

**MONTVALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2018-19 PROPOSED SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET**

**REVENUE:**

	<b>2017-18 Revised Budget</b>	<b>% of Total Budget</b>	<b>2018-19 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>% of Total Budget</b>	<b>Change</b>
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<b>BUDGETED FUND BALANCE</b>	\$658,527	3.66%	\$814,579	4.37%	\$156,052
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Budgeted funds and unanticipated revenue that are not spent in prior years become available free balance. Each year a portion of the free balance is used to offset the amount to be raised for taxes. The 2018-19 amount is higher than that of 2017-2018 by \$156,052. 2018-2019 includes the addition of a \$300,000 withdrawal from capital reserve to fund the Memorial Paving Project and Memorial First & Second Grade Wing Renovations. This increase is offset by payables of \$109,846 carried into 2017-2018 and approximately \$40,000 less to be withdrawn from unassigned fund balance.

<b>TUITION</b>	\$12,500	0.07%	\$12,500	0.07%	\$0
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The district anticipates that five children, chosen by lottery, will pay tuition of \$2,500 for participation in the pre-school class.

<b>MISCELLANEOUS</b>	\$80,600	0.45%	\$80,600	0.43%	\$0
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Interest earnings are anticipated on available cash flow. Building rental fees are anticipated from the before/after school program, the Regional Summer School Program, and community based programs.

<b>TRANSPORTATION FEES</b>	\$39,000	0.22%	\$39,000	0.21%	\$0
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The Board offers parents of students who are not eligible for busing the opportunity to purchase transportation services, if seats are available on a vehicle.

<b>STATE AID</b>	\$677,470	3.76%	\$736,178	3.95%	\$58,708
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The district receives State Aid annually and for 2018-2019 State Aid is increasing by \$58,708, or approximately 10%. The budget anticipates that the district will qualify for extraordinary aid in the amount of \$125,000 for special education costs in excess of \$40,000 for in-district placement or \$50,000 for out-of-district private school placements. The actual cash received will be reduced by an assessment of \$28,393 for the State's interest payments on school construction bonds.

<b>CURRENT EXPENSE TAX LEVY</b>	\$15,495,446	86.09%	\$16,037,355	86.03%	\$541,909
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The local tax levy is determined by subtracting the above noted anticipated revenue items from the total proposed appropriations. Due to Montvale's property wealth, the majority of the funds to support public education come from local property taxes. To face the rising costs of health care for the staff, the district is using a health benefit waiver to go above the 2% tax levy by \$232,000

<b>REVENUE &amp; TAX ANALYSIS</b>	<b><u>2017-18</u></b>	<b><u>2018-19</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	
<i>Fund Balance Appropriated</i>	\$658,527	\$814,579	\$156,052	23.70 %
<i>Local Sources (Interest/fees)</i>	\$132,100	\$132,100	\$0	0.00%
<i>State Aid</i>	\$677,470	\$736,178	\$58,708	8.67%
<i>Current Expense Tax Levy</i>	<b><u>\$15,495,446</u></b>	<b><u>\$16,037,355</u></b>	<b><u>\$541,909</u></b>	<b><u>3.50%</u></b>
<i>Total Operating Budget</i>	\$16,963,543	\$17,720,212	\$756,699	4.46%

**SPECIAL PROJECTS AND DEBT SERVICE**

<i>Local, State &amp; Federal Programs</i>	\$411,350	\$304,282	(\$107,068)	(26.03%)
<i>Capital Projects Reserves Applied</i>	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$0	0%
<i>Debt Service Tax Levy</i>	\$594,222	\$586,084	(\$8,138)	(1.37%)

<b>BUDGET GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$17,999,115</u></b>	<b><u>\$18,640,578</u></b>	<b><u>\$641,463</u></b>	<b><u>3.56%</u></b>
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**APPROPRIATIONS:**

	<b>2017-18 Revised Budget</b>	<b>% of Total Budget</b>	<b>2018-19 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>% of Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
<b>GENERAL EDUCATION</b>	\$7,212,318	40%	\$7,335,645	39%	\$123,327

Costs for services provided in the classroom are recorded as instruction. This account includes the salaries of all regular education classroom teachers, including full-day kindergarten, world language, integrated pre-school and extra academic enrichment. Teacher stipends for lunch, playground, and bus supervision are also included. Textbooks, instructional materials, classroom supplies, computer software, and other pupil/teacher costs are included here. The district continues to invest in technology; the 2018-19 budget includes 120 new chrome-books and digital projection replacements. This section also includes student support services such as guidance and nursing. Professional Development of teaching staff remains a priority with increased investment in these services planned for 2018-19 as well as the addition of one elementary school teacher.

<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS &amp; OTHER EMPLOYEE SUPPORT SERVICES</b>	\$2,895,848	16%	\$3,312,313	18%	\$416,465
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Benefits and other support services including costs such as FICA contributions remain a material component of the budget. Costs for health benefits are anticipated to rise year-on-year 15-18%, the district participates in the NJ State Health Benefits Plan, the largest medical insurance pool in the State. All participating staff contributes toward the cost of health premiums.

<b>SPECIAL EDUCATION</b>	\$2,382,789	13%	\$2,511,761	14%	\$128,972
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Designated for activities primarily for students having special needs, this account contains the salaries of the district's CST Team, speech therapists, Pre-K teacher, LLD teacher, Resource Room teachers and teaching assistants. In addition to salaries, this area includes related services received by students per their IEPs, such as speech therapy, OT, PT, applied behavior analysis, and one-to-one nursing services. The district continues working with the Pascack Valley Special Education Region Office to establish specific criteria and cost effective delivery of services to students. Supplies for special education are also included. For the 2018-19 school year, the district is budgeting for an additional special education teacher at Memorial and an additional teaching assistant.

<b>SCHOOL AND GENERAL ADMINISTRATION</b>	\$1,558,755	9%	\$1,498,935	8%	(\$59,820)
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Funds to support the management of the district are in this account. The salaries for school administration are included here as well as district operating expenses including office supplies, postage, telephones, auditing, legal services, risk management, recruitment, architectural services, commencement, school elections, New Jersey School Boards Association membership, State mandated in-service programs for board members, printing costs, Federal & State Mandated Right-to-Know Survey, and cooperative purchasing costs, are appropriated in this part of the budget. The year-on-year reduction is due to a one-time software purchase in 2017-2018.

<b>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS</b>	\$1,396,068	8%	\$1,382,432	7%	(\$13,636)
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Activities to keep the physical plant and grounds open, comfortable, and safe for use include the salaries of two full-time custodians, a maintenance person, and lunchroom supervision personnel. Funds have been provided for contracted cleaning services, utilities, property insurance, service contracts, repairs, cleaning supplies, snow removal and lawn care. The expenses for Buildings & Grounds are expected to decline year over year due to salary breakage.

<b>TUITION- OUT OF DISTRICT</b>	\$611,498	3%	\$744,713	4%	\$133,215
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Tuition for resident pupils who attend out-of-district special education classes is included here. In 2018-19, it is anticipated that four students will be placed in other area school districts' classes, three in a Bergen County program, and two in a private school programs. Federal Grant funds, in the amount of \$130,000 will supplement this allocation. The year-on-year increase is due to a student placement in a higher-tuition program and the requirement of a full time instructional aide.

**APPROPRIATIONS CONTINUED:**

	<b>2017-18 Revised Budget</b>	<b>% of Total Budget</b>	<b>2018-19 Proposed Budget</b>	<b>% of Total Budget</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>	\$624,222	3%	\$616,084	3%	(\$8,138)

The District has two outstanding bonds, one maturing in 2021 and one maturing in 2027. Annual interest and principal payments are funded through the debt service tax levy and funds remaining from past referendums.

<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	\$524,024	3%	\$545,521	3%	\$21,497
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Costs for contracted transportation for public and non-public elementary pupils living more than two miles from their schools, children in special education programs, as well as transportation costs for student events. Students will continue to be transported on eight busses and a late bus will be available to Fieldstone Students two days a week. Transportation appropriations are anticipated to rise in 2018-19 due to CPI increases and additional costs associated with transporting special-education students.

<b>CAPITAL OUTLAY</b>	\$382,343	2%	\$388,893	2%	\$6,650
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Capital outlay is the designation for equipment with a cost greater than \$2,000 and major building repairs. For 2018-19, funds are included for a paving project at Memorial, the renovation of the Memorial First/Second Grade Wing, a new electric panel to support air conditioning, the upgrade of the district's wireless access system and continued investment in school security.

<b>LOCAL, STATE, &amp; FEDERAL PROGRAMS</b>	\$411,350	2%	\$304,282	2%	(\$107,068)
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The District receives grants from local sources such as the PTO and MEF, and federal grants including IDEA and ESSA. Local and Federal grants vary from year to year so the district conservatively budgeted a reduction.

<b>PROPOSED EXPENSES SUMMARY</b>	<b><u>2017-18</u></b>	<b><u>2018-19</u></b>	<b><u>Change</u></b>	
CURRENT EXPENSE (including Capital Outlay)	\$16,963,543	\$17,720,212	\$756,669	4.46%
STATE & FEDERAL PROJECTS	\$411,350	\$304,282	(\$107,068)	(26.03%)
DEBT SERVICE	<u>\$624,222</u>	<u>\$616,084</u>	<u>(\$8,138)</u>	<u>(1.30)%</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$17,999,115	\$18,640,578	\$641,463	3.56%

**TAX IMPACT OF PROPOSED BUDGET**  
**SCHOOL YEAR BASIS**

Based on the current average assessed value of a Montvale home of \$521,185, it is estimated that taxes (inclusive of debt service) to support the 2018-19 proposed school budget will increase \$135.20 annually on the average assessed home.

Year	Current Net Taxable Valuation	Budget Tax Levy	Mil Rate	Current Average Assessed Home Value	Montvale School Taxes per Average Home	Increase	
2017-18	\$2,057,573,270	\$16,089,668	0.7820	\$521,185	\$4,075.53		
2018-19	\$2,057,573,270	\$16,623,439	0.8079	\$521,185	\$4,210.73	\$135.20	3.32%

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**Budget Highlights for the 2018-19 school year include:**

- New Staff Positions: Elementary School Teacher; Special Education Teacher; Part Time Maintenance Team Member; Teaching Assistant
- Commitment to Professional Development - IDE & Orton-Gillingham Training
- Continued support for special education students
- Advances in curriculum with summer curriculum writing and a new math tool for students named ST Math
- Investments in technology with the wireless access system upgrade project as well as purchases of new chromebooks and digital projection set-ups
- Ongoing investment in Safety & Security measures for both schools
- New 21st Century Furniture
- Capital Projects - Memorial School Paving and 1st/2nd Grade Wing Renovations
- Continued growth to overall employee salaries and cost of benefits
- Ongoing investment in supplies and facilities

**Additional information about the Montvale Public Schools and the User Friendly Budget are available on our website: [www.montvalek8.org](http://www.montvalek8.org)**

**Questions or comments about the budget?**

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Students entering kindergarten will be the high school class of 2031 and will retire around 2080. We need to do our best to educate them for all our futures.