

Berkeley Heights
Public Schools
Budget Presentation
For School Year 2019-2020

March 14, 2019

Berkeley Heights Public School Mission Statement

The BHPS district will provide a world class, whole child education that offers equitable opportunities for all students. This will occur in a collaborative environment that infuses a comprehensive curriculum with 21st century skills including critical thinking, communication, collaboration, creativity and innovation. All students will become responsible at the global, community, and personal levels. Students, parents, staff, community, and the Board of Education are accountable for achieving this vision.

Where We Are Now

August – December	Administrators developed their budget needs and requests based upon input from the staff.
December - January	Administrators met with the Central Office staff to present their budgets. Budgets were reduced to include essential items.
January 30, 2019	A public Finance Committee meeting was held. Administrators presented their budgets to the Finance Committee and the public.
March 7, 2019	State aid figures were released.
March 7, 2019	Finance Committee met to review the revised budget and make final recommendations prior to tentative budget presentation.
March 14, 2019	Presentation and Board approval of tentative budget.

Budget Introduction

- ❖ The proposed budget for 2019/2020 has a spending increase of 2.6% from last year's budget.
- ❖ Overall, enrollment is declining incrementally. It is anticipated that there will be 40 fewer students in district next year, a decrease of 1.8%.
- ❖ We continue to move forward with initiatives that support our Strategic Plan and move the goal of student achievement forward.

What This Budget Accomplishes

- ❖ Continues to provide quality educational and co-curricular opportunities for our students.
 - STEM, coding and robotics clubs are being offered at CMS & GLHS.
- ❖ Maintains class size guidelines.
- ❖ Continues to support all students' counseling and wellness needs.
 - The district is committed to provide all students a strong level of support services.

What This Budget Accomplishes

- ❖ Supports district curricular initiatives:
 - Continuation of the WIN period at the elementary schools.
 - Implementation of an elementary writing program.
 - At CMS, expansion to Level II electives, which were previously approved.
 - Introduction of a STEM academy at GLHS.
- ❖ Prioritized investments in capital maintenance.

Budget Efficiencies

- ❖ Efficiencies realized through cooperative purchasing of supplies, telephone services and utilities.
- ❖ Capital equipment requests for maintenance equipment were reduced and some purchases have been deferred.
- ❖ Utilized lease purchase financing for capital and instructional equipment.
- ❖ Shared services with the Township including bus and vehicle repairs, shared supplies/equipment to improve the school and district fields.

Budget Reductions

- ❖ Budget requests were prioritized according to enrollment changes, curriculum initiatives and strategic planning goals.
- ❖ Personnel changes were made in relation to changing enrollment. Where appropriate, teachers are being shared between buildings.

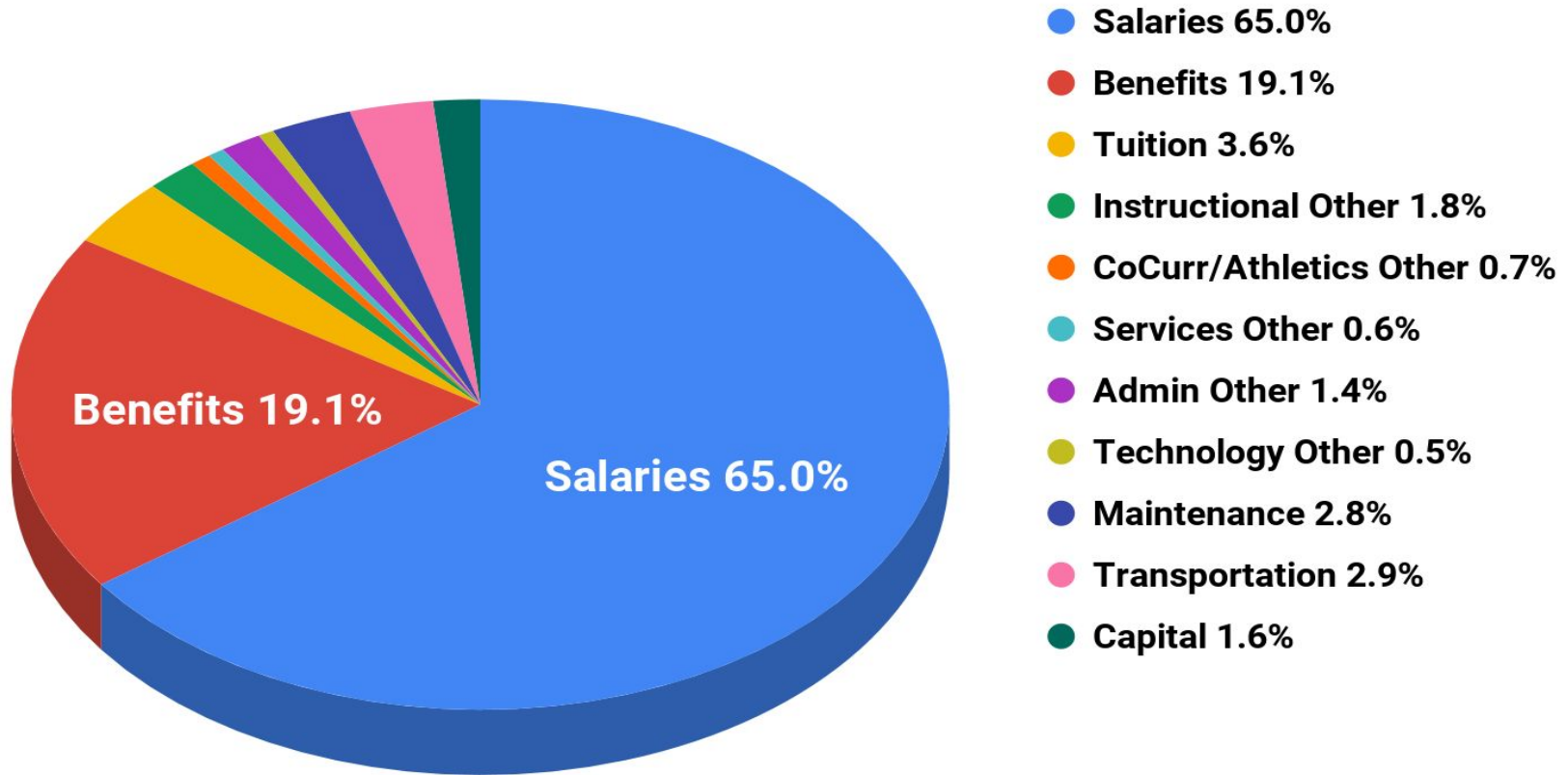
Expense Comparisons

Category	2019/2020	% Change	Description
Regular Instruction	\$16,443,030	(0.7%)	The cost of salary increases is being offset by a change in a lease purchase schedule.
Employee Benefits	9,738,429	4.6%	Increases in pension contributions and the cost of health benefit premiums are the driving force for this increase.
Support Services	5,865,478	0.4%	Efficiencies realized in providing services and supply reductions.
SPED / BSI / ELL	5,330,078	0.8%	Grant funding is being used to offset the cost of purchased services and supplies.
Administration	4,175,880	6.4%	Increased cost of professional services.
Tuition	1,855,983	15.2%	The cost of out of district tuitions increases 5-10% annually. There are 2 additional out of district placements projected for next year.

Expense Comparisons

Category	2019/2020	% Change	Description
Maintenance	\$3,567,546	2.3%	Budget increases are reflective of increases in on-going building maintenance and security.
Transportation	1,746,129	2.0%	The increase represents increased costs for contracted services.
Co-Curricular	1,425,234	1.7%	Increase is reflective of increased co-curricular opportunities for students.
Lease Purchase Payment	415,538	(2.5%)	Payment for previous years' construction projects.
Construction	381,028	(12.3%)	The number of capital projects has been reduced to necessary projects.
State Assessment	29,934	0.0%	Debt Service Assessment from the NJDOE remains the same.
Summer School	65,000	(6.0%)	Projected scheduling efficiencies.
Total	\$51,039,288	2.6%	Comparison to original budget.

Expense Categories



Revenue Comparisons

Category	2018/2019	2019/2020	Difference	Notes
Tax Levy	\$41,431,500	\$42,570,866	\$1,139,366	2.75% increase includes banked cap of \$310,736.
Fund Balance	835,207	606,781	(228,426)	Unspent funds from previous year.
Tuition	5,506,383	5,632,629	126,246	Enrollment changes & tuition adjustments.
Miscellaneous	490,172	500,981	10,809	Rent, interest, fees.
State Aid	1,473,639	1,728,031	254,392	Additional state aid.
Total	49,736,901	51,039,288	1,302,387	

Tax Analysis

Category	2018/2019	2019/2020	% Change
General Fund	\$41,431,500	\$42,570,866	2.75%
Debt Service	\$1,622,125	\$1,616,184	(0.37%)
Total Tax	\$43,053,625	\$44,187,050	2.63%
Tax Change on Average Home	<p>\$159</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$190-school tax (\$31) ratable increase 	<p>\$189</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$194- school tax (\$5) ratable increase 	

What Happens Next?

Board Approval
of Tentative
Budget
March 14, 2019

Executive County
Superintendent
Review
March 2019

Board Adopts
Final Budget
April 25, 2019

Questions?