

1989 - 1990

**BUDGET
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Radcliffe School

Ward 1 - District 4 & 6

Ward 2 - District 2

POLLING DISTRICT NO. 3

Franklin School

Ward 1 - Districts 3 & 5

POLLING DISTRICT NO. 7

Spring Garden School

Ward 2 - Districts 3 & 4

POLLING DISTRICT NO. 4

Yantacaw School

Ward 2 - Districts 1,5, & 6

POLLING DISTRICT NO. 5

Yantacaw School

Ward 3 - Districts 3,4, & 5

POLLING DISTRICT NO. 6

Washington School

Ward 3 - Districts 1,2,6 & 7

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A Letter to the People of Nutley

Dear Nutley Citizen:

March, 1989

The proposed budget for the Nutley School District for 1989 - 1990 is presented below in summary form along with a comparison of the current budget.

Citizens are asked to vote on the local tax levy for the Current Expense portion of the budget. The total budget reflects an increase of 7.9%.

On the inside pages are questions typically asked during budget time, together with the answers. A table showing the budget's impact on your school taxes is also included. The pictures show some of the children engaged in just a few of the activities that take place in your schools, which your taxes make possible.

It is not possible to explain all the details of a complex budget affecting over 3,300 pupils in the limited space in this brochure. We invite you to pick up a budget booklet at any public school or the Board of Education Office, 375 Bloomfield Avenue. If you have any questions about the budget, please contact the Superintendent of Schools or the Secretary/Business Administrator by calling 661-3500.

We urge every citizen to exercise the privilege of casting his/her vote on April 4.

Sincerely yours,

Nutley Board of Education

THE BUDGET

Comparison of the Proposed 1989 - 90 Budget with the 1988 - 89 Budget

REVENUES		1988 - 89	1989 - 90
State Aid		\$ 2,899,384	\$ 3,085,260
Federal Aid		354,147	317,294
Tuition		22,910	25,686
Miscellaneous		40,000	46,000
Appropriation of Surplus		660,000	600,000
Local Tax Levy		15,782,428	17,253,093
TOTAL REVENUES		\$ 19,758,869	\$21,327,333
APPROPRIATIONS			
Administration	- Salaries	\$ 543,637	\$ 590,790
	- Other	205,872	215,020
Instruction	- Salaries	10,697,225	11,508,050
	- Other	821,389	860,800
Health Services.....		32,400	34,085
Transportation	- Salaries	226,600	246,995
	- Other	146,604	211,834
Operations	- Salaries	1,035,600	1,123,332
	- Other	634,372	672,140
Maintenance/Equipment		685,847	761,372
Fixed Charges	- Retirement		
	- Contributions	452,854	488,269
	- Insurance	1,453,768	1,734,238
	- Tuition	671,705	687,546
	- Other	120,000	128,000
Food Service		34,500	39,000
Athletics/Extra-Curricular		362,120	390,312
Community Service.....		2,200	2,300
Special Education	- Salaries	720,906	799,410
	- Other	28,275	31,075
State/ Federal Projects		747,216	668,699
Summer School.....		32,000	34,600
CURRENT EXPENSE TOTAL		\$19,655,090	\$21,227,867
DEBT SERVICE		103,779	99,466
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS		\$19,758,869	\$21,327,333

..... Questions and Answers

About Your Schools and the Budget

Q. What will be determined at the school election on April 4, 1989?

A. Nutley citizens will vote on the amount of local taxes needed to support the 1989-90 Current Expense budget. That amount is \$17,153,648, which represents about 80% of the budget. In addition, three members of the Board of Education will be elected for three-year terms.

Q. What money, besides local taxes, is used to pay for the operation of the schools?

A. The biggest portion, about 14 1/2%, is from the state of New Jersey. Federal aid amounts to slightly more than 1%. The use of surplus funds (\$600,000 in 1989-90) helps hold down the amount needed to be raised in taxes. Minor sources of revenue are tuition, interest income and fees.

Q. How is the money in the budget spent?

A. Salaries account for over 67% of the budget. Transportation, operations and fixed charges total 18%. Special State and Federal projects are responsible for approximately 5%. The remaining 10% is used to buy all instructional supplies, materials and equipment, and pay for the athletic program, health services, food services, administrative cost, debt service and professional services.

Q. Is the 1989-90 school budget below the budget "cap"?

A. Yes. This budget is more than \$1,500,000 below the State "cap." The Board has only appropriated those funds that are necessary for a sound educational program.

Q. Is there a decline in school enrollment?

A. In 1988-89, enrollment declined by 25 students, a decrease of less than 1%. The 1989-90 enrollment is also expected to show a slight decrease.

Q. Are we reducing the size of our staff?

A. The District has been reducing the size of the staff for a number of years as enrollment has declined. In 1989-90, four full-time and one part-time professional positions will be eliminated.

Q. My tax bill consists of levies from the Township, County and the school district. What portion of my tax dollar is used for the schools?

A. This amount has remained relatively stable for a number of years. In 1988, it was 40%, which was a decrease from 1986 and 1987 when it was 41%. Ten years ago it was 43%.

Q. How have the school taxes compared to taxes for the County and Municipality?

A. From 1985-1988, school taxes have increased by about 18%. During that same period of time, County taxes have increased by 15% and local taxes by 68%.

Q. How does Nutley compare with other school districts in terms of cost?

A. In 1987-88, the average cost to educate each student in Essex County was \$5,824. In Nutley, the same per pupil cost was \$4,827 or \$997 less than the average. Nutley is one of the lowest spending districts in all of northern New Jersey.

Q. What kind of results am I getting for my taxes?

A. In 1987-88, 97% of our ninth grade students passed all three portions of the New Jersey High School Proficiency Test (Reading, Writing, Mathematics). Only one K-12 district in New Jersey that is in the same category did better. Approximately 73% of our graduating seniors went on to higher education in colleges, business and technical schools. Our K-8 students' scores in the Iowa Test are well above the national norms, with most grades scoring at the 90th percentile or higher.

Q. How much will the proposed school budget cost me?

A. This depends on the assessed valuation of your home. Consult the table below to estimate your actual cost. (Tax information is based on an estimate of total property values for Nutley Township as of February, 1989.)

HOW WILL THE SCHOOL BUDGET AFFECT YOUR TAXES ?

If Your Home Is Assessed* At	Your 1988 School Tax Was 3.07	Your 1989 School Tax Will Be 3.32	Your School Tax Increase Will Be
\$40,000	\$1228	\$1328	\$100
50,000	1535	1660	125
60,000	1842	1992	150
70,000	2149	2324	175
80,000	2456	2656	200

*NOTE: Assessed Value is presently approximately 36% of True, or Market Value.



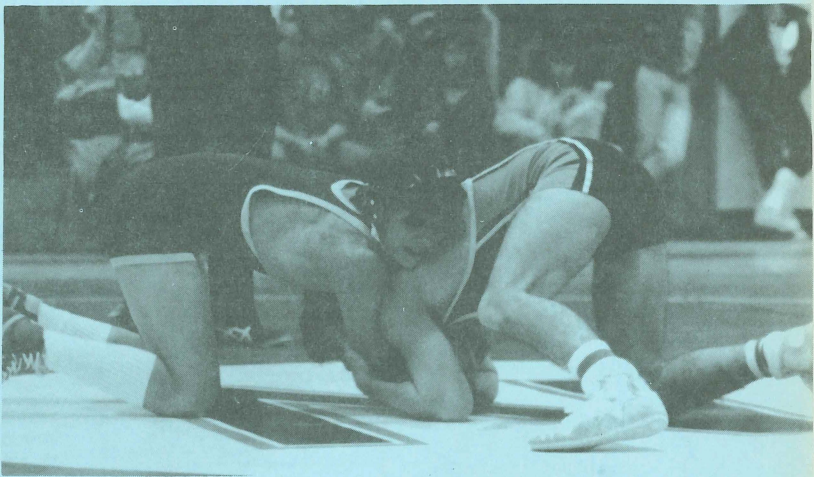
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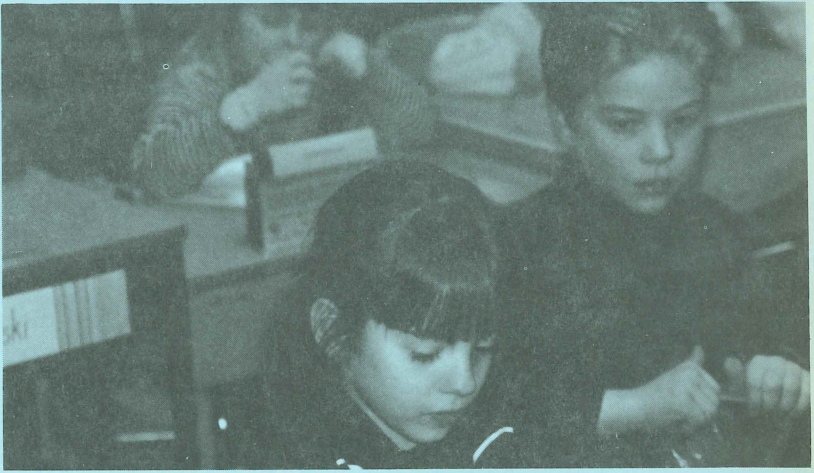
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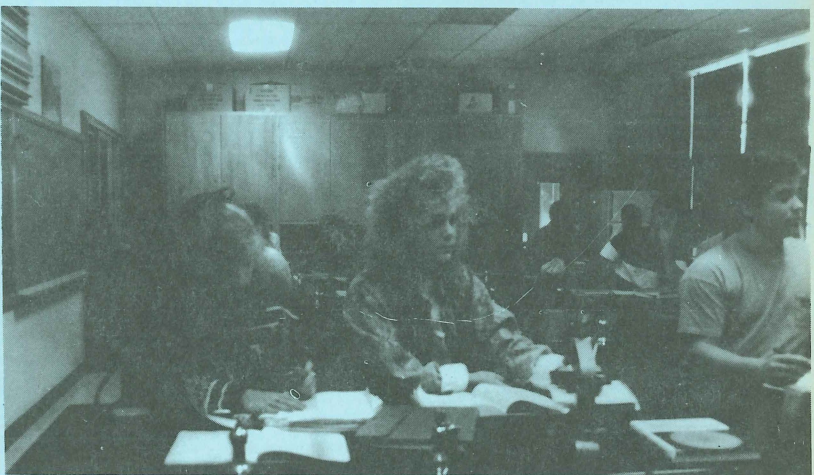
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