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**Upcoming  
events:**

**April 2010**

**April 20:**

1/2 Day Session.  
12:41PM Dismissal.  
Parent/Teacher Conferences:  
1:30-3:00PM and 7:00-9:00PM

**May 2010**

**May 31:**

Memorial Day. School Closed.

**June 2010**

**June 8:**

1/2 Day Session  
12:41PM Dismissal. Primary  
Election Day.

**June 17:**

1/2 Day Session.  
12:41PM Dismissal.

**June 18:**

1/2 Day Session  
12:41PM Dismissal.  
Last day of school for pupils.

**D**ear Rochelle Park Taxpayers:

It is a truly defining moment in education today. Expectations for students to achieve high academic standards coupled with extreme fiscal constraint and accountability, education has extraordinary challenges to face and overcome. In order to successfully accomplish this task, the Board of Education, administration, faculty and staff have worked hard to present a comprehensive, fiscally prudent budget for the 2010-2011 school year.

Faced with a reduction in state aid of more than 73%, we are attempting to maintain as many educational priorities as possible. It is most unfortunate that we can not maintain all educational programs. With additional reductions totaling more than \$500K, the budget asks voters to consider an 8.02% increase on the tax levy. This amounts to approximately \$19 per month on an assessed home value of \$228K.



Although the reductions are dramatic, with the current budget, we are able to maintain most of the programs the district has offered to date. However, there will be programs that will be scaled back or eliminated. For instance, we are

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**- ERIC HOFFER 1972**

reducing the world languages program, the number of aides for lunch and recess duty as well as classroom aides, and we are eliminating the preschool program.

There are some things that you may wish to consider as you each deliberate over the budget. The 2010-2011 budget reflects an increase of approximately \$47K over that of the previous school year. In almost every category of the per pupil cost calculation, the district will spend less per pupil in 2010-2011 than in 2007-2008, i.e. three years prior (refer to the superintendent's presentation).

You can visit to the district's website at <http://www.rp.bergen.org> to see the budget document as well as the superintendent's presentation.

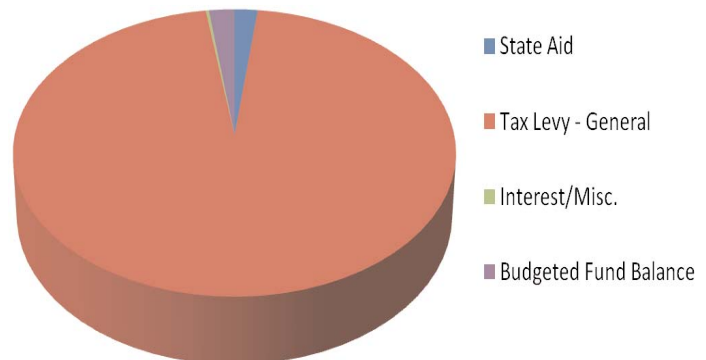
Please be sure to exercise your right and vote on April 20, 2010 from 1:30pm - 9:00pm in the multipurpose room at Midland School # 1.

Fredrik Oberkehr, Ed.D.  
Superintendent

# Revenues

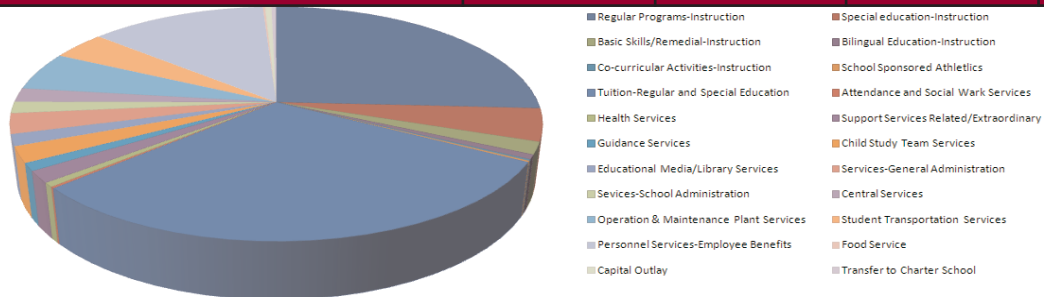
BUDGET CATEGORY	2008-2009 Audited	2009-2010 Current	2010-2011 Proposed	Change
Budgeted Fund Balance - Fund 10	\$0	\$356,297	\$206,192	-\$150,105
Capital Reserve Withdrawal	\$0	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
Local Tax Levy - For Voter Approval	\$8,775,772	\$8,699,726	\$9,397,385	\$697,659
Interest Earned Capital Reserve	\$1,009	\$100	\$100	\$0
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenue	\$0	\$64,339	\$0	-\$64,339
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenue	\$170,113	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
Transportation Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Special Education Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
School Choice Aid	\$0	\$0	\$32,154	\$32,154
Extraordinary Aid	\$78,318	\$78,318	\$0	-\$78,318
Consolidated Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Additional Formula Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Categorical Special Education Aid	\$320,811	\$329,046	\$187,770	-\$141,276
Categorical Security Aid	\$46,049	\$45,770	\$0	-\$45,770
Adjustment Aid	\$145,778	\$170,222	\$0	-\$170,222
Categorical Transportation Aid	\$126,904	\$137,451	\$0	-\$137,451
Other State Aid	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$9,664,754</b>	<b>\$9,906,269</b>	<b>\$9,878,601</b>	<b>-\$27,668</b>
<b>GRANTS and ENTITLEMENTS</b>				
TITLE I	\$16,839	\$0	\$0	\$0
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	\$145,703	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0
Other	\$9,457	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL GRANTS and ENTITLEMENTS</b>	<b>\$171,999</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$80,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE</b>				
Budgeted Fund Balance - Fund 40	\$0	\$2,185	\$511	-\$1,674
Local Tax Levy	\$273,940	\$276,706	\$274,262	-\$2,444
Miscellaneous	\$511	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>\$274,451</b>	<b>\$278,891</b>	<b>\$274,773</b>	<b>-\$2,444</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUE/ALL SOURCES</b>	<b>\$10,111,204</b>	<b>\$10,265,160</b>	<b>\$10,233,374</b>	<b>-\$31,786</b>

<b>State Aid</b>	\$187,770
<b>Tax Levy - General</b>	\$9,397,385
<b>Interest/Misc.</b>	\$25,100
<b>Budgeted Fund Balance</b>	\$206,192



## Expenditures

BUDGET CATEGORY	2008-2009 Audited	2009-2010 Current	2010-2011 Proposed	Change
Regular Programs - Instruction	\$2,765,257	\$2,711,157	\$2,552,281	-\$158,876
Special Education - Instruction	\$454,496	\$459,698	\$445,832	-\$13,866
Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction	\$144,669	\$152,460	\$166,328	\$13,868
Bilingual Education - Instruction	\$63,336	\$58,406	\$61,827	\$3,421
Co-curricular Activities - Instruction	\$33,027	\$24,681	\$19,439	-\$5,242
School Sponsored Athletics	\$21,105	\$20,630	\$16,880	-\$3,750
Tuition - Regular and Special Ed.	\$2,546,645	\$2,887,438	\$2,997,390	\$109,952
Attendance and Social Work Services	\$19,127	\$19,658	\$20,616	\$958
Health Services	\$53,218	\$58,096	\$58,708	\$612
Support Services Related/Extraordinary	\$254,639	\$211,679	\$158,737	-\$52,942
Guidance Services	\$100,946	\$97,041	\$104,203	\$7,162
Child Study Team Services	\$281,584	\$241,606	\$221,953	-\$19,653
Educational Media/Library Services	\$163,616	\$163,321	\$154,301	-\$9,020
Services - General Administration	\$315,441	\$296,280	\$278,363	-\$17,917
Services - School Administration	\$169,434	\$158,491	\$158,907	\$416
Central Services	\$193,059	\$200,936	\$189,423	-\$11,513
Operation & Maintenance Plant Services	\$598,452	\$537,425	\$529,473	-\$7,952
Student Transportation Services	\$347,451	\$388,086	\$386,658	-\$1,428
Personnel Services - Employee Benefits	\$1,001,186	\$1,091,019	\$1,261,565	\$170,546
Food Service	\$26,173	\$28,253	\$16,800	-\$11,453
Capital Outlay	\$157,452	\$64,439	\$46,540	-\$17,899
Transfer to Charter School	\$0	\$35,469	\$32,377	-\$3,092
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	\$9,710,313	\$9,906,269	\$9,878,601	-\$27,668
State Grants	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Grants	\$171,999	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0
TOTAL GRANTS	\$171,999	\$80,000	\$80,000	\$0
Debt Service	\$277,648	\$278,891	\$274,773	-\$4,118
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$10,159,690	\$10,265,160	\$10,233,374	-\$31,786



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Here at Midland School #1 we provide our students with many educational opportunities that prepare them for their futures to come. Here are some highlights of our 2009-2010 school year:

- ◆ The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students become knowledgeable in arts and technology by participating in art, music, and computer class. We offer a TAG (Talented and Gifted) program in art and music, both band and choral, for students who exhibit fine skills in those areas.
- ◆ The Midland School Band and Chorus performed at the Senior Center and Bristol Manor nursing home.
- ◆ Students' art work was featured at the IKEA art show that took place during the month of March.
- ◆ Midland School and the Rochelle Park Police Department work collaboratively on implementing a successful DARE program to our students. Our 5th grade students participated in a DARE Graduation honoring them for completing the DARE program.
- ◆ Throughout the school year, students participated in two special events: the Midland School Spelling Bee and the Midland School Geography Bee.
- ◆ The students participated in a fundraiser during the month of March called "Positive Pennies" which the proceeds will go to victims of the earthquake in Haiti.



- ◆ Students have the opportunity to participate in a variety of sports, such as volleyball, indoor soccer, gymnastics, softball, and baseball.
- ◆ Extra curricular programs present students an excellent chance to develop skills and talents. Our diverse extra-curricular program consists of clubs such as Computer Club, "Do Something" community service organization, and yearbook.

*Cara L. Hurd*  
Cara L. Hurd, Principal

## ANNUAL SCHOOL ELECTIONS

April 20, 2010 1:30 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.



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**MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

Midland School #1 300 Rochelle Avenue Rochelle Park



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