#### ALLAMUCHY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT Excellence in Education



# **Traditions** to *Value,* Education to Excel, Character to Inspire



#### **Allamuchy School District**

# 2013 - 2014

# **PROPOSED BUDGET**

BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE James Britt, Chair Brant Gibbs, John Egan, Fran Gavin

Dr. Seth Cohen, Superintendent Julie Mumaw, School Business Administrator

# **Fiscal Goal**

The 2013 - 2014 Allamuchy Township School District proposed budget has been developed in a fiscally responsible manner to:

Achieve established educational goals; and,

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

**Respect local taxpayer opinions.** 

# The proposed budget would provide funds for . . .

- All district instructional and support staff salaries;
- All Classroom textbooks and instructional supplies;
- Staff contractual health benefit obligations;
- Student transportation and school building utility costs;
- State and federal special education programs in and out-of-district;
- Technology equipment and instruction;
- Student extra curricular and after school athletic activities;
- Maintenance of both school facilities; and,
- Long-range facility maintenance and maintenance improvement projects.

# **ENROLLMENT HISTORY...**

- 2013 2014
- 2012 2013
- 2011 2012
- 2010 2011
- 2009 2010
- 2008 2009
- 2007 2008
- 2006 2007
- 2005 2006

- 424 Students\*
- 447 Students
- 420 Students
- **411 Students**
- **393 Students**
- 386 Students
- **357 Students**
- **356 Students**
- 341 Students

\* Projected as of March 1, 2013



# **Facility Planning & Funding**

New Jersey law requires that every school district develop a comprehensive Long Range Facility Plan (LRFP) with specified procedural guidelines. The LRFP is a "living" document that is subject to amendments by Board resolution.

With the new Mountain Villa School completed, the 2012 LRFP was recently submitted to the Department of Education for approval.



## **THE BUDGET PROCESS**

- 1. Identify program need using teacher and administrative input,
- 2. Perform line-by-line review aligning curriculum with spending requests,
- 3. Develop preliminary spending plan,
- 4. Determine state budget limitation,
- 5. Establish total budget goal,
- 6. Reduce spending while meeting budget/ instructional objectives,
- 7. Review with Board of Education Finance Committee,
- 8. Present to the full Board of Education for approval,
- 9. Submit district budget to the county office for approval.
- 10. Present the local school budget to the public for approval.

# **PRELIMINARY SPENDING PLAN**

Proposed budget items fall into two basic categories:

- 1. Non-Discretionary Items
- 2. Discretionary Items



## **PRELIMINARY SPENDING PLAN Non-Discretionary Items -** Contractual/Mandated

- Staff Salaries and Benefits
- Special Education Requirements
- Transportation and Utilities
- Professional Fees and Expenses (Building maintenance and repairs, legal services, health services, improvement of instruction)



Typically, the largest portion of a school district budget is for employee salaries and benefits. In the 2012 - 2013 current expense budget, salaries account for 45.4% of the budget and employee benefits represent 15.8% of the budget.



#### *Non-Discretionary* **Salary & Benefits**

- All Employee Salaries
- All Employee Health Benefits including Medical, Dental, and Prescription (LESS Employee Contributions)
- Mandatory Pension Contribution
- Mandatory Taxes (Social Security) & Insurance (Workers Compensation)
- All other contractual obligations



#### **Non-Discretionary -SPECIAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**

<ul> <li>Speech Services</li> </ul>	\$	76,500
<ul> <li>Related Services (Occupational, Physical Therapy, Evaluations)</li> </ul>	\$	214,845
<ul> <li>Child Study Team</li> </ul>	\$	218,248
<ul> <li>Special Education Instruction (Teachers)</li> </ul>	\$	368,385
<ul> <li>Out-of-District Special Education Tuition</li> </ul>	\$	283,601
<ul> <li>Special Education Transportation</li> </ul>	<u>\$</u>	113,560
	\$1	,275,139

#### **Non-Discretionary TRANSPORTATION & UTILITY COSTS**

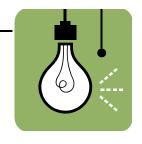


Transportation Services

 (excluding discretionary athletic trips)

•Utility Costs

#### \$231,000



\$582,136

\$813,136

#### **Discretionary Items -** District Control

- Staffing (to maintain current class size and maximize the success of district programs)
- Technology and Textbooks
- Professional Development Workshops
- Supplies
- Equipment (all types)
- Extra-curricular (sports, special programs)



# **Discretionary Expenses**

Instructional Supplies (Includes all classroom, guidance, technology, library and extra-curricular program supplies)

New Textbooks

**Curriculum Writing** 

Teacher Workshops/Training

\$ 74,500

\$172,950

\$ 6,400

\$ Paid out of Federal Grant \$\$

#### **Budget Highlights** What else does the 2013 - 2014 school budget provide for?

- Technology Upgrades
- Swale Repair for Water Mitigation at ATS
- New Language Arts Series K-5
- New Math Textbooks 6-8

# **ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS**

#### **INCLUDES:**

**General Administration** 

(Superintendent, Secretary, Auditor, Treasurer, Sub Caller, Telephone, Supplies, Attorney Fees, Insurance)

#### School Administration

(Principals, Secretaries, Clerical Aides, Supplies)

#### **Business Services**

(Business Office, Technology Administrative Support Supplies)

2010-11 Northern Regional Limit	\$1,875	2010-11 Allamuchy Limit	\$1,630
2011-12 Northern Regional Limit	\$1,898	2011-12 Allamuchy Limit	\$1,716
2012 -13 Northern Regional Limit	\$1,945	2012-13 Allamuchy Limit	\$1,513
2013-14 Northern Regional Limit	\$1,985	2013-14 Allamuchy Limit	\$1,582



# **BUILDING THE BUDGET**

General Fund Budget\$ 8,507,175Special Revenue Fund\$ 145,023Debt Service - repaying of bonds\$ 786,092TOTAL District Budget\$ 9,438,290

### Local Tax Levy – Current Expense

TOTAL Budget	\$ 9,440,342
STATE AID (Operating Budget)	\$ 608,155
Special REVENUE (Federal)	\$ 147,075
Miscellaneous Revenue - tuition & interest	\$ 458,138
Balance Appropriated	\$ 100,000
STATE AID (Debt Service)	\$ 42,562
Tax Levy- General Fund	\$ 7,340,882
Tax Levy – Debt Service	\$ 743,530

#### Where funds come from . . .

## State Aid

Federal Aid

#### Local Taxes



### State Aid

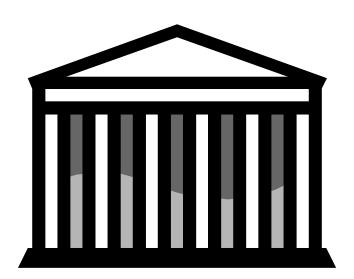
<u>Category</u>	<u>2013-2014</u>
Extraordinary Aid	\$ 60,000
Transportation	\$ 223,501
Special Education	\$ 287,673
Security Aid	<u>\$ 36,981</u>
TOTAL	\$ 608,155

This is an increase of \$16,198 over last year. State aid represents 7.1% of the budget revenue.

#### Federal Aid

The district anticipates receiving **\$123,780 (IDEA & NCLB)** in Federal Aid, which is 1.3% of the budgeted revenue. These funds are primarily used for special education costs, professional development and basic skills. The final allocations will not be provided until December 2013.

#### **Local Taxes**



# Did You Know.....

- Allamuchy residents fund approximately 85.6% of the local school costs of educating our children.
- Former Abbott school district residents fund approximately 17% of the local school costs of educating our children.



#### Local Tax Levy - Summary

TOTAL Gen' I & Spec Rev Fund Budgets	\$ 8,654,250
STATE AID	\$ 608,155
Special REVENUE (Federal)	\$ 147,075
Miscellaneous Revenue	\$ 458,138
Balance Appropriated	\$ 100,000
Tax Levy (to be voted on)	\$ 7,340,882

#### **Property Values – Assessed Valuation**

#### Allamuchy Township

2013	\$535,111,651	- 6.4%
<u>2012</u>	\$571,528,603	+ .1%
<u>2011</u>	\$566,364,302	+ 2.3%
<u>2010</u>	\$553,443,941	+ .0%
2009	\$552,339,002	+ 1.1%
2008	\$546,053,273	+ 4.5%
2007	\$522,369,304	

\*Information provided by Warren County Tax Administrator – Equalization Table

# Estimated Tax **INCREASE**

#### 2013 - 2014

#### \$33.60 per 100K of assessed value

- \$ 2.93 on a home with the average assessment of \$226,027.

In order to provide these estimated amounts for the Township, the assessed value for 2013 is \$535,111,651



# CHANGE IN AVERAGE SCHOOL TAX LEVY DUE TO REEVALUATION

#### **For a House Assessed At: Before Reevaluation After Reevaluation \$\$ Decrease**

\$ 111,732	\$ 100,000	-1
\$ 223,464	\$ 200,000	-2
\$ 252,570	\$ 226,027	-3
\$ 446,927	\$ 400,000	-5
\$ 558,659	\$ 500,000	-6

Note: The average home assessment decreased by 10.5% The Before Revaluation amounts were arrived at using that same 10.5 percentage

## 2011-12 Budgetary Cost Per Pupil Amounts Selected Local Warren County K-8 Districts

- White \$13,607
- Harmony \$12,854
- Pohatcong \$13,997
- Hope \$13, 054
- Alpha \$13,305
- Allamuchy \$13,642
- Oxford \$12,788

Source: DOE Budget Software

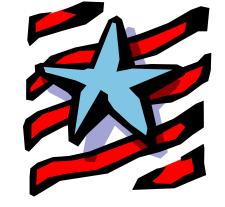


# In summary, the 2013 - 2014 proposed budget would provide funds for:

- Textbooks and instructional supplies; Including a new K-5 ELA series and new 6-8 Math resources
- Contractual salary and health benefit obligations;
- Meeting state and federal special education requirements;
- Transportation and utility costs;
- Long range facility and maintenance improvement projects; and,
- Technology; coordination of equipment and instruction including a new computer lab and network configuration.
- Additional security measure including camera system

# **Fiscal Goal**

The proposed 2013-2014 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.



# PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE

#### **TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2013**

5:00 - 9:00 PM

**Town Hall**