



## HADDON TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### Broadcast

Dear Haddon Township School District Community,

Last evening the Board of Education approved the 2022-2023 School District Budget. Attached to this email is a copy of the PowerPoint that was presented, and the meeting will soon be broadcast on our district's youtube channel. I am very proud of the approved budget, which was the collective work of the district's staff, administrative team, and Board of Education.

The three district goals that are driving next year's budget are:

- **To deliver an education inclusive of the whole child, wellness, character, and social-emotional learning**
- **To meet the individual needs and strengths of all students**
- **To improve physical learning environments through facilities development**

In addition to next school year having **no budget-related reductions to the existing staff of programs**, there are (7) other "Big Wins" in the budget that will positively impact our district:

- **Increased district enrollment of 40 students resulting in \$393K in additional state aid**
- **A Cost-Free Full Day Kindergarten Program (half-day instructional) for all students**
- **Addition of Gifted and Talented/Response to Intervention Teacher**
- **Addition of Part-Time Health and Physical Education Teacher**
- **Major Facilities Upgrades to the High School Lower Gym, Stage, and Theater**
- **Transfer of School Counselor position from ESSER funding into the general budget (opening up an additional \$100k in grant funding to be encumbered by the end of next year for one-time purchases)**
- **23-additional student minutes will be added to the school day at Haddon Township School. The students' new day will be from 7:35 AM - 2:43 PM.**

Furthermore, after more than a full year of district surveys, focus groups, and virtual dialogue, we will also release the newly developed shared vision to the public **on May 19th** at the regular meeting of the Board of Education.

Due to the school day adjustment at Haddon Township High School, school start and end times **may** mildly shift next year at RMS and the elementary schools. We are currently reviewing schedules and times with our transportation department, and we will communicate with you as soon as we know what the school start and end times will be for these buildings.

I would also like to formally acknowledge all of our district educators as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. It isn't easy to describe how complex your jobs have become over the last two years, and you have collectively risen to the challenge. Please accept my gratitude and appreciation on behalf of the District Administration and Board of Education. Lastly, Happy Mothers' Day to you all in what is perhaps the most challenging job on the planet. I hope that have a great weekend.

-Sincerely,

Robert J. Fisicaro, Ed. D. Superintendent