

Lumberton Township School District



PLANNING FOR 2018 AND BEYOND
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Current Situation Analysis



- The recently passed NJ budget calls for phase out of “equalization aid” for districts over 7 years. A bill is called S2 and was introduced by Senator Sweeney and agreed to by Governor Murphy as a way to avoid a government shutdown.
 - Trenton views Lumberton as overfunded due to declining enrollment
 - \$269,331 was reduced this year from our original state aid notification. This is being addressed tonight with a resolution . It will impact next year’s budget, as we will not generate as much excess surplus as previously budgeted.
 - We expect this to impact our district with a loss of over \$2,000,000 over 7 year period. The Ed Law Center places the estimate at \$2,153,060.
http://www.edlawcenter.org/assets/files/pdfs/School%20Funding/SB2_Proposed_Cuts.pdf(http://www.edlawcenter.org/assets/files/pdfs/School%20Funding/SB2_Proposed_Cuts.pdf)

Fiscal Year 2019 K-12 Approp. Act Revised State School Aid															
New Jersey Department Of Education -- Office Of School Facilities And Finance															
Excluding Debt Service Aid															
County	Dist	District	2017-18 Total K-12 Aid	2018-19 Governor's Budget Message (GBM) Total K-12 Aid	2018-19 Approp. Act Revised Total K-12 Aid	Equalization Aid	Educational Adequacy Aid	Choice Aid	Transportation Aid	Special Education Categorical Aid	Security Aid	Adjustment Aid	2018-19 Approp. Act Revised Total K-12 Aid	One Year K-12 Aid Difference	One Year Aid Percent Difference
Burlington	2850	Lumberton Twp	8,176,517	8,306,903	8,037,272	6,879,838	0	0	73,845	906,745	176,844	0	8,037,272	-139,245	-1.70%

Current Situation Analysis



- **Declining enrollment- in district student count**

- 6/2006 1,776
- 6/2017 1,343
- Winter 2018 1,285
- Projected 6/2019* 1,205

	2017-18	2005-06
Administrators	10.5	10
Classroom Teachers	109.8	134.1
Educational Support (CST, Nurses, Guidance Counselors	23	25.8
Number of Students	1,285	1,776

- **Student population in buildings, 2017-18:**

- FLW 221
- AES 236
- BRS 294
- LMS 504

- **Given the anticipated future funding challenges, the general fund budget will not be able to sustain such low student numbers in our elementary schools.**

Demographic Data Provided By Our Architect

Show a Significant Decrease in the Birth rate

Query Results for New Jersey Birth Data: 1990-2016 - Birth Rates for Municipalities

Query Criteria

Mother's Municipality
Filter: Lumberton Township
Data Grouped By: Year

Data Table

Year	<u>Birth Rate per 1,000</u>	<u>95% CI LL</u>	<u>95% CI UL</u>	<u>Number of Births</u>	<u>Number of Persons</u>
1990	17.1	14.0	20.2	115	6,700
1991	20.2	17.0	23.5	148	7,300
1992	16.4	13.5	19.2	122	7,400
1993	19.7	16.6	22.8	153	7,700
1994	14.5	11.9	17.1	117	8,000
1995	16.8	14.1	19.6	142	8,400
1996	14.8	12.2	17.3	131	8,800
1997	12.6	10.4	14.9	117	9,200
1998	15.9	13.4	18.4	153	9,600
1999	15.6	13.2	18.0	156	10,000
2000	15.4	13.1	17.8	162	10,400
Overall	13.6	13.2	14.0	3,894	286,900



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2001	14.5	12.2	16.7	156	10,700
2002	14.0	11.8	16.2	155	11,100
2003	18.0	15.5	20.4	205	11,400
2004	16.0	13.8	18.3	187	11,600
2005	17.7	15.3	20.0	209	11,800
2006	14.1	12.0	16.2	169	12,000
2007	14.0	11.9	16.1	170	12,100
2008	12.7	10.7	14.7	156	12,200
2009	11.9	10.0	13.8	148	12,400
2010	10.3	8.5	12.0	129	12,500
2011	10.0	8.3	11.8	126	12,500
2012	8.0	6.4	9.5	100	12,500
2013	10.5	8.7	12.3	131	12,400
2014	9.2	7.6	10.9	115	12,400
2015	9.8	8.0	11.5	121	12,300
2016	8.2	6.6	9.8	101	12,300
Overall	13.6	13.2	14.0	3,894	286,900

What Building is Planned For Lumberton?

A Look at Three Future Developments



Coming to Lumberton



- **1. “Municipally Sponsored”**
 - Behind Wal-Mart
 - 70 Apartments to settle COA obligations
 - 49 students anticipated impact (preK-12)
- **2. Wellington**
 - 92 Single family homes
 - 300 apartments
 - 161 students as anticipated impact (preK-12)
- **3. End of Bobby’s Run Blvd.**
 - 402 acres, 180 developable
 - 274 senior COA units
 - 119 townhouses
 - 236 single family homes
 - Impact study not completed, therefore student impact unknown

Recommendation



- The superintendent, per policy 7130, is recommending closing Walther School and reorganizing as listed on the next slide.
 - “The Board further recognizes that **declining enrollments, diminished resources, district reorganization**, ...may require the use of one or more district facilities for educational purposes be abandoned.”
- The timing of the recommendations tonight are based on the necessary timeline for referendum in March 2019. The referendum date has been pushed back two months from January.

Proposed re-organization



Year	School	Grades
2018-19	FLW AES BRS LMS	Pre-K through 1 2 and 3 4 and 5 6, 7 and 8
2019-2020	FLW AES BRS LMS	Pre-K through 2 Construction 3, 4 and 5 6, 7 and 8
2020-2021	FLW AES BRS LMS	Closed Pre-K through 2 3, 4 and 5 6, 7 and 8

Referendum



- Our architect has priced adding 8 bathrooms at Ashbrook for \$608,000.
- I am recommending adding bathrooms to Ashbrook School and removing all Walther items from the referendum *with the exception of the roof project.*

Referendum Item	Net
Ashbrook BRs	\$608,000
Take out FLW Flooring	-\$150,247.50
Take out FLW bathroom renovations	-\$164,019.37
Net increase to referendum	\$293,733.13

An Very Important Point for Consideration



- If the referendum is voted down, Ashbrook would need to be closed while Walther would need to stay open.
 - This is because we would not have bathrooms for our kindergarten students.

Factors Considered in Making Decision

	Walther	Ashbrook
Date	1971 and older. Oldest school in the district	2001. Newest school in district
Rooms	23 full classrooms 10 with bathrooms 6 smaller classrooms Dedicated music and art Computers is regular room	21 full classrooms 8 proposed bathrooms 6 small classrooms Dedicated art and computer rooms Music in regular classroom
Bathrooms	In class and "gang" bathrooms in hallway. One pair needs significant renovation.	8 proposed bathrooms, "gang bathrooms at end of hall near atrium
Grounds	Ample playground and grounds	Ample playgrounds and grounds.
Buses	Have a dedicated bus loop. Parent drop off in front	Have a dedicated bus loop Parent drop off in front
Drop offs	Have a dedicated drop off area	Have a dedicated drop off area
<u>Misc</u>	EDC/registration office on site EDC playground connected	Walking trail Proximity to municipal complex
Atrium	None	Spacious
Gym/cafeteria	Not dividable	Dividable
Kitchen	Roughly same size	Roughly same size
Art room	One of the nicest rooms in the district	Beautiful room
Music	One of the nicest rooms in the district	Regular classroom
Office space	Carpet reno needed. Small principal's office, two very small conference rooms, room for 2 secretaries	<u>Ashbrook</u> Principal's office, larger conference room, room for 2 secretaries, additional office for guidance
Parking	Ample parking at adjacent park across the street	Ample parking connect to municipal building
Library	Needs new flooring	Beautiful space, airy



Questions and Answers