

Building Excellence

Informed Involvement

The Burlington Township School District will develop the intellectual, creative, and social potential of each child through an active partnership with all members of the community.



Schools and Community – Partners in Learning

2009-10 Proposed Budget Information

Tuesday, April 21, 2009

Board of Education and School Budget Election

Polls open 2 – 9 p.m.

2009-10 Budget Goals

- Minimize the tax impact of the budget on the residents of Burlington Township
- Maintain existing curricular and instructional programs
- Support the academic achievement of students, especially struggling learners
- Promote the engagement of students through the use of technology

Proposed Budget Highlights

- 5 High School teachers for increased enrollment
- Reduction of 2.5 positions through needs assessment
- Improved remedial services for struggling learners
- Replacement of appx. 200 ten-year-old computers through a lease purchase program
- Required replacement of a wheelchair bus for special needs children
- Facilities improvements for A.D.A. compliance, and security cameras through capital reserve and grant program

2009-10 Proposed Budget Facts

- Total Budget **\$61.6 million**
- General Fund Tax Levy **\$32.5 million**
- Budget is more than **\$1 million under the max allowable**
- Building/department budgets flat at 2008-09 levels or less
- Tax impact < **3 ¢ per \$100** of assessed home value
\$ 75 per year increase for avg. home assessment of \$254,000.
 - **\$ 66** is increase in debt service
 - **\$ 9** is increase in the General Fund



Please participate in the School Board and Budget Election.

Vote on April 21, 2009

Facts on File



Budget History

Did You Know?

There are 4,500 students served by BTSD.

On average only about 1,450 people vote during the school elections.

B.T. is the **lowest per pupil spending*** in Burlington and 5 other counties (K-12 School Districts)

The average budget vote margin over the past 5 years has been 78 votes. Therefore, every vote counts. Please participate in the election.

	YES	NO	
2008	739	718	Passed by 21 votes
2007	1181	1107	Passed by 74 votes
2006	551	683	Defeated by 132 votes
2005	612	625	Defeated by 13 votes
2004	622	773	Defeated by 151 votes
2003	616	505	Passed by 111 votes
2002	804	664	Passed by 140 votes



* NJDOE 2009 Comparative Spending Guide

Highlights

- Student achievement is on the rise in the BTSD.
- BTSD has seen an upward trend in State assessment scores.
- Average S.A.T. scores increased in all areas in 2008.
- *NJ Monthly Magazine* rated BTHS #5 in Burlington County.
- BTSD students earn accolades each year, such as the *Bloustein Outstanding Scholar Award*.
- BTSD has an outstanding drama, music, and art department.
- BTSD implements exemplary research-based curricular programs.
- BTSD offers a variety of family experiences through the Family Learning Series.
- BTSD offers a variety of cultural events for the entire community.
- BTSD has outstanding community outreach programs such as community forums with the Superintendent and building principals.
- BTSD has a new state of the art middle school.
- BTSD is home of phenomenal student athletes and a Nationally ranked Cheerleading Squad.
- BTSD continues to take measures to improve climate and safety in our schools.
- BTSD is among the most efficient school districts in the state of New Jersey.
- BTSD has an outstanding staff recognized for excellence in and out of the classroom.
- BTSD works hard to communicate effectively with the entire community.

Let Your Voice Be Heard. Voting Does Make a Difference.

Vote Tuesday, April 21st, from 2-9 p.m.