

# STANHOPE BOARD OF EDUCATION BUDGET NEWSLETTER

April 2010

## ESSENTIAL BUDGET FACTS:

- ◆ Next year's operating budget proposal is for \$4,966,099. It is \$372,286 **lower** than this year's budget. This is a **7% reduction**.
- ◆ The Governor has **reduced state aid for next year by \$519,254**.
- ◆ In order to make up for lost state aid and increased costs, next year's proposed tax levy provides for an increase of \$134,023. For a median priced home assessed at \$231,215 school tax will be \$2,296. This equates to an increase of:

**\$49.00/year**  
**\$4.08/month**

- ◆ The ballot will also include a separate vote on a Second Question related to restoring the Technology Program from 60% to 100%. Cost to a median priced home is:

\$30.00/year  
or  
\$2.50/month

The following reductions have been implemented in the 2010-2011 school year:

### Personnel/Full Time

Home Economics

Industrial Arts

Preschool Special Education

Middle School Science

Library/Media Specialist

Preschool Aide

Office Clerk

### Personnel/Part Time

World Language

### Personnel/Reduced From Full Time

Guidance (80%)

Music (70%)

Technology (60%)

CST Secretary (70%)

### Miscellaneous

Basketball—Girls & Boys

Crowd Control

Referees

Retirement Breakage

Move Cafeteria Supervision Stipend to Cafeteria Account

Cheerleading

Bussing

Volleyball

Stanhope continues to hold down administrative costs by employing a half-time shared Superintendent (1 of only 14 in N.J).

- ◆ Stanhope's current per pupil cost is \$11,018 which is **\$2,817 lower than the state average**. **When compared with the 64 K-8 districts of similar size our per pupil cost is the 12th lowest.**

**SCHOOL TAX PROJECTIONS**

2009-2010 Tax Levy.....\$3,350,565  
2010-2011 Tax Levy..... \$3,484,588

Stanhope Borough experienced a re-evaluation this year. Assessed value for median price home is \$231,215

School Taxes 2009-2010.....\$2,247  
School Taxes 2010-2011.....\$2,296

**2010-2011 SCHOOL BUDGET BALLOT**

***RESOLVED,*** That there should be raised for General Funds, **\$3,484,588** for the ensuing 2010-2011 school year.

**2nd QUESTION ON BALLOT:**

***An additional \$45,000 to restore the technology program to 100% including salary and benefits.***

*In addition to the regular advertised budget, the board of education will seek approval from the district's legal voters (or board of school estimate) to raise an additional \$45,000 to restore the technology program to 100% including salary and benefits. The taxes, if raised, will be used exclusively for this purpose. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase in the district's tax levy. These proposed additional expenditures are in addition to those necessary to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.*

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**SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES**

Three Board of Education Seats  
Stanhope Board of Education

The following Stanhope residents have filed petitions  
for the open three-year terms.

1. Michael Stricchiola
2. Gene Wronko
3. Michael Stiner

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★ **VOTE** ★  
★ **Tuesday, April 20** ★  
★ **2:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m.** ★  
★ **LOCATIONS:** ★  
★ **Valley Road School** ★  
★ **Borough Hall** ★  
★ **American Legion** ★  
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