

Atlantic - Mullica Twp

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Mullica Township school district, in the County of Atlantic, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the library of the Mullica Township Board of Education, 500 Elwood Road, Elwood, NJ, on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 7:00 PM, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2024	15, 2025	15, 2026
	Actual	Actual	Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	530	529	526
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	106	99	101
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	636	628	627
Private School Placements	0	1	1
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	0	1	1
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	4	5	3
Pupils Received	57	50	49

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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	4,972,196	6,060,144	6,181,347
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	4,972,196	6,060,144	6,181,347
Total Tuition	10-1300	734,311	672,496	677,329
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	96,851	98,788	101,752
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	85,227	50,000	32,000
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	0	200	200
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	0	200	200
Total Revenues from Local Sources		5,888,585	6,881,828	6,992,828
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	236,446	352,441	324,538
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	82,951	20,000	80,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	442,376	726,227	728,974
Equalization Aid	10-3176	3,833,333	3,478,598	3,727,256
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	165,721	168,243	173,900
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	10,741	35,714	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		4,771,568	4,781,223	5,034,668
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	14,011	4,596	8,481
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		14,011	4,596	8,481
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-303	0	805,809	580,968
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-307	200,000	0	0
Transfers from Other Funds	10-310	150,000	0	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-5200	150,000	150,000	50,000
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		0	673,619	0
Total Operating Budget		11,266,794	13,297,075	12,666,945
Grants and Entitlements:				
Tuition from Local Education Authorities-Preschool	20-1320	0	143,154	148,275
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	38,347	4,500	4,500
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	38,347	147,654	152,775
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	307,105	307,105	0
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	1,116,692	1,269,554	1,897,155
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	0	865,330	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		1,423,797	2,441,989	1,897,155
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	263,135	173,371	130,028
Title II	20-4451-4455	3,374	0	0
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	229,080	207,205	155,404
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	11,623	0	0
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	56,084	0	0
CARES Act Education Stabilization Fund	20-4530	863,535	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	529,152	475,000	356,250
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,955,983	855,576	641,682
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	136,035	0	0
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	156,550	145,935
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-3,621	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		3,550,541	3,601,769	2,837,547
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	255,471	259,608	260,191
Total Revenues from Local Sources		255,471	259,608	260,191
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	133,610	135,861	135,990
Total Local Repayment of Debt		389,081	395,469	396,181
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Total Revenues/Sources		15,206,416	17,294,313	15,900,673
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	136,035	0	0

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Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	156,550	145,935
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		15,070,381	17,137,763	15,754,738

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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	3,365,868	4,013,136	3,641,069
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	909,935	989,490	1,018,867
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	9,390	10,070	10,249
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	52,171	46,578	47,896
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	32,926	34,278	32,044
Summer School	11-422-XXX-XXX	25,459	45,100	48,563
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	17,505	26,000	104,250
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	104,379	103,390	186,496
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	179,938	209,433	216,368
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	564,241	620,222	588,737
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	142,154	143,870	154,935
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	507,301	479,180	443,105
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	105,399	70,000	134,439
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	87,457	158,839	165,115
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	1,003	8,000	8,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	370,489	456,515	393,975
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	312,872	358,499	343,624
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	213,463	241,336	263,434
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	303,059	356,946	236,626
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	1,007,691	1,387,159	1,308,743
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	721,885	743,066	639,091
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	2,088,698	2,244,705	2,627,841
Total Undistributed Expenditures		6,727,534	7,607,160	7,814,779
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	200	200
Total General Current Expense		11,123,283	12,746,012	12,613,667
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	0	497,785	0
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	143,511	53,078	53,078
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	200	200
Total Capital Outlay		143,511	551,063	53,278
General Fund Grand Total		11,266,794	13,297,075	12,666,945
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	34,726	4,500	4,500
Preschool Education Aid:				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	794,659	860,959	1,144,194
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	698,187	929,672	963,412
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	66,986	85,732	83,759
Total Preschool Education Aid	20-218-XXX-XXX	1,559,832	1,876,363	2,191,365
Other State Projects:				
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	865,330	0
Total Other State Projects		0	865,330	0
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,559,832	2,741,693	2,191,365
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	263,135	173,371	130,028
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	3,374	0	0
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	229,080	207,205	155,404
CARES Act Education Stabilization Fund	20-477-XXX-XXX	863,535	0	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	529,152	475,000	356,250
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	56,084	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	11,623	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,955,983	855,576	641,682
Total Special Revenue Funds		3,550,541	3,601,769	2,837,547
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	389,081	395,469	396,181
Total Debt Service Funds		389,081	395,469	396,181
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		15,206,416	17,294,313	15,900,673
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Regular	11-105-100-935	136,035	0	0
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	0	156,550	145,935
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		15,070,381	17,137,763	15,754,738

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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)	529,061	350,894	313,594	252,469
(Repayment of Debt)	49,376	49,376	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	350,200	150,400	150,600	150,800
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	340,996	191,196	191,396	191,596
--Legal Reserve	1,684,150	1,288,352	519,843	0
--Unemployment Fund	321,604	337,707	337,707	337,707
--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	45,043	48,664	48,664	48,664
--Scholarship Fund	0	0	0	0
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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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	\$18,075	\$18,829	\$21,184	\$21,673	\$22,060
Total Classroom Instruction	\$9,929	\$10,194	\$11,968	\$11,668	\$12,130
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$9,662	\$9,844	\$10,434	\$10,559	\$11,540
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$227	\$322	\$1,235	\$940	\$443
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$40	\$28	\$300	\$168	\$148
Total Support Services	\$3,761	\$4,317	\$4,440	\$4,753	\$4,963
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,269	\$3,771	\$3,828	\$3,946	\$4,122
Total Administrative Costs	\$2,286	\$2,310	\$2,525	\$2,653	\$2,447
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,783	\$1,705	\$1,889	\$1,704	\$1,813
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$1,946	\$1,838	\$2,091	\$2,439	\$2,355
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$939	\$983	\$961	\$974	\$1,026
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$152	\$171	\$161	\$161	\$165
Total Equipment Costs	\$99	\$107	\$278	\$929	\$134
Legal Costs	\$106	\$89	\$80	\$87	\$80
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	29.39%	29.20%	33.30%	30.90%	35.32%

*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.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at Mullica Township School Building, 500 Elwood Road, Elwood, NJ Atlantic County New Jersey between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.