



Newark Board of Education  
765 Broad Street  
Newark, New Jersey 07102

The Newark Board of Education hereby provides notice:

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Newark Public Schools District, in the County of Essex, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held at:

**GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
333 CLINTON PLACE  
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026 AT 6 P.M.**

**FORMAL ACTION MAY BE TAKEN**

The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a budget hearing for the 2026 – 2027 school year. Members of the public may observe the proceedings via Vimeo or Facebook Live. Information will be posted on the Newark Board of Education website, <https://www.nps.k12.nj.us>.

The budget is currently being reviewed by the County.

Mr. Roger León  
Superintendent

**Essex- Newark City  
Advertised Enrollments**

Enrollment Categories	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Actual	October 15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	50,144	48,904	48,904
Pupils On Roll Reg Accr. Adult High Sch	272	202	114
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	8,217	8,428	8,428
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	58,632	57,534	57,446
Private School Placements	142	161	161
Pupils Sent to Contracted Preschool Prog	3,569	3,751	3,502
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	9	9	9
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	463	412	421
Pupils Received	4	5	5
Pupils in State Facilities	52	64	63

**Essex - Newark City  
Advertised Revenues**

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
<b>Operating Budget:</b>				
<b>Revenues from Local Sources:</b>				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	141,081,241	143,902,866	146,780,923
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	141,081,241	143,902,866	146,780,923
Total Tuition	10-1300	474,660	666,705	666,705
Rents and Royalties	10-1910	1,800,697	1,400,000	1,400,000
Sale of Property	10-1930	21,382	0	0
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	33,537,460	3,037,144	3,037,144
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>		<b>176,915,440</b>	<b>149,006,715</b>	<b>151,884,772</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	8,523,133	13,434,231	21,417,852
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	4,355,112	2,227,468	2,227,468
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	66,136,508	68,685,419	74,826,421
Equalization Aid	10-3176	1,132,450,644	1,216,431,478	1,261,166,058
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	31,129,063	27,593,466	29,309,754
Adjustment Aid	10-3178	12,840,459	0	0
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	162,516	22,000,000	0
State Reimbursement for Menstrual Products	10-3301	1,049,845	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>1,256,647,280</b>	<b>1,350,372,062</b>	<b>1,388,947,553</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	1,587,848	437,089	1,427,841
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>1,587,848</b>	<b>437,089</b>	<b>1,427,841</b>
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget</b>	10-303	<b>0</b>	<b>90,668,532</b>	<b>127,721,214</b>
<b>Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects</b>	10-309	<b>0</b>	<b>7,258,000</b>	<b>7,258,000</b>
<b>Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances</b>		<b>0</b>	<b>31,936,210</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures</b>		<b>-22,820,601</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>		<b>1,412,329,967</b>	<b>1,629,678,608</b>	<b>1,677,239,380</b>
<b>Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	4,522,755	5,000	5,000
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	14,148	5,000	5,000
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	786,482	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from Local Sources</b>	20-1XXX	<b>5,323,385</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Revenues from State Sources:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid-Prior Year Carryover	20-3218	0	11,907,762	30,477,952
Preschool Education Aid	20-3218	101,840,730	96,460,706	102,649,426
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-3257	7,998,121	0	0
Nonpublic Teacher Stem Grant	20-3212	35,583	0	0
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	1,890,083	1,685,069	1,685,069
<b>Total Revenues from State Sources</b>		<b>111,764,517</b>	<b>110,053,537</b>	<b>134,812,447</b>
<b>Revenues from Federal Sources:</b>				
Title I	20-4411-4416	29,740,612	24,220,237	24,309,778
Title II	20-4451-4455	2,438,567	1,923,801	1,923,801
Title III	20-4491-4494	2,159,346	1,591,894	1,591,894
Title IV	20-4471-4474	2,170,223	1,605,071	1,605,071
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	12,402,839	10,022,909	10,022,909
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	38,081	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-4542	13,000	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	20-4544	66	0	0
Vocational Education	20-4430	709,154	0	0
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	17,443,386	0	0
Other	20-4XXX	19,762,230	0	0
ARP Homeless Children and Youth II Grant	20-4546	106,329	0	0
<b>Total Revenues from Federal Sources</b>		<b>86,983,833</b>	<b>39,363,912</b>	<b>39,453,453</b>
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	4,981,117	0	0
Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	4,981,117	4,981,117
<b>Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund</b>		<b>-196,710</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund</b>		<b>58,331</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Total Grants and Entitlements</b>		<b>208,914,473</b>	<b>154,408,566</b>	<b>179,257,017</b>
<b>Total Revenues/Sources</b>		<b>1,621,244,440</b>	<b>1,784,087,174</b>	<b>1,856,496,397</b>
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten	20-5200	4,981,117	0	0
Deduct Transfer-Transfers from Operating Budget-Pre-Kindergarten (Special Education)	20-5200	0	4,981,117	4,981,117

Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers 1,616,263,323 1,779,106,057 1,851,515,280

**Essex - Newark City  
Advertised Appropriations**

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
<b>General Current Expense:</b>				
<b>Instruction:</b>				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	36,281,771	71,227,611	113,258,854
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	5,026,425	5,563,596	5,066,490
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	1,132,906	1,308,797	1,223,200
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	1,229,372	2,008,695	1,539,808
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,300,628	1,300,605	1,358,950
Before/After School Programs	11-421-XXX-XXX	3,606,584	6,001,307	5,784,542
Summer School	11-422-XXX-XXX	0	15,000	405,220
Instructional Alternative Ed Program	11-423-XXX-XXX	217,002	311,671	307,902
<b>Support Services:</b>				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	39,608,329	44,847,409	43,304,721
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	5,217,504	5,698,160	5,940,240
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	4,881,867	6,852,161	6,516,397
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	16,959,650	18,189,654	18,149,865
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	11,646,270	11,744,634	11,744,634
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	4,197,795	5,582,374	5,348,664
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	15,652,727	18,234,442	19,232,763
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	15,083,271	20,627,010	18,301,099
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	982,846	2,573,944	1,613,750
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	979,572	2,258,258	4,282,350
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	16,102,716	13,265,213	11,565,389
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,162,388	922,511	620,027
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	16,051,778	20,448,317	20,839,184
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	12,887,830	16,350,828	15,027,602
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	145,007,478	166,274,202	173,838,076
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	73,138,563	84,311,433	75,847,411
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	129,037,572	132,275,870	98,017,775
Undistributed Expenditures-Food Services	11-000-310-930	0	500,000	500,000
<b>Total Undistributed Expenditures</b>		<b>508,598,156</b>	<b>570,956,420</b>	<b>530,689,947</b>
<b>Total General Current Expense</b>		<b>557,392,844</b>	<b>658,693,702</b>	<b>659,634,913</b>
<b>Capital Expenditures:</b>				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	3,178,770	3,068,676	4,381,824
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	8,905,288	44,988,482	34,210,722
<b>Total Capital Outlay</b>		<b>12,084,058</b>	<b>48,057,158</b>	<b>38,592,546</b>
<b>Special Schools:</b>				
<b>Summer School:</b>				
Summer School-Instruction	13-422-100-XXX	972,817	5,795,604	5,596,891
Summer School-Support Services	13-422-200-XXX	37,190	940,763	502,426
Total Summer School	13-422-X00-XXX	1,010,007	6,736,367	6,099,317
Accred. Eve./Adult H.S./Post-Grad.:				
Accredited Evening/Adult High School/Post-Graduate-Instruction	13-601-100-XXX	0	375,000	375,000
Accredited Evening/Adult High School/Post-Graduate-Support Services	13-601-200-XXX	0	301,434	304,282
Total Accredited Evening/Adult High School/Post-Graduate	13-601-X00-XXX	0	676,434	679,282
<b>Adult Education:</b>				
Adult Education-Local-Instruction	13-602-100-XXX	636,417	304,260	304,245
Adult Education-Local-Support Services	13-602-200-XXX	340,489	285,079	289,234
<b>Total Adult Education-Local</b>	13-602-X00-XXX	<b>976,906</b>	<b>589,339</b>	<b>593,479</b>
<b>Total Special Schools</b>	13-XXX-XXX-XXX	<b>1,986,913</b>	<b>8,002,140</b>	<b>7,372,078</b>
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	388,514,109	416,104,201	421,104,201
General Fund Contribution to School Based Budgeting	10-000-520-930	452,352,043	498,821,407	550,535,642
<b>General Fund Grand Total</b>		<b>1,412,329,967</b>	<b>1,629,678,608</b>	<b>1,677,239,380</b>
<b>Special Grants and Entitlements:</b>				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	786,482	0	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	4,326,045	5,000	5,000
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	72,479	5,000	5,000
<b>Preschool Education Aid:</b>				
Preschool Education Aid Instruction	20-218-100-XXX	23,879,347	30,452,654	32,825,129
Support Services	20-218-200-XXX	79,318,672	81,308,197	88,107,839
Facility Acquisition and Construction Services	20-218-400-XXX	0	1,588,734	17,175,527
Contribution to Charter Schools	20-218-100-56X	3,623,828	0	0
<b>Total Preschool Education Aid</b>	20-218-XXX-XXX	<b>106,821,847</b>	<b>113,349,585</b>	<b>138,108,495</b>
<b>Other State Projects:</b>				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	62,593	148,973	148,973
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	182,114	1,117,504	1,117,504
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	63,230	206,678	206,678
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	189,020	211,914	211,914
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	72,205	0	0
Nonpublic Security Aid	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	289,310	0	0
Nonpublic Teacher Stem Grant	20-481-XXX-XXX	35,583	0	0
SDA Emergent Needs and Capital Maintenance In School Districts	20-492-XXX-XXX	7,998,121	0	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,031,611	0	0
<b>Total Other State Projects</b>		<b>9,923,787</b>	<b>1,685,069</b>	<b>1,685,069</b>
<b>Total State Projects</b>	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	<b>116,745,634</b>	<b>115,034,654</b>	<b>139,793,564</b>
<b>Federal Projects:</b>				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	16,367,572	10,423,107	10,423,107
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,307,975	588,367	588,367
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,159,346	1,591,894	1,591,894
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	2,170,223	1,605,071	1,605,071
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	12,402,839	10,022,909	10,022,909
Vocational Education	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	709,154	0	0
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	19,762,230	0	0
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	17,443,386	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	38,081	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Summer Learning and Enrichment Activities Grant	20-489-xxx-xxx	13,000	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant New Jersey Tiered System of Supports (NJSS) Mental Health Support Staffing Grant	20-491-xxx-xxx	66	0	0

ARP Homeless Children and Youth I	20-495-xxx-xxx	106,329	0	0	Legal Costs	\$74	\$87	\$97	\$132	\$105
Contribution to School Based Budgeting-Other Federal Projects	20-XXX-520-930	14,503,632	15,132,564	15,222,105	Restricted Federal and State Revenue other than Preschool Education Aid Included Above**	\$368	\$360	\$375	\$383	\$385
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	86,983,833	39,363,912	39,453,453	Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	30.55%	33.04%	26.40%	29.93%	29.00%
Total Special Revenue Funds		208,914,473	154,408,566	179,257,017						
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		1,621,244,440	1,784,087,174	1,856,496,397	*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.					
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Regular	11-105-100-935	4,981,117	0	0	** Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.					
Deduct Transfer-Local Contribution-Transfer To Special Revenues-Inclusion	11-105-100-936	0	4,981,117	4,981,117	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: <a href="http://www.nj.gov/education/guide/">http://www.nj.gov/education/guide/</a> . 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.					
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		1,616,263,323	1,779,106,057	1,851,515,280						
Essex - Newark City Advertised Recapitulation of Balances						Essex - Newark City Capital Projects				
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)	29,387,196	30,528,195	30,528,195	30,528,195						Funding Source for Exceed Referendum
(Repayment of Debt)	0	0	0	0						Request to Exceed Referendum
Restricted for Specific Purposes:					Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Request to Exceed Referendum
(General Operating Budget)										
--Capital Reserve	15,419,941	18,419,941	11,161,941	3,903,941	New Switch Gear & CT Cabinet At Chancellor Ave.	1	\$875,000	N	N	
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0	Constr/Renovation for Bathrooms at Various Schools	2	\$4,500,000	N	N	
--Maintenance Reserve	0	0	0	0	Chancellor Ave. Annex Pool	3	\$3,000,000	N	N	
--Legal Reserve	207,330,146	218,389,746	127,721,214	0	New Media (Dayton)	4	\$14,577,722	N	N	
--Unemployment Fund	8,722,218	9,662,515	9,662,515	9,662,515	Bragaw Renovations	5	\$2,500,000	N	N	
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	0	St. Lucy's Renovation	6	\$1,500,000	N	N	
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0	Abatement Project at Belmont Runyon (CAP)	7	\$2,684,900	N	N	
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0	Bragaw Renovations (CAP)	8	\$1,000,000	N	N	
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0	Bard Renovations (CAP)	9	\$3,573,100	N	N	
(Special Revenue Fund)										
--Student Activity Fund	1,071,198	1,267,908	1,267,908	1,267,908						
--Scholarship Fund	298,343	240,012	240,012	240,012						
(Repayment of Debt)					Essex - Newark City Advertised Blended Resource SBB Statement					
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0	Budget Category		2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 roposed	
Essex - Newark City Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations						Resources:				
Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2023-24 Actual Costs	2024-25 Actual Costs	2025-26 Original Budget	2025-26 Revised Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget	Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	1,284,788	2,446,215	0	
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$21,202	\$23,378	\$26,841	\$27,497	\$29,189	General Fund Contribution (15-5200)	450,639,046	498,821,407	550,535,642	
Total Classroom Instruction	\$10,622	\$11,750	\$14,303	\$13,914	\$15,299	Restricted State Entitlements (15-32XX)	0	0	0	
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$10,038	\$10,824	\$11,440	\$12,005	\$12,301	Restricted Federal Entitlements (15-44XX)	14,503,632	15,132,564	15,222,105	
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$430	\$560	\$2,293	\$1,318	\$2,413	Total SBB Resources	466,427,466	516,400,186	565,757,747	
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$154	\$366	\$570	\$590	\$584	Appropriations:				
Total Support Services	\$4,242	\$4,659	\$5,142	\$5,517	\$5,721	Instruction (15-XXX-100-XXX)	308,926,439	344,359,203	355,741,989	
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$3,734	\$3,969	\$4,310	\$4,531	\$4,662	Support Services (15-XXX-2XX-XXX)	157,332,806	171,619,098	209,708,230	
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,922	\$2,037	\$2,125	\$2,354	\$2,261	Equipment (15-XXX-XXX-73X)	168,221	421,885	307,528	
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,369	\$1,405	\$1,464	\$1,539	\$1,564	Total SBB Appropriations	466,427,466	516,400,186	565,757,747	
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$3,899	\$4,417	\$4,697	\$5,084	\$5,281	The complete budget will be available for review on the Newark Board of Education Website. It can be accessed at <a href="https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/departments/sba/finance/budget/2026-2027-budget-information/">https://www.nps.k12.nj.us/departments/sba/finance/budget/2026-2027-budget-information/</a>				
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$2,492	\$2,410	\$2,429	\$2,550	\$2,628	<b>Capital Reserve Withdrawal</b>				
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$12	\$13	\$13	<b>Capital Reserve Statement of Purpose</b>				
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$257	\$328	\$334	\$376	\$378	Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve - Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, is \$7,258,000 for other capital project costs in the amount of \$3,573,100 for New Media High School, \$2,684,900 for Belmont Runyon Playground, and \$1,000,000 for Bragaw. The total cost for these projects is \$7,258,000, which represents expenditures for construction elements or projects that are in addition to the facilities efficiency standards determined by the Commissioner as necessary to achieve the New Jersey Learning Standards.				
Total Equipment Costs	\$97	\$83	\$83	\$129	\$554					