

# SOMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Review*

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## GOVERNOR VISITS SOMERVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS



*The Somerville Public School district welcomed Governor Christie on March 23, 2010.*

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The Somerville Public School district is eager to share information with the community.

Visit us on the web for student and parent programs, school activity calendars, district events, board meeting schedules, curriculum documents, and breaking news. ■



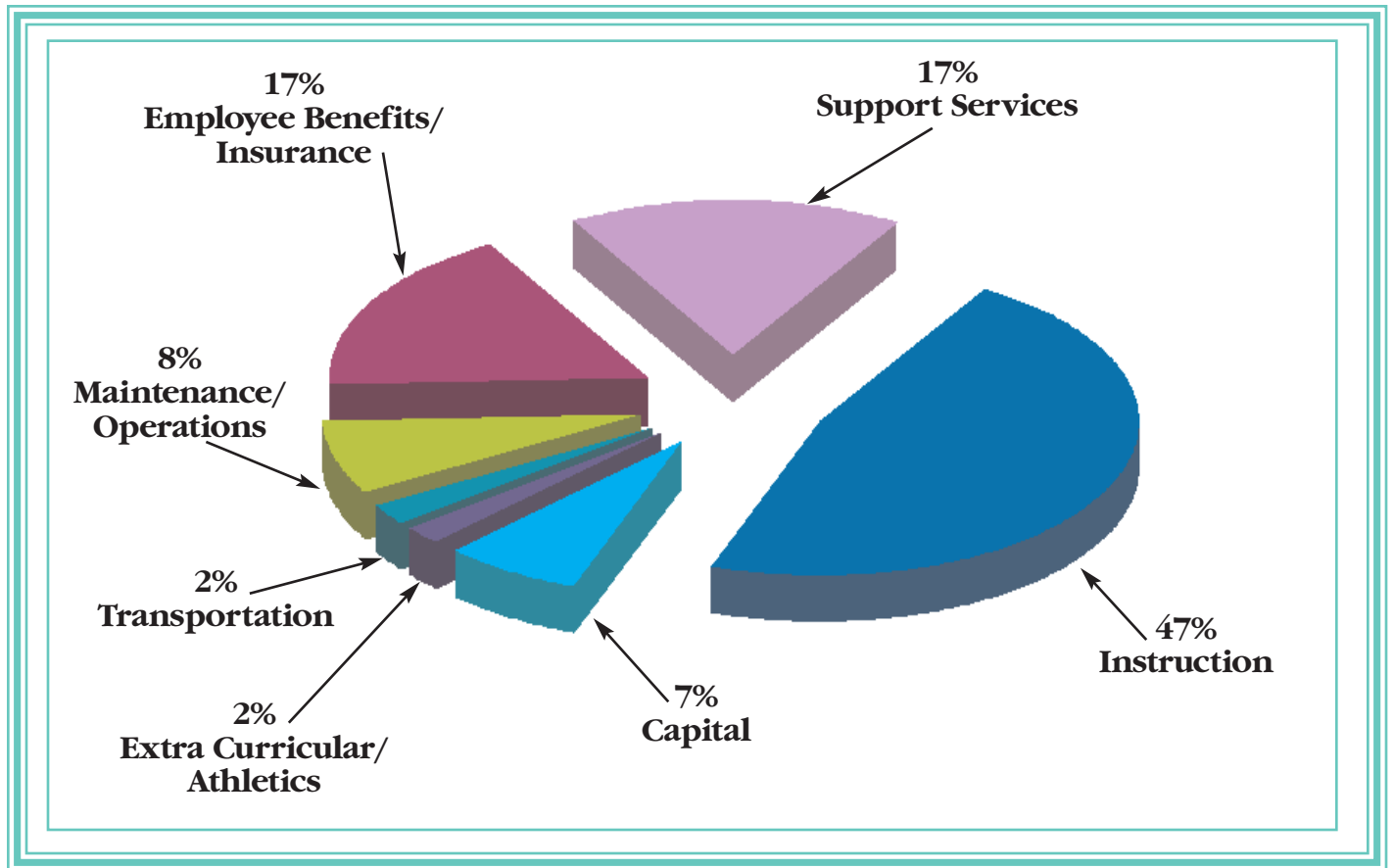
## SOMERVILLE School Budget Election

See Pages 2, 3 & 4 for In-Depth Coverage.  
Polls Open 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.



**Tuesday, April 20th**

# 2010-2011 GENERAL FUND BUDGET FACTS



## POLLING PLACES

**H**ere is the list of polling places and corresponding General Election District Numbers. If you have any questions, please contact the Somerset County Board of Elections at 231-7084.

**Polling District No.1:** Polling place in the Gymnasium at the Somerville Middle School, West Cliff Street, in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election Districts No.(s): 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 10 of the Borough of Somerville.

**Polling District No.2:** Polling place in the Gymnasium at Van Derveer School, Union Avenue, in the School District, for legal voters residing within General Election Districts No.(s): 5, 6, 7, 9, 11, and 12 of the Borough of Somerville. ■

## School Budget Vote

**S**omerville residents are being asked to vote yes or no on the following question: RESOLVED, that there should be raised for General Funds \$19,688,561 for the ensuing school year (2010-2011).

The increase in school property taxes is estimated to be \$177.57 (\$14.80 per month) for 2010 on an average assessed home in Somerville of \$149,217.

For more information about the 2010-2011 school budget, please contact Dr. Carolyn F. Leary, Superintendent of Schools, at 218-4101. ■

**Please Vote Tuesday, April 20th**

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# KEY COMPONENTS OF THE 2010-2011 BUDGET

*The 2010-2011 school budget represents a conscientious effort on the part of the Somerville Board of Education to remain fiscally responsible on behalf of the taxpayers while continuing to advance educational services for students.*

*The 2010-2011 school budget provides an opportunity to continue the excellent academic programs and services for our students. We encourage you to review these "Key Components of the 2010-2011 Budget" and make an informed decision when voting on April 20th.*

## DISTRICT-WIDE

- *Parent Portal* provides parents with real-time access to student information, including attendance, grades, assignment descriptions, school bulletins, and teacher communications
- The instant alert parent notification system sends automatic notifications to parents and staff through telephone, email, or text messages
- The district website provides current detailed school and district information about programs and events

## PRESCHOOL

- Continuation of morning and afternoon half-day preschool programs for four-year-olds as mandated by the New Jersey Department of Education

## VAN DERVEER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

- Applied Behavioral Analysis (ABA) classes, which eliminate the need to pay costly out-of-district placements and may include non-Somerville resident(s) who pay tuition
- Student support programs, including the homework and book clubs, tutoring sessions, and Summer Intervention Reading program
- Professional development programs for language arts literacy and mathematics
- Adaptive physical education opportunities
- SMART Boards, wireless technologies, the Smart Room, and the science laboratory ensure technology access for all students

- Reading specialists to meet the needs of all learners
- Summer enrichment programs

## SOMERVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Pre-engineering program for all students in grades 6-8
- New social studies textbooks
- Expansion of parent roundtable discussions
- Integration of technology in daily instruction
- Summer reading initiatives
- Integration of literacy and content across the curriculum
- Expansion of after-school activities, including academic support programs and homework and book clubs
- Instrumental and vocal music programs
- Summer Enrichment Academy
- Musical Theatre Workshop and Instrumental Music summer programs
- Comprehensive character education integrated into the curriculum
- Middle school academic competitions

## SOMERVILLE HIGH SCHOOL

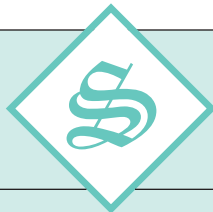
- Virtual High School courses and partnerships with Raritan Valley Community College
- Career planning and technology education to develop 21st century life skills
- New textbooks: United States History, French, Spanish, AP Calculus, and Accounting I and II
- Expanded integration of technology into daily instruction
- Literacy focus throughout all content areas
- Curriculum revisions for alignment with the new *2009 New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards*
- Updated technology laboratory
- State-of-the-art pre-engineering program with upgraded software applications
- Art and personal financial literacy program enhancements
- Co-curricular opportunities for students

**SHARED SERVICES**

- Somerset County Advisory Subcommittees: Shared Services, Special Education, and Professional Development
- Bulk bidding and purchasing of natural gas and electricity through consortia
- Somerset County Energy Audit Program
- Purchasing Agreement for Commodity Resale System with the County of Somerset to complete various public works projects
- Vehicle fuel and repairs with the County of Somerset
- Joint transportation agreements with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission and the Branchburg and Bridgewater Boards of Education
- Bus inspection and repairs in collaboration with the Branchburg Board of Education
- Police services with the Borough of Somerville for the D.A.R.E. program and for supervision at athletic and other special events
- Borough use of Board of Education athletic fields and school facilities
- Use of County of Somerset athletic fields
- Grant administration of nonpublic school programs in collaboration with the Somerset County Educational Services Commission
- Cooperative Pricing System Agreements with Educational Services Commissions of Hunterdon and Middlesex for school bus services and school, office, technology, custodial, and athletic supplies
- Grant for Somerville High School athletic complex turf fields awarded by the Freeholders of Somerset County in the amount of \$1,000,000 ■



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- Van Derveer Elementary School.....218-4105  
*Grades K-5 – Susan Haynes, Principal*
- Somerville Middle School.....218-4107  
*Grades 6-8 – Georgette Boulegeris, Principal*
- Somerville High School .....218-4108  
*Grades 9-12 – Timothy O'Halloran, Principal*
- Dr. Carolyn F. Leary, Superintendent of Schools .....218-4101

- 2009-2010 Board Of Education Members**
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  - Mr. Al Kerestes, *Vice President*
  - Mr. Norman Chin
  - Mr. Kenneth Cornell
  - Mrs. Michelle Edgar
  - Mr. Dennis Garot
  - Mrs. Janet Lawton
  - Ms. Helene Venizelos
  - Mrs. Dorice Weeks
  - \*Mrs. Melissa Looby

**Questions? Suggestions?**  
Call the Somerville Schools **HOTLINE** at 908 243-1598.  
*Guaranteed Response Within 24 Hours.*

\* Branchburg Board of Education Representative