

Ocean - Lakewood Twp.

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the LAKEWOOD TOWNSHIP school district, in the County of Ocean, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held at the Lakewood High School Commons at 855 Somerset Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701 on Tuesday, May, 7, 2024 beginning at 7:00 pm for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2024-2025 school year.

This budget has not yet been approved by the Executive Ocean County Superintendent of Schools and will be revised upon approval.

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the Lakewood BOE Business Office during regular business hours from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M by calling 732-364-2400 ext. 7044 or by emailing Kevin Campbell, Assistant Business Administrator/Board Secretary.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2022	13, 2023	15, 2024
	Actual	Actual	Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	3,577	3,406	3,405
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	133	94	94
Pupils On Roll Reg Accr. Adult High Sch	6	35	0
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	1,305	1,192	1,199
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	20	23	24
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	5,041	4,750	4,722
Private School Placements	408	424	416
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	1	8	8
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	20	42	42
Pupils Received	4	1	0
Pupils in State Facilities	10	5	5

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Revised	2024-25 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	109,483,316	110,435,673	113,378,248
Total Tuition	10-1300	42,540	0	0
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	2,523	0	0
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	2,602,451	3,350,000	2,550,000
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	0	5,000	5,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		112,130,830	113,790,673	115,933,248
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	3,052,174	3,505,873	4,471,500
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	14,866,253	17,000,000	14,500,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	4,470,003	5,347,332	5,347,332
Family Crisis Transportation Aid	10-3133	3,719,759	0	0
Equalization Aid	10-3176	14,958,781	14,958,782	14,958,782
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	2,186,868	2,763,710	2,763,710
Department of Education Loan Against State Aid	10-3199	27,704,046	93,489,390	0
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	0	2,500,000	107,369,316
State Reimbursement for Lead Testing of Drinking Water	10-3300	8,260	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		70,966,144	139,565,087	149,410,640
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	1,781,705	1,062,766	994,370
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,781,705	1,062,766	994,370
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-303	0	10,000,000	40,118,946
Withdrawal from Unemployment Fund Balance	10-309	0	0	2,615,985
Transfers from Other Funds	10-320	0	175,000	0
Transfers from Other Funds	10-5200	518,093	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-60,356	0	0
Total Operating Budget		185,336,416	264,593,526	309,073,189
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	218,764	75,000	75,000
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	7,866	100,000	100,000
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	5,454,319	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	5,680,949	175,000	175,000
Revenues from State Sources:				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	226,452	262,917
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	3,650,560	3,834,756	3,904,222
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	122,865	0	0
Nonpublic Teacher Stem Grant	20-3212	33,251	0	0
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	54,373,976	58,494,344	58,494,344
Total Revenues from State Sources		58,180,652	62,555,552	62,661,483
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	20,104,343	24,196,664	22,196,664
Title II	20-4451-4455	1,843,923	2,611,593	2,611,593
Title III	20-4491-4494	786,192	1,126,174	1,126,174
Title IV	20-4471-4474	1,284,291	1,552,392	1,552,392
ARP-IDEA Preschool	20-4409	101,744	0	0
ARP-IDEA Basic	20-4419	331,441	0	0
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	11,015,180	13,029,595	13,029,595
Vocational Education	20-4430	0	440,374	440,374
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	39,719,463	20,000,000	0
CARES Act Education Stabilization Fund	20-4530	24,776	0	0
CRRSA Act-ESSER II	20-4534	6,781,748	0	0
CRRSA Act-Learning Acceleration Grant	20-4535	835,802	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	336,138	0	0
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant	20-4536	31,000	0	0
Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (ACSERS)	20-4537	684,948	0	0
ARP Homeless Children and Youth I Grant	20-4545	3,200	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		83,884,189	62,956,792	40,956,792
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	0	855,780	1,713,658
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		17,647	10,000	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		4,521	25,000	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		147,767,958	126,578,124	105,506,933

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Revised	2024-25 Proposed
Repayment of Debt:				
Transfers from Other Funds	40-5200	1,152	0	0
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	1,677,766	1,687,521	1,703,727
Total Revenues from Local Sources		1,677,766	1,687,521	1,703,727
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	678,175	682,029	689,045
Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303	0	0	1,153
Total Local Repayment of Debt		2,357,093	2,369,550	2,393,925
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-931	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		2,356,162	2,369,550	2,393,925
Total Revenues/Sources		335,460,536	393,541,200	416,974,047
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	0	855,780	1,713,658
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		335,460,536	392,685,420	415,260,389

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Revised	2024-25 Proposed
<b>General Current Expense:</b>				
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	1,741,292	6,385,263	7,196,293
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	2,464,959	2,806,929	2,643,068
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	83,550	185,196	209,046
School-Sponsored Co-curricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	8,475	20,200	25,250
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,230,585	1,225,462	1,618,478
Before/After School Programs	11-421-XXX-XXX	0	5,000	7,000
Summer School	11-422-XXX-XXX	1,031,388	1,654,374	2,035,000
<b>Support Services:</b>				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	48,127,727	60,364,494	73,308,324
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	165,372	159,039	165,808
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	11,710	128,196	26,500
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	4,492,281	8,063,190	9,380,615
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students-Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	4,335,059	6,824,782	6,536,433
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	400	210,000	264,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	3,857,863	5,200,536	5,398,630
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,819,918	2,255,863	3,118,868
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	46,666	80,346	40,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	18,702	44,600	59,600
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	18,765,640	21,047,899	31,036,695
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	112,240	110,907	118,624
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	1,776,828	2,154,055	2,324,800
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative Information Technology	11-000-252-XXX	1,298,237	1,415,500	1,497,900
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	12,455,523	14,687,930	15,313,030
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	18,681,109	48,882,732	53,469,680
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	25,060,520	34,238,000	35,428,586
<b>Total Undistributed Expenditures</b>		<b>141,025,795</b>	<b>205,868,069</b>	<b>237,488,093</b>
<b>Total General Current Expense</b>		<b>147,586,044</b>	<b>218,150,493</b>	<b>251,222,228</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	71,615	38,500	465,774
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	2,768,181	5,391,346	3,086,000
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	5,000	5,000
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>		<b>2,839,796</b>	<b>5,434,846</b>	<b>3,556,774</b>
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	0	1,674,431	13,414,591
General Fund Contribution to School Based Budgeting	10-000-520-930	34,910,576	39,333,756	40,879,596
<b>General Fund Grand Total</b>		<b>185,336,416</b>	<b>264,593,526</b>	<b>309,073,189</b>
<b>Special Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	5,454,319	0	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	236,411	85,000	75,000
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	12,387	125,000	100,000
<b>Preschool Education Aid:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	1,991,333	2,208,783	2,644,652
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	1,629,587	2,708,205	3,236,145
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	29,640	0	0
<b>Total Preschool Education Aid</b>	<b>20-218-XXX-XXX</b>	<b>3,650,560</b>	<b>4,916,988</b>	<b>5,880,797</b>
<b>Other State Projects:</b>				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,553,157	2,689,434	2,689,434
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	31,300,013	33,239,193	33,239,193
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	6,757,352	7,462,428	7,462,428
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	3,584,680	4,745,552	4,745,552
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,617,593	1,671,682	1,671,682
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	8,561,181	8,686,055	8,686,055
Nonpublic Teacher Stem Grant	20-481-XXX-XXX	33,251	0	0
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	122,865	0	0
<b>Total Other State Projects</b>		<b>54,530,092</b>	<b>58,494,344</b>	<b>58,494,344</b>
<b>Total State Projects</b>	<b>20-XXX-XXX-XXX</b>	<b>58,180,652</b>	<b>63,411,332</b>	<b>64,375,141</b>
<b>Federal Projects:</b>				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	20,104,343	22,196,664	20,196,664
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,843,923	2,611,593	2,611,593
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	786,192	1,126,174	1,126,174
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,284,291	1,552,392	1,552,392
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	11,015,180	13,029,595	13,029,595
Vocational Education	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	440,374	440,374
ARP-IDEA Basic Grant Program	20-223-xxx-xxx	331,441	0	0
ARP-IDEA Preschool Grant Program	20-224-xxx-xxx	101,744	0	0

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2022-23 Actual	2023-24 Revised	2024-25 Proposed
CARES Act Education Stabilization Fund	20-477-XXX-XXX	24,776	0	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	336,138	0	0
CRRSA Act-ESSER II Grant Program	20-483-xxx-xxx	6,781,748	0	0
CRRSA Act-Learning Acceleration Grant Program	20-484-xxx-xxx	835,802	0	0
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant Program	20-485-xxx-xxx	31,000	0	0
Additional or Compensatory Special Education and Related Services (ACSERS) Program	20-486-XXX-XXX	684,948	0	0
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	39,719,463	20,000,000	0
ARP Homeless Children and Youth I	20-495-xxx-xxx	3,200	0	0
Contribution to School Based Budgeting-Other Federal Projects	20-XXX-520-930	0	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	83,884,189	62,956,792	40,956,792
Total Special Revenue Funds		147,767,958	126,578,124	105,506,933
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	2,356,162	2,369,550	2,393,925
Total Debt Service Funds		2,356,162	2,369,550	2,393,925
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		335,460,536	393,541,200	416,974,047
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Regular	11-105-100-935	0	855,780	1,713,658
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		335,460,536	392,685,420	415,260,389

Ocean- Lakewood Twp.  
Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2022	Audited Balance 06-30-2023	Estimated Balance 06-30-2024	Estimated Balance 06-30-2025
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	28,343,894	14,369,802	12,095,299	1,291,087
(Repayment of Debt)	222	1,153	1,153	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	4,944,338	3,482,886	4,067,876	1,456,891
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Legal Reserve	10,992,313	32,620,221	29,314,734	0
--Unemployment Fund	476,238	444,849	269,849	269,849
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
--State Military Impact Aid Reserve Pursuant to P.L. 2023 c.112			0	0
(Special Revenue Fund)				
--Student Activity Fund	181,236	163,589	153,589	153,589
--Scholarship Fund	179,611	175,090	150,090	150,090
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

Ocean- Lakewood Twp.  
Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2023-24	2024-25
	Actual	Actual	Original	Revised	Proposed
	Costs	Costs	Budget	Budget	Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$14,530	\$23,317	\$29,471	\$32,165	\$33,814
Total Classroom Instruction	\$8,514	\$11,746	\$17,240	\$18,618	\$19,611
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$8,268	\$11,415	\$15,549	\$16,874	\$17,925
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$236	\$294	\$694	\$764	\$703
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$10	\$36	\$996	\$980	\$983
Total Support Services	\$3,902	\$5,314	\$6,242	\$6,984	\$7,369
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,076	\$4,679	\$4,156	\$4,687	\$4,793
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,376	\$2,663	\$2,272	\$2,503	\$2,501
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$959	\$2,013	\$1,662	\$1,831	\$1,830
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$688	\$3,003	\$3,248	\$3,576	\$3,815
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$8	\$735	\$610	\$672	\$813
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$14	\$445	\$389	\$396	\$475
Total Equipment Costs	\$19	\$35	\$28	\$31	\$132
Legal Costs	\$244	\$232	\$130	\$143	\$71
Restricted Federal and State Revenue other than Preschool Education Aid Included Above**	\$0	\$0	\$432	\$476	\$475
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	36.63%	39.64%	53.39%	53.81%	52.79%

\*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.

\*\* Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: <http://www.state.nj.us/education/guide/>. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2023-24 revised appropriations and the 2024-25 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

Ocean- Lakewood Twp.  
Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
Asbestos Removal	1	\$100,000	N	N	
Sidewalk Repairs- District	2	\$175,000	N	N	
LMS Construction Services	3	\$150,000	N	N	
Bleacher Replacements	4	\$100,000	N	N	
Fence Replacements- District	5	\$150,000	N	N	
Exterior Remediation- 521 Princeton Avenue	6	\$250,000	N	N	
Track Resurfacing- Lakewood High School	7	\$250,000	N	N	
Elevator Installation- Lakewood High School	8	\$200,000	N	N	
Drop Ceiling/Lighting- Lakewood Middle School	9	\$413,715	N	N	
Bleacher Replacements- Ella G. Clarke School	10	\$132,500	N	N	
Fence Replacements- Ella G. Clarke School	11	\$100,000	N	N	
Parking Lot Paving- Clifton Avenue School	12	\$387,270	N	N	
Bleacher Replacements- Clifton Avenue School	13	\$52,500	N	N	
Bleacher Replacements- Spruce School	14	\$102,500	N	N	
Bleacher Replacements- Oak Street School	15	\$52,500	N	N	
Modular Classroom- Middle School	16	\$469,376	N	N	

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE- CAPITAL RESERVE WITHDRAWAL –OTHER CAPITAL PROJECTS

Included in Budget Line 620 , Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects is \$ 2,615,985

1. District Asbestos Removal	\$ 100,000
2. District- Sidewalk Repairs	\$ 175,000
3. District- Door Replacements	\$ 150,000
4. District- Classroom Flooring	\$ 100,000
5. District- Fence Replacements	\$ 150,000
6. 521 Princeton Avenue- Exterior Remediation	\$ 250,000
7. High School- Track Resurfacing	\$ 250,000
8. High School- Elevator Replacements	\$ 200,000
9. Middle School- Drop Ceiling/Lighting Renovations	\$ 413,700
10. Ella G. Clarke- Bleacher Replacements	\$ 132,500
11. Ella G. Clarke- Fence Replacements	\$ 100,000
12. Clifton Avenue- Parking Lot Paving	\$ 387,285
13. Clifton Avenue- Bleacher Replacements	\$ 52,500
14. Spruce Street- Bleacher Replacements	\$ 102,500
15. Oak Street- Bleacher Replacements	\$ 52,500

The total costs of these projects represent expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Student Learning Standards.



Ocean- Lakewood Twp.  
Advertised Blended Resource SBB Statement

Budget Category	2022-23 Ac tual	2023-24 R evised	2024-25 Pr oposed
Resources:			
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	22,796	0	0
General Fund Contribution (15-5200)	37,319,390	39,333,756	40,879,596
Restricted State Entitlements (15-32XX)	0	0	0
Restricted Federal Entitlements (15-44XX)	0	2,000,000	2,000,000
<b>Total SBB Resources</b>	<b>37,342,186</b>	<b>41,333,756</b>	<b>42,879,596</b>
Appropriations:			
Instruction (15-XXX-100-XXX)	30,875,019	34,240,070	35,613,809
Support Services (15-XXX-2XX-XXX)	6,410,669	7,003,686	7,175,787
Equipment (15-XXX-XXX-73X)	56,498	90,000	90,000
<b>Total SBB Appropriations</b>	<b>37,342,186</b>	<b>41,333,756</b>	<b>42,879,596</b>

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Lakewood Board of Education, 200 Ramsey Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701, Ocean County, New Jersey between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.