

Ocean - Southern Regional

Notice is hereby given to the legal voters of the Southern Regional School District, in the County of Ocean, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Stuart Snyder Meeting Room in the Administration Building of the Southern Regional Board of Education, 105 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, NJ 08050, on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 7:00 pm, for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October	October	October
	15, 2024 Actual	15, 2025 Actual	15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	2,031	2,044	2,145
Pupils On Roll Regular Shared-Time	62	62	62
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	547	538	565
Pupils On Roll - Special Shared-Time	47	55	55
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	2,687	2,699	2,827
Private School Placements	7	10	10
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	0	1	1
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	1	1	1
Pupils Received	389	399	401
Pupils in State Facilities	1	2	2

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Operating Budget:				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy-Base Budget	10-1210	51,688,603	53,359,367	58,089,592
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	51,688,603	53,359,367	58,089,592
Total Tuition	10-1300	8,127,701	8,975,764	9,472,109
Transportation Fees from Other Local Education Authorities	10-1420-1440	822,620	700,000	800,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	1,301,419	750,000	750,000
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	10,000	10,000	10,000
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	10,000	10,000	10,000
Total Revenues from Local Sources		61,960,343	63,805,131	69,131,701
Revenues from State Sources:				
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	1,367,568	1,155,958	1,238,840
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	910,594	300,000	650,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	2,560,826	2,987,739	3,143,397
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	306,056	344,820	375,592
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	14,010	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		5,159,054	4,788,517	5,407,829
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	21,180	5,504	35,049
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		21,180	5,504	35,049
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget				
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-303	0	1,012,240	2,220,767
Withdrawal from Tuition Reserve for Excess Over Adjustments	10-310	0	1,258,280	0
Transfers from Other Funds	10-311	0	800,000	800,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-5200	1,101,019	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		0	456,733	0
Total Operating Budget		3,953,435	0	0
		72,195,031	72,126,405	77,595,346
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	1,680,839	1,000,000	1,000,000
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	328,613	115,000	115,000
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	7,878	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	2,017,330	1,115,000	1,115,000
Revenues from State Sources:				
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	0	25,471	25,471
State Grants Through Intermediate Sources	20-3700	26,624	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		26,624	25,471	25,471
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	328,210	228,937	171,702
Title II	20-4451-4455	37,955	48,073	36,055
Title III	20-4491-4494	0	1,252	0
Title IV	20-4471-4474	22,897	18,950	14,212
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	635,089	632,472	474,354
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	93,011	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,117,162	929,684	696,323
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-75,194	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		-13,969	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		3,071,953	2,070,155	1,836,794
Repayment of Debt:				
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		26	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		26	0	0
Total Revenues/Sources		75,267,010	74,196,560	79,432,140
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		75,267,010	74,196,560	79,432,140

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Advertised Appropriations

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
General Current Expense:				
Instruction:				
Regular Programs-Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	18,704,424	19,766,389	20,470,666
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	5,712,568	5,929,590	6,327,389
Basic Skills/Remedial-Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	16,866	22,200	19,700
Bilingual Education-Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	169	2,000	2,000
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	491,349	533,198	552,979
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	1,837,649	1,970,514	2,063,066
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	296,872	964,290	1,186,768
Undistributed Expenditures-Attendance and Social Work	11-000-211-XXX	283,510	297,141	312,272
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	351,120	369,141	390,058
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	525,551	561,664	591,336
Undistributed Expenditures-Other Support Services, Students>Extraordinary Services	11-000-217-XXX	1,061,398	1,199,518	1,372,267
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	1,508,803	1,635,144	1,675,169
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	1,430,199	1,595,826	1,572,847
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	582,540	599,179	592,538
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	388,494	422,825	429,037
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	6,534	10,633	4,500
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	960,349	1,079,173	1,070,307
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,832,292	1,979,088	1,818,609
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	789,111	876,625	881,008
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	512,650	576,694	485,230
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	6,637,830	7,596,158	7,958,558
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	4,590,546	5,204,840	5,281,704
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	14,824,184	17,651,950	21,584,908
Total Undistributed Expenditures		36,581,983	42,619,889	47,207,116
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	10,000	10,000
Total General Current Expense		63,345,008	70,853,780	76,652,916
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	1,941,773	1,224,375	894,180
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	38,250	38,250	38,250
Capital Reserve-Transfer to Capital Projects	12-000-400-931	6,870,000	0	0
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	10,000	10,000
Total Capital Outlay		8,850,023	1,272,625	942,430
General Fund Grand Total		72,195,031	72,126,405	77,595,346
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	7,878	0	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	1,605,645	1,000,000	1,000,000
Scholarship Fund	20-476-XXX-XXX	314,644	115,000	115,000
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,405	1,335	1,335
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	10,404	8,107	8,107
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	9,026	11,583	11,583
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	4,417	3,494	3,494
Nonpublic Technology Initiative	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,372	952	952
Total Other State Projects		26,624	25,471	25,471
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Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	328,210	228,937	171,702
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	37,955	48,073	36,055
Title III	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0	1,252	0
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	22,897	18,950	14,212
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	635,089	632,472	474,354
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	93,011	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,117,162	929,684	696,323
Total Special Revenue Funds		3,071,953	2,070,155	1,836,794
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	26	0	0
Total Debt Service Funds		26	0	0
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		75,267,010	74,196,560	79,432,140
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		75,267,010	74,196,560	79,432,140

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Advertised Recapitulation of Balances

Budget Category	Audited Balance 06-30-2024	Audited Balance 06-30-2025	Estimated Balance 06-30-2026	Estimated Balance 06-30-2027
Unrestricted:				
(General Operating Budget)	2,609,216	2,840,034	2,218,505	1,433,393
(Repayment of Debt)	26	0	0	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	12,106,013	8,847,032	8,857,032	8,867,032
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	4,577,826	2,987,826	1,739,546	1,749,546
--Legal Reserve	390,711	1,826,366	1,435,655	0
--Unemployment Fund	253,136	333,946	333,946	333,946
--Tuition Reserve	1,600,000	1,600,000	800,000	0
--Current Expense Emergency Reserve	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for General Expenses (Sections 8002 and 8003)	0	0	0	0
--Impact Aid Reserve for Capital Expenses (Sections 8007 and 8008)	0	0	0	0
(Special Revenue Fund)				
--Student Activity Fund	774,757	849,951	849,951	849,951
--Scholarship Fund	202,100	216,069	216,069	216,069
(Repayment of Debt)				
--Restricted for Repayment of Debt	0	0	0	0

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Advertised Per Pupil Cost Calculations

Per Pupil Cost Calculations	2023-24 Actual Costs	2024-25 Actual Costs	2025-26 Original Budget	2025-26 Revised Budget	2026-27 Proposed Budget
Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost	\$20,353	\$21,556	\$23,554	\$23,604	\$24,389
Total Classroom Instruction	\$11,503	\$12,150	\$13,157	\$13,002	\$13,515
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$11,026	\$11,577	\$12,507	\$12,332	\$12,895
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$339	\$441	\$460	\$472	\$405
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$138	\$132	\$190	\$198	\$215
Total Support Services	\$3,062	\$3,347	\$3,674	\$3,751	\$4,197
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$2,988	\$3,235	\$3,536	\$3,611	\$4,064
Total Administrative Costs	\$1,914	\$1,980	\$2,177	\$2,184	\$2,036
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,659	\$1,741	\$1,854	\$1,843	\$1,775
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$2,889	\$3,022	\$3,343	\$3,522	\$3,469
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,447	\$1,525	\$1,687	\$1,751	\$1,700
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$888	\$949	\$1,045	\$1,025	\$1,034
Total Equipment Costs	\$538	\$740	\$430	\$464	\$323
Legal Costs	\$11	\$17	\$17	\$18	\$16
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	35.31%	37.39%	42.33%	42.28%	49.72%

*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district.

** Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending and can be found on the Department of Education website: <http://www.nj.gov/education/guide/>. This publication is also available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2025-26 revised appropriations and the 2026-27 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Southern Regional Administration Building, 105 Cedar Bridge Road, Manahawkin, Ocean County New Jersey between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the New Jersey Student Learning Standards adopted by the State Board of Education.