

Governor Murphy's commitment to maintaining New Jersey's status as the best-in-the-nation public school system by providing an increase of \$908 million in direct K-12 aid for public schools, for a total of almost **\$12** billion.

Thank you to the Elizabeth Board of Education and Finance Committee for your dedication and service to the children of our community and your assistance in developing this budget.



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Our Core Beliefs for Elizabeth Public Schools



Student

We believe ALL students can learn and achieve at high levels regardless of race, ethnicity, culture, neighborhood, household income or home language.

ALL Means ALL. We will narrow the achievement gaps of students by providing a high quality education to ensure that ALL of our students are college and career ready.

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Teacher

We believe teachers make a positive difference in student achievement. Teachers will prepare ALL students for success in college, career, and our technological global society.

We believe that teachers are central in a child's life. Having an effective teacher is the single most important factor in student success.

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Leader

We believe that effective leaders demonstrate unwavering commitment to high levels of achievement for ALL students. *Leaders will exemplify and support practices that promote high levels of achievement for ALL students.*

Family

We believe that parents and caregivers are both valued partners and active participants in their children's learning. A shared sense of mutual responsibility for learning is the foundation for family involvement to ensure student success. *We are committed to engaging parents and caregivers in their children's education. We will develop a coordinated strategy that enables parents and caregivers to play an active role in building and sustaining family support for their children's learning and academic success.*

Team

We believe that every member of the Elizabeth Public Schools team has a responsibility in producing and supporting high levels of achievement for ALL students.

Every member of the Elizabeth Public Schools team will make a measurable contribution to the success and achievement for ALL students by ensuring equitable distribution of resources throughout the organization.



End of High School

- Consistent Attendance (95%)
- Earns a minimum of 120 credits as outlined in Policy 6146
- Completes 60+ hours of Community Service
- Take at least 1 AP course/Dual Enrollment course/earn vocational certificate
- Achieve a competitive score on the SAT (1050 or better)
- Participation in at least 2 extracurricular clubs/ athletics/community involvement

End of Grade 9

- Consistent Attendance (95%)
- Earn 30 credits
- GPA 3.0 or better and/or demonstrates consistent growth
- 80% Benchmark Score (Mathematics, English, Social Studies, Science)

End of Grade 8

- Consistent Attendance (95%)
- Overall Grade of 80% or better and/or demonstrates consistent growth in all courses:
 English Language Arts/Literacy 80% Benchmark Score or better
 - Algebra I 80% Benchmark Score or better

End of Grade 5

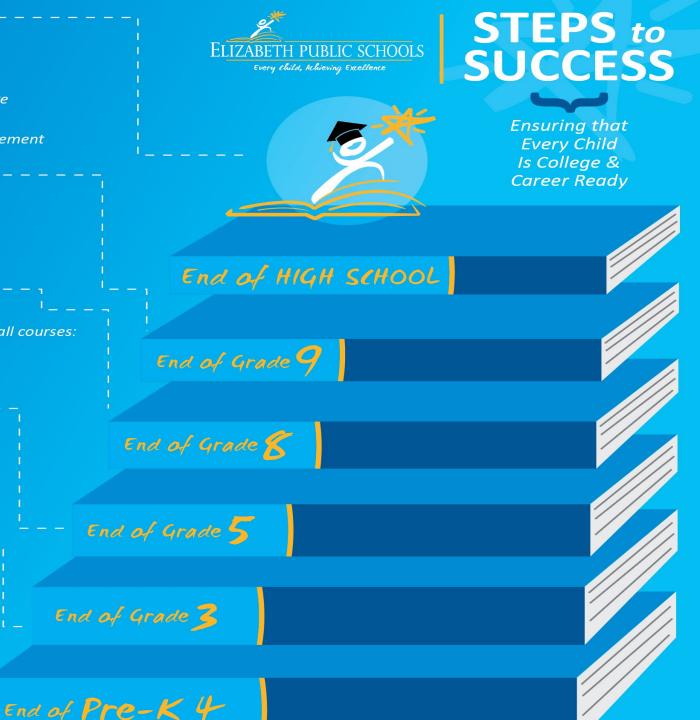
- Consistent Attendance (95%)
- Overall Grade of G or better and/or demonstrates consistent growth in:
 - English Language Arts/Literacy 80% Benchmark Score or better
 - DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment) Score of 50
 - Mathematics 80% Benchmark Score or better

End of Grade 3 -

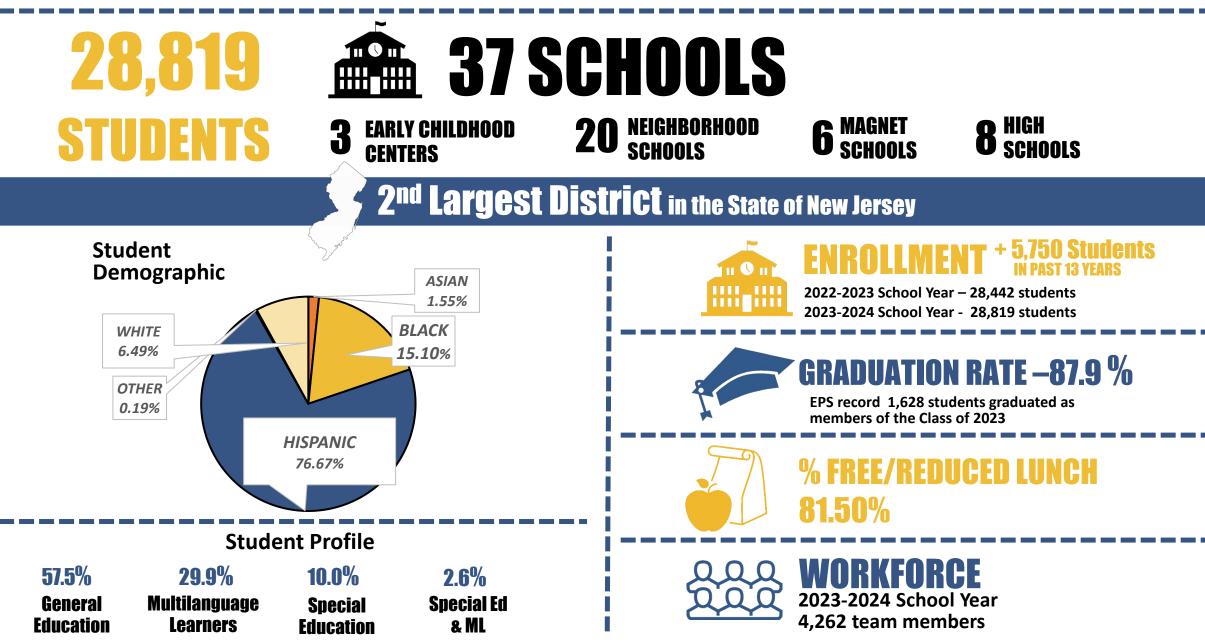
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End of Pre-K 4 -

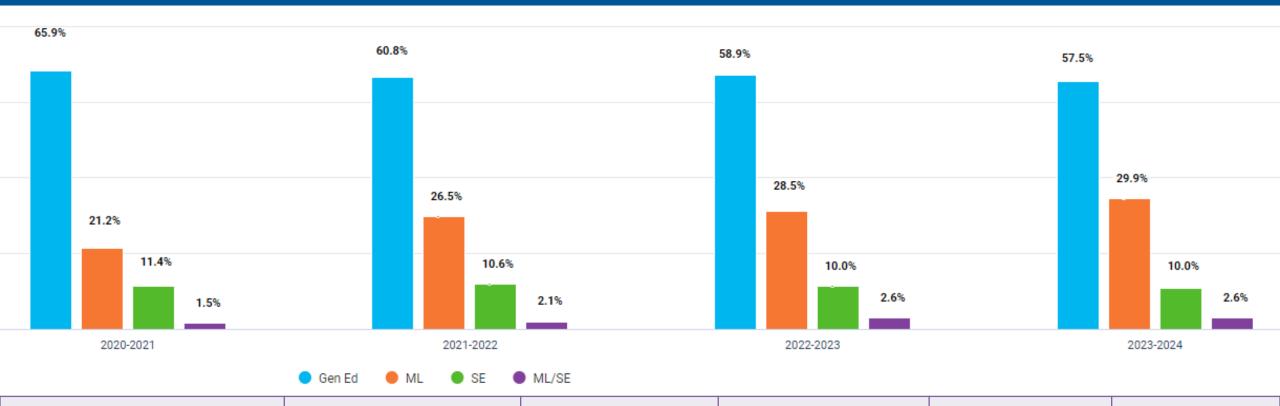
Consistent Attendance (95%)



OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS



How has population enrollment changed from 2020-2021 SY to April 2024?



Student Population	2020-2021 SY Enrollment (%)	Enrollment (Whole)	April 2024 Enrollment (%)	Enrollment (Whole)	Difference
General Education	65.9%	18,225	57.5%	16,583	-9.0%
Multilingual Learners (ML)	21.2%	5,873	29.9%	8,605	+46.5%
Special Education (SE)	11.4%	3,146	10.0%	2,885	-8.3%
ML/SE	1.5%	408	2.6%	746	+82.8%

ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS 2024-2025 BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS



New Facilities to address increasing enrollment



Addition of certified staff



Addition of non-certified staff



Additional investment in early childhood education



Acquisition of Immaculate Conception JVJ STEM ACADEMY 9th Grade Annex

Funding \$4.4 M to expand the number of seats at our high school academy





Acquisition of St. Adalbert Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9

Funding \$1.6 M to expand the number of seats at our elementary academy





Funding 106 New Certified Personnel: \$8.7M

□ 10 Bilingual Teachers □ 6 ESL Teachers **5** Art Teachers **5** Music Teachers **2** Preschool Disabilities Teachers 2 General Education Teachers 12 Autism Teachers ■ 8 Learning Language Disability **Teachers**

□ 1 Moderate Cognitive Teacher □ 3 Resource Teachers **G** 6 Art Teachers □ 6 Music Teachers **2** English Language Arts Teachers □ 1 Mathematics Teacher 1 Science Teacher □ 3 Career & Technical Teachers



Funding 106 New Certified Personnel: \$8.7M

- 2 Physical Education Teachers
- □ 2 World Language Teachers
- □ 1 Vice Principal
- 1 English Language Arts Supervisor
- □ 1 Mathematics Supervisor
- □ 1 Bilingual/ESL Supervisor
- □ 1 CST -LDTC
- 1 CST Psychologist
- □ 1 CST Social Worker
- □ 1 CST Speech Pathologist



Funding 61 New Non-Certified Personnel: \$4.6M

14 Security Guards
23 Multipurpose Assistants
18 Classrooms Assistants/CDAs
2 Accountants
2 Secretaries
2 Nurses





Funding our high-quality Early Childhood Program serving 2,770 three and four-year olds: \$52.7 M

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American Rescue Plan Funded Initiatives Moved to District Budget: \$8.4 M





Academic programs



Athletics and Arts programs

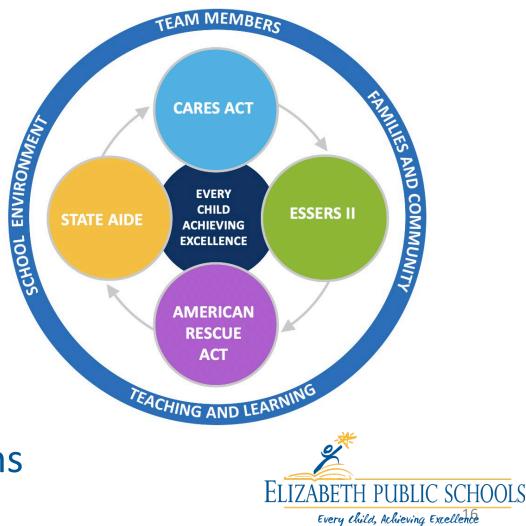


- Bilingual programs



- Career and Technical programs

Social Emotional Learning programs



Sustaining ARP Funding for 26 Certified Personnel: \$3.2 M

- 8 Social Workers
- 1 District Social Worker
- □ 3 Guidance Counselors
- 2 Homeless Liaisons
- □ 1 BCBA
- 3 Instructional/IB Coaches
- □ 2 CST -LDTC
- □ 2 CST Psychologist
- □ 2 CST Social Worker
- 2 CST Speech Pathologist



Sustaining ARP Funding for focused strategies to support our students: \$5.2 M

Children's Literacy Initiative will support K-6 in 14 schools and further develop teachers, instructional coaches, school administrators, and district leaders in implementing strategies and systems to continuously improve early literacy instruction via a coaching model.

Carnegie Learning Mathematics Coaching K-12 in all schools will provide mathematics content support to teachers, instructional coaches, school administrators, and district leaders implementing strategies and systems to continuously improve mathematics instruction via a coaching model



Sustaining ARP Funding for focused strategies to support our students: \$5.2 M

ELLs Bridge Program for K-8 and 9-12 will serve our Multilingual Learners to increase their English Language Proficiency levels across the four language domains-Speaking, Listening, Reading, and Writing.

Point of Entry Afterschool Program K-8 for K-12 The program is designed for new entrant elementary ELLs providing students with leveled instruction in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies via engaging activities.

Bilingual Achievement Strategies Afterschool Program for ELLs 9-12
 This program is designed for high school ELLs in need of literacy and math support who also have excessive absences.

Sustaining ARP Funding for focused strategies to support our students: \$5.2 M Academic Growth Afterschool Program The program is designed for our students with special needs who will increase their skills by engaging in interactive activities.

□ Registered Behavior Technicians Provide one-on-one behavioral interactions to teach communication, social and living skills to assist in reducing behavioral concerns in the school setting.

□NJ Transportation Bus Passes for Displaced Youth Age 16+ Program The program enables students to utilize public bussing free of charge beyond the school day.



CTE Work-based Learning Afterschool Program 9-12 assists students in obtaining work-based proficiency in their chosen strand with the goal of achieving industry certification.

□ Social Emotional Learning Afterschool Program K-12 Group counseling sessions will be provided for students after school to provide needed support.

Substance Abuse Alternative Saturday Program 9-12 The program supports students through real-life discussions on prevention and self-regulation.



Sustaining ARP Funding for focused strategies to support our students: \$5.2 M

□ Youth Athletics Summer/Saturday Program 1-8 The Youth Athletics Summer and Saturday Program will focus on developing fundamental, as well as competitive skills in various sports.

Arts Enrichment Saturday Program 6-12 The program will provide students the opportunity to participate in a variety of workshops through visual and performing arts (arts, musical theatre, dance and instrumental music).

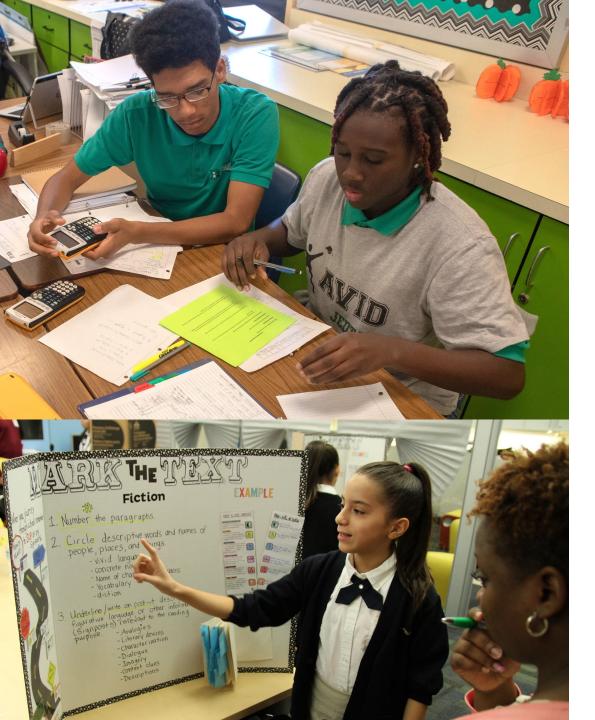
□Jazz Ensemble 9-12

This is an extracurricular ensemble that focuses on all genres of Jazz performing at a variety of concerts.



Building a budget that follows the principles of Our 3E's







AVID's mission is to close the opportunity gap by preparing all students for college readiness and success in a global society.

NEW AVID Programs for 2024-2025

AVID Elementary Program Dr. Albert Einstein Academy School No. 29

AVID EXCEL Program (BILINGUAL)

Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25 Dr. Antonia Pantoja School No. 27

A total of 30 EPS Schools are in partnership with AVID in the 2024-2025 school year.

New Theater Career Strand

Technical Theater, Technology & Design

This course develops knowledge of and experience in all the technical (nonperformance) aspects of theatrical production. Special emphasis is placed on the elements of theatrical design (scenery, lighting, properties, sound, costumes, and hair and make-up), design analysis, stage management, and production management. Additionally, students gain hands-on experience in all aspects of technical theater. Students design or crew on two productions.

New Biomedical Science Career Strands

Electrocardiograph Technology

Electrocardiograph Technology is designed to prepare students for employment as electrocardiograph technicians, EKG Technicians, cardiovascular technologists, and technicians. This program offers a sequence of courses that provides coherent and rigorous content aligned with challenging academic standards and relevant technical knowledge and skills needed to prepare for further education and careers in the Biomedical Science strand.

Pharmacy Technician

Pharmacy Technician will be a pathway within the Biomedical Science strand during their senior year. This certification program aims to equip students with the knowledge, technical skills, and work habits required for an entry-level position in the pharmacy field or a related area. The program offers an added sterile compounding (IV) certification with the Pharmacy Technician program, allowing graduates to work in a hospital pharmacy.

Expansion of Career Programs

Manufacturing Program

IGNITE is a foundational skill development program designed to stimulate student interest in today's Advanced Manufacturing / Industry 4.0 careers. Students learn about the many careers and experience them firsthand by performing tasks with hands-on Industry 4.0 / IIoT technology and virtual environments.

The IGNITE curriculum is the perfect blend of career exploration, creative learning, and skill development. IGNITE establishes critical skills in systems-thinking and team problem-solving through creative project-based learning activities and a structured curriculum.....

Emergency Medical Technicians

Students in the Emergency Medical Technicians Program will be eligible to earn the EMT certification. Topics include introduction to emergency care, well-being of the EMT, medical legal and ethical issues, the human body, baseline vital signs, pharmacology, respiratory, cardiovascular, and diabetic emergencies, sample history, professional rescuer CPR, airway management, and scene size-up. The student will also learn initial assessment, focused history for the medical and trauma patients, detailed and focused physical exams, and the latest in Automated External Defibrillation (AED) usage.

NEW SCOIR College Management System

- Aptitude Test Take the YouScience assessment and receive a detailed report on your talents, link them to potential careers, and save related majors to your Scoir profile.
- College Search Search for colleges based on your suggestions, interests & recommendations
- Campus Community Exploration Explore campus communities through the eyes of fellow students with CampusReel videos
- Virtual Visits Virtually tour colleges to gain a feel for the campus environment.
- Wall Content Search for colleges by keywords to find schools that match these criteria through a social media-like experience.
- MyColleges Create lists of schools that you want to follow, will apply to, and have applied to.
- Cost Work with your parents to understand what your true cost of admissions will be based on your EFC (estimated financial contribution) using the EFC Calculator.



Free Application for Federal Student Aid Seminars for students and parents

Governor Murphy Signs Legislation Requiring High School Students to Complete Financial Aid Applications

01/16/2024

TRENTON – Governor Phil Murphy today signed <u>A1181/S2054</u> to make the completion of a financial aid application form a prerequisite to graduation for public high school and charter school students in New Jersey. Beginning with the 2023-2024 11th grade class, and for two school years thereafter, students and their guardians will be required to complete and submit either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application, as guided by the Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA), in order to receive their high school diploma. The information on a student's financial aid application is used to notify them of any financial aid they are eligible to receive if they pursue a postsecondary education.

ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS K-12 Partnerships















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College Readiness – Dual Enrollment Programs:







RUTGERS

Environmental and Occupational Health Sciences Institute | EOHSI









Funding \$2.25M in Repoint Envelope

- George Washington Academy School No. 1
- Winfield Scott School 2
- Terence C. Reilly School 7
- Benjamin Franklin School No. 13
- Woodrow Wilson School No. 19
- Thomas Edison Career & Technical Education Academy
- Bollwage Finance Academy
- James P. Mitchell Building
- Robert J. Delaney Warehouse



Funding \$4.7M in Roof Replacement and Coating

- Woodrow Wilson School No. 19
- Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25
- Frances C. Smith ECC School No. 50
- Admiral William F. Halsey, Jr. Health & Public Safety Academy Annex
- Children's Welcome Center
- Dunn Sports Center
- □ Robert J. Delaney Warehouse



Funding \$2.8M in Asphalt Replacement

- Winfield Scott School No. 2
- □ Mabel G. Holmes School No. 5
- Toussaint L'Ouverture Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6
- □ Terence C. Reilly School No. 7
- Elmora School No. 12
- Benjamin Franklin School No. 13
- Christopher Columbus School No. 15
- Adison Monroe School No. 16
- Woodrow Wilson School No. 19
- Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23
- Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25
- Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26
- Hamilton Preparatory Academy
- Jefferson Arts Academy
- Thomas Edison Career and Technical Education Academy



Funding \$1M in Painting Projects

Painted entire building of:Jerome Dunn Academy School 9 AnnexWoodrow Wilson School No. 19

Paint classrooms, cafeterias and offices:
Madison- Monroe School No.16 Annex – classroom and cafeteria
Victor Mrvlag School No. 21 classrooms
Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25 – classrooms and offices



Funding \$600,000 in Hallway Floor Replacement

Woodrow Wilson School No. 19
 Dr. Orlando Edreira Academy School No. 26



Funding \$400,000 in Gym Floor Replacement

Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25
Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. ECC School No. 52



Food and Nutrition

Funding \$450,000 for a small freight elevator intended to carry food at Madison-Monroe School No. 16



Funding \$155,000 for replacement of doors

Admiral William F. Halsey Health and Public Safety Academy



Funding \$120,000 for Bathroom Upgrade

Woodrow Wilson School No. 19John Marshall School No. 20



Funding \$120,000 for outdoor seating replacement

- □ Winfield Scott School No. 2
- □ Jerome Dunn Academy School No. 9
- John E. Dwyer Technology Academy
- Admiral William F. Halsey Health and Public Safety Academy



Safety and Security of our Schools

Security Officer Registration Act Training (SORA) for 175 security guards

Funding \$30,000 for installation of security gate at Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23

Funding \$230,000 for additional security cameras at the following schools:

- □ Nicholas LaCorte Peterstown School No. 3
- Toussaint L'Ouverture Marquis de Lafayette School No. 6
- Terence C. Reilly School No. 7
- iPrep Academy School No. 8
- Elmora School No. 12
- □ Madison Monroe School No. 16 & 16 Annex
- □ Victor Mravlag School No. 21
- □ Nicholas Murray Butler School No. 23
- Sonia Sotomayor School No. 25
- Dr. Albert Einstein School No. 29
- □ Frances C. Smith ECC School No. 50
- □ J. Christian Bollwage Finance Academy

Upgrade electrical wiring and panels for the rollout of electric school buses SCHOOL BUS

5312 \$ 51



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OUR FINANCIALS





OUR FINANCIAL DATA

Harold E. Kennedy, Jr. School Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

Development of a Needs-Based Budget

Phase IV

Budget Review Process

- Line by line department budget review
- Allocation of funds within the school-based budgets based on enrollment, programs and equitable need
- Review by Financial Consultant
- Collaboration with and review by the EBOE Finance Committee

Phase I Gather input from stakeholders

Phase II

enrollment

Determine needs

Class size analysis

based on October 15th

Phase III

Determine priorities, adjust budget

- Face to Face meetings with all Principals
- Review of all curricular inventories and requests
- Face to Face with all Instructional and Operations Directors
- Comparative Analysis of Expenditures for 2023-2024 vs. Proposed Budgets

Phase V Budget Hearing

Budget Considerations



It shall be carefully organized and planned to provide adequate accounting for each program expenditure, understanding of the financial needs of anticipated program developments, and be within the financial limitations of the district, taking into consideration the statutory limits on the tax levy...

Prior Years' Spending Data

The administrative cabinet analyzes prior years' spending as well as considers current year's needs.

Enrollment/Data Projections

Enrollment reports are examined to develop trend line reports and current registration projections are considered to determine grade/course section needs

School-based Needs

School administrators work with building level staff to determine the needs for the upcoming year.

Staffing

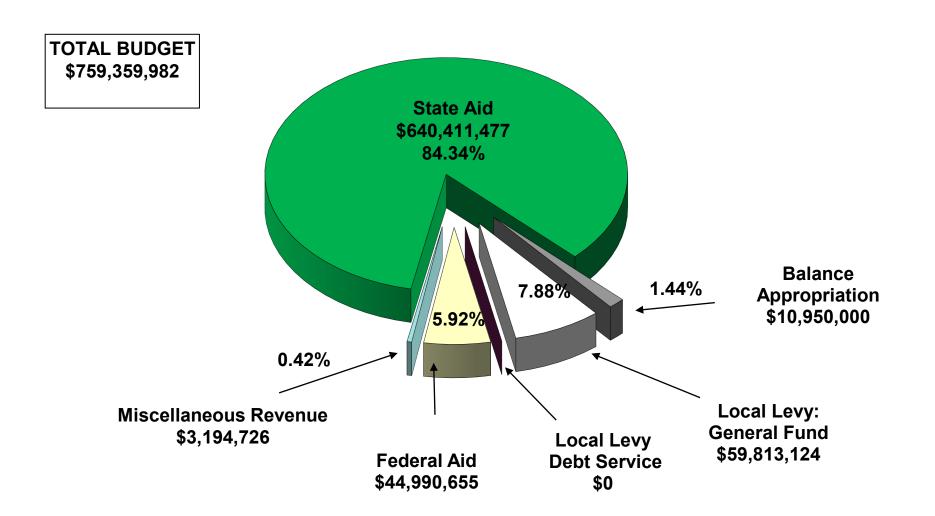
Based on the strategic planning goals, student needs, enrollment study, bargaining agreements, and anticipated vacancies, staffing decisions are made.

Strategic Goals

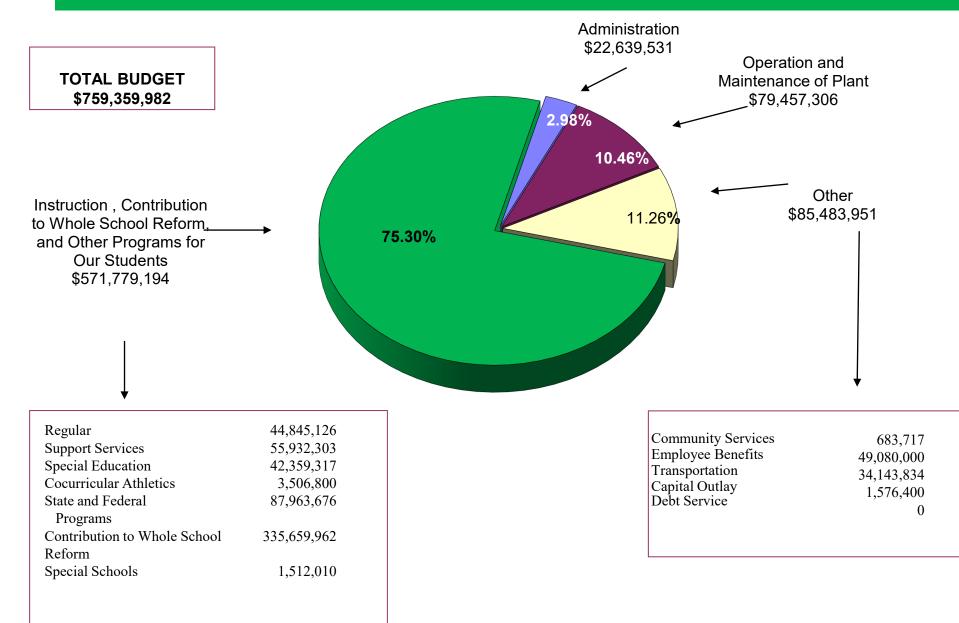
The district strategic plan is used to determine long and short term budgetary goals.

Facilities

Planning for future capital improvement to address aging infrastructure, upgrades to facilities to meet students' needs, and equipment replacement. Elizabeth Board of Education 2024 – 2025 Budget Revenue



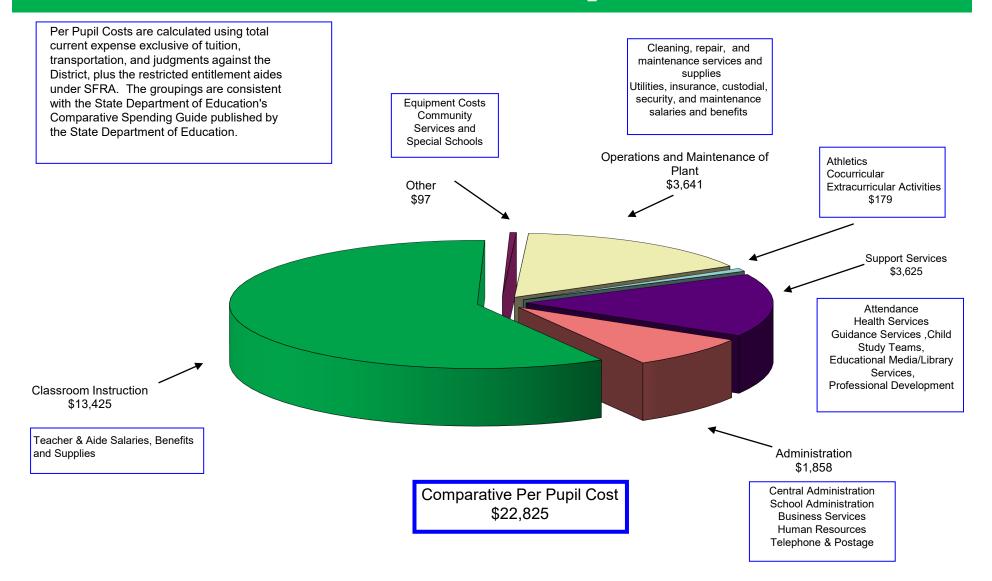
Elizabeth Board of Education 2024 - 2025 Budget Expenditures



Where does the money go?

2024-2025 Budget Expenditures OPERATION BENEFITS AND INSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE TRANSPORTATION **ADMINISTRATION OF PLANT CAPITAL OUTLAY** 10.5% 75.3% 11.3% 3.0%

Elizabeth Board of Education 2024 – 2025 Per Pupil Costs



How do we compare on a state level?

Administrative Cost Per Student

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\$1,858 COST PER STUDENT \$2,585 REGIONAL COST PER STUDENT

Elizabeth Public Schools is <u>spending less</u> this year per pupil on administrative cost when compared to the New Jersey regional cost!

ELIZABETH PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The 2024-2025 Budget and tax levy proposed is in accordance with the rules and regulations as promulgated by the New Jersey Department of Education.

EPS prepares its budget following instructions incorporated into the Budget Guidelines and Electronic Data Collection Manual published by the NJDOE Office of School Finance.

The instructions <u>ensure</u> that budgets and information submitted for approval to the Executive County Superintendent and Business Administrator are complete and correct.



- The Board of Education and Central Office believe in an open and transparent budget process. All Board of Education meetings are open to the public, and agendas and meeting minutes are available at www.epsnj.org
- Copies of the 2024-2025 budget are on file at the Elizabeth Board of Education – Mitchell Building (500 N. Broad St.)
- A copy of the proposed budget is posted online at the district's web site:
 www.epsnj.org



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Return on our Investments

2023-2024 Accomplishments

Addition of Universal Cooling Systems in Nine School Sites



EPS Receives \$4.3M from SDA in Emergent Capital Project Funding



EPA \$19 Million Grant Will Put Clean School Buses on the Streets of New Jersey







School No. 28 Receives \$2K **Sustainable Jersey for Schools Grant**



We Congratulate You! Elizabeth Public Schools



for Outstanding Support of Music Education Enriching the Lives of Children and Advancing Student Achievement



Elmora School No. 12 Revalidates AVID National Demonstration School Status



JVJ STEM Academy Named 2023-2024 Microsoft Showcase School



Halsey Health & Public Safety Academy Named Naval Honor School

Top 300 Index Most Challenging High Schools in United States

Jay Mathews Challenge Index High School Rankings

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John E. Dwyer Technology Academy





CollegeBoard





Elizabeth High School

has been recognized for the

2023 AP[°] School Honor Roll

for developing an AP program that creates a college-going culture and gives students opportunities to earn college credit and to maximize their college outcomes. Elizabeth High School Is also honored with the 2023 AP Access Award for ensuring AP coursework is equally available to students no matter their backgrounds.





Alexander Hamilton Preparatory Academy

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Three EPS High Schools Make 2023 AP School Honor Roll



Two EPS Schools Named 2024 NJ School of Character



Dwyer's "No One Eats Alone Day" Certified as Promising Practice by Character.org



Hamilton Senior Receives Full Scholarship Through QuestBridge









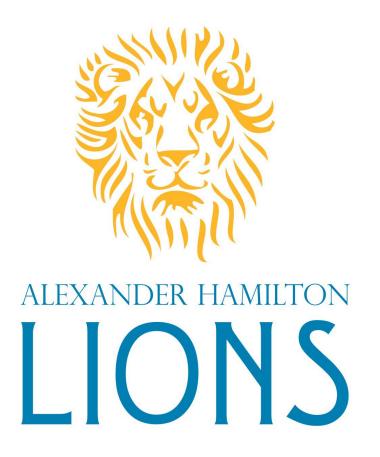
Halsey and Jefferson Teachers Named 2023 New Jersey Exemplary Educators







EPS Home to 2023 NJ Distinguished Cooperating Teacher and NJ Distinguished Clinical Intern Award Recipients



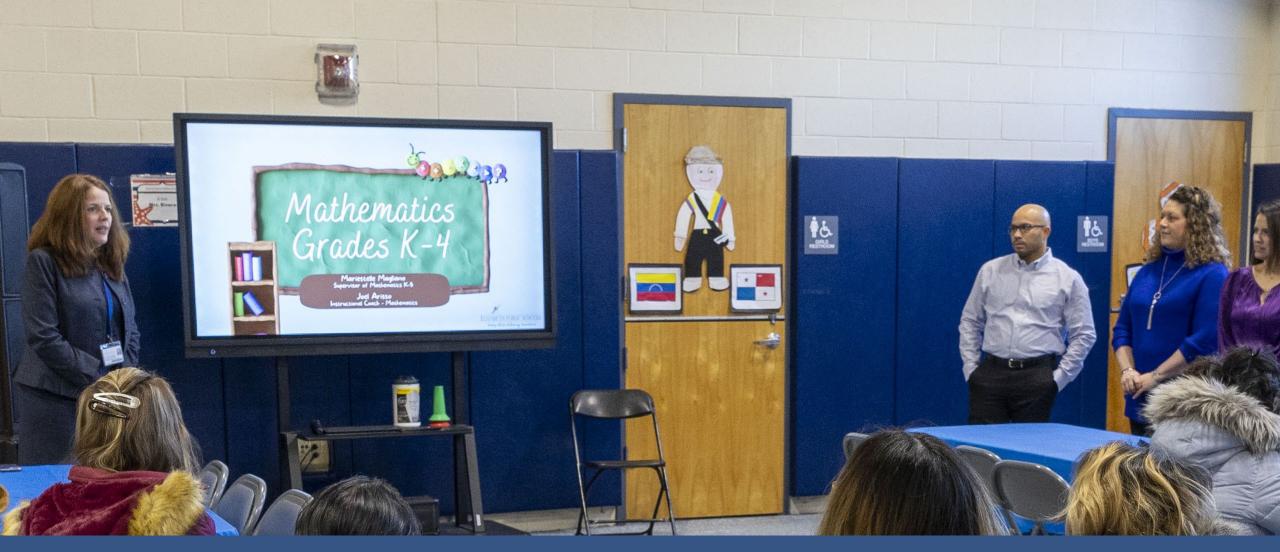




EPS Counselor Named Counselor of the County by NJSCA



EPS Partners with New York Academy of Sciences for Scientist-in-Residence Program



EPS Offers Families Parent Development Workshop Series



EPS Offers Addressing Equity Through Cultural Education and SEL Training



EPS Hosts College Fair at Thomas G. Dunn Sports Center



Two Jefferson Arts Academy Students Honored in Young Playwrights Competition



EHS Indoor Percussion USBands Scholastic Marching A Champions





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Elizabeth Varsity Boys Soccer Wins Union County Tournament



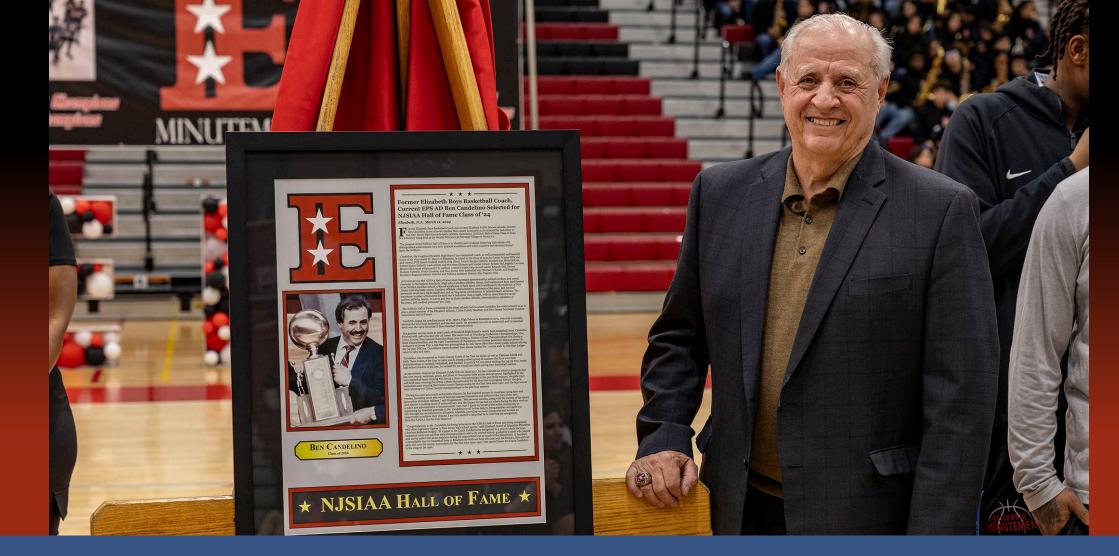
Elizabeth Lady Minutemen Basketball Team Wins Union County Tournament



Elizabeth Minutemen Basketball Wins NJSIAA Group 4 Championship



Elizabeth Celebrates Night of Champions



AD, Former Elizabeth Boys Basketball Coach Ben Candelino Inducted to NJSIAA Hall of Fame

