

# Montclair Public Schools

2016-2017 Budget

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# Guiding Principles

- o Invest in instructional programs, technology/STEM and facilities
- o Designate budgeted surplus for one-time expenses
- o Find opportunities for “in-sourcing” to reduce cost of purchased services
- o Enhance transparency regarding anticipated employee health benefit contributions and Federal E-Rate reimbursements

# Expenditure Highlights

Working Operating Budget Total Expenditures  
\$118.9 Million

## o Health Insurance:

- o Utilization is still high but with this year's higher premiums our loss ratios are much lower than last year.
- o Census is down from 2014-2015 resulting in current year projected savings
- o \$18,233,788 budgeted employee health benefit cost
  - o Increase of 14.0% on medical premiums
- o \$4,164,089 budgeted employee health benefit contributions
  - o All employees currently in tier 4 of Chapter 78
  - o Current year contributions increased by 14.0%
- o \$14,069,699 budgeted net cost of health insurance

o Federal E-Rate Reimbursement:

- o Telecommunications will no longer eligible for reimbursement

o Custodial Overtime:

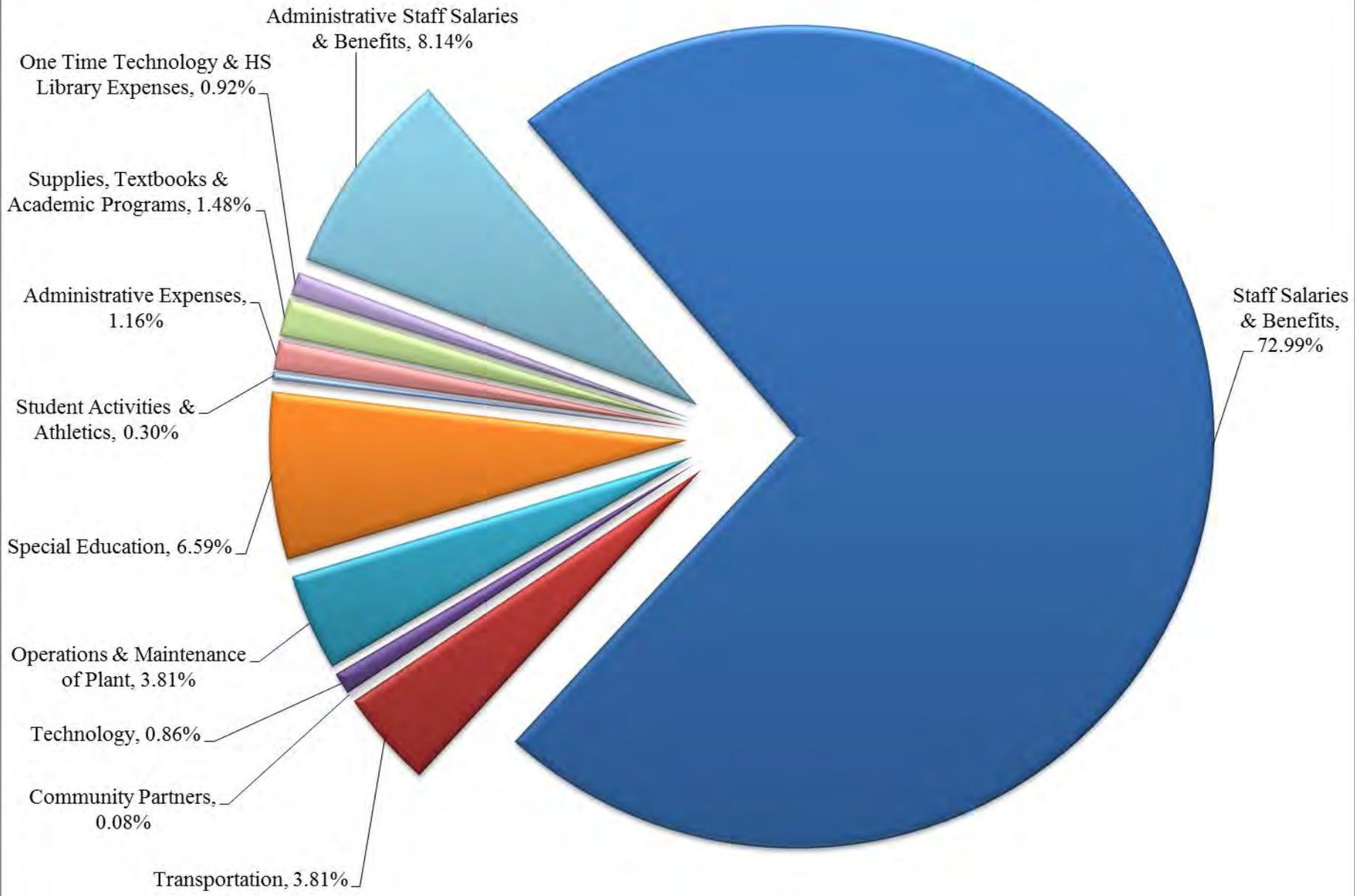
- o Increasing the 2016-2017 budget to enhance opportunities for schools, PTAs and community partners to offer evening/weekend programs

- o Additional staffing to reduce cost of purchased services while enhancing quality/control:
  - o Added 2 occupational therapists this year
  - o 2 Part-time nurses for field trips and students requiring medical support on bus runs
  - o 1 Bus driver for the emergency run, field trips and athletic trips
  - o 1 HVAC technician
- o Creating additional MAP classes to keep more special education students in district
  - o 1 at Charles H. Bullock School
  - o 1 at Montclair High School

o Implementation of Board Approved Technology Plan:

- o \$580,000 As a recurring cost for purchases and leases of student computers, teacher/administrator computers and classroom projectors.
- o Included in this are the 3 previously approved Apple leases.
- o Replacement cycle would be 7-8 years.

- o Proposed use of \$1.27 million required contribution of fund balance:
  - o \$750,000 – Ubiquitous Wi-Fi solution for all schools
  - o \$200,000 – Technology and furniture to supplement MFEE funded renovations to the MHS media center
  - o \$165,000 – Genesis student information system year 1 start up costs



# Revenue Highlights

Working Operating Budget Total Revenues  
\$118.9 Million

- o \$1,271,271 Required contribution of fund balance
- o \$4,217,590 Increase in school tax levy (3.99%)
  - o 2% Annual cap - \$2,114,080
  - o 0.24% Adjustment for Health Care Costs -\$249,633
  - o 1.75% Expiring banked cap - \$1,853,877
- o Estimated tax impact of a 3.99% tax increase would be approximately \$73 for every \$100,000 of assessed home value
- o Average assessment for Montclair as reported by the State of NJ is \$504,269 and the estimated tax increase would be approximately \$370 for the 2016-2017 school year at 3.99%

- o \$4,768,285 (4.51%) maximum tax levy increase
  - o 2% tax levy cap
    - o \$2,114,080
  - o Allowed adjustment for health care costs
    - o \$249,633
  - o Available/expiring banked cap
    - o \$2,404,572
- o \$4,217,590 (3.99%) budgeted tax levy increase
- o \$550,695 (0.52%) unused/expiring banked cap

- o \$53,705 – Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) cost reimbursements
  - o Down \$44,377 (45.24%) as per the State budget software
- o State Aid increased \$140,377
- o Now reflected as revenue instead of netted against the associated expense:
  - o \$34,000 Federal E-Rate reimbursement for internet service and connectivity now reflected as revenue

# Capital Budget Highlights

Working Capital Budget

\$14.1 Million for 2016-2017

\$9.7 Million for 2017-2018

## o Ventilation System Remediation Projects

- o Bradford
- o Edgemont
- o Northeast
- o Watchung

## o Masonry/Cornice Remediation Projects

- o Bradford
- o Buzz Aldrin
- o Northeast

## o Traffic Circle/Parking Remediation Projects

- o Edgemont
- o Buzz Aldrin

- o Roofing/Ceiling Remediation Projects
  - o Hillside
- o Instructional Program & Classroom Upgrades and/or Renovations
  - o Hillside STEAM/Makerspace Programs
  - o MHS Food Science Program & Classroom Upgrades
  - o George Inness Science Room Upgrades
- o Potential Building Addition
  - o Renaissance Gymnasium

## o Athletic Field Renovations

### o Woodman Field Replacements

o Turf

o Track

o Bleachers

o Press Box

### o Fortunato Turf Replacement

### o Watchung Turf Replacement

### o Renaissance Field Reconditioning

- o Board of Education Budget Workshop Meetings
  - o February 29, 2016
  - o March 3, 2016
    - o Board of Education adoption of tentative operating budget for submission to the County Superintendent's Office for review
  - o March 14, 2016
    - o Board of Education adoption of proposed operating budget and capital budget for presentation to the Board of School Estimates
- o Board of School Estimates Meetings
  - o March 22, 2016
  - o March 28, 2016
  - o April 4, 2016
    - o Final adoption of operating and capital budgets