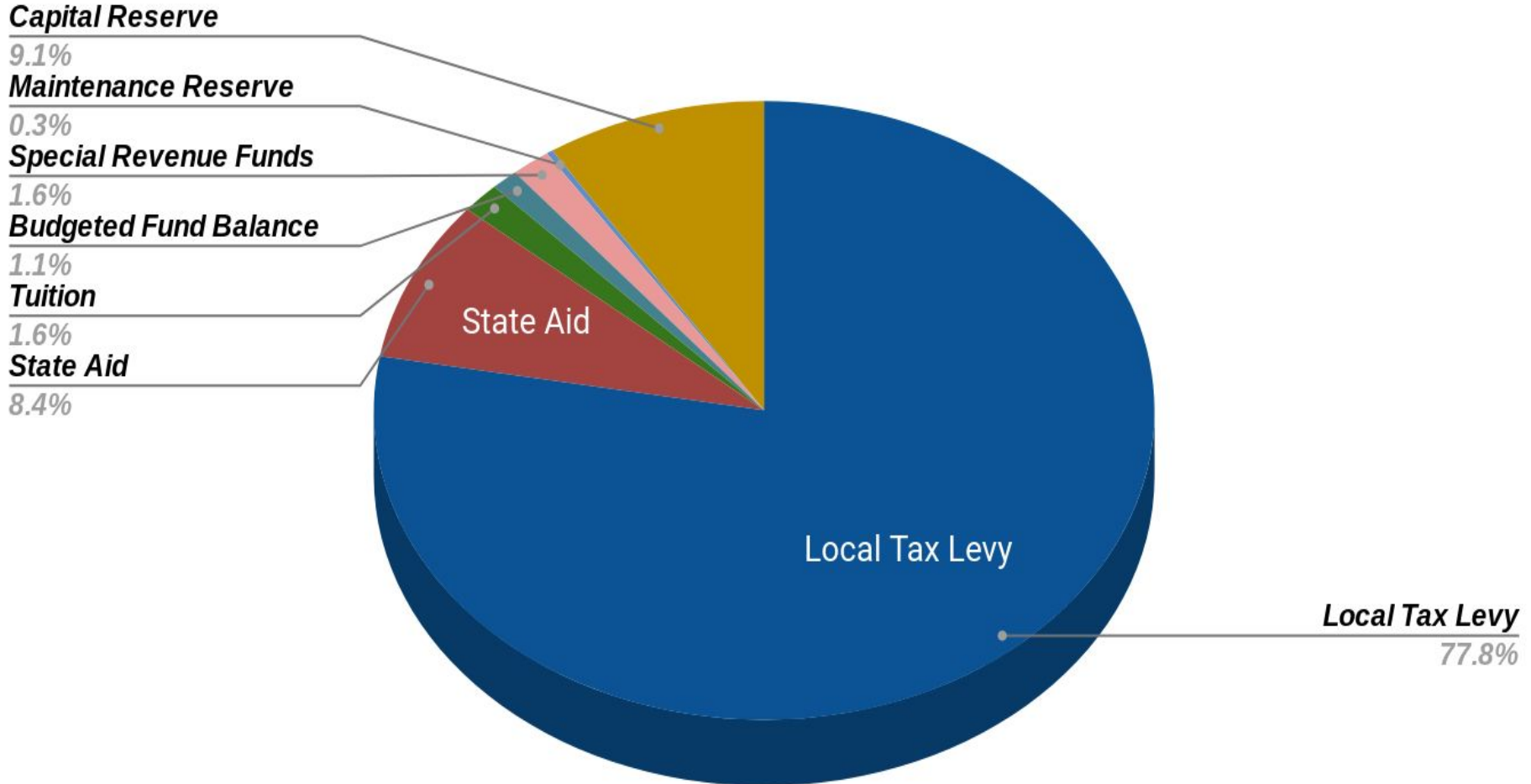
BUDGET SPECIFICS

- ❖ Special Education Supports and Evaluations
- ❖ Math Curriculum
 - Go Math
 - Big Ideas
- ❖ Continuation of district-wide technology programs:
 - *Achieve 3000*
 - *LinkIt!*
 - *Genesis Student Information*
 - *Blackboard Connect Mass Notification System*
 - *IEP Direct Special Education*
 - *CDK Financial and Personnel Packages*
 - *Student curriculum licenses*
 - *ST Math*
 - *Learning A-Z*
 - *Google Read & Write*
 - *Teacher/Principal evaluation system*
 - *Fiber lines for internet connection*
 - *Various student educational programs*

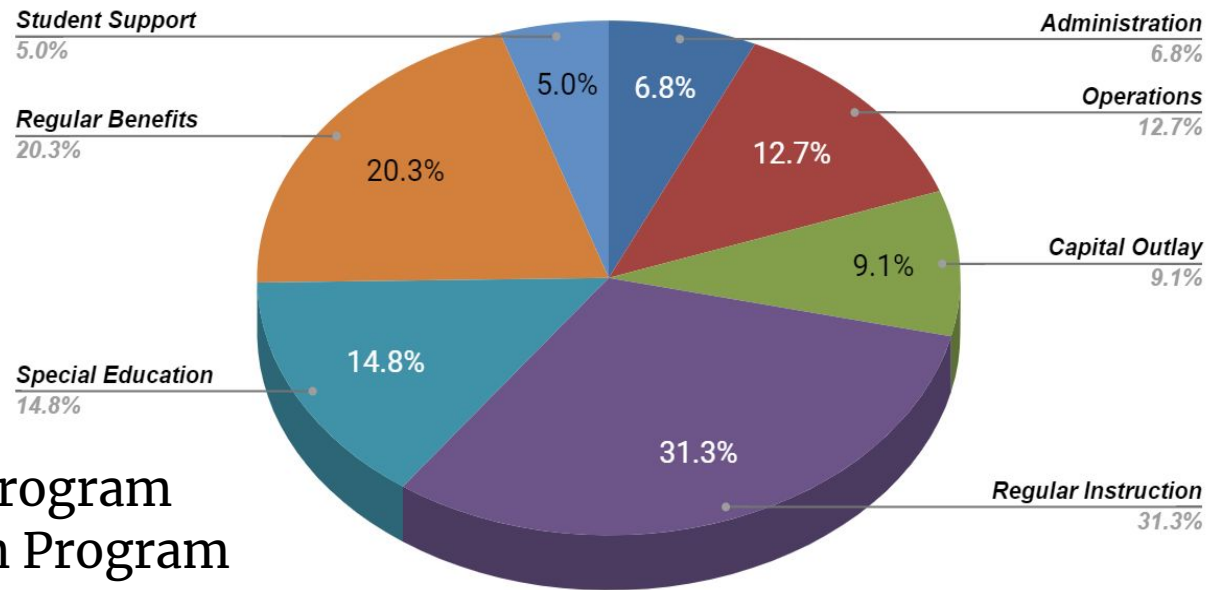
COST REDUCTIONS/SAVINGS

- ❖ Shared Services
 - *Business Administrator/Speech Therapist/Counselor/Nursing*
 - *Transportation/Professional Development/Election Services*
 - *Municipality snow plowing/grass cutting/cleaning/tech services*
- ❖ Membership in Educational Services Commissions
 - *Discounted supplies & services*
- ❖ State Contract Pricing
- ❖ Discounted Utility costs through participation in ACES
- ❖ Insurance (NJSIG)
 - *Benefit of “pooling of risk”*
 - *Annual Safety Grant*
 - *SafeSchools Trainings*
 - *NEPHA Employment Hotline/Resources*
- ❖ School Choice Aid of \$328,968 {24 students}
- ❖ Preschool program/ Out-of-District tuition students received
- ❖ In-house Special Education Programs
- ❖ Health benefits employee contribution
- ❖ Student information systems/Teacher Evaluation System
- ❖ Participation in Terracycle

OPERATING REVENUES 2021 - 2022



HOW YOUR TAX \$\$\$ ARE SPENT



Program Offerings:

- ❖ Integrated Preschool 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
- ❖ Makerspace Lab
- ❖ No Fee Clubs and Sports Programs
- ❖ Classroom Supplies, Math Curriculum, Technology Supplies
- ❖ 1:1 ChromeBook and Ipad Program
- ❖ Additional Counseling for Students in need

ANNUAL TAX RATE COMPARISONS

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Tax Levy	\$7,063,298	\$7,349,926	\$7,625,549
Rateables	\$670,672,732	\$671,780,893	\$672,503,140
Tax Rate General Fund (per \$100)	\$1.053	\$1.094	\$1.134
Tax Rate Debt Service (per \$100)	\$.029	\$.029	\$.029

TAX IMPACT OF THE 2021-2022 SCHOOL BUDGET

Home Value	2020 2021	2021 2022	Annual Difference	Difference per Month
Per \$100,000	\$1,123	\$1,163	\$40.80	\$3.34



RECENT HISTORY OF STATE AID

Budget Year	State Aid	% of Budget
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%
2020-2021	\$851,830	9.9%
2021-2022	\$827,083	9.3 %*

* does not includes Capital & Maintenance projects in total budget

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

2018 National Blue Ribbon School



2019 Kindness Certified School

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GreatSchools.org

Parent Review – “All 3 of my children attended/attend EATS. Love the school, teachers, community involvement and all East Amwell has to offer. I have never had to reach out to a teacher they reach out to you before a problem becomes a problem.”

Former Student Review – “I loved EATS! The teachers were all exceptional and encouraged all the students to learn in their own way. The education was very good here and the sense of community within the school really made it an enriching experience. The admin was fantastic when I was there and they knew a majority of the students by name”

Good news! “Test scores at this school are far above the state average, suggesting that most students at this school are performing at or above grade level”

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Hunterdon County



Best Public Elementary
Schools in Hunterdon
County
#1 of 29



Best Public Middle Schools
in Hunterdon County
#1 of 20



Best Public Middle School
Teachers in Hunterdon
County
#1 of 20



East Amwell Township Rankings

New Jersey



Best Public Middle School
Teachers in New Jersey
#36 of 737



Best Public Middle Schools
in New Jersey
#40 of 747



Best Public Elementary
School Teachers in New
Jersey
#66 of 1,409

CONCLUSIONS

Total recommended operating budget of \$9,653,487

- ❖ Maintains all existing programs, positions and services including:
 - Paraprofessionals – classroom & 1:1, as needed
 - Professional Development for all staff
 - Tuition reimbursement for teacher growth
 - Facility maintenance and upkeep of Grounds
 - No fee extracurricular and cocurricular activities
 - Courtesy and Special Needs Busing
 - Media Center and Maker Space in support of STEAM
 - Educational Software Programs to support student achievement

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