

TOWNSHIP OF FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT

April 2009 Budget Newsletter

ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 21, 2009

2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.

VOTE



POLLING PLACES

Election Districts

C.L. Reutter School 1, 5, 7
Administration Building. 2, 6, 8, 10, 11
Main Road School 3, 4, 9

Board of Education

Barbara Ciancaglini, *President*
Marie J. Grochowski, *Vice President*
Nicholas Christian
Sandra L. Coulbourn
Kimberly Kelly
Henry N. Kobik
Stephen Ranson
Joseph Szwed
Tina Toy

Administration

Michael G. Kozak,
Superintendent
Elizabeth A. DiPietro,
*School Business
Administrator/
Board Secretary*

Dear Community Member,

On behalf of the Township of Franklin Board of Education, I am happy to state that the 2009-2010 school district budget contains a **ZERO PERCENT INCREASE IN THE SCHOOL TAX RATE**. We have listened to community concerns regarding the economy and are proposing a fiscally responsible budget, which still allocates resources for a quality education for the students of Franklin Township. The School District of Franklin Township received increased state aid this year, which is being used to provide 21st century learning opportunities for our children. The following is a list of initiatives contained in the 2009-2010 proposed budget:

- Upgrade technology through the purchase of Smart Boards for each school;
- Improve technological infrastructure to support new computers and educational software;
- Provide research-proven professional development to staff in an on-going and consistent manner;
- Purchase new language arts textbooks for all grades to be aligned with new state standards;
- Implement new academic programs to address student subgroups that did not meet adequate yearly progress;
- Maintain building and grounds, buses, and septic systems in operational order;
- Provide air conditioning for students at the Caroline L. Reutter and Main Road Schools.

I encourage everyone to vote on Tuesday, April 21, 2009.

Sincerely yours,

Michael G. Kozak, Superintendent of Schools

ZERO INCREASE IN SCHOOL TAX RATE

Based on the most recent Comparative Spending Guide provided by the New Jersey Department of Education, our district's actual 2007-2008 cost per pupil is ranked among sixty-two (62) K-6 school districts as follows:

- the fourth lowest in administrative cost per pupil (\$1,022)
- the eighth lowest in support services cost per pupil (\$1,217)
- the twenty-eighth lowest in operation and maintenance of plant cost per pupil (\$1,362)
- the sixth lowest in classroom instruction cost per pupil (\$5,558)
- the fifth lowest in classroom salaries and benefits cost per pupil (\$5,179)
- the third lowest in total cost per pupil (\$10,005)

ON THE BALLOT

- Election of five board members as follows:
 - 1) Three for three year terms
 - 2) One for a two year unexpired term
 - 3) One for a one year unexpired term
- Approval of General Fund Tax Levy - \$8,069, 128