

Middletown Township Board of Education

2011-2012 Proposed School Budget
Public Hearing – March 23, 2011

Review of 10-11 budget

- ❑ Reduction in state aid of \$7.2 million
 - ❑ Reduction in proposed tax levy of \$2.0 million
 - ❑ 34% reduction of discretionary and non-contractual budget lines
 - ❑ 127 positions eliminated
 - ❑ Difficult decisions had to be made in a short period of time
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Review of 10-11 budget

- Educational programs maintained and enhanced
 - Full day kindergarten
 - Balanced literacy program (LEADS/IDEAL instructional models)
 - Athletic programs
 - Advanced placement program at high schools (district was recently named to AP Achievement District Honor Roll)
 - Academic safety nets (summer programs at elementary and middle schools)
 - PSAT initiative
 - HSPA practice testing
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Approach to 11-12 Budget Cycle

- ❑ Assessment of impact of 10-11 budget cuts
 - ❑ Adjustments to 10-11 budget continued to be made after the year began
 - ❑ Concerns that were not addressed within the 10-11 budget were considered for inclusion in the 11-12 budget
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Summary of 2011-2012 General Fund Budget

	2011-2012 Proposed	2010-2011 Budgeted	2009-2010 Budgeted
<i>Appropriations:</i>			
General	\$ 142,733,509	137,313,602	142,005,366
Capital outlay	1,511,634	1,428,112	2,592,360
	\$ 144,245,143	138,741,714	144,597,726
<i>Revenues:</i>			
Tax Levy	\$ 123,791,116	122,253,218	119,793,275
State Aid	15,187,212	13,741,235	20,962,445
Extraordinary Aid	500,000	500,000	200,000
Tax relief funds from fund balance	2,343,891	1,211,031	2,298,801
Other Local Sources	1,643,872	1,010,975	1,314,741
SEMI reimbursement	84,338	25,255	28,464
Education Jobs Fund	694,714	-	-
	\$ 144,245,143	138,741,714	144,597,726

Changes between tentative and final proposed budgets

- ❑ Health insurance projected cost reduced by approximately \$790,000
 - ❑ Workers compensation projected cost reduced by approximately \$177,000
 - ❑ Proposal of high school student pay for parking revenue removed – approximately \$60,000
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Tax Levy History

- The 2009-2010 proposed budget included a 2.6% increase in the tax levy, which was the lowest proposed increase in 10 years
 - The 2010-2011 proposed budget included a 3.9% increase in the tax levy. As a result of the budget defeat, the tax levy increase was reduced to 2.1%
 - **The 2011-2012 proposed budget includes an increase in the tax levy of 1.3%, which is \$907,166 below the 2% state cap**
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Budgeted Revenues

- ❑ Tax levy – funds 86% of budget
 - ❑ State Aid – funds 10% of budget
 - ❑ Use of fund balance for tax relief – funds 2% of budget
 - ❑ Remaining 2% is funded by federal Education Jobs funds, health insurance contributions by employees, etc.
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Budgeted Expenses

- ❑ Salaries and benefits – 79% of budget
 - ❑ Transportation – 7% of budget
 - ❑ Utilities/communications – 3% of budget
 - ❑ Tuition – 3% of budget
 - ❑ Curriculum, textbooks, supplies and educational media – 2% of budget
 - ❑ Remaining 6% comprised of technology, capital expenditures, maintenance, athletics, insurance, professional services, etc.
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Tax Impact (based on average assessed value of \$435,000)

General Fund

- Annual increase of \$65
- Monthly increase of \$5.42

Debt Service

- Annual increase of \$9
- Monthly increase of \$.74

Total

- Annual increase of \$74
 - Monthly increase of \$6.16
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Personnel Changes for 11-12

- Elementary teachers will be reallocated to address class sizes in various schools
 - Middle school positions will be added to address concerns and class size:
 - Two substance awareness counselors
 - One social studies teacher
 - .5 media specialist
 - .5 Spanish teacher
 - High school positions will be added to address class size:
 - One history teacher
 - One biology teacher
 - One language arts teacher
 - One world language teacher
 - District - .5 speech teacher
 - 5 positions will be reduced due to changed enrollment; net new positions is 3.5
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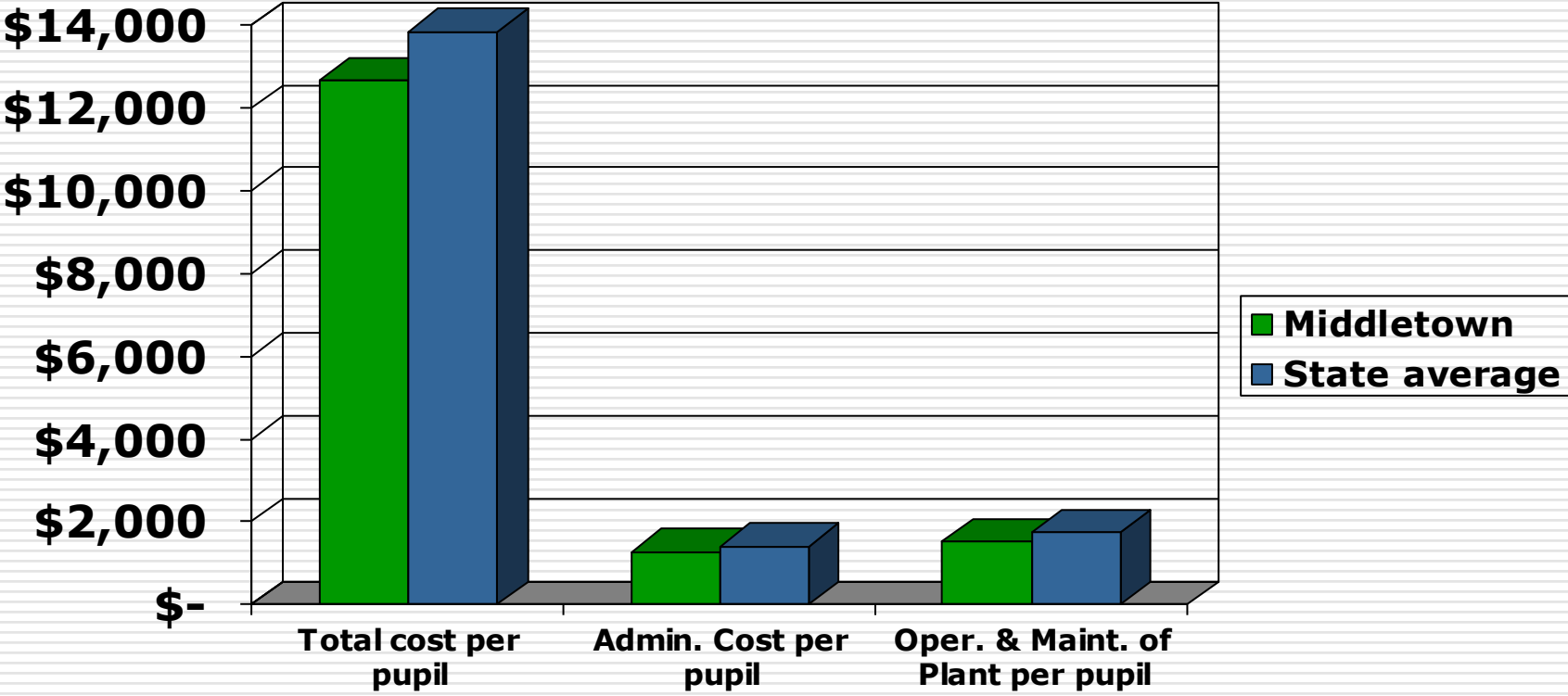
Other initiatives in 11-12 budget

- Restoration of technology funding
 - Rutgers social skills program
 - Continuation of high school redesign
 - Freshman academies
 - Small learning communities
 - Learnia assessments
 - Study Island
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Cost saving initiatives

- Debt service refunding
 - Cooperative purchasing
 - Transportation jointures
 - Installation of energy efficient equipment
 - Introduction of “paperless” systems
 - Shared services with Township of Middletown
 - Energy audit funded by NJ BPU
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- ❑ Out of over 500 public school districts in NJ, 205 were spending below their 2010-2011 adequacy budget amount to provide a thorough and efficient education. Middletown was one of the 205.
 - ❑ Middletown was \$2,190,134 BELOW its adequacy level of spending as of 2010-2011.
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If the budget isn't approved...

- Personnel reductions – i.e. class size increases
 - Reductions in programs – i.e. athletics
 - Reductions in technology – i.e. new equipment purchases
 - Reduction in capital budget – i.e. elimination of scheduled facilities repairs
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Conclusion

- ❑ Annual school election – Wednesday, April 27, 2011 – polls open 4:00 – 9:00 pm
 - ❑ Additional budget presentations are scheduled – see website for details
 - ❑ Vote by mail ballot application forms and voter registration forms are available on our website – www.middletonk12.org
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