

Montville Township Public Schools Budget Development 2016-2017

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School District Mission Statement

The Montville Township Community values education at the highest level. Our mission is to guarantee exceptional education for our students by maximizing individual potential and fostering a life long commitment to learning through a strong partnership of educators, families and communities.

School District Goals 2015-2016 and their impact on the budget

- * Goal 1 – Student Learning
 - * Partnership with United Way and Atlantic Healthcare in the three-year Climate and Culture initiative
 - * Climate and Culture Survey Data is being reviewed by School Level Teams. Discussions will evolve into the development of action plans.
 - * Development of a Special Education Needs Assessment to guide program development and staffing for 2016-2017

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- * Goal 2 - Technology

- * Expanding our communication with parents and the community through the use of Constant Contact, social media, and other means
- * Further development of STEM programs in grades K-5
- * Exploration and evaluation of the implementation of a 1 to 1 initiative for student access to technology devices
- * Continued integration of technology into the curriculum

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- * Goal 3 – World Language
 - * A committee was formed to address some of the recommendations included in the World Language Task Force Report presented to the Board in June 2015
 - * The Lazar World Language and Scheduling Committee is in the final stages of formulating recommendations for changes to the delivery of World Language instruction at the middle school level.
 - * Recommendations include the implementation of a three year sequence of World Language comprised of three full years of study beginning at the 6th grade level

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- * Goal 4 – Developing a Culture of Continuous Improvement
 - * A parent survey is in process to collect parent input in defining and prioritizing student “success indicators” at the elementary, middle and high school levels.
 - * The survey is open through February 19th
 - * District performance will then be analyzed based on these success indicators

Building on Our Successes

- * The district has implemented a number of highly successful programs and practices, such as the Science Research Program and the Humanities Research Program at the high school level, effective programs in language arts and mathematics education, and broad implementation of technology through the use of Chromebooks.
- * Our intent in the 2016-2017 budget is to include a number of new initiatives that will help us increase student achievement.

Budget Development Parameters

- * 2% maximum increase in the tax levy
- * State aid allocations will not be known until approximately February 25th. We have had no indication yet as to whether districts that have been experiencing declining enrollment, such as Montville, can expect flat funding again in 2016-2017

New Initiatives

- * More detail on the proposed initiatives will be included in budget presentations over the next two months.
- * Priority initiatives include:
 - * Expansion of the World Language Program at Lazar Middle School to encompass a three year sequence of language study
 - * The creation of an elementary age ABA class
 - * Roof work – partially funded through the use of Capital Reserve monies

New Initiatives

- * Instructional initiatives
 - * New textbooks to accompany the introduction of the Next Generation Science Standards in grades 6-12
 - * iReady – diagnostic tool for reading and mathematics that pinpoints student needs down to the sub-skill level and provides a means to monitor ongoing progress towards achievement of the standards
 - * Project Read – Reading comprehension program
 - * Implementation of several new courses including AP Art and Spanish Culture and Conversation

New Initiatives

- * Technology Initiatives:
 - * Replacement of 88 SMART Boards that have reached the end of their useful life
 - * Replace teacher laptops
 - * Purchase of additional Chromebook carts
 - * Purchase of 1 cart of 20 tablets for each elementary school

2016-2017
Budget Development Process

Questions and Comments?