

ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Excellence in Education

ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL



MOUNTAIN VILLA SCHOOL

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2020 - 2021 PROPOSED BUDGET

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Fiscal Goal

The 2020-2021 Allamuchy Township School District proposed budget has been developed in a fiscally responsible manner to:

Achieve established educational goals,

Continue to provide all of the Allamuchy Township students with the highest quality education,

Consider multi-year strategic planning needs,

Respect local taxpayers.

The proposed budget continues to provide funds for...

- All district instructional and support staff salaries
- Staff contractual health benefits
- Hackettstown High School tuition (\$2.2mm)
- State and federal special education programs in and out-of-district
- Student transportation
- All classroom textbooks and instructional supplies
- Student extra curricular and after school athletic activities (partial student payment)
- Utility costs for and maintenance of school facilities (facilities projects and continued maintenance projects)

Additional items the 2020-21 budget provides...

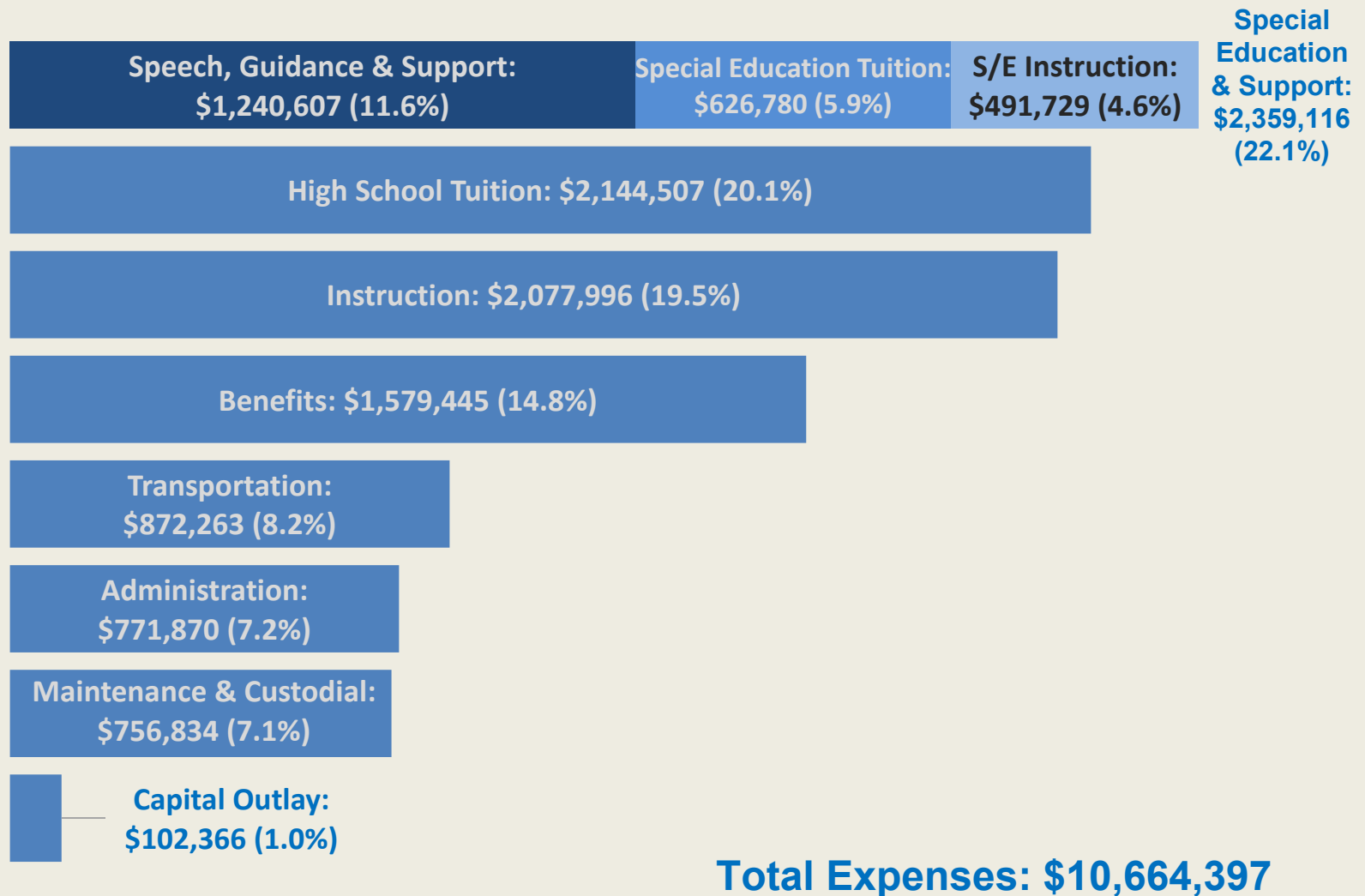
- **Instruction**

- Additional 1.0 FTE to provide additional staffing related to increased student enrollment
- Continue to enhance technology
 - Upgrades to infrastructure and media center
 - Continue one-to-one Chromebook initiative at ATS
- Continue to enhanced instruction
 - Expand the outdoor education programs
 - Enhance extra curricular programs

- **Facilities projects**

- School security enhancements
 - Cameras on buses and Security Cameras throughout both campuses.
- Interior building repairs
 - Bathroom upgrades at ATS

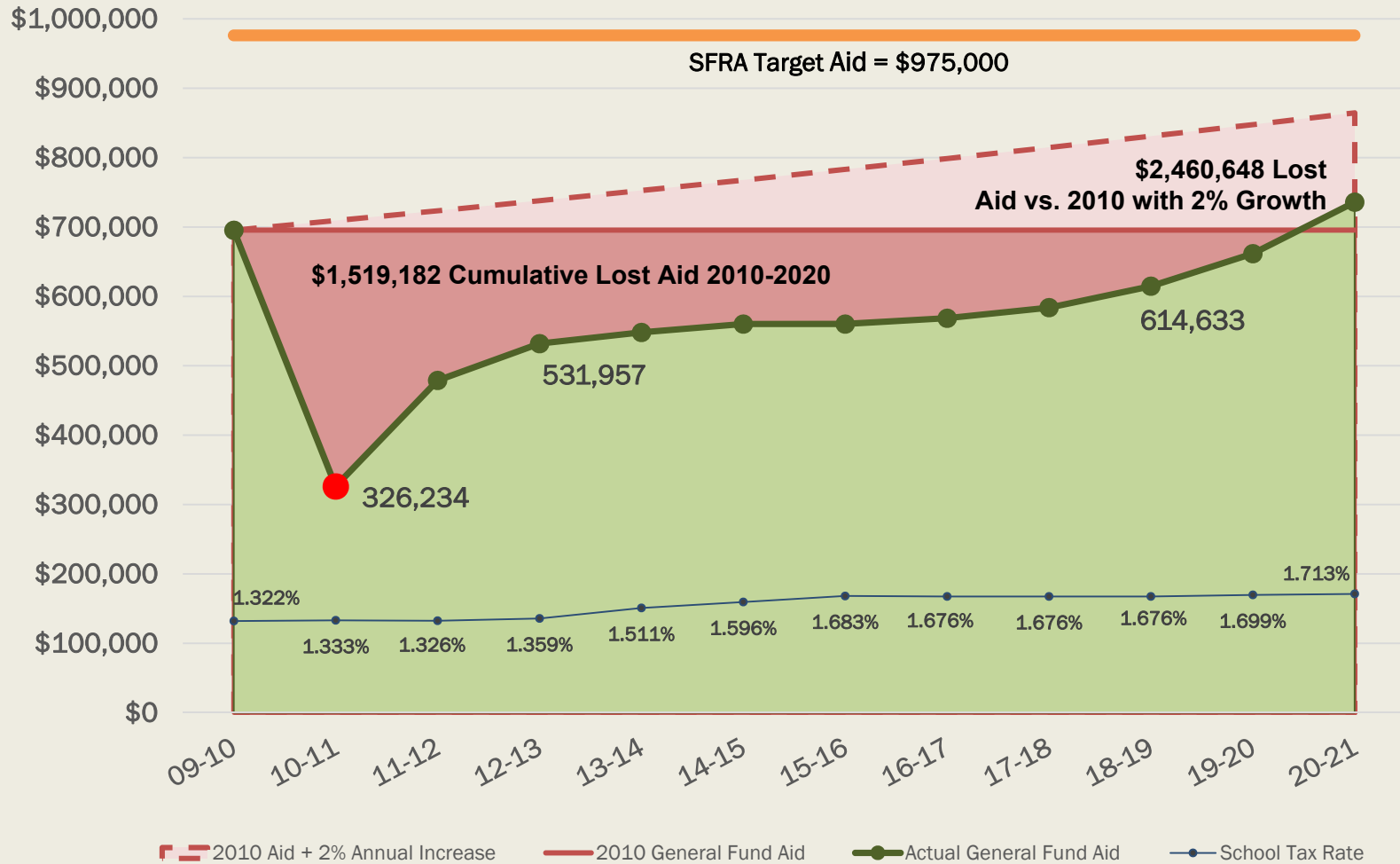
General Fund Expenses



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	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2020-21 Budget by Object				
	Audited	Projected	Budget	Salaries	Benefits	Services	Supplies	Other Items
Regular Instruction	2,138,113	2,269,449	2,387,887	2,115,996	-	176,891	87,600	7,400
Special Instruction	397,701	478,479	491,729	484,379	-	4,400	2,950	-
Support Services	747,859	796,802	788,769	610,169	-	171,300	6,900	400
Co-Curricular / ESY	90,320	90,891	141,947	139,847	-	1,000	1,000	100
In-District Instruction	3,373,993	3,635,621	3,810,332	3,350,391	-	353,591	98,450	7,900
Tuition	2,636,926	2,697,421	2,771,287	-	-	2,771,287	-	-
Total Instruction	6,010,919	6,333,042	6,581,619	3,350,391	-	3,124,878	98,450	7,900
Benefits	1,354,974	1,526,015	1,579,445	-	1,579,445	-	-	-
Total Instruction & Benefits	7,365,893	7,859,057	8,161,064	3,350,391	1,579,445	3,124,878	98,450	7,900
Administration	756,957	783,437	771,870	423,720	37,618	280,432	5,000	25,100
Buildings and Grounds	740,218	720,070	756,834	355,834	-	157,000	243,000	1,000
Transportation	806,013	901,019	872,263	355,843	-	429,720	86,700	-
Capital Exps & Transfers	300,185	107,016	102,366	-	-	-	-	102,366
Total Expenditures	9,969,266	10,370,599	10,664,397	4,485,788	1,617,063	3,992,030	433,150	136,366

Changes in State Aid



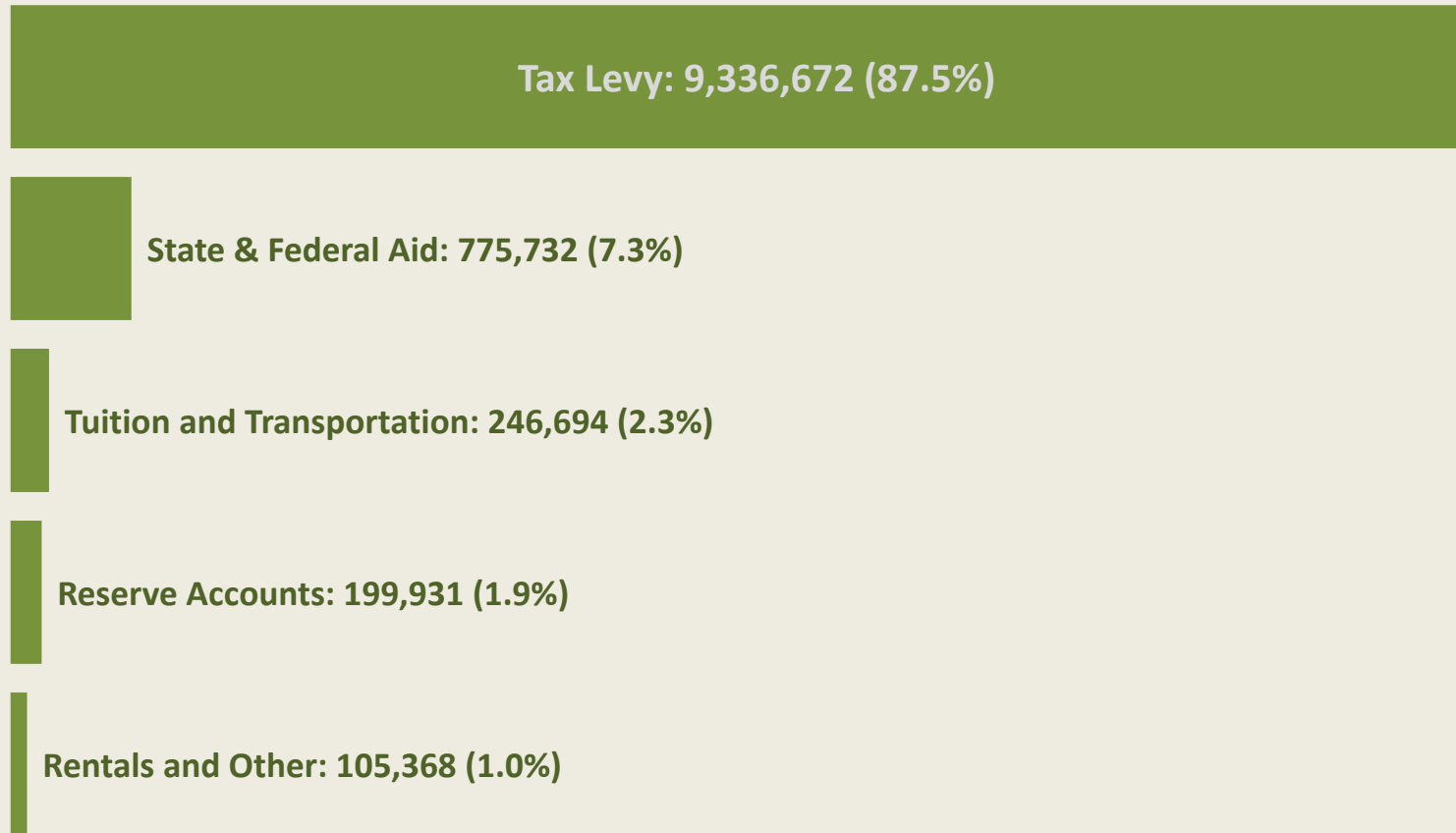
Allamuchy is still 25.0% underfunded when compared to the SFRA formula.

School Taxes Over the Years

	<u>Tax Rate</u>	<u>Chg/100k</u>
2014-15	1.596%	\$85.12
2015-16	1.683%	\$86.93
2016-17	1.676%	-\$6.52
2017-18	1.676%	\$0.02
2018-19	1.676%	\$0.00
2019-20	1.699%	\$22.44
2020-21	1.713%	\$14.50

The Community had benefited from no tax increases for several years due to the growth in Allamuchy's taxable property value, however with those new properties come new students and increasing enrollments... we need to continue to provide quality programming, and as a Community, it is necessary to support these efforts through nominal tax increases.

Where funds come from . . .



Total Revenues: \$10,664,397

State Aid Over/Under Funding

All Warren County Districts

Overfunded Districts		Underfunded Districts	
<u>District</u>	<u>% of SFRA</u>	<u>District</u>	<u>% of SFRA</u>
Great Meadows	278%	Mansfield	99%
Blairstown	271%	Pohatcong	97%
Hope	241%	Oxford	96%
White	223%	Belvidere	95%
Franklin	221%	Warren Tech	95%
Washington Twp	217%	Harmony	94%
Knowlton	215%	Phillipsburg	94%
Frelinghuysen	210%	Washington Boro	79%
North Warren	185%	Allamuchy	75%
Greenwich	135%	Hackettstown	73%
Lopatcong	120%		
Alpha	107%		
Warren Hills	102%		

SFRA Funding %: The amount of State Aid received by the District vs. the amount calculated by the School Funding Reform Act (SFRA) formula. Districts with amounts over 100% are overfunded (receiving more State Aid than the formula prescribes); Districts with amounts under 100% are underfunded.

Comparative Per Pupil Amounts

Selected Local Warren County K-8 Districts

	2016-17	2017-18	Change	SFRA Funding %
White	23,795	25,541	7.3%	223%
Hope	23,361	23,877	2.2%	241%
Harmony	22,461	22,105	-1.6%	94%
Great Meadows	20,023	22,047	10.1%	278%
Green	20,442	21,940	7.3%	125%
Pohatcong	20,202	21,602	6.9%	97%
Oxford	20,801	21,409	2.9%	96%
Alpha *	19,994	20,203	1.0%	107%
Allamuchy	19,581	19,809	1.2%	75%

* K-6 District

Source: DOE Taxpayers Guide 2017-18 (latest data available)

Estimated Tax Increase Including Debt Service Tax

	2020-21 BUDGET		*** IF NO NEW RATABLES ***	
Taxes absorbed by new ratables (NEW taxpayers):				
New ratables for 2019-20 year	<u>\$ 10,762,300</u>		<u>\$ -</u>	
New taxes (general)	1.593%	\$ 171,415	1.623%	\$ -
New taxes (debt service)	0.121%	\$ 12,973	0.123%	\$ -
Total new taxes from ratables		<u>\$ 184,389</u>		<u>\$ -</u>
Impact to RECURRING taxpayers:				
Increase in general tax levy		\$ 90,184		\$ 263,183
Decrease in debt service tax levy		\$ (6,730)		\$ 6,243
Total impact to 2018-19 taxpayers		<u>\$ 83,454</u>		<u>\$ 269,426</u>
ESTIMATED tax change per \$100k property value:		<u>\$ 14.50</u>		<u>\$ 46.55</u>

	<u>Ratables</u>	<u>Tax Rate</u>
2019-20	\$ 575,439,900	1.6988%
2020-21	<u>\$ 586,202,200</u>	<u>1.7133%</u>
Change	<u>\$ 10,762,300</u>	<u>0.0145%</u>

* All impacts are based on generalized assumptions and estimates. Individual situations may vary.

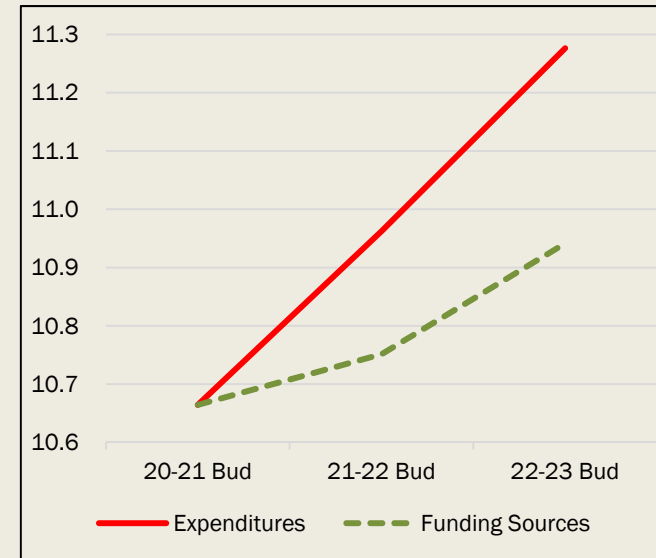
What does a 2% tax increase cover?

2019-20 general fund tax levy	\$ 9,075,073
2% increase	<u>\$ 181,501</u>
Benefit cost increases	\$ 75,000
2% salary increase - all staff	\$ 81,000
2% tuition increase	<u>\$ 54,000</u>
Base use of 2% tax levy increase	<u><u>\$ 210,000</u></u>
Remainder of tax increase available for program improvements	<u>\$ (28,499)</u>

The standard 2% increase to the tax levy provides insufficient funding to even simply maintain the status quo. While our aid from the State is increasing (though still at levels well below the funding formula), we continue to face challenges in finding the resources to educate and support the needs of our growing community.

Three-Year Projection

	<u>20-21 Bud</u>	<u>21-22 Δ</u>	<u>21-22 Bud</u>	<u>22-23 Δ</u>	<u>22-23 Bud</u>
Fund 10 expenditures:					
Tuition	2,771,287		2,826,713		2,883,247
o/w Hackettstown	2,224,604	2.0%	2,269,096	2.0%	2,314,478
all others	546,683	2.0%	557,617	2.0%	568,769
Salaries	4,485,788		4,609,008		4,735,697
o/w Instruction/Support	3,350,391	3.0%	3,450,903	3.0%	3,554,430
all others	1,135,397	2.0%	1,158,105	2.0%	1,181,267
Benefits	1,617,063		1,736,108		1,867,056
o/w Health & Dental	1,190,445	10.0%	1,309,490	10.0%	1,440,438
all others	426,618	0.0%	426,618	0.0%	426,618
Transportation (x-Sal)	516,420	0.0%	516,420	0.0%	516,420
Maint/Custodial (x-Sal)	401,000	0.0%	401,000	0.0%	401,000
Technology	284,591	0.0%	284,591	0.0%	284,591
Textbooks	26,000	0.0%	26,000	0.0%	26,000
Capital	102,366	0.0%	102,366	0.0%	102,366
All Other	459,882	0.0%	459,882	0.0%	459,882
	<u>10,664,397</u>		<u>10,962,087</u>		<u>11,276,259</u>
Funding Sources:					
Fund balance/reserves	199,931	n/a	100,000	n/a	100,000
Tuition	20,750	0.0%	20,750	0.0%	20,750
Transportation	225,944	0.0%	225,944	0.0%	225,944
Rentals	39,000	0.0%	39,000	0.0%	39,000
Other / misc	66,368	0.0%	66,368	0.0%	66,368
State aid / grants	775,732	0.0%	775,732	0.0%	775,732
Tax levy	<u>9,336,672</u>	2.0%	<u>9,523,405</u>	2.0%	<u>9,713,874</u>
	<u>10,664,397</u>		<u>10,751,199</u>		<u>10,941,668</u>
Surplus (Shortfall)	<u><u>-</u></u>		<u><u>(210,887)</u></u>		<u><u>(334,592)</u></u>



We need to continue to be expense-conscious while also identifying additional sources of funding to cover:

- Union salary guide increases
- Employee benefits
- Capital projects (repairs, school security measures, etc.)
- Technology improvements
- Rising costs of tuition / special education
- Enrollment increases – additional classes?

Fiscal Goal

The proposed 2019-20 Allamuchy Township School District budget has been developed in a fiscally responsible manner to achieve established educational goals and to continue to provide all Allamuchy Township students with the highest quality of educational programs and opportunities.

Should you have any additional questions please contact us at AESbudgetquestions@aes.k12.nj.us through May 6.



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