

### **LACEY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT**A Tradition of Pride - A Tradition of Excellence

Important Budget Update - April 18, 2024
NJDOE Has Informed ALL School Districts
They May Not Seek Loans for 2024-2025 Budgets

The Lacey Township School District does NOT have a spending problem; it has a REVENUE problem caused by the reduction of state aid!

- We have lost over \$13.7 million in state aid over 7 years.
- We have already reduced 141 positions including teachers, administration, and support staff; made cuts to athletics including all freshman sports; reduced all co-curricular budgets, all educationally valuable field trips; reduced elective class offerings at the middle and high schools; and eliminated courtesy busing.
- Despite all of these reductions, our 2024-2025 budget <u>still reflects a \$6.9</u>
   <u>million budget imbalance!</u>

## PLEASE PARTNER WITH US TO ASK FOR A SOLUTION TO SAVE OUR DISTRICT

What do we NEED them to UNDERSTAND?

- We are fiscally sound.
- We do not have a spending problem, we have a REVENUE problem.
- Why should our students have fewer programs and services, athletics or co-curriculars, and fewer opportunities?

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## WHAT DOES \$7 MILLION IN REDUCTIONS LOOK LIKE?

- <u>57</u> Additional Staff Reductions including teachers, administrators, and support staff.
- Class sizes in the 40s across all 1-12 Grades.
- Pay-to-Participate for <u>all</u> athletic programs and cocurricular activities.
- Additional reductions to all repair and maintenance accounts by 25%, which will result in only emergency repairs (no preventative maintenance).

# We Need Your Help!

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