

Logan Township School District

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Dear Logan Community,

We are pleased to share an important update that will have a lasting, positive impact on our schools and students.

Over the past seven years, the State of New Jersey's funding formula for schools has significantly impacted Logan Township School District. Under this formula, our district lost approximately **\$4 million in state aid**, representing a **20 percent decrease** in our overall budget.

During this time, unfortunately, we also had to make difficult decisions—eliminating programs and staff, increasing class sizes, reducing courtesy busing, and delaying technology repairs. While these steps were necessary to keep our schools operating, they created real challenges for our students and staff.

As we prepared the budget for this fiscal year, projections showed dangerously low funding levels due to continued state aid reductions. In May 2025, the State of New Jersey approved its State budget with the **Tax Levy Incentive Aid Program**, which allowed qualifying districts to apply for additional funds. Logan met the criteria because we were taxing below our local fair share and spending below adequacy. Through this program, districts could exceed the 2% property tax levy cap in order to restore budgets to adequacy, with the state providing an additional 5% incentive to participating districts. With the approval from the Board of Education and the NJ Commissioner of Education, the district was fully approved to raise these funds.

Logan Township Schools applied for the amount of \$3,724,477, with the goal of restoring programs and resources lost during the past seven years of cuts. While this decision resulted in an average tax increase based on newly assessed home values of about **\$33 per month for local homeowners (\$399 for the year)**, it was a **one-time opportunity** to reset our budget. Moving forward, our district is once again adequately funded and will remain bound by the 2% tax cap.

Now that our schools are adequately funded, we are proud to reintroduce important programs and resources that will directly benefit our students. These include:

Program/Resource	Approximate Cost	Purpose
Teachers and Benefits	\$1,800,000	To reduce class sizes in General Education and add additional classes for Special Education, STEM, and World Language
Transportation	\$675,000	To provide courtesy transportation for safe transport to and from school, as well as transportation for out-of-district students
Classroom Aides	\$400,000	To support students and teachers in the classroom
Safety and Security	\$100,000	To improve security cameras, safety doors, and playground maintenance
Technology for Staff and Students	\$450,000	To provide new devices for students and staff to ensure effective delivery of instruction
Student & Behavioral Services	\$300,000	To provide counselors, nurses, library services, and behavioral therapists

We are deeply grateful to our taxpayers and community members for making this possible. Your support ensures that Logan students receive the education they deserve. We take great pride in our schools and believe this decision was in the best interest of our children and their future.

Sincerely,

The Logan Township School District Board of Education