



TOTOWA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-2027 Budget

Board of Education Priorities

- ◆ To identify, secure, and responsibly manage district financial resources to effectively and adequately support the educational objectives of the district.
- ◆ Continue to provide learning that addresses the needs of the 21st-century learner through advancing transformational learning and innovation.
- ◆ To implement high-quality student programming and interventions to improve knowledge, competency, and performance.

Board of Education Priorities

- To create a climate that is safe, orderly and caring that promotes student learning and fosters social and emotional growth.
- To promote the well-being and mental health of all students by implementing comprehensive support services by creating an environment that addresses the social and emotional needs of the community.
- To demonstrate effective leadership to ensure high-quality instruction and equitable student learning.

Board Budgetary Goals

- Maintain reasonable class sizes to ensure differentiation and individualized learning.
- Sustain/improve services that meet the needs of a wide range of students, including:
 - Special education programs
 - Gifted/talented programs
 - Academic support programs
 - Full-time Reading Specialist at MS

Board Budgetary Goals

- Support changes to the curriculum to provide learning that addresses the needs of the students and infuse social emotional learning throughout the curriculum.
- Continue our student management information system, Realtime.
- Maintain our human resource information system, Systems 3000; Accounting, Payroll, Personnel

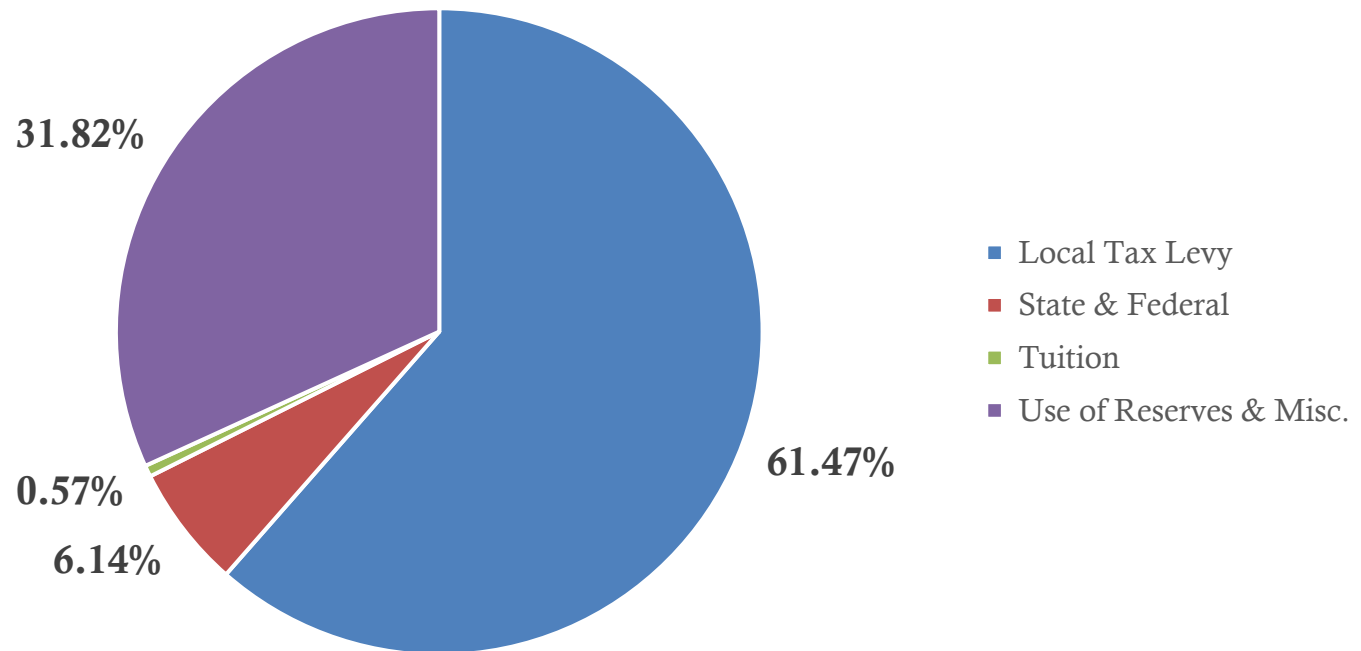
Board Budgetary Goals

- Maintain police officers in Memorial and Washington Park Schools.
- Continue to upgrade our technological resources and STEAM labs.
- Minimize tax increases.
- Minimize budget increases.

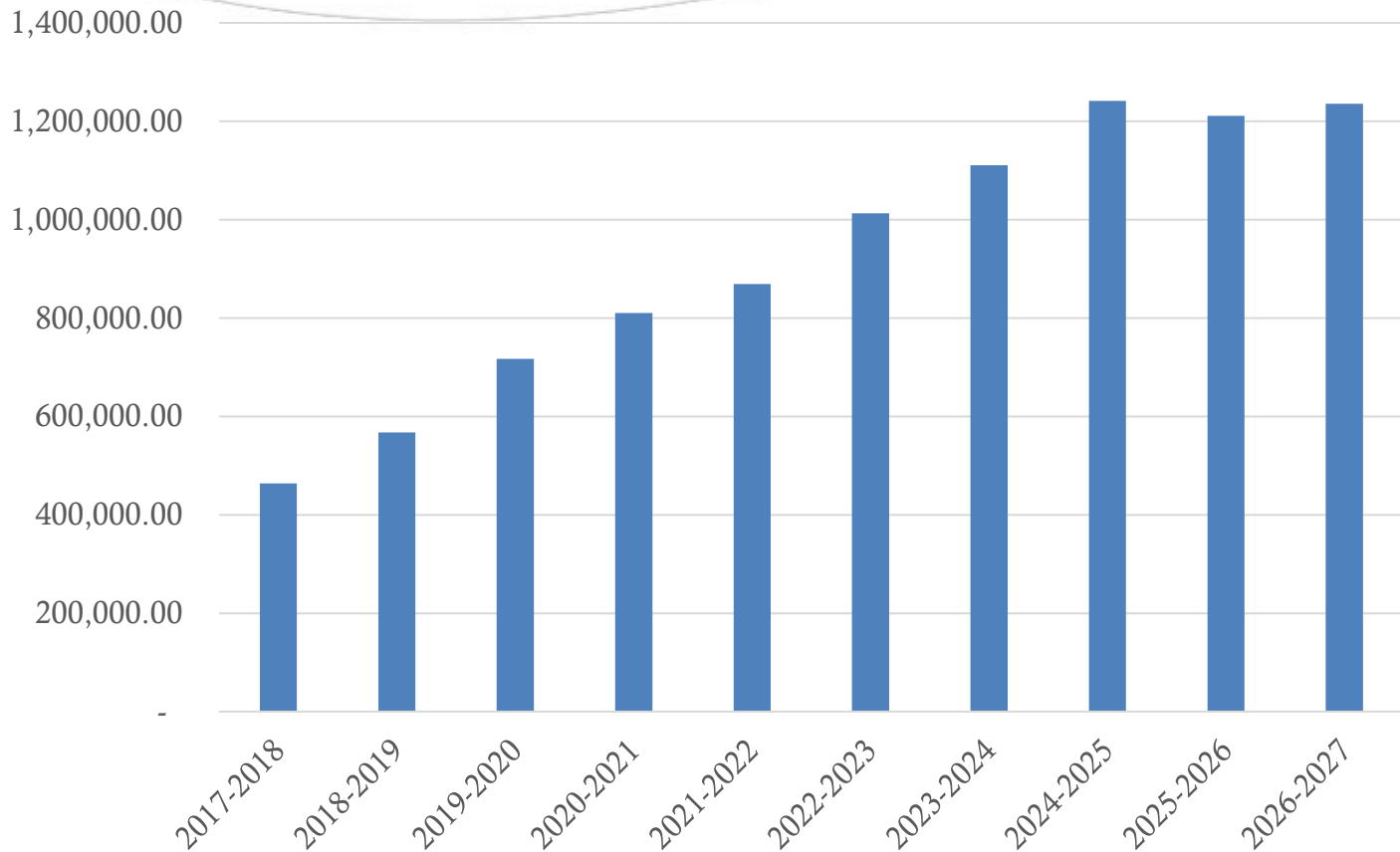
What makes up a budget?

- 💧 **Appropriations - Revenue = Tax Levy**
- 💧 **TAXY LEVY-** portion of the budget supported through local taxes

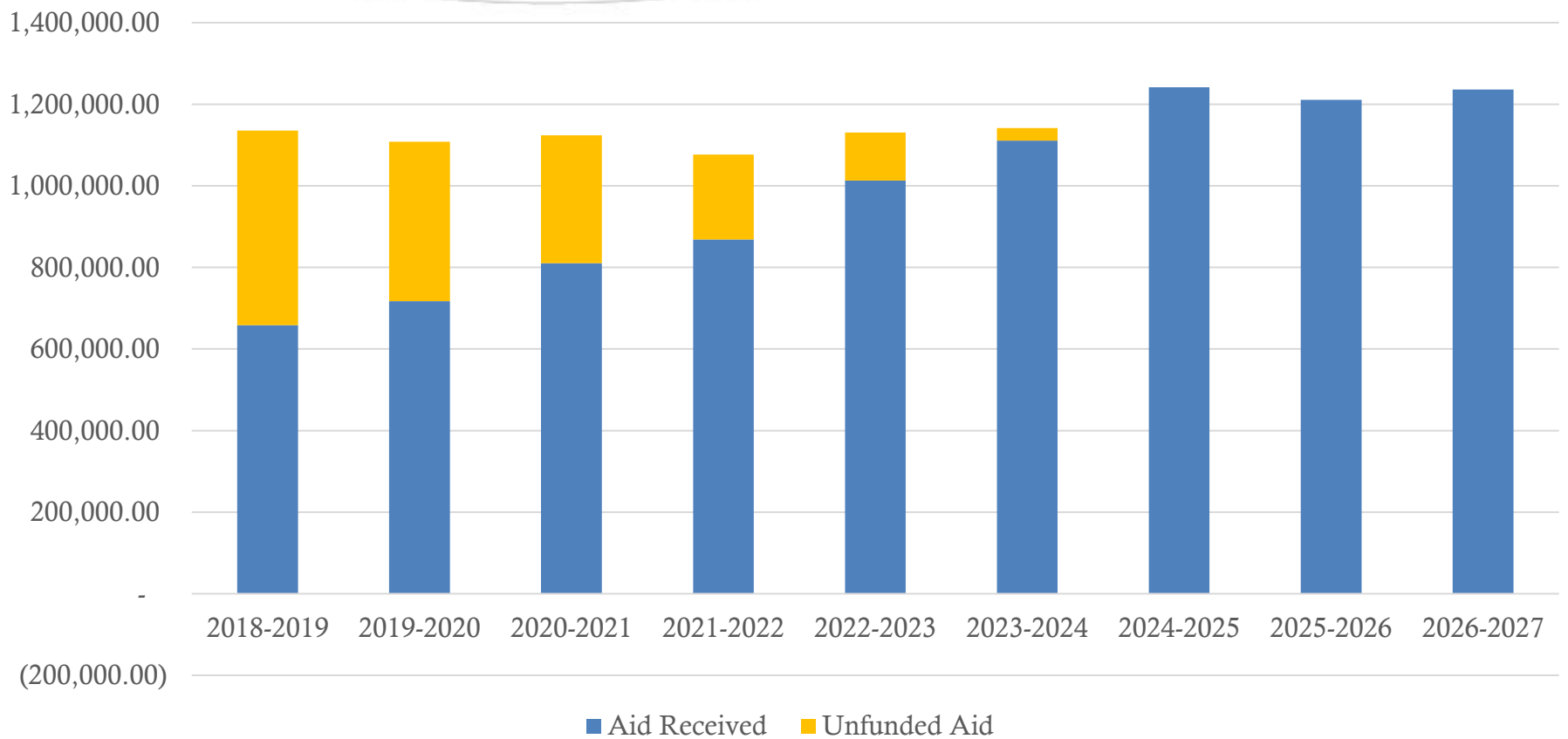
Revenues – Funding Sources



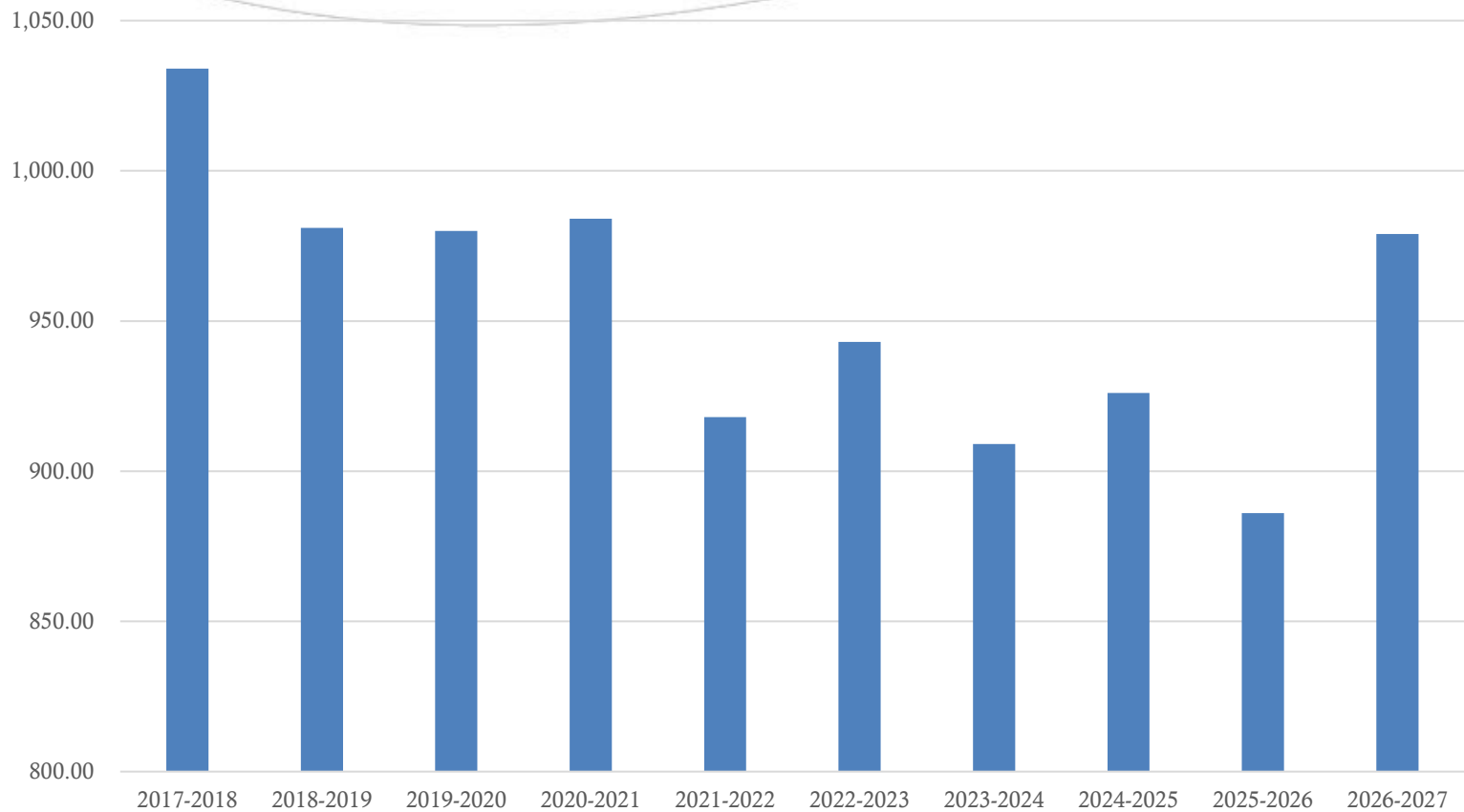
State Aid



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Enrollment



2026-2027 Per Pupil Cost

Per Pupil Cost	2026 – 2027
Total Classroom Instruction	\$16,892
Total Support Services	\$ 3,116
Total Administrative Costs	\$ 2,472
Total Operation and Maintenance of Plant	\$ 3,240

2026 – 2027 Per Pupil Cost

Per Pupil Cost	2026 – 2027
Classroom Salary and Benefits	\$15,936
Support Services Salary and Benefits	\$ 2,339
Administration Salary and Benefits	\$ 2,060
Operations and Maintenance Salary and Benefits	\$ 1,295

What makes up the budget?

- 💧 Appropriations \$30,721,757
- 💧 Revenue \$ 11,837,147
- 💧 Tax Levy \$18,884,610

Prior Year Tax Levy Increase

◆ School Year 2022 – 2023	2.31%
◆ School Year 2023 – 2024	2.30%
◆ School Year 2024 – 2025	2.00%
◆ School Year 2025 – 2026	3.56%
◆ School Year 2026 – 2027	3.81%

Budget 2026 - 2027

**2026-2027 Annual Total Expense
INCREASE**

**Cost for a home assessed at
\$396,700 (Borough average)
\$124.45**

Budget 2026 - 2027

**2026-2027 PROPOSED BUDGET COST for a
home assessed at \$396,700 (Borough Average)**

Monthly Increase

\$10.37

Budget 2026 - 2027

💧 **2026 – 2027 Current Expense Tax Levy**
\$18,884,610

(The Tax Levy is no longer voted on)

Improvements Continue

- 1. Renovation of three bathrooms at Memorial School and Washington Park School – Summer 2021**
- 2. Turf Field – Washington Park School – Summer 2021**
- 3. Replacement of Boilers – Washington Park School – Summer 2024-2026**



Through the generous support of the Totowa Board of Education and the Totowa Education Foundation, the district could maintain a One-to-One Initiative successfully and updated the Smart Boards in all the classrooms.

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

- ❖ **One WPS student received an Honorable Mention in the Passaic County Poster Contest.**
- ❖ **One WPS student placed in the Top 12 in the Passaic County Poster Contest.**
- ❖ **Students raised over \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society.**
- ❖ **Students donated over 407 hats/mittens to CUMAC.**
- ❖ **Students donated over 980 items to the food pantry.**

CELEBRATING STUDENT SUCCESS

- ❖ Twenty eighth-grade students participated in the mentoring program.
- ❖ Battle of Books
- ❖ 5th grade teams placed first and fifth in the county
- ❖ Math League Contest
- ❖ The 8th grade team placed third in Passaic County.
- ❖ The 6th grade team placed second in Passaic County.
- ❖ Ninety-two students received the Presidential Award for Academic Excellence.

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PROGRAMS FUNDED BY

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Approximately \$15,000 Annually*

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FOUNDATION EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Traveling Boys & Girls Basketball
Volleyball & Traveling Volleyball
Middle School Musical
Bowling

Extracurricular activities cost approximately \$50,000 annually.

The Foundation also supports our professional development for our teachers participating in the summer cohorts.

PTO Supplies

The PTO supplied the following items to students within the district:

- ❖ Planners
- ❖ Folders
- ❖ Crayons

Something for everybody!

Nations Night

Youth Week

School Stores

Video Broadcasting

Chorus/Glee Club

Instrumental Music

STARS Students (ART)

Kindergarten Moving On

100th Day Celebration

VOTE

Tuesday, April 21, 2026

**ALL VOTING WILL BE IN-
PERSON IN THE WPS GYM!**

A photograph of two young girls sitting at a wooden desk in a classroom, focused on their work. The girl on the left, wearing a light grey long-sleeved shirt, is looking at a black Dell laptop. The girl on the right, wearing a purple and grey long-sleeved shirt, is also looking at a black laptop. The desk is cluttered with various items including a black hairbrush, a crumpled white tissue, a yellow pencil, and a colorful alphabet chart. In the background, there are wooden shelves filled with books and colorful storage bins (blue, green, and white).

THANK YOU