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Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Bethlehem Township school district, in the County of Hunterdon, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Ethel Hoppock Middle School STEAM room of the Bethlehem Township Board of Education, 280 Asbury-West Portal Road, Asbury, NJ 08802, on Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Actual	October 15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	308	291	296
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	69	63	60
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	377	354	356
Private School Placements	1	1	1
Pupils Received	25	21	17

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	7,765,487	8,061,114	8,487,166
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	7,765,487	8,061,114	8,487,166
Total Tuition	10-1300	158,433	137,217	136,757
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	177,940	34,600	36,600
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	16,120	1,732	2,500
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	61,583	5,500	7,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		8,179,563	8,240,163	8,670,023
Revenues from State Sources:				
School Choice Aid	10-3116	103,572	118,216	121,065
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	113,737	208,818	244,629
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	11,606	0	0
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	364,862	484,036	489,540
Equalization Aid	10-3176	179,557	0	0
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	37,641	44,691	47,629
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	5,137	0	0
State Reimbursement for Menstrual Products	10-3301	0	700	700
Total Revenues from State Sources		816,112	856,461	903,563
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget	10-303	682,858	649,532	635,000
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Local Share	10-307	314,400	0	0
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-309	0	461,218	0
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-310	204,658	147,422	60,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances		0	324,606	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		-738,084	0	0
Total Operating Budget		9,459,507	10,679,402	10,268,586
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	19,222	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	49,817	8,550	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	69,039	8,550	0
Revenues from State Sources:				
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	1,350	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		1,350	0	0
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title II	20-4451-4455	4,299	4,869	3,408
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	108,285	105,945	74,162
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	15,683	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	2,075	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	11,265	0	0
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	2,656	0	0
CRRSA Act-ESSER II	20-4534	17,220	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	75,980	67,593	44,301
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant	20-4536	2,799	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		240,262	178,407	121,871
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		4,109	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		314,760	186,957	121,871
Repayment of Debt:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	365,975	364,375	363,138
Total Revenues from Local Sources		365,975	364,375	363,138
Total Local Repayment of Debt		365,975	364,375	363,138
Total Repayment of Debt		365,975	364,375	363,138
Total Revenues/Sources		10,140,242	11,230,734	10,753,595
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		10,140,242	11,230,734	10,753,595

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	2,105,450	2,519,261	2,399,905
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	889,024	974,463	1,095,591
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	102,596	137,482	112,029
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	30,973	41,114	41,114
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	30,048	34,550	35,050
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	4,788	100,000	109,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	74,129	77,095	79,408
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	162,738	180,946	190,538
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	130,215	149,914	147,194
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	67,302	130,271	70,778
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	156,349	170,032	179,638
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	411,470	354,289	413,649
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	112,384	105,496	73,445
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	173,092	187,380	207,491
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	11,084	22,172	11,001
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	274,286	347,507	293,220
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	182,614	240,100	213,064
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	212,870	258,724	235,264
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	525	0	0
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	1,224,104	1,562,805	1,413,144
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	439,783	553,500	561,000
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	1,610,168	2,026,103	2,329,678
Total Undistributed Expenditures		5,247,901	6,466,334	6,527,512
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	16,120	1,732	2,500
Increase In Maintenance Reserve	10-606	188,538	0	0
Total General Current Expense		8,610,650	10,174,936	10,213,701
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	7,712	13,538	25,000
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	157,791	485,428	22,885
Increase In Capital Reserve	10-604	621,771	0	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	61,583	5,500	7,000
Total Capital Outlay		848,857	504,466	54,885
General Fund Grand Total		9,459,507	10,679,402	10,268,586
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	49,817	8,550	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	23,331	0	0
Other State Projects:				
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	1,350	0	0
Total Other State Projects		1,350	0	0
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,350	0	0
Federal Projects:				
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	4,299	4,869	3,408
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	108,285	105,945	74,162
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	75,980	67,593	44,301
CRRSA Act-ESSER II Grant Program	20-483-xxx-xxx	17,220	0	0
CRRSA Act-Mental Health Grant Program	20-485-xxx-xxx	2,799	0	0
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	2,656	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	15,683	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	2,075	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	11,265	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	240,262	178,407	121,871
Total Special Revenue Funds		314,760	186,957	121,871
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	365,975	364,375	363,138
Total Debt Service Funds		365,975	364,375	363,138
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		10,140,242	11,230,734	10,753,595
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		10,140,242	11,230,734	10,753,595

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Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2024	Audited Balance 06-30-2025	Estimated Balance 06-30-2026	Estimated Balance 06-30-2027
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	327,192	266,743	250,000	250,000
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	2,886,438	3,255,392	2,799,674	2,806,674
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	593,644	593,644	447,954	390,454
--Legal Reserve	1,282,390	1,284,532	635,000	0
--Unemployment Fund	0	0	0	0
--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
(Special Revenue Fund)				
--Student Activity Fund	27,455	23,346	23,346	23,346
--Scholarship Fund	0	0	0	0
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2023-24 Actual Costs	2024-25 Actual Costs	2025-26 Original Budget	2025-26 Revised Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	$19,104	$20,824	$24,055	$26,892	$26,801
Total Classroom Instruction	$10,100	$10,560	$12,178	$13,670	$14,087
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	$9,582	$9,882	$10,946	$12,073	$13,070
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	$286	$425	$782	$1,119	$640
Classroom-Purchased Services	$232	$253	$450	$478	$377
Total Support Services	$3,741	$4,360	$4,882	$5,109	$5,245
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	$3,236	$3,868	$4,132	$4,309	$4,588
Total Administrative Costs	$2,139	$2,176	$2,570	$3,011	$2,768
Administration Salaries and Benefits	$1,610	$1,698	$2,028	$2,195	$2,266
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	$2,985	$3,520	$4,154	$4,810	$4,403
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	$1,201	$1,277	$1,400	$1,399	$1,433
Board Contribution to Food Services	$0	$0	$0	$0	$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	$131	$204	$266	$286	$293
Total Equipment Costs	$64	$20	$20	$38	$70
Legal Costs	$82	$64	$79	$110	$84
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	34.19%	33.13%	39.55%	39.40%	43.36%

*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.nj.gov/education/guide/. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2025-26 revised appropriations and the 2026-27 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.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Ethel Hoppock Middle School building, 280 Asbury-West Portal Road, Asbury, NJ 08802, Hunterdon 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.

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