

## Bernards Township

Somerset - Bernards Twp

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Bernards Township school district, in the County of Somerset, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the auditorium of the William Annin Middle School of the Bernards Township Board of Education, 70 Quincy Road, Basking Ridge, N.J., on May 4, 2020 at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2020-2021 school year. Due to the current public health emergency, it may be necessary to conduct the Public Hearing virtually. Should that be necessary, notice will be provided on the School District website as soon as possible, [www.bernardsboe.com](http://www.bernardsboe.com), and instructions for accessing and participating in the hearing will be posted on the website at least two (2) hours prior to the scheduled start time.

Enrollment Categories	Advertised Enrollments	
	October 15, 2018 Actual	October 15, 2019 Actual
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	4,585	4,447
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	12	15
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	684	648
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	5	5
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	5,286	5,115
Private School Placements	25	23
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	0	0
Pupils Sent to Other Dist - Spec Ed Prog	9	9
Pupils Received	16	12

Somerset - Bernards Twp Advertised Revenues			
Budget Category	Account	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Revised
<b>Operating Budget:</b>			
Revenues from Local Sources:			
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	85,426,531	87,135,060
Total Tuition	10-1300	978,515	900,000
Transportation Fees from Individuals	10-1410	241,335	208,000
Private Contributions	10-1920	47,148	47,067
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	850,078	524,981
Interest Earned On Current Expense Emergency Reserve	10-1XXX	333	333
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	333	333
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	334	334
Total Revenues from Local Sources		87,544,607	88,816,108
Revenues from State Sources:			
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	1,296,717	1,296,717
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	3,168,786	1,700,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	2,797,493	3,268,458
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	101,447	101,447
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	111,940	111,940
Total Revenues from State Sources		7,476,383	6,366,622
Revenues from Federal Sources:			
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	4,215	20,873
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		4,215	20,873
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget			
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-309	0	552,258
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-310	0	453,238
Transfers from Other Funds	10-5200	43,500	0
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	240,982
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-599,391	0
Total Operating Budget		94,469,314	98,744,874
Grants and Entitlements:			
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	117,926	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	117,926	0
Revenues from State Sources:			
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	274,031	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		274,031	0
Revenues from Federal Sources:			
Title I	20-4411-4416	229,239	334,157
Title II	20-4451-4455	33,215	49,650
Title III	20-4491-4494	42,646	39,835
Title IV	20-4471-4474	17,819	19,464
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	1,154,897	1,189,537
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,477,816	1,632,643
Total Grants and Entitlements		1,869,773	1,632,643
Repayment of Debt:			
Revenues from Local Sources:			
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	5,107,583	5,106,178
Total Revenues from Local Sources		5,107,583	5,106,178
Revenues from State Sources:			
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	264,578	264,205
Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303	0	1,380
Total Local Repayment of Debt		5,372,161	5,371,763
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		1,801	0
Total Repayment of Debt		5,373,962	5,371,763
Total Revenues/Sources		101,713,049	105,749,280
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		101,713,049	105,749,280

Somerset - Bernards Twp Advertised Appropriations			
Budget Category	Account	2018-19 Actual	2019-20 Revised
<b>General Current Expense:</b>			
Instruction:			
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	28,712,670	29,393,974
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	12,669,872	13,011,944
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	723,283	758,977
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	291,466	429,948
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	412,082	414,796
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,318,716	1,440,464
Other Supplemental/At-Risk Programs	11-424-XXX-XXX	626,951	663,794
Support Services:			
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	2,277,410	2,469,358
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	854,508	952,333
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	1,383,970	1,388,178
Undistributed Expenditures/Other Support Services, Students/Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	1,261,095	1,364,409
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	2,756,727	2,923,447
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	2,573,216	2,602,911
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,264,677	1,357,639
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	931,738	941,504
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	1,380,878	1,462,266
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	1,137,732	1,219,133
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	3,862,168	4,348,476
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	686,105	902,569
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative Information Technology	11-000-252-XXX	726,570	1,008,135
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	6,635,205	7,468,958
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	5,407,828	5,661,933
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	14,786,033	14,786,289
Total Undistributed Expenditures		47,628,042	50,857,537
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	333
Interest Earned on Current Expense Emergency Res	10-607	0	333
Total General Current Expense		92,383,080	96,972,040
Capital Expenditures:			
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	636,138	607,996
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	544,430	612,246
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	902,833	552,258
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	334
Total Capital Outlay		2,083,401	1,772,834
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	2,833	0
General Fund Grand Total		94,469,314	98,744,874
Special Grants and Entitlements:			
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	117,926	0
Other State Projects:			
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	20,531	0
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	63,220	0
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	92,901	0
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	32,110	0
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,147	0
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	55,122	0
Total Other State Projects		274,031	0
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Federal Projects:			
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	229,239	334,157
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	33,215	49,650
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	42,646	39,835
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I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,154,897	1,189,537
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,477,816	1,632,643
Total Special Revenue Funds		1,869,773	1,632,643
Repayment of Debt:			
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	5,373,962	5,371,763
Total Debt Service Funds		5,373,962	5,371,763
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		101,713,049	105,749,280
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		101,713,049	105,749,280

Somerset - Bernards Twp Advertised Recapitulation of Balances			
Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2018	Audited Balance 06-30-2019	Estimated Balance 06-30-2020
<b>Unrestricted:</b>			
--General Operating Budget			
--Repayment of Debt	3,509,821	3,635,973	1,970,078
Restricted for Specific Purposes - General Operating Budget:	3,182	1,381	1
--Capital Reserve	8,911,490	8,551,224	7,999,300
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	4,586,061	4,586,394	4,133,489
--Legal Reserve	4,563,175	5,157,624	3,028,692
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	910,000	910,333	910,666
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0
Repayment of Debt:	0	0	0
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0

Somerset - Bernards Twp Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations			
Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2017-18 Actual Costs	2018-19 Actual Costs	2019-20 Original Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$15,034	\$15,987	\$17,529
Total Classroom Instruction	\$9,485	\$10,016	\$10,723
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$9,047	\$9,542	\$10,244
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$406	\$439	\$431
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$32	\$36	\$48
Total Support Services	\$2,659	\$2,848	\$3,070
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$2,366	\$2,548	\$2,657
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,366	\$1,461	\$1,624
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,166	\$1,259	\$1,382
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$1,160	\$1,270	\$1,662
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$64	\$89	\$155
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$364	\$392	\$430
Total Equipment Costs	\$17	\$120	\$71
Legal Costs	\$33	\$45	\$34
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	23.26%	24.79%	24.52%

\* 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 2019-20 revised appropriations and the 2020-21 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.

Somerset - Bernards Twp Capital Projects					
Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
Various Technology Purchases	2016A	\$238,851	N	N	

Due to the current public health emergency, the complete budget will not be available for examination at the District's administrative offices which remain closed. Anyone who has a question regarding the budget may email [2021budget@bernardsboe.com](mailto:2021budget@bernardsboe.com) and the administration will do its best to respond.

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

# Watchung Hills exploring graduation options

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**WARREN TWP.** - With the possibility of extended school closures looking more and more likely, Watchung Hills Regional High School is considering its options for graduation and other end-of-school-year events.

Superintendent Elizabeth Jewett addressed the issue at a virtual Board of Education meeting held Tuesday night, April 14, through the Zoom videoconferencing platform.

"I just want everyone to be aware that from probably the week before spring break when we realized this was going to be going longer, we've been looking at dif-

ferent options for some of the different senior celebrations," she said. "We're going to be talking to the parents as well as the students."

She said Principal William Librera had already discussed various options with student representatives from the All-School Council.

"We're trying to get an idea from them what they would like," said Jewett, offering as an example the status of junior and senior proms. The junior class could have the option of moving the semi-formal to the fall, she said, while seniors could move their dance to the summer, or next fall when students are home from college.

Jewett said the district is

discussing "a number of different options" for graduation.

Facing the same dilemma, other high schools across the country are considering virtual commencement ceremonies and even "drive-in" events featuring parade processions of cars.

Jewett said she wanted the public to know that the high school is considering all graduation options in the event that the school does not reopen by late June.

"We will certainly be updating everyone as we move forward with that," she said.

Gov. Phil Murphy announced Friday that state-wide school closures would continue through at least May 15.

# Limited service, new protocols for Hunterdon County LINK

The LINK, Hunterdon County's Transportation System, is Open to the Public with limited demand response during the COVID-19 coronavirus state of emergency.

Demand Response service limited to shopping, essential medical trips and work related transportation. Shuffle Routes 14, 15, 16,

17, 18, 19 are still running on a normal schedule, with a limit of five passengers at a time for social distancing.

Route 23 has no 6:30 a.m. run to Raritan Valley Community College as the college is closed.

Dialysis transportation is fully operational, but drivers are not allowed to enter dialysis facilities, only to outside

the door. No tickets, no receipts, no change, no bills for fares being accepted. No exchanges between passenger and driver to decrease potential risk between passengers and drivers.

For questions or information, contact LINK at (800) 842-0531 or visit <http://www.ridethelink.com>.

## BERNARDS TOWNSHIP POLICE

# Numerous unlocked vehicles burglarized

**BERNARDS TWP.** - The following incidents were reported by the Bernards Township Police Department:

- On Sunday, April 5, at about 2:58 p.m., officers responded to Crawlers to Scholars at 409 King George Road for a report of an attempted burglary. While checking the building officers noticed the point of entry and most likely exit were two windows on the south side of the building. Muddy footprints were found inside the building, but the suspects(s) appeared to have made entry and left. No items were reported missing from the business. Surveillance footage is being reviewed.

- On Tuesday, April 7, at about 6:15 a.m., officers responded to area of Maple Run on a report of an unoccupied vehicle in the middle of the street with the engine running. Police located a 2019 Grey Jeep Cherokee. It was apparent that suspect(s) attempted to steal the vehicle. The owner of the vehicle, a resident of Maple Run, stated they hadn't driven it in a while but always leave it unlocked. The owner was advised not to do this.

- On Tuesday, April 7, at about 7 a.m., officers responded East Craig Street for a report of an unknown vehicle parked in a driveway. A resident of East Craig Street awoke to find a 2019 Black Ford van in their driveway and contacted police. Officers found the registered owner of the vehicle and then traced it to a driver who lived in town. The vehicle was unlocked with the keys inside.

- Also, on Tuesday, April 7, two vehicle burglaries were reported, one on Sunnybrook and one on Berta Place. Both vehicles were unlocked but no items taken. The vehicles were unlocked but the keys were not inside.

- On Thursday, April 9, at about 7:06 a.m., a resident of Old Madisonville Road found an unknown male a sleep in his car. The vehicle, which the owner said was unlocked, was parked directly in front of the residence overnight. After calling police, officers responded and identified the individual as Vilmar Dionicio Perez Carreto of Claremont Avenue in Bernardsville. Due to a language barrier, it was unknown where Carreto was but he had gotten lost while walking home, came across the unlocked vehicle, opened

it and decided to take a nap. He was taken home by the police.

- On Thursday, April 9, officers took a telephonic report of a burglary and theft of a vehicle that occurred on April 7. The resident of North Maple Avenue reported that the unlocked vehicle had been entered and a wallet in the center console was taken. The wallet, a driver's license, \$25 in cash and possibly a Starbucks gift card was reported taken. There are no suspects.

- On Saturday, April 11, the Martinsville Exxon reported theft of gas valued at \$55. According to an attendant, an unknown black male pulled up to the pumps and flashed several \$20 bills and told the attendant to fill it up. Upon doing so, the attendant removed the nozzle and the driver sped off. The attendant was unable to obtain the registration of the vehicle. Police were able to identify it as a 2014 black Jeep Grand Cherokee that had been stolen out of Shrewsbury Township on April 9. The suspect is unknown. The vehicle was unlocked with the keys left inside.

- On Saturday, April 11, three vehicles all belonging to the same residence on Melbourne Way were reported burglarized some time between April 8 and April 11. They were all unlocked during this time frame. In one of the vehicles, a New York Police Department retired family member's wallet and badge were taken.

- On Sunday, April 12, at about 8:46 p.m., Chester Township Police broadcast an attempt to locate a blue Honda Civic with a New Jersey registration that was involved in a hit-and-run there. Bernards Township Officer Alec McCrea responded to an area of Rt. 78 in anticipation of the vehicle potentially heading that way. McCrea subsequently observed the vehicle and began to follow it. The driver, later identified as Sawn R. Simms, 20, of Jersey City, and passenger, Jeremy M