

Secaucus Public Schools
Superintendent's Report

March 18, 2010

Yesterday afternoon, March 17th, the Governor notified all school districts in New Jersey about an additional cut to State Aid.

The news for the Secaucus Public School District is not good. We typically receive 5% of our Education Budget in State Aid, which is \$1,686,138. This has been reduced to zero (\$0).

Secaucus is one of 59 districts in the State to have their aid eliminated, and the only district in Hudson County to lose all of its state funding.

This additional reduction of \$1,686,138 follows an earlier state imposed reduction to our district of \$575,974, which we had already calculated into our proposed 2010-2011 Budget.

We must now see where to find the additional 1.6 million dollars that must be cut from the budget that will go to the voters on April 20, 2010.

This is an unprecedented situation for every one of New Jersey's 600+ school districts. It most certainly will not be "Business as Usual."

I will make every possible effort to craft a 2010-2011 Education Budget that will do the least amount of harm to our students and to the core programs that make this one of the best districts in Hudson County.

I will need the support of everyone in our community to preserve the future state of our schools, which impacts the future stability of property values in our town.

We are required to comply with these harsh mandates. With the help of my Business Administrator, we will make these cuts and present a budget to the residents and taxpayers reflecting the loss of \$2,262,112.

How we achieve this and what the impacts will be on our organization will be presented to residents on Monday evening, March 29th, 7:00 p.m., in the Multi-purpose Room of the Huber Street Elementary School.