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Lenape Regional High School District Releases Budget Information

Shamong, New Jersey – In preparation for submission to the New Jersey Department of Education, the Superintendent’s office is sharing preliminary budget findings.

The total 2019-2020 General Fund Operating Budget is \$154,014,361 which represents a 0.67% increase over the previous year. This increase is the net difference of a 2.00% tax levy increase and a **decrease** of State Aid in the amount of \$961,300.

The Debt Service tax levy is increasing by \$291,844 which reflects the current payment schedule for the 2019-2020 year that was previously approved by the tax payers.

The district is proud a balanced budget could be put forth for approval which does not require any reductions to student programs, this year. This is due to anticipated reductions in health care costs and other onetime cuts and cost saving measures proposed by the administration and subject to approval by the Executive County Superintendent. Once approved, a more in-depth discussion of budget and tax impact will occur during a public hearing which will take place at the Administration Building, 93 Willow Grove Road, Shamong, New Jersey at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 1, 2019.

The General Fund Tax Levy increase of 2.00% and a Debt Service Tax Levy increase of \$291,844 results in the tax impact outlined below.

Evesham Township – Tax levy increase of 1.84 cents, resulting in an increase in regional school taxes of \$65.78 on a home assessed at the township average of \$272,700.

Medford Township – Tax levy increase of 1.78 cents, resulting in an increase in regional school taxes of \$59.46 on a home assessed at the township average of \$326,500.

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Medford Lakes Borough - Tax levy increase of 4.84 cents, resulting in an increase in regional school taxes of \$146.10 on a home assessed at the borough average of \$286,540.

Mt. Laurel Township – Tax levy increase of 0.32 cents, resulting in an increase in regional school taxes of \$7.49 on a home assessed at the township average of \$237,600.

Shamong Township – Tax levy increase of 1.09 cents, resulting in an increase in regional school taxes of \$33.76 on a home assessed at the township average of \$308,498.

Southampton Township – Tax levy increase of 4.22 cents, resulting in an increase in regional school taxes of \$80.98 on a home assessed at the township average of \$192,211.

Tabernacle Township – Tax levy increase of 1.88 cents, resulting in an increase in regional school taxes of \$53.56 on a home assessed at the township average of \$264,729.

Woodland Township – Tax levy decrease of 1.13 cents, resulting in a decrease in regional school taxes of \$28.52 on a home assessed at the township average of \$257,000.

About LRHSD - The Lenape Regional High School District's four high schools – Lenape, Shawnee, Cherokee and Seneca – as well as the Sequoia Alternative Program, educate approximately 6,800 students from eight communities in Burlington County, NJ. The communities served include Evesham, Medford, Medford Lakes, Mount Laurel, Shamong, Southampton, Tabernacle, and Woodland. The Lenape Regional District is among the highest-achieving districts in the state, with an average graduation rate of 96% and an average combined SAT score of 1144. A leader in progressive education, the LRHSD's mission is to develop physically and emotionally healthy students who excel in an ever-changing world.

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