

**Frenchtown
School District
BUDGET 2017-2018**



**Public Hearing
April 25, 2017**

Frenchtown Elementary Provides

- Voted Best Elementary School in Hunterdon County by community members and parents
- Small class sizes
- Specialized Reading Instruction
- Full day Kindergarten and Preschool programs
- Small school/community environment
- Compliance with State-mandated PARCC Assessments
- Realignment of Curriculum to Common Core
- Expanded Enrichment experiences
- Musical and theater performance opportunities
- World Language studies
- Sports teams and After School Clubs
- 70% of certified staff have advanced degrees
- Increased awareness of school safety
- 1:1 iPad initiative in the Middle School



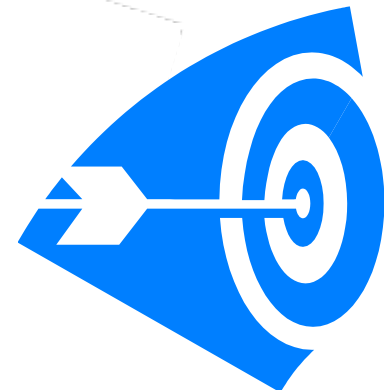
Frenchtown is Efficient with Funds

- Shared Administrative Services which improve efficiencies and curriculum alignment
- School Choice provides additional state revenues
- Participation in multiple purchasing cooperatives to reduce costs for instructional materials
- Shared instructional staff with neighboring districts where appropriate
- Participating member in the Delaware Valley Transportation Consortium and the Delaware Valley Technology Consortium
- Member of ACES for reduced energy costs



Goals for Budget

- Provide accurate information to the community regarding the budget process
- Maintain existing programs and look for opportunities or expansion of new programs
- Continue to provide a rigorous academic program for our students
- Keep our local property taxes under control



General Fund Expenditure Comparisons

Program	2016-17	2017-18	\$ Change	% Change
Reg. Education	\$904,656	\$887,267	-\$17,389	-1.92%
Spec. Education	\$307,644	\$359,403	\$51,759	16.82%
Other Ed Support	\$429,291	\$419,879	-\$9,412	-2.19%
Administration	\$190,572	\$188,077	-\$2,495	-1.31%
Transportation	\$22,449	\$29,277	\$6,828	30.41%
Operations and Maint.	\$285,579	\$278,757	-\$6,822	-2.39%
Employee Benefits	\$598,851	619,103	\$20,252	3.38%
Total	\$2,739,042	\$2,781,763	\$42,721	1.56%

Tax Impact

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Average Home Value	\$265,536	\$266,285	\$266,285	\$266,285	\$266,593
Tax Rate (Per 100s)	1.238	1.263	1.304	1.306	1.33
Tax Due for average home	\$3,287	\$3,363	\$3,363	\$3,483	\$3,545

For 2017 – School Tax Levy increase for average homeowner would translate to \$62.