

Cape May - Lower Cape May Regional

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the taxpayers and other interested persons of the Lower Cape May Regional School District (consisting of City of Cape May, Township of Lower, and Borough of West Cape May), in the County of Cape May, of the State of New Jersey, that a Public Hearing will be held in the Administration Building of the Lower Cape May Regional Board of Education, 687 Route 9, Cape May, NJ 08204, on Monday, April 27, 2026 and will begin no earlier than 5:00pm and no later than 5:30pm, following the work session.

Advertised Enrollments

Enrollment Categories	October 15, 2024 Actual	October 15, 2025 Actual	October 15, 2026 Estimated
Pupils On Roll Regular Full-Time	880	826	846
Pupils On Roll - Special Full-Time	230	218	271
Subtotal - Pupils On Roll	1,110	1,044	1,117
Private School Placements	6	5	8
Pupils Sent to Other Districts - Reg Prog	0	2	2
Pupils Sent to Other Dists - Spec Ed Prog	26	23	50
Pupils Received	1	0	0
Pupils in State Facilities	5	8	5

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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	24,485,433	25,461,484	26,895,899
Total Tax Levy	10-121x	24,485,433	25,461,484	26,895,899
Total Tuition	10-1300	23,249	8,060	0
Transportation Fees from Other Local Education Authorities	10-1420-1440	246,809	125,000	200,000
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	251,931	225,000	250,000
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-1XXX	11,395	100	100
Interest Earned on Capital Reserve Funds	10-1XXX	18,904	100	100
Other Restricted Miscellaneous Revenues / Paycheck Protection Program (APSSDs Only)	10-1XXX	2,266	0	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources		25,039,987	25,819,744	27,346,099
Revenues from State Sources:				
School Choice Aid	10-3116	1,547,611	1,871,975	2,058,788
Categorical Transportation Aid	10-3121	1,178,704	725,267	762,800
Extraordinary Aid	10-3131	202,217	0	175,000
Categorical Special Education Aid	10-3132	862,052	1,552,638	1,654,377
Equalization Aid	10-3176	14,856	0	0
Categorical Security Aid	10-3177	350,566	272,644	286,405
Other State Aids	10-3XXX	66,975	0	0
State Reimbursement for Lead Testing of Drinking Water	10-3300	3,100	0	0
State Reimbursement for Menstrual Products	10-3301	8,368	0	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		4,234,449	4,422,524	4,937,370
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Medicaid Reimbursement	10-4200	10,432	8,064	47,105
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		10,432	8,064	47,105
Budgeted Fund Balance-Operating Budget				
Withdrawal from Capital Reserve for Excess Cost and Other Capital Projects	10-303	0	2,397,391	1,884,541
Withdrawal from Maintenance Reserve	10-309	0	350,000	500,000
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	10-310	0	400,000	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		4,418,739	0	0
Total Operating Budget		33,703,607	33,700,956	34,715,115
Grants and Entitlements:				
Student Activity Fund Revenue	20-1760	545,569	234,787	258,941
Scholarship Fund Revenue	20-1770	14	0	0
Other Revenue from Local Sources	20-1XXX	6,569	166	0
Total Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	552,152	234,953	258,941
Revenues from State Sources:				
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	83,728	7,024	0
Total Revenues from State Sources		83,728	7,024	0
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	443,461	600,217	324,913
Title II	20-4451-4455	23,887	68,055	51,041
Title IV	20-4471-4474	40,551	28,282	21,212
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	401,447	392,369	294,277
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-4541	7,725	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant-Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-4543	7,055	0	0
Vocational Education	20-4430	89,946	85,985	64,489
ARP-ESSER	20-4540	138,385	0	0
Total Revenues from Federal Sources		1,152,457	1,174,908	755,932
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Student Activity Fund		-24,154	0	0
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures-Scholarship Fund		-14	0	0
Total Grants and Entitlements		1,764,169	1,416,885	1,014,873
Repayment of Debt:				
Transfers from Other Funds	40-5200	32,456	0	0
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	654,638	835,137	963,886
Total Revenues from Local Sources		654,638	835,137	963,886
Revenues from State Sources:				
Debt Service Aid Type II	40-3160	394,324	393,162	396,568

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Advertised Revenues

Budget Category	Account	2024-25 Actual	2025-26 Revised	2026-27 Proposed
Budgeted Fund Balance	40-303	0	159,011	32,456
Total Local Repayment of Debt		1,081,418	1,387,310	1,392,910
Actual Revenues (Over)/Under Expenditures		312,842	0	0
Total Repayment of Debt		1,394,260	1,387,310	1,392,910
Total Revenues/Sources		36,862,036	36,505,151	37,122,898
Total Revenues/Sources Net of Transfers		36,862,036	36,505,151	37,122,898

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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	9,257,736	9,223,971	9,297,889
Special Education-Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	1,889,385	1,849,619	1,816,042
School-Sponsored Cocurricular or Extracurricular Activities-Instruction	11-401-100-XXX	130,989	169,663	152,983
School-Sponsored Athletics-Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	809,009	821,012	829,342
Support Services:				
Undistributed Expenditures-Instruction (Tuition)	11-000-100-XXX	2,693,997	3,291,858	3,477,528
Undistributed Expenditures-Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	240,327	259,759	273,130
Undistributed Expenditures-Speech, OT, PT and Related Services	11-000-216-XXX	66,740	65,467	71,416
Undistributed Expenditures-Guidance	11-000-218-XXX	597,970	626,048	636,614
Undistributed Expenditures-Child Study Teams	11-000-219-XXX	744,494	675,637	750,419
Undistributed Expenditures-Improvement of Instruction Services	11-000-221-XXX	336,242	350,020	349,211
Undistributed Expenditures-Education Media Services/Library	11-000-222-XXX	151,406	159,288	127,562
Undistributed Expenditures-Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	1,995	4,000	4,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	627,750	734,947	746,178
Undistributed Expenditures-Support Services-School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	1,044,967	1,100,034	1,115,284
Undistributed Expenditures-Central Services	11-000-251-XXX	288,454	307,775	332,757
Undistributed Expenditures-Administrative InformationTechnology	11-000-252-XXX	88,086	155,592	155,000
Undistributed Expenditures-Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	3,739,483	4,702,920	3,825,122
Undistributed Expenditures-Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	1,778,816	1,803,438	1,931,369
Personal Services-Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	5,127,885	6,227,958	7,714,221
Undistributed Expenditures-Food Services	11-000-310-930	110,000	100,000	100,000
Total Undistributed Expenditures		17,638,612	20,564,741	21,609,811
Interest Earned on Maintenance Reserve	10-606	0	100	100
Total General Current Expense		29,725,731	32,629,106	33,706,167
Capital Expenditures:				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-730	331,728	625,000	450,000
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-400-XXX	3,629,817	431,268	558,848
Interest Deposit to Capital Reserve	10-604	0	100	100
Total Capital Outlay		3,961,545	1,056,368	1,008,948
Transfer of Funds to Charter Schools	10-000-100-56X	16,331	15,482	0
General Fund Grand Total		33,703,607	33,700,956	34,715,115
Special Grants and Entitlements:				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	6,569	166	0
Student Activity Fund	20-475-XXX-XXX	521,415	234,787	258,941
Other State Projects:				
Other	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	83,728	7,024	0
Total Other State Projects		83,728	7,024	0
Total State Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	83,728	7,024	0
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	443,461	600,217	324,913
Title II	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	23,887	68,055	51,041
Title IV	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	40,551	28,282	21,212
IDEA Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	401,447	392,369	294,277
Vocational Education	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	89,946	85,985	64,489
ARP-ESSER Grant Program	20-487-xxx-xxx	138,385	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Accelerated Learning Coaching and Educator Support Grant	20-488-xxx-xxx	7,725	0	0
ARP-ESSER Subgrant Evidence-Based Comprehensive Beyond the School Day Activities Grant	20-490-xxx-xxx	7,055	0	0
Total Federal Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	1,152,457	1,174,908	755,932
Total Special Revenue Funds		1,764,169	1,416,885	1,014,873
Repayment of Debt:				
Total Regular Debt Service	40-701-510-XXX	1,394,260	1,387,310	1,392,910
Total Debt Service Funds		1,394,260	1,387,310	1,392,910
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		36,862,036	36,505,151	37,122,898
Total Expenditures Net of Transfers		36,862,036	36,505,151	37,122,898

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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)	908,895	992,233	794,637	665,954
(Repayment of Debt)	504,309	191,467	32,456	0
Restricted for Specific Purposes:				
(General Operating Budget)				
--Capital Reserve	2,858,232	1,431,915	1,082,015	582,115
--Adult Education Programs	0	0	0	0
--Maintenance Reserve	1,699,601	1,020,996	621,096	621,196
--Legal Reserve	4,208,742	3,955,653	1,755,858	0
--Unemployment Fund	157,804	160,071	160,071	160,071
--Tuition Reserve	0	0	0	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	234,787	258,941	258,941	258,941
--Scholarship Fund	6,226	6,240	6,240	6,240
(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	\$21,732	\$23,121	\$24,214	\$26,399	\$25,333
Total Classroom Instruction	\$12,728	\$13,132	\$13,409	\$14,256	\$14,133
Classroom-Salaries and Benefits	\$12,429	\$12,804	\$13,017	\$13,824	\$13,747
Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks	\$262	\$287	\$329	\$347	\$318
Classroom-Purchased Services	\$37	\$41	\$62	\$86	\$68
Total Support Services	\$2,164	\$2,451	\$2,538	\$2,700	\$2,732
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,922	\$2,155	\$2,314	\$2,461	\$2,469
Total Administrative Costs	\$2,225	\$2,281	\$2,572	\$2,737	\$2,733
Administration Salaries and Benefits	\$1,702	\$1,773	\$1,900	\$2,025	\$2,071
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant	\$3,166	\$3,773	\$4,092	\$5,000	\$3,988
Operations and Maintenance-Salaries and Benefits	\$1,448	\$1,528	\$1,765	\$1,866	\$1,852
Board Contribution to Food Services	\$153	\$101	\$90	\$96	\$90
Total Extracurricular Costs	\$981	\$1,039	\$1,118	\$1,190	\$1,149
Total Equipment Costs	\$1,603	\$304	\$564	\$599	\$403
Legal Costs	\$46	\$51	\$68	\$65	\$67
Employee Benefits as a percentage of salaries*	29.25%	29.62%	35.69%	35.73%	43.73%

*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.

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Capital Projects

Description/Activity	Project Number	Dollar Amount	Eligible for Grant	Request to Exceed Referendum	Funding Source for Request to Exceed Referendum
Replace Middle School (MS) Boiler Controls	2026 LRFP Amendment	\$150,000	N	N	
Replace Heat Detectors at High School (HS)	2026 LRFP Amendment	\$75,000	N	N	
Replace/add/upgrade surveillance cameras - HS & MS	2026 LRFP Amendment	\$50,000	N	N	
Enlarge doorway in HS Kitchen and replace oven	2026 LRFP Amendment	\$75,000	N	N	
Replace MS reach-in freezer	2026 LRFP Amendment	\$25,000	N	N	
Replace electronic entrance sign	2026 LRFP Amendment	\$25,000	N	N	
Reconstruction of HS Baseball Field	2026 LRFP Amendment	\$100,000	N	N	

Included in budget line 620, Budgeted Withdrawal from Capital Reserve – Excess Costs & Other Capital Projects, for \$500,000 that includes the following projects: \$150,000 to replace the boiler controls in the Richard M. Teitelman Middle School; \$75,000 to replace heat detectors in the Lower Cape May Regional High School; and \$50,000 to replace/add/upgrade surveillance cameras in the Lower Cape May Regional High School and Richard M. Teitelman Middle School; \$75,000 to replace the doorway and oven in the Lower Cape May Regional High School cafeteria; \$25,000 to replace the reach-in freezer in the Richard M. Teitelman Middle School; \$25,000 to replace the District's electronic entrance sign; and \$100,000 to renovate/reconstruct the Lower Cape May Regional High School baseball field.

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

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Administration building, 687 Route 9, Cape May, NJ 08240, Cape May County New Jersey between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.