

Morris School District Proposed Budget 2011–2012 Frequently Asked Questions

What are some of the key components of the proposed 2011-2012 school budget?

The proposed 2011-2012 Morris School District budget:

- Maintains the integrity of the regular school day
- Preserves class sizes in PreK-12
- Enhances the remedial Summer School Program
- Maintains existing extra-curricular programs K-12
- Continues regular day services that meet the needs of a diverse student body
- Upholds district policy of maintaining facility needs within the regular school budget
- Adheres to a tax increase below 2%

What is the total proposed budget and how does it compare with the 2010-2011 budget?

The 2010-2011 total budget is \$101,097,363; the proposed 2011-2012 budget is \$100,343,559. This represents a decrease of \$753,804 (.75%). The total budget includes the cost of all programs and services provided by the District and reflects all sources of revenue that will be used to provide those programs and services, i.e., local taxes, state and federal aid, incoming tuition, grants, etc.

What is the general fund tax levy on the proposed budget and how does it compare with the 2010-2011 budget?

The proposed budget reflects a tax levy (that portion of the budget supported by local taxes) of \$80,807,655. This represents a 1.69% increase when compared with the 2010-2011 budget.

How does the proposed budget affect property taxes?

If approved, the proposed budget will result in a school tax increase of \$158 per year (\$13.17/month) on a Morristown home assessed at the Town average of \$354,000, and an increase of \$189 per year (\$15.75/month) on a Morris Township home assessed at the Township average of \$390,000. It is important to remember that the tax impact on a home is based on the assessed value of that home, not on the “market value” of the home. For example, if a home in Morristown is assessed at \$354,000 but has a much greater market value, the tax impact on that home would still be \$158 per year. Individual homeowners should check their property tax assessment to determine the tax impact on their particular home.

Why is the tax increase not the same in Morris Township and Morristown?

Municipal taxes vary from year to year based upon the value of the taxable property in each community. The values are set by the state on October 1st of each year.

What happens if the budget is defeated?

If the budget is defeated, the Morristown Town Council and the Morris Township Committee are required to review the budget and recommend an amount by which the budget must be reduced.

Please remember to vote on Wednesday, April 27

**Morris School District
Board of Education
School Board/Budget Election
April 27, 2011**

Polling Locations

If your general election Polling place is	Your school election polling place is
MORRISTOWN	
Morristown Municipal Bldg	Morristown Municipal Bldg.
Speedwell Firehouse or Lafayette School	Lafayette School
Alexander Hamilton School or Petrone Towers	Alexander Hamilton School
Sr. Residence on Ann Street	Thomas Jefferson School
Thomas Jefferson School	Thomas Jefferson School
MORRIS TOWNSHIP	
Fairchild Fire House	Alfred Vail School
Mennen Arena	Alfred Vail School
Collinsville Firehouse or Normandy Park School	Normandy Park School
Convent Railroad Station	Normandy Park School
Morris Township Municipal Building	Woodland School
Woodland Firehouse	Woodland School
Mt. Kemble Firehouse	Thomas Jefferson School
Hillside Firehouse or Hillcrest School	Hillcrest School
Villa Walsh Academy	Hillcrest School
Seeing Eye Building or Sussex Avenue School	Sussex Avenue School
Morris View Nursing Home	Frelinghuysen School
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Polls will be open from 2:00PM - 9:00 PM

If you think you may be unable to get to the polls on April 27, you may vote by mail. Vote by Mail and general voting information may be obtained by calling the Morris County Election Office at 973-285-6715 or online at www.morriselections.org.