

Haddonfield Board of Education Report to the Community

FROM THE HADDONFIELD BOARD PRESIDENT

Recent school budgets have been particularly challenging to develop given the deep cuts in state funding, tight budgetary caps, and increasing mandated fiscal constraints. All of us are concerned with maintaining the high quality of education for our children while not placing a burden of substantial tax increases on our residents. With that said, this year the board of education and administration were able to meet this fiscal challenge by proposing a budget that has no cuts in staff or programs with a minimal 1.73% tax levy increase below the 2 percent cap. As a board and school district, our budget focus will continue to be on cutting expenses, maintaining quality programs, and minimizing tax increases.

Looking to the future, the district has been pursuing a number of ideas for revenue generation that would provide funding to support our quality academic programs. Over the past few years, the board had engaged a Community Budget Advisory Committee, a Community Advisory Alternative Revenue Committee, and a Rutgers MBA Study to develop ideas on how to build revenue through our academic strengths to offset current restrictions and pressures limiting our growth. Our current tuition initiative, which has been successful this school year, is only the first step.

Our overall vision is to generate revenue through alternative pursuits in order to remain one of the best school districts in the state and nation. HMHS, for example, was ranked in the top 6 percent best high schools (Newsweek Magazine, 2010), the best SAT scores in the tri-county region, and was 11th among the best high schools in the state (New Jersey Monthly Magazine, 2010). Our highly ranked AP courses, advanced professional development for teachers, emphasis on Critical Thinking for students, our growing college/university credit programs with Drexel University, the numerous athletic championships, and high-level performances in the Arts, illustrate our accomplishments. We believe our job is to be fiscally responsible, maintain quality, plan for the students of tomorrow, and maintain our legacy of educational excellence.

Thank you and please remember to vote on Wednesday, April 27th.

Steve Weinstein, President
Haddonfield Board of Education

FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

Pythagoras, an Ancient Greek philosopher and mathematician stated, "Choices are hinges of destiny." As educators, it is our goal to ensure that each student is provided the best opportunity in order to succeed and reach his/her dream. For our students, these dreams often become realities because of their educational experiences in the Haddonfield School District. Our students excel in academics, win numerous championships and awards, perform brilliantly through the Arts, and volunteer for many hours of community service. It is through the dedicated, collaborative work of the board of education, administration, parents, teachers, students, and community that our students have become the best.

Haddonfield is truly a unique community and the school district appreciates all of your support. This year, we find ourselves in a position to not only maintain all of our quality programs and staff, but also keep local taxes under control. The board of education and administration have proposed a budget that maintains our expectations of educational excellence while being cognizant of the taxpayer. It has been especially difficult to do this given growing mandated fiscal constraints. Therefore, we have focused on alternative sources of revenue for the school district. The tuition student initiative, for example, has been very successful and will provide additional revenue for the district—helping to alleviate the burden on the taxpayer.

As we move forward, the proposed 1.73% tax levy increase will allow us to continue to provide the quality of education that our community expects and our students deserve. We value your trust in us to make the right "choices." The decisions we make today affect the realities that we create for tomorrow.

Thank you again for all your support and please remember to vote on Wednesday, April 27th.

Richard P. Perry, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!

Wednesday, April 27, 2011

7:00 AM to 9:00 PM

BOARD CANDIDATES

VOTE FOR THREE:

Three-Year Position:

Position 1	Glenn Moramarco
Position 2	M. Drew Hansen
Position 3	Heather Paoli

VOTE FOR ONE:

One-Year Position:

Position 1	Dennis Kelleher
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POLLING PLACES

For a searchable database and map, visit HaddonfieldOnline.com

Districts 1 and 5	Middle School
Districts 2 and 10	Tatem School
Districts 3 and 4	Middle School
Districts 6 and 7	Haddon School
Districts 8 and 9	Lutheran Church

MORE INFORMATION ON-LINE!

www.haddonfield.k12.nj.us

- A "User-Friendly" Budget Outline
- Superintendent Perry's Budget Presentation
- A Complete Line-Item Budget
- The Audit Report on Last Year's Budget

TALLY – Borough Hall Room 102 – after 9pm

RESULTS ONLINE – AFTER 9:45pm

Haddonfield Board of Education

2011-2012 Budget Information

BUDGET SUMMARY – 2011-12

Operating Expenses	\$ 32,885,599
Debt Service	\$ 2,006,924
Total	\$ 34,892,523

2011-12 REVENUE

Local Tax Levy	\$ 30,826,248
Federal Special Ed Funds	\$ 860,300
State Aid	\$ 318,947
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$ 165,769
Tuition Students	\$ 279,700
NJ Extraordinary Aid	\$ 241,047
Additional Revenue Sources	\$ 143,000
Education Jobs Funding	\$ 50,588

SAVINGS

Transportation	\$ 74,000
Energy Savings	\$ 50,000
Employee Health Benefit Contribution	\$ 225,000

WHERE DOES OPERATIONAL MONEY GO?

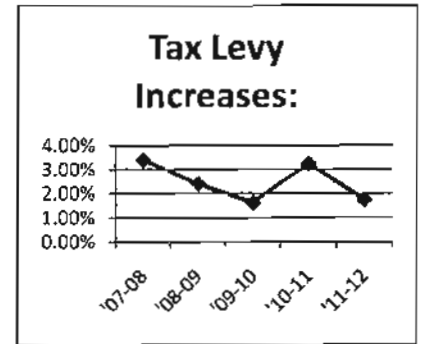
Faculty/Staff Salaries	55%
Health Benefits	17%
Operations	17%
Admin./Non-Rep Salaries	6%
Special Ed Tuition Transportation & Placements	5%

2011-12 PROPOSED BUDGET MAINTAINS ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Courses/Programs
- Athletics
- Extracurricular Programs
- Staffing

TAX LEVY INCREASES OVER THE LAST FOUR YEARS:

- School Year 2007-08 - 3.41%
- School Year 2008-09 - 2.39%
- School Year 2009-10 - 1.62%
- School Year 2010-11 - 3.25%
- School Year 2011-12 - 1.73%*



* The actual tax increase due to a significant loss of borough ratables is two percent.

**Increase for owner of property assessed
at Borough Average of \$491,350**

Is \$139.72

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✓ A RICH HISTORY OF ACADEMIC QUALITY AND EXTRACURRICULAR INVOLVEMENT

Through strong community support our high school has retained a rich, diverse set of curricular offerings, athletic programs and extracurricular clubs and activities. Our small size encourages and supports involvement.

The high school experience is enriched by the opportunity for service to others. Community projects, peer leadership programs, student mentoring, peer partners and peer tutoring involve students directly in the process of building a community of learners.

In spite of the challenging fiscal climate, the Haddonfield District remains committed to excellence. Core academic improvements include:

- The addition of 20 courses in the past three years at no additional cost through the reallocation of resources
- 70% of students enrolled in the 18 AP classes
- A proven track record of acceptances to prestigious colleges and universities
- Expansion of the successful partnership with Drexel University, bringing more opportunities for college level study for credit, summer classes, and mentoring for students and faculty

✓ PROFICIENCY TESTS COMPARISON:

- High School – Haddonfield's 11th grade students ranked first among S. Jersey high schools in both the NJ Language Arts and NJ Math assessments
- SATs - Haddonfield Memorial High School Students continue to outscore other S. Jersey students on the SAT
- AP Exams - Six of the AP subject areas tested had a 100% passing rate

✓ NATIONAL & STATE HONORS COMPARISON:

- 9 National Merit Commended Students (top 5% of 1.4 million students nationwide)
- 19 Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars (top students in the graduating class)
- 13 AP Scholars, including 2 Scholars with Distinction

✓ STATE & REGIONAL HONORS FOR ATHLETES

- Our high school has won the Shop Rite Cup for the highest overall achievement for Group 2 schools statewide – seven years in a row.

COMPARISONS: 2010 Report Card

✓ SAT SCORES:

Princeton	1860
Haddonfield	1725
Cherry Hill	1714
Moorestown	1709
Haddon Twp	1504
Haddon Hts	1483
Collingswood	1450

✓ PER-PUPIL COSTS:

Princeton	\$17,421
Collingswood	\$13,940
Haddon Hts	\$13,492
Moorestown	\$13,104
Cherry Hill	\$12,636
Haddonfield	\$12,471
Haddon Twp	\$12,429

State Average 1500

State Average \$13,833



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