

FRENCHTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION 1 – SEPTEMBER 20, 2017

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MISSION STATEMENT

The Frenchtown Elementary School, an *intimate educational environment*, prepares its students to meet the challenges of rapid globalization. We recognize that in an increasingly diverse world, they will need a solid foundation in technological skills, the versatility to design their own multi-career futures, and a greater appreciation for and *acceptance of cultural diversity*.

In an *atmosphere of academic rigor*, Frenchtown Elementary students acquire the broad knowledge base and analytical skills they will need to function as independent thinkers. Through school-wide beliefs and actions, our students are *taught to respect* themselves, their peers, their community, other cultures, and the natural world in which they live.

In these ways, the Frenchtown Elementary School strives to help each student develop intellectually, physically, socially, and ethically. *Our ultimate mission is to produce happy, healthy, creative young adults who grow into life-long learners with a desire to contribute to their society as productive citizens.*

The Frenchtown School District will achieve the aforementioned attributes through the New Jersey Curriculum Standards and the ten New Jersey Professional Standards for Teachers.

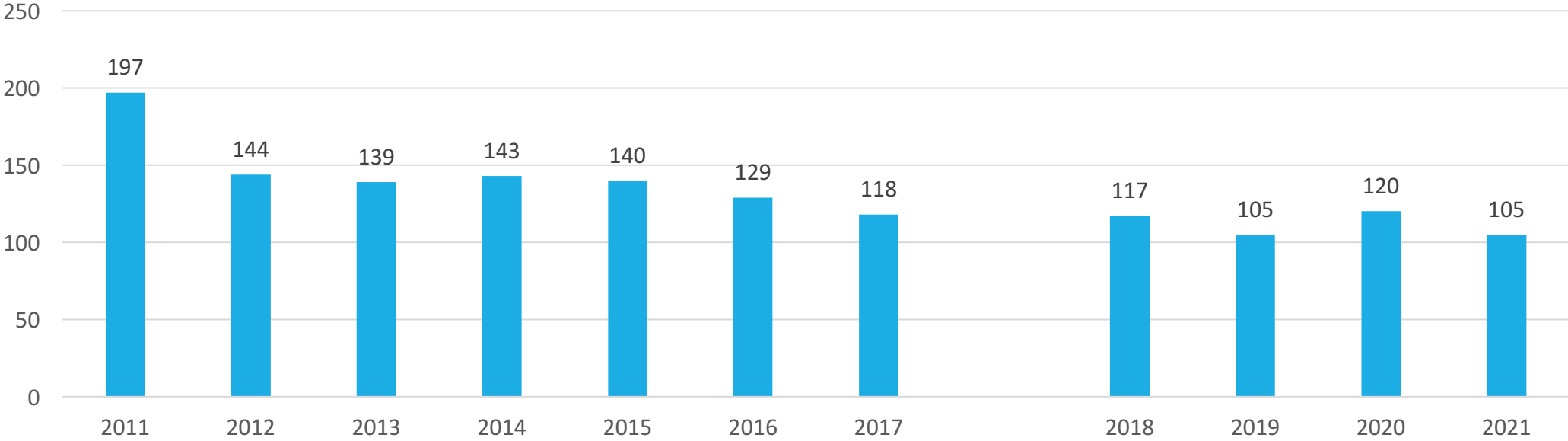
DID YOU KNOW?

- Frenchtown School was voted Hunterdon Happening's "Best Elementary School in Hunterdon County"
- Frenchtown offers full day Kindergarten and Preschool programs
- Frenchtown is a Choice School District (\$135,422 in School Choice Aid from NJ)
- Frenchtown School ranks 83rd and 88th in the statewide percentiles for "met or exceeded state expectations/standards" for the English Language Arts and Mathematics PARCC Assessments, respectively
- Frenchtown School greatly benefits from community partnerships, support, expertise, and resources
- Frenchtown School provides musical and theater performance opportunities, including workshops with the River Union Stage Company
- Frenchtown School offers expanded enrichment experiences and a variety of sports teams and after school clubs
- Frenchtown School supports a 1:1 iPad program in the Middle School

2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR STATISTICS

- Population: 1,373 residents (source: 2010 US Census)
- FES Enrollment: 119
- Students requiring Individualized Education Programs (IEPs): 27
- Students receiving free or reduced price meals: 16
- Choice Students: 11 (14 maximum)
- FES Staff Members: 32

FES ENROLLMENT HISTORY & PROJECTIONS



HISTORIC ENROLLMENT
(October ASSA counts)

PROJECTED ENROLLMENT
Demographic Study June 2017

Source: Demographic Study, Sundance Associates, June 2017

DISTRICT INITIATIVES

- SHARED SERVICES
- CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION
- TECHNOLOGY
- FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS
- FINANCE

SHARED SERVICES

SHARED WITH DVRHS:

- Administrative – Superintendent and Business Administrator
- Technology – IT Manager and Tech Team including Integration Specialist
- Facilities – Facilities Manager and Custodial Support
- Transportation – Special runs, field and athletic trips


SHARED WITH MILFORD:

- Instructional – World Language Teacher

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

- Revised Middle School Schedule
- Shift to Standards Based Grading in grades K-5
- Curriculum reform to comply with NJ Student Learning Standards and Next Generation Science Standards
- Implementation of PARCC Assessment
- Personalized Student Learning Program

TECHNOLOGY

- Middle School 1:1 iPad initiative
- Website redesign
- Social media presence (Like us on Facebook!  Frenchtown School)
- New student information system with parent portal (Powerschool)
- Transition to electronic books (ebooks)

FACILITIES IMPROVEMENTS

2014 Referendum Projects:

- Window Replacement
- Roof Replacement
- Toilet Room Renovations
- Boiler Replacement/Paving Project

In-house Upgrades:

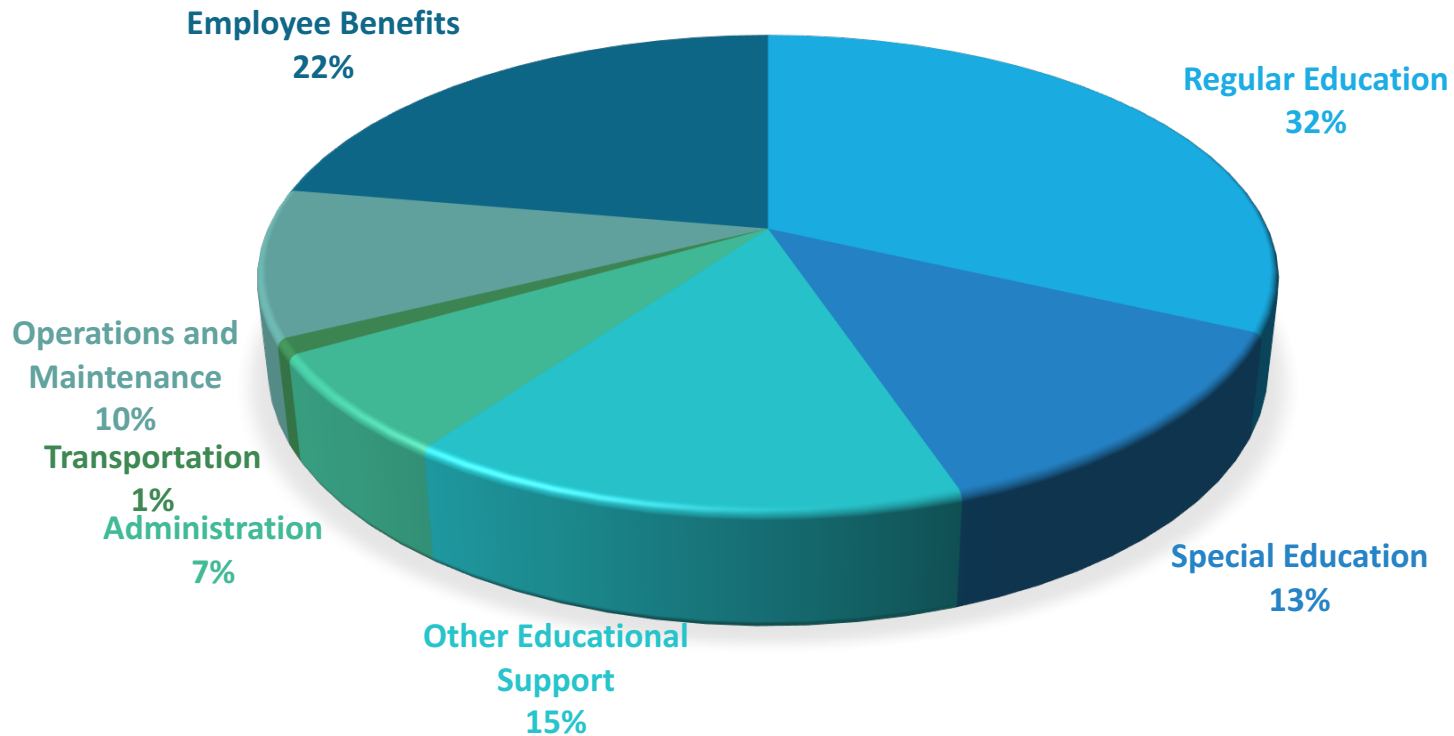
- Tech Lab
- Auditorium Sound System
- Gymnasium Upgrades
- Playground Equipment
- Cafeteria Improvements

FINANCE

- Cost efficiencies through Shared Services Agreements
- Purchasing Cooperatives for best pricing
- Controlled Tax Levy Growth – average 1.5% annual increase from 2013 -2017

2017/2018 BUDGET \$2,781,763

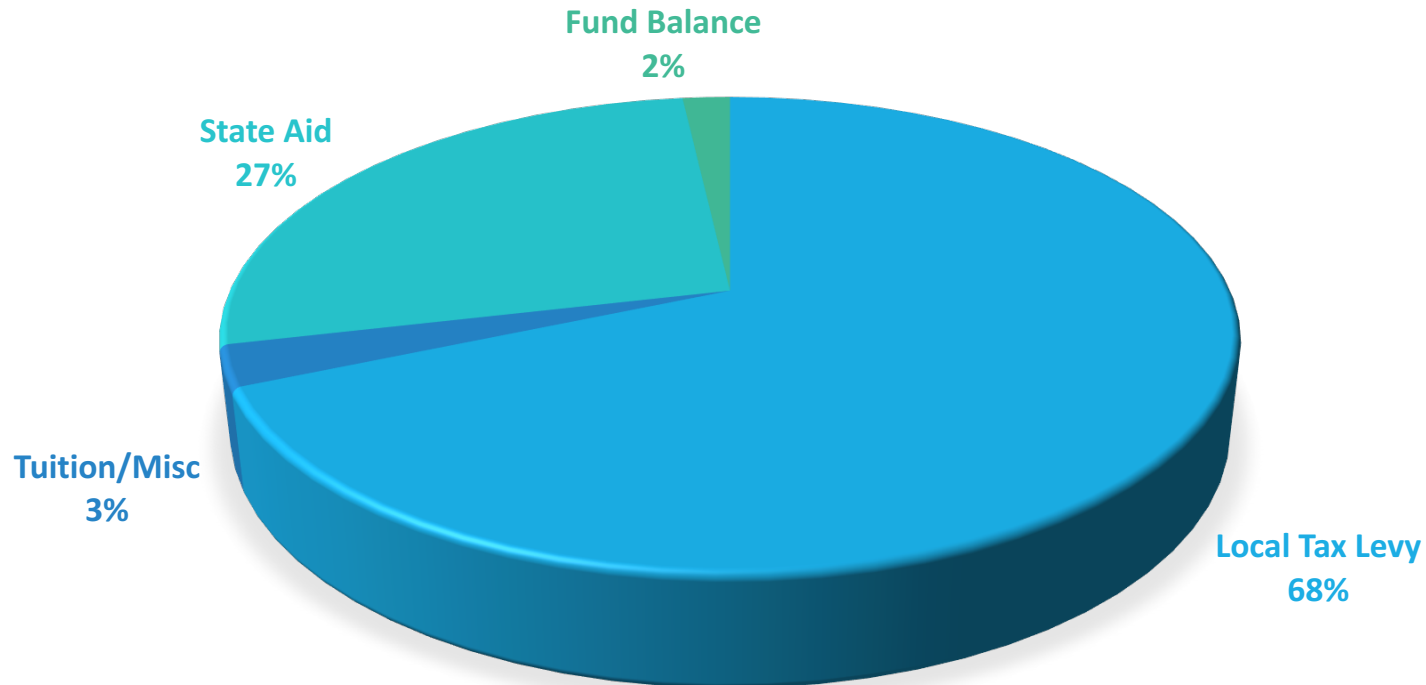
EXPENDITURES 2017-2018



Program	2017-18
Regular Education	\$887,267
Special Education	\$359,403
Other Educational Support	\$419,879
Administration	\$188,077
Transportation	\$29,277
Operations and Maintenance	\$278,757
Employee Benefits	\$619,103
Total	\$2,781,763

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REVENUES 2017-2018



Source	2017-18
Local Tax Levy	\$1,907,948
Tuition/Misc	\$77,550
State Aid	\$746,265
Fund Balance	\$50,000
Total	\$2,781,763

WHAT'S NEXT?

Strategic Plan

- Shared Vision
- Strengths
- Challenges
- Goal Development

Upcoming Planning Sessions

- Wednesday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.
- Monday, November 6, 7:00 p.m.

WANT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT FRENCHTOWN SCHOOL?

NJ School Performance Report:

<http://www.nj.gov/education/pr/>

Frenchtown School:

<https://www.dvrhs.org/Domain/741>

NJ Department of Education Data & Reports:

<http://www.nj.gov/education/data/>

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