



# Commercial Township Board of Education

**Public Hearing  
2023-2024 Budget**

# Why we are here



# **2023-24 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS**

## **Investment in High-Quality Curriculum & Instruction**

Instructional Resources

Technology

Professional Development

## **Additional Special Education Teacher**

## **Transportation Supervisor**

## **2 Additional Bus Drivers**

## **Additional Preschool Teacher & Aide**

Classroom Furniture, Resources and Instructional Equipment

# COMMERCIAL TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS 2023-2024 BUDGET

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## STATE AID ALLOCATIONS

<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>	<u>2023-2024</u>
\$9,285,636	\$8,909,690	\$8,846,023

**TOTAL DECREASE: \$439,613**

# FINANCIAL CHALLENGES

- State Aid Decrease (\$63,667)
  - Declining Enrollment & S2 Cut
- Increase in Out-of-District Tuition Costs by \$181,979
- Increase in OOD Transportation Cost by \$85,011
- General Edu tuition rate increased at Millville by \$949 increase per student. (Estimate 170 students)
- Minimal Tax Increase - \$44,389.40

# Did You Know?

- In the most recent Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending (2021-22), out of 63 K-8 Districts with 401-750 students, Commercial Township ranked 10<sup>th</sup> of 63 districts in lowest spending per pupil, and the 6<sup>th</sup> lowest in Cumberland County.

	2020-2021	2021-2022
<b>Commercial Township</b>	\$15,483	\$15,632
<b>State Average</b>	\$17,372	\$19,603
<b><i>Difference</i></b>	<b><i>-\$1,889</i></b>	<b><i>-\$3,971</i></b>

# How We Met The Challenge

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- Use of \$1,056,920 in excess surplus
- Use of ESSER ARP Funds
  - \$356,070 to offset Out-of-District Tuition
  - \$200,000 to offset Transportation Costs
- Millville Tuition adjustments in the amount of \$995,775.98
- Received \$42,020 in Supplemental Stabilization Aid

# Cost Savings Initiatives

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- Shared Services with the Pittsgrove Township Board of Education for Business Services
- Contracted Custodial Services
- Transportation – “In-house” provides added control & flexibility and opportunity to lower costs
  - Transportation Jointures



# Cost Savings Initiatives

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- Alliance for Competitive Energy Services (ACES)
  - Electric & Gas Supply
- E-Rate – Internet and Phone Expenses
- Consortium (Co-Op) Membership –bid pricing and vendors
  - Educational Services Commission of New Jersey
  - Hunterdon County Educational Services Commission
  - Camden County Education Services Commission

## Changes to the Budget after County Review

- Supplemental Stabilization Aid Revenue increased our Fund Balance
  - Funds will offset Out-of-District tuition costs
- Adjustments were made to the following lines:
  - **Revenue:** 10-303 increased \$42,020
  - **Appropriation:** 11-000-100-XXX increased \$42,020

# Tax Rate Impact

- Current Tax Levy: \$2,263,859
- Ratables: \$271,125,300
- Tax Rate: \$0.835 per \$100 of Assessment

***CURRENT TAX INCREASE: \$0.016***

- Debt Service Tax Levy: \$89,384
- Tax Rate: \$0.033 per \$100 of Assessment

***DEBT SERVICES TAX INCREASE: \$0.003***

- Total estimated tax rate: \$0.868 per \$100 of Assessment

***NET TOTAL TAX INCREASE: \$0.019***

# TAX IMPACT ON THE HOMEOWNER

THE AVERAGE ASSESSED VALUE OF A HOME IN COMMERCIAL



Tax Increase by Assessed Home Value		
\$100,000	\$110,330	\$200,000
\$19.00/Yr	\$20.96/Yr	\$38.00/Yr

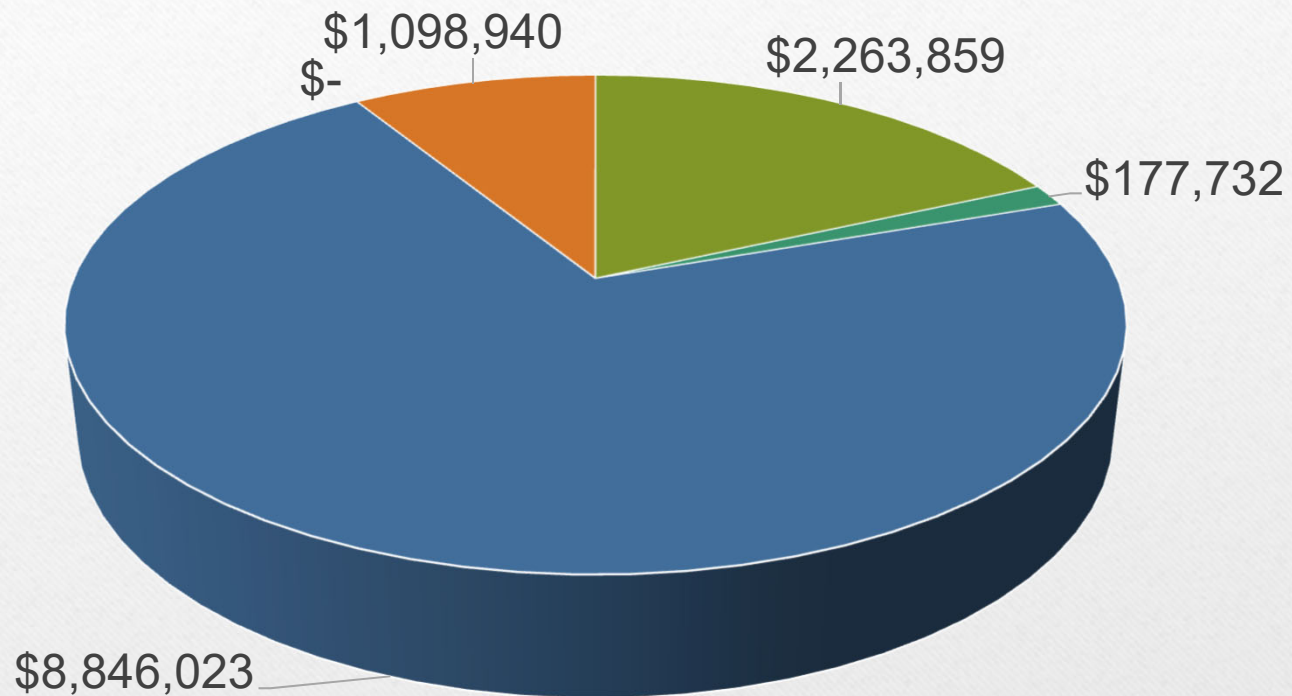


RESULTING IN AN INCREASE IN TAXES OF

# General Fund Revenue

	<b>2022-23</b>	<b>2023-24</b>	<b>\$ CHANGE</b>	<b>% CHANGE</b>
<b>LOCAL TAX LEVY</b>	\$2,219,470	\$ 2,263,859	\$44,389	2.0%
<b>MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES</b>	\$70,692	\$177,732	\$107,040	151.4%
<b>STATE AID</b>	\$8,909,690	\$8,846,023	\$(63,667)	-0.7%
<b>FEDERAL: SEMI</b>	\$16,473	\$0.00	\$(16,473)	-100.0%
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	\$930,760	\$1,098,940	\$168,180	18.1%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,147,085</b>	<b>\$12,386,554</b>	<b>\$239,469</b>	<b>2.0%</b>

# REVENUE ANALYSIS



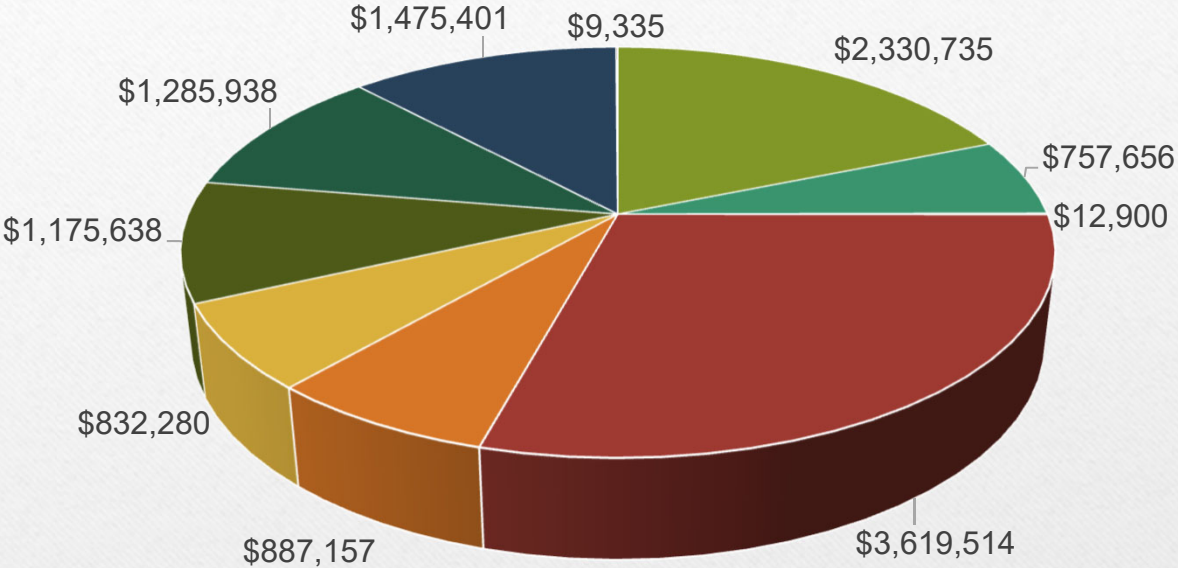
- LOCAL TAX LEVY
- STATE AID
- FUND BALANCE

- MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES
- FEDERAL: SEMI

# General Fund Expenditures- By Program

<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Budgeted 2022-2023</b>	<b>Anticipated 2023-2024</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<b>Regular Edu. Instruction</b>	\$2,101,358	\$2,330,735	\$299,602	14.3%
<b>Special Edu. Instruction</b>	\$793,548	\$757,656	-\$35,892	-4.5%
<b>Co-Curricular/Sports</b>	\$12,900	\$12,900	\$0	0.0%
<b>Out-of-District Tuition</b>	\$3,395,515	\$3,619,514	\$181,979	5.4%
<b>Support Services</b>	\$1,129,232	\$887,157	-\$242,075	-21.4%
<b>Administration &amp; Tech</b>	\$843,827	\$832,280	-\$11,547	-1.4%
<b>Maintenance/Facilities</b>	\$1,163,256	\$1,175,638	\$12,382	1.1%
<b>Transportation</b>	\$1,200,927	\$1,285,938	\$85,011	7.1%
<b>Benefits</b>	\$1,457,971	\$1,475,401	\$17,430	1.2%
<b>Equipment &amp; Capital Proj.</b>	\$473,865	\$9,335	-\$464,530	-98.0%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$12,572,399</b>	<b>\$12,386,554</b>	<b>-\$157,640</b>	<b>-96%</b>

# EXPENDITURE ANALYSIS



- Regular Education Instruction
- Special Education Instruction
- Co-Curricular/Sports
- Out-of-District Tuition
- Support Services
- Administration & Technology
- Maintenance/Facilities/Security
- Transportation
- Benefits
- Equipment & Capital Projects



# WHAT HAPPENS NEXT?

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- The amount to be raised by taxation (A4F) is submitted to the County and the municipality.
- The User Friendly Budget and this presentation will be uploaded to the District website within the next few days.
- Approval of Certificated and Non-certificated Contracts and Shared Service Agreements for the 2023-24 School Year