



Learning is our Mission

Dear Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School Community:

Our proposed school budget is a financial plan in support of our academic programming, rather than merely an accounting document. The budget process is an educational process because it allows us to carefully examine both the quality of opportunities available to our students as well as the operations and infrastructure of the Woodstown-Pilesgrove Regional School District. In order to do this, we must use the financial resources provided to the district in the most efficient manner possible.

The 2019-2020 budget was developed based on six standards. We believe that it is essential to:

1. Offer the high quality educational programs while managing costs
2. Maintain appropriate class ratios
3. Support district goals and curriculum and instruction initiatives
4. Provide for sufficient resources, including supplies, materials and equipment
5. Maintain facilities that are safe and supportive of learning
6. Meet New Jersey Department of Education mandates

The proposed budget for the 2019-2020 school year was initially presented to the Board of Education on March 14th. The proposed budget for 2019-2020 totals \$25,565,259, an increase of \$457,869 or 1.8% over our budget for 2018-2019. Projected tax rate increases are 0.064% in Pilesgrove and 0.044% in Woodstown.

Our class size averages at both the elementary and secondary levels will remain the same. In addition to maintaining our current class size averages, the budget will keep our standards of academic excellence for our students. We have funded a curriculum initiative in mathematics at WHS, and a necessary upgrade to our student database communication management system. This budget also supports an abridged version of Winter Track at WHS.

Our budget challenges are similar to districts across the state and region. Contractual salary increases, the level of health insurance and retirement system costs continue to drive the district's budget increases.

In addition, the district has been assessed \$122,336 by the Creativity CoLaboratory Charter School at Appel Farm in Elmer. We were forced to prioritize because of this unfunded mandate. Regretfully, we were forced to cut Freshman Sports. Freshmen will be afforded an opportunity to try out to play on JV teams. We also reduced the number of games for each Junior Varsity and Varsity sport. Our Support Staff Association provided concessions to fund this mandate as well.

We will be hosting a preliminary Budget Meeting for you on Monday, April 8th at 6:30 pm in the Library at Mary Shoemaker Elementary School. We take our budgetary responsibilities very seriously, and hope that you will join us at the meeting so that we can answer any questions that arise.

The Public Budget Presentation will be held at the April 24, 2019 Board of Education Meeting.





Board of Education Agenda

Highlights from the March 28, 2019 Board of Education Meeting:

Field trips, volunteers, fund raisers, policies and financial reports were all approved.

Reminder: April 23, 2019 is now a school day!! The 2018-2019 School Calendar was revised to include the one (1) snow day and remove April 23, 2019 from the calendar as a day off.

Not sure when the BOE meetings are or what is on the agenda? Meetings are held once a month usually on the 4th Thursday. They start at 7:00 pm and are generally held in the Mary Shoemaker Library.

Can't make the meeting but want to keep up with what is happening? All board agendas are listed on our website. [Click here](#) to go and check them out!

Wolverine of the Month!

High School

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| Isabella Briseno | December 2018 |
| Julian LeFlore | December 2018 |
| Carmen Santiago | January 2019 |
| Robert Parkell | January 2019 |
| Caylee Stead | February 2019 |
| Tyler Danner | February 2019 |
| Celine Gauffeny | March 2019 |
| Jacob Pratt | March 2019 |

Middle School – Junior Wolverine

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| Deja Wiley | December 2018 |
| Caleb Carter | December 2018 |
| Eric Quiroga | January 2019 |
| Elizabeth Lodge | January 2019 |
| Danielle Hughes | February 2019 |
| John Lane | February 2019 |
| Isabella Law | March 2019 |
| David Harvey | March 2019 |

Mary Shoemaker – Young Wolverine

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| Alyssa Berry | December 2018 |
| Blake Bialecki | December 2018 |
| Greyson Hyland | January 2019 |
| Evelin Ruiz SanJuan | January 2019 |
| Giada Kellner | February 2019 |
| Jacob Silva | February 2019 |
| Emma Perry | March 2019 |
| Seth Kompa | March 2019 |

Suggestions/Comments/Questions

We would like to hear from you! If you have any suggestions, comments or questions about something please [CLICK HERE](#) to go to our website and complete a short survey.



Upcoming BOE Work Session Dates

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| Monday | 4/15/19 | 6:00 pm | BOE Office |
| Thursday | 5/16/19 | 6:00 pm | BOE Office |
| Thursday | 6/11/19 | 6:00 pm | BOE Office |

Upcoming BOE Public Meeting Dates

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| Wednesday | 4/24/19 | 7:00 pm | MSS Library |
| Thursday | 5/23/19 | 7:00 pm | MSS Library |
| Thursday | 6/20/19 | 7:00 pm | MSS Library |

