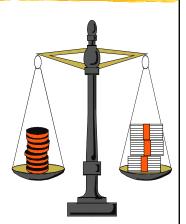
Delsea Regional High School District

Public Hearing on the Proposed Budget 2006-2007

Budget Goals

- Minimize tax impact
- Comply with State mandated Core Content Standards
- Ensure adequate staffing to maintain apportioned class size
- Keep the District current in the area of technology
- Maintain a strong program of professional development
- Comply with Federal and State regulations impacting Special Education programs



Community Programs

Delsea School District supports the following community activities:

- All weather track available for community jogging/walking
- School gymnasiums and athletic fields used by Franklin and Elk recreation sponsored youth and adult programs
- School facilities used by community theater groups for productions
- Weight training room used by Franklin and Elk police departments and community programing with the Recreation Commission
- District sponsored Adult Community School
- Numerous JROTC community outreach activities
- Assistance with completion of tax reimbursement form for senior citizens
- Learn and Serve America activities including the Senior Citizen Prom and nursing home visitation program





Budget Terms

The budget is composed of three funds:

General Fund - Fund used to record the daily operations of the district.

Debt Service Fund - Fund used to record principal and interest payments on outstanding debt (bonds sold for various construction/renovation projects).

Special Revenue Fund - Fund used to record programs which are funded solely by state and federal grant monies.

Revenue Sources: General Fund

STATE AID \$12,890,904

BALANCE APPROPRIATED 679,567

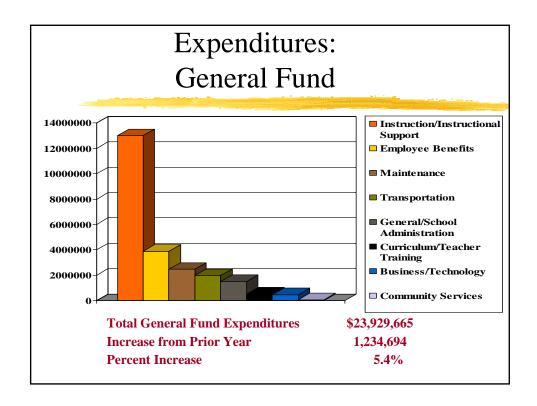
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME 245,000

TAX LEVY <u>10,114,194</u>

TOTAL \$23,929,665

State Aid Shortage

The State has not funded school districts according to the approved funding formula for the past 6 years. This has caused our District to experience a significant shortage in state aid. The District was shorted 1.2 million in funding for special education students alone.



Areas of Significant Increase

- ✓ Contracted salary increases
- ✓ 13% increase in the cost of employee benefits
- ✓ Increase in utility and fuel costs
- ✓ 142% increase in the payment to the state pension fund from 48,000 to 116,000
- ✓ Additional tuition costs for special education outside placements



Changes in Personnel

Increases:

Instruction Aides – One additional at the Middle School because of class sizes

Evening Security – One part time employee for the Middle School

Decreases:

Child Study Team – One less, employee retiring and not being replaced

Interpreter – Services not need for 06-07 school year One-to-One Aides – One less, less students needing this service

Changes:

Eliminate administrative position of Student Personnel Services Director/District Supervisor and replace with Guidance Counselor with guidance director responsibilities



Cost Saving Initiatives

- Joint purchasing of custodial supplies
- State and County-wide purchasing of utilities
- Sharing of equipment and manpower with municipal governments
- More in-house maintenance projects and less contracted services
- Provider of shared transportation coordinator and bus maintenance services with constituent district
- Provider of building repair/maintenance support for constituent district



General Fund Free Balance

Based on the requirements of S-1701, all Districts are to maintain a fund balance (surplus funds) at 2% of the prior year's expenditures. For the 2006-07 budget this amount is:

\$452,881

This is less than the average bi-weekly pay.



Comparative Spending

- \$ There are 47 Grade 7-12 Districts in NJ
- \$ 2004-05 average per pupil cost for the State \$10,907
- \$ Delsea per pupil cost for 2004-05 \$9,962
- \$ We are 6th lowest out of 47 districts
- \$ We have the 4th lowest total administrative cost
- \$ We have the 2nd lowest median administrative salary



Administrative Cost Limit

- **S**-1701 allows for administrative costs equal to the adjusted 05-06 budget amount. Districts also can not exceed the regional limit.
- #Regional limit for southern NJ = \$1,549
- # Delsea administrative cost per pupil = \$1,278
- ₩We are \$271 below the regional limit

Tax Impact

Taxes Per \$100 of Assessed Value

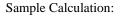
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Franklin Township	1.048	1.122	7.4 ¢
Elk Township	.955	.997	4.2 ¢
	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	Increase

Tax Calculation

Elk Township

Home Assessed Tax At: Increase

\$ 137,856 \$ 57.90



Twp Average

Assessed Value \$117,856/100 = 1,178.56 unit x Tax increase (.042) = \$49.50

Tax Calculation

Franklin Township

Home Tax
Assessed At: Increase

\$ 94,836 \$ 70.18

Twp Average \$114,836 \$ 84.98

\$134,836 \$ 99.78



Sample Calculation:

Assessed Value (\$114,836)/100 = 1,148.36 units x Tax Increase (.074) = \$84.98

Senior Citizen Tax Refund

- ∠Low and moderate income senior citizens are eligible for a refund of tax increases through a state reimbursement program.
- The program freezes property taxes for senior citizen to the amount paid when they initially apply. All property tax increases from that date are refunded by the state.
- Assistance in the completion of the forms is provided by the school districts and municipalities of Franklin & Elk Twps.



What 1 Cent Equals

In order to decrease the tax rate by 1 cent per \$100 of assessed value the District would need to cut from the Budget the following amounts for each township:

Elk Township \$204,000

Franklin Township \$182,000