



**BRICK TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**2025-2026  
Budget**



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**Budget = +3.14% (over the 2% cap) Tax Levy = 5.14% total**  
**(reduced -7 positions)**

**+\$208,074 State\$ incentive**



**\$17,986**  
Cost Per Pupil

**5.14%**  
Tax Levy

**3.31%**  
General Fund

**6%**  
State Aid



**8,216**  
Enrollment

**22.5%**  
Spec. Ed. ↑

**42%**  
Econ. Disadv. ↑

**7.2%**  
ELL ↑

**2025-2026**





## Budget Priorities

- Develop a fiscally responsible and balanced budget as legally required
- Minimize the impact of budget cuts on student programs
- Balance the impact of budget cuts on class sizes as best as we can
- Improve efficiencies and economies of scale wherever possible





# KEY FACTORS THAT AFFECT THE BUDGET

- ❑ State Aid\$
  - ❑ Staffing
    - ❑ Salaries
    - ❑ Benefits
  - ❑ Special Education, ELL Programs and Services
    - ❑ “At-Risk” Student Populations increase
  - ❑ Increased operational costs, health benefits, etc.
- 85% of the Budget**



# K-5 PROJECTED CLASS SIZE AVERAGES



GRADE	D PES	E HYES	L MES	M ES	O ES	V MES
Kindergarten	20	23	21	25	20	23
Grade 1	20	23	22	25	22	22
Grade 2	24	23	25	23	23	23
Grade 3	21	25	22	22	21	22
Grade 4	24	24	24	24	29	29
Grade 5	25	24	28	24	24	27

\*Average Class Sizes





# GRADES 6 THRU 8 PROJECTED CLASS SIZE AVERAGES

GRADE	LRMS	VMMS
6	26	29
7	29	25
8	28	29

\*Average Class Sizes





# GRADES 9 THRU 12

## PROJECTED CLASS SIZE AVERAGES

GRADE	BTHS	BMHS
9	296	295
10	302	312
11	285	311
12	325	370
Enrollment/ Average Class Size	1208/27	1288/26

\* Average students per section





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## Current Status of Special Education

- ❑ 22.5% of Student Population is Classified
- ❑ Impact of Increased Classification on the Budget
  - Increase in Costs:
    - Specialized Programs to meet student needs, including out-of-district placements.
    - Specialized Staff to address student needs.
    - Programmatic and NJDOE requirements for class size and space





# Preschool Grant 2025-2026

**PRESCHOOL PROGRAM FUNDED THROUGH THE  
NJ STATE PRESCHOOL (PEEA) GRANT**

**\$7,202,370**

- 36 General Education Integrated Classrooms



# Department of Curriculum & Instruction

## Curriculum

- Elementary Reading Program
  - Postpone new adoption
- Maintain core digital resources:
  - LinkIt (PK-12)
  - Lexia CORE 5 (ELA K-5)
  - Achieve 3000 (ELA 6-8)
  - SS Weekly (K-5) & Savvas (6-8)
  - I-Ready (Math K-7)
  - Generation Genius/Inq-its (Science K-8)
  - SmartMusic (K-12)

## Instruction

- Multi-tiered System of Support
  - Loss of some Interventionists
- Increased ESL enrollment
  - No additional staff
- Maintain System of Professional Support





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# 2025-2026 BUDGET

## PROJECTED NET FTEs

- +6 SpecEd (IEP driven)
  - +2 Teachers
  - +3 Aides
  - +1 PreK
- -12 Support (BSI, etc.)
- -.5 Instructional

*\*Net job cuts to be mitigated through retirements, attrition, etc.*





# PROPOSED BUDGET 2025-2026

Expenses	2024-2025 Approved Budget	2025-2026 Proposed Budget	Percentage Difference
General Fund	\$153,281,769	\$158,356,934	3.31%
Grants and Entitlements	\$12,867,237	\$12,850,484	(.13%)
Debt Service Expenditures	\$201,825	-0-	(100%)
Total Expenditure Budget	\$166,350,831	\$171,207,418	2.92%





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# Revenue Problem

SCHOOL FUNDING REFORM ACT (SFRA) (2008) ESTABLISHES ADEQUACY BUDGET FOR NJ BOARDS OF EDUCATION:

NJ DOE Adequacy for Brick Spending = \$165,634,600

Brick Actual Adequacy Spending = \$137,642,903

**Under Adequacy: \$27,991,697**



BTPS	'18-'19	'19-'20	'20-'21	'21-'22	'22-'23	'23-'24	'24-'25	'25-'26
LFS	\$130M	\$142M	\$148M	\$146M	\$141M	\$165M	\$182M	\$214M
Adequacy	\$137M	\$142M	\$144M	\$140M	\$132M	\$147M	\$156M	\$166M
Budget	\$133M	\$136M	\$138M	\$136M	\$122.8M	\$130M	\$130M	\$138M
Below	-\$4M	-\$6M	-\$6M	-\$4M	-\$9.4M	-\$17M	-\$26M	-\$28M





# REVENUE PROBLEM

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SFRA (2008) establishes Local Fair Share for NJ Boards of Education

NJ DOE determination  
for Brick Tax Levy:

**\$213,940,281**

Brick Adequacy  
Spending:

**\$137,642,903**

This indicates Brick can support 100% of its Adequacy budget through Local Fair Share.

**2025-2026 Proposed General  
Fund**

**Tax Levy: \$134,767,772**

**\$79,172,509** below amount  
determined by formula to provide  
adequacy funding.





# NEW REVENUE PROBLEM

Special Education Aid Finally  
Calculated at Actual Enrollment  
versus fixed % for all school  
districts in State

NJDOE determination for  
Brick = Additional  
\$3,697,601

NJDOE Implemented a 6%  
Maximum Aid Increase thus  
limiting Brick to increase of  
\$871,175

**\$2,826,426** withheld from Brick  
Brick is now once again negatively  
affected by the NJDOE's new  
creation of Adjustment Aid to  
districts limited to a 3% loss the  
first year after the completion of

**\$2**

