

Secaucus Public Schools
Superintendent's Report

As one of 59 school districts in New Jersey to lose 100% of its State Aid, this Administration, along with the Board of Education, has made the hard decisions needed to reduce the school district's original budget, as constructed early in 2010, by over \$3 million dollars.

This permits us to present residents with a Tax Levy of \$31,066,874.

While most districts in New Jersey will elect to raise their 2010-2011 budgets by 4%, which is the limit allowed by the Department of Education, we fully realize the financial hardships facing local taxpayers and have elected to limit our cap to 2.5%.

However, we need to plan for the "What if" scenario which would occur if this proposed budget should be rejected and sent to the Mayor and Council for additional reductions.

The options for further cuts shown below would ONLY be looked at if the budget were to be rejected by the voters on April 20th.

- Eliminate all non-mandated programs
- Increase class sizes
- Eliminate Full Day Kindergarten
- Eliminate Pre K Program
- Reduce Athletic Programs
- Reduce Co-curricular Programs
- Eliminate Elementary Guidance Counselors
- Reduce Community Use of Facilities
- Reduce After School Programs
- Eliminate Summer School Enrichment Programs
- Eliminate Field Trips

I have every confidence that the residents of Secaucus want, and will continue to support, high performing schools.

Cynthia Randina
Superintendent of Schools