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COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ORGANIZATIONAL SECTION
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COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT'S ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Susan L. Moore, President

Beth Suchsland, Vice-President

Bernie Brady

Mel Brodsky

Leslie Finegold

Christina Frangiosa

Kathleen Oxberry

Heather Palmer

Alan Tabachnick

Non-Voting Officers

David M. Sherman, Secretary

Trevor S. Jackson, Treasurer

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS

Mrs. Susan L. Moore
Board President
Resident of Plymouth Meeting

Susan L. Moore was appointed to the School Board in December 2001, and elected to four-year terms in 2003, 2007 and 2011. She currently serves as Board President and formerly served as Vice President, a position she also held in 2009 and 2010. Mrs. Moore, who holds a master's degree in education from Temple University, has extensive experience as a teacher in both public and private schools. She is quite familiar with the Colonial School District, having volunteered and served as Vice President for both the Colonial Elementary School Parent Teachers Organization and the Colonial Middle School Home and School Association. She also has served on the Plymouth Whitemarsh High School Parent Teacher Student Organization and the Colonial Parents Council. The current president of the Ply-Mar Swim and Tennis Club, Moore also is a past member of the Strategic Planning Evaluation Committee for the Colonial School District.

Mrs. Beth Suchsland
Board Vice President
Resident of Lafayette Hill

Beth Suchsland was elected to a four-year term on the School Board in 2009 and re-elected to a second four-year term in 2013. She was elected by her peers to serve as Vice President in December 2013. Mrs. Suchsland is chairperson of the Human Resources Committee. She previously chaired the Community Relations and Student Life Committee and led the District's Advocacy Committee. Mrs. Suchsland holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Labor Relations from Rutgers University and a Master of Business Administration in Human Resources from Temple University. She has 13 years of experience working in various Labor Relations positions. In 2001, she left her position as Manager of Employee Relations for PECO Energy to stay home with her three children. Mrs. Suchsland is an active volunteer in the schools and the community. She was on the Board of Plymouth Whitemarsh Aquatic Club and served as Chair of the Whitemarsh Valley Country Club summer camp program.

Mr. Bernie Brady
Resident of Conshohocken

Bernie Brady was elected to a four-year term on the School Board in 2009 and re-elected to a second four-year term in 2013. He serves as chair of the Finance Committee and is a member of the Safety and Wellness Committee. Mr. Brady also serves on the Central Montco Technical High School Joint Operating Committee. Mr. Brady is a member of Conshohocken Fire Company #2 and a former member of the Conshohocken Planning Commission. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Delaware Valley College and a Certificate Degree from Drexel University. Mr. Brady is a small business owner.

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Mr. Mel Brodsky
Resident of Lafayette Hill

Mel Brodsky was appointed to the School Board in July 2010 and elected to a four-year term in 2011. He is the chair of the Curriculum Committee, serves on the Finance and Audit Committee, and chairs the Central Montco Technical High School Joint Operating Committee. Mr. Brodsky spent 35 years as an educator including nine years as a teacher, six as an assistant principal and twenty years as a principal. He also has experience as a high school and college basketball coach. Mr. Brodsky was a longtime owner and director of a residential children's day camp. He holds a bachelor's degree from Temple University and master's degree from Villanova University.

Mrs. Leslie Finegold
Resident of Lafayette Hill

Leslie Finegold was elected to a four-year term on the School Board in 2011. She is currently the chairperson of the Safety/Wellness Committee and serves on the Curriculum and Community Relations/Student Life Committees, is the Board's Municipal Liaison, and Liaison to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit. She has served on various District committees including The Strategic Planning Committee, The Act 1 Committee, The Act 72 Committee, The Technology Review Committee, The Prep HQ Committee, and The Anti-Defamation League's No Place for Hate Community Task Force. Mrs. Finegold is a past president of elementary and middle school Parent Teacher Student Organizations (PTSO) and served as secretary of the high school PTSO. She also participated in the first Challenge Day at Colonial Middle School. Mrs. Finegold holds a Bachelor of Science degree from Carnegie-Mellon University and a Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Business from the University of Pittsburgh. Mrs. Finegold is currently co-owner of a Flourtown-based media production company.

Mrs. Christina Frangiosa
Resident of Plymouth Meeting

Christina Frangiosa was elected to a four-year term on the School Board in 2011. She is a member of the Human Resources Committee. Mrs. Frangiosa is also the Board's Legislative Liaison to the Montgomery County School Directors Legislative Committee and Liaison to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association. Mrs. Frangiosa was active in the Plymouth Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization and currently has two students in Colonial School District schools. She is also involved with Colonial Soccer, the Plymouth Little League and the Colonial Field Hockey Club. Mrs. Frangiosa holds a bachelor's degree from American University and a law degree from the Temple University School of Law. She is a practicing attorney specializing in trademarks and litigation. She currently serves as Co-Chair of the Anti-Privacy Task Force and Vice-Chair of the Trademark Litigation Committee of the American Bar Association's Intellectual Property Law Section.

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Mrs. Kathleen Oxberry
Resident of Plymouth Meeting

Kathleen Oxberry was elected to a four-year term on the School board in 2009 and re-elected to a second four-year term in 2013. She served as the Board's Vice President in 2011. Mrs. Oxberry is a member of the Finance and Audit Committee. She introduced the Math Olympiads to Colonial Elementary School in 1993 and Colonial Middle School in 1995. She is a past president and vice president of the Plymouth Whitmarsh High School Band Boosters and has held leadership positions on the William Jeanes Library Board of Directors. Mrs. Oxberry holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Arizona and a Master of Science degree from Temple University. Mrs. Oxberry is employed as a Global Trial Manager in Emerging Markets at Merck & Co., Inc. In October 2011 she earned her Project Management Professional Certification. She is currently Lead on a Clinical Trial Team and an Outsourced Trial Team, charged with bringing the projects in on time and within budget.

Mrs. Heather Palmer
Resident of Conshohocken

Heather Palmer was appointed to the Board on December 18, 2012 and elected to a two-year term in 2013. She serves as chair of the Community Relations and Student Life Committee and is a member of the Curriculum and Safety/Wellness Committee. Mrs. Palmer has been active in the Whitmarsh Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization, as a homeroom parent and more. She worked as a Global Marketing Director at Johnson & Johnson for 15 years. Mrs. Palmer holds a bachelor's degree in business from the Pennsylvania State University and a master's degree in marketing from Duke University.

Mr. Alan Tabachnick
Resident of Plymouth Meeting

Alan Tabachnick was elected to a four-year term on the School Board in 2009 and re-elected to a second four-year term in 2013. He serves as chair of the Facilities Management and Transportation Committee and is a member of the Human Resources and Community Relations/Student Life Committee. He is also the Board's liaison to the Colonial School District Education Foundation. Mr. Tabachnick was a longtime volunteer for the theater and music programs in the District over the past eight years, supporting the Colonial Players and the Colonial Jazz Band. He has also supported and coached teams in the Odyssey of the Mind programs at Colonial Middle School and Plymouth Whitmarsh High School. Mr. Tabachnick has been involved in a variety of youth sports programs in the community. He has served as an assistant baseball coach and softball coach in the Plymouth Little League and has volunteered for the Plymouth Whitmarsh Aquatic Club (PWAC) at a variety of meets across the region. Mr. Tabachnick is a member of Beth Tikvah B'nai Jeshurun synagogue in Erdenheim and has been active on a variety of committees and as part of the Men's Club. He is also an avid supporter of historic preservation activities in the community. Mr. Tabachnick holds a bachelor's degree from the University of Pennsylvania and a master's degree from Columbia University. He serves as National Director of Cultural Resources for AECOM, Inc. and directs historic preservation, archaeology, history, and environmental studies across the country. Mr. Tabachnick has taught Cultural Resource Management courses at the University of Pittsburgh and presented archaeological programs to elementary school children. He developed a field archaeology activity where children can participate in excavations and learn about Native American history

**COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD COMMITTEES**

FACILITIES MANAGEMENT AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Alan Tabachnick, Chairperson **Mr. Bernie Brady**
Mrs. Kathleen Oxberry
Administrative Liaison, Terry Yemm

COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND STUDENT LIFE COMMITTEE

Mrs. Heather Palmer, Chairperson **Mr. Alan Tabachnick**
Mrs. Leslie Finegold
Administrative Liaison, David M. Sherman

CURRICULUM AND PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mr. Mel Brodsky, Chairperson **Mrs. Heather Palmer**
Mrs. Leslie Finegold
Administrative Liaison, Dr. Elizabeth McKeaney

FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE

Mr. Bernie Brady, Chairperson **Mrs. Kathleen Oxberry**
Mr. Mel Brodsky
Administrative Liaison, Trevor S. Jackson

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Mrs. Beth Suchsland, Chairperson **Mr. Alan Tabachnick**
Mrs. Christina Frangiosa
Administrative Liaison, Dr. Leticia Rodríguez

SAEFTY AND WELLNESS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Leslie Finegold , Chairperson **Mr. Bernie Brady**
Mrs. Heather Palmer
Administrative Liaison, Karen Berk

**CENTRAL MONTGOMERY COUNTY TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL
JOINT OPERATING COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Bernie Brady **Mr. Mel Brodsky**
Mrs. Susan L. Moore

INTERMEDIATE UNIT #23 BOARD MEMBER
PSBA REPRESENTATIVE; LEGISLATIVE CHAIR
COLONIAL FOUNDATION
MUNICIPAL LIAISON

Mrs. Leslie Finegold
Mrs. Christina Frangiosa
Mr. Alan Tabachnick
Mrs. Leslie Finegold

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COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2015-2016 Budget Schedule

The budget development process for 2015-16 was similar to the process that was implemented in the three prior years. The theme was to budget for only “what is needed” to meet the instructional and programmatic needs for the school or department; therefore, no building allocations were assigned. School principals and department leaders were required to inventory all supplies, equipment and other resources to ensure they were only budgeting for what was actually needed. In addition, principals and department leaders received historical spending data and information to assist in the development of their budget requests. This information included the current year budget amounts and five (5) years of actual financial history. Budget request forms were completed for all services, supplies and equipment that support the school’s and department’s budget amounts.

The Act 1 budget timeline was similar as compared to the prior year. A preliminary budget was adopted on February 2, and the final budget was adopted on June 18.

Meetings to review the budget details were scheduled in January, February and March after the budget request forms were received, reviewed and processed in the business office. These meetings included a line by line review of the budget requests, and as a result significant expenditure reductions were recognized between the preliminary budget and the adopted final budget. The budget calendar timeline was as follows:

Budget Calendar – Budget Development

Date	Activity	Building/Department
October 10, 2014	Distributed budget calendar and opened budget portal in Skyward for submission;	All Buildings and Departments
November 14, 2014	Received all budgets and supporting documentation in business office;	All Buildings and Departments
January 2015	Reviewed all budget request forms with building principals and department leaders;	All Administrators
February 2015	Further review of budget request forms and updates provided to finance committee;	Administrators/ School Board
March 13, 2015	Board Retreat: complete update to the preliminary budget, along with 3-year budget projection and fund balance update;	Administrators/ School Board
May/June 2015	The school board discusses the budget details at their public committee meetings and regular board meetings.	Administrators/ School Board

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Act 1 Timeline and Budget Discussion Calendar

Activity	District Date	PDE Deadline
<i>Department of Education Notification of Act1 Index</i>		<i>September 30, 2014</i>
Budget instructions sent to all schools/departments	October 10, 2014	
Meeting(s) between Building Principals, Dept Leaders and Business Administrator (as needed)	October/November 2014	
Enrollment projections	October 31, 2014	
All budgets submitted to Business Office	November 14, 2014	
Deadline to file Sterling Tax information with PDE	December 15, 2014	
Finance Committee – First Look @ 2015-16 Budget	January 5, 2015	
Make Preliminary Budget available for public inspection	January 13, 2015	
Advertise notice of intent to adopt Preliminary Budget	January 23, 2015	
<i>Deadline to make Preliminary Budget available for public inspection</i>		<i>January 29, 2015</i>
Building and Department budget reviews with the Superintendent and Business Administrator	February/March 2015	
Finance Committee meeting	February 2, 2015	
Adopt Preliminary Budget (@ SPECIAL board mtg)	February 2, 2015	
<i>Deadline to adopt Preliminary 2015-16 Budget</i>		<i>February 18, 2015</i>
Advertise intent to seek Referendum Exceptions	February 23, 2015	
<i>Advertise intent to seek Referendum Exceptions</i>		<i>February 26, 2015</i>
File for Referendum Exceptions with PDE	March 2, 2015	
<i>Deadline to request Exceptions from PDE</i>		<i>March 5, 2015</i>
Budget Summit/Board Retreat	March 13, 2015	
<i>District Notified of Exception acceptance</i>		<i>March 25, 2015</i>
<i>Secretary of Budget Certifies Revenue in Property Tax Relief Fund</i>		<i>April 15, 2015</i>
<i>Deadline for PDE to notify districts the amount of property tax reduction funding</i>		<i>May 1, 2015</i>
Finance Committee meeting	May 4, 2015	
Adopt Proposed Final Budget	May 21, 2015	
Make Proposed Final Budget available for public Inspection and mail Certification of Use	May 29, 2015	
<i>Deadline to Adopt Proposed Final Budget & mail cert</i>		<i>May 31, 2015</i>
Finance Committee meeting	June 1, 2015	
<i>Deadline to make Proposed Final Budget available for Public inspection</i>		<i>June 10, 2015</i>
Advertise intent to adopt Final Budget	June 8, 2015	
<i>Deadline to advertise intent to adopt Final Budget</i>		<i>June 20, 1015</i>
Final Budget Approval	June 18, 2015	
<i>Deadline to Adopt Final Budget</i>		<i>June 30, 2015</i>

INTRODUCTORY SECTION

2015-16 ADOPTED BUDGET

Copies of this document are available online at the district's website at www.colonialsd.org click on Our District, then Administration, then Finance. Copies can also be obtained in the Business Office.

BUDGET OVERVIEW

The 2015-16 adopted budget was developed through the cooperation of staff, administration and the Board of School Directors. This document is the result of input initiated in October from the business office and continued through development at the building level, district administration, School Board committee structure, and finally public review. The 2015-16 budget was adopted by the board on June 18, 2015. This document represents the effort of many individuals throughout the Colonial community and is intended to provide clarity for how and where funds are allocated, and for the specific purpose that ultimately provides the greatest education and experience for the students of the Colonial School District.

The 2015-16 adopted budget totals **\$112,360,000**, an increase of (7.52%) or (\$7,860,000) over the previous year's budget. Expenditures exceed Revenues by \$1,370,000, which will ultimately come out of the district's fund balance. The budget includes a 2.0% increase in real estate taxes, which is the lowest tax increase levied in the past ten years. This increase establishes the real estate tax millage rate at **20.5125**, and it remains the third lowest tax rate among the 21 school districts in Montgomery County. For taxpayers, this represents an annual increase of \$59.80 on the median assessed value of \$148,690. The homestead/farmstead credit for 2015-16 will be \$277.70, which is an increase in the amount of \$6.70 as compared to the prior year.

Revenue Budget

The Colonial School District receives the majority of their operating revenues from local sources, with the primary resource being the local real estate tax. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania budget also supports the school district through a system of subsidies and expense reimbursements. Some additional funding is provided from the federal government through a series of grants. Any remaining difference between the district's revenue sources and their expenditure budget is balanced by taking from the district's accumulated savings (i.e. Fund Balance). The amount of Fund Balance used to balance the 2015-16 budget is \$1,370,000.

Local Revenue: Local revenues continue to be the primary source of funding for the Colonial School District. Approximately 82.63% of total revenues are derived from local sources which include current and interim real estate taxes, transfer and delinquent taxes, public utility tax, interest earnings, payments from other districts, program tuitions and facility rental payments. The local revenue budget amounts to \$91,712,685 and was bolstered by an increase in interim taxes due to new commercial/residential development within the district and the increase in the real estate tax rate.

The Colonial School District has seen a leveling off of local revenue sources, whereby in the past several years local revenue was declining year by year. Transfer taxes and earned income taxes are the only local revenue sources that have begun to trend in a positive direction. Earnings from interest on investments have stabilized; however, interest rates are still at record lows. Revenues from other school districts that send students to institutional facilities within Colonial's boundaries have declined as resident districts begin to provide these services within their own facilities. The school district real estate tax base remains stagnant and the district continues to experience numerous assessment appeals filed by commercial and residential property owners.

The district is restricted from raising the real estate tax rate by more than the state mandated Act 1 index. The 2015-16 Act 1 index was 1.9%. Tax increases above the index require the use of PA Dept. of Education (PDE) approved exceptions or voter referendum. Colonial School District received notice in March 2015 that PDE had approved two exceptions. PDE granted exceptions in the amount of \$1,237,732. This amount would have allowed a real estate tax increase of 3.5%. The 2015-16 budget uses \$76,452 of the approved exceptions allowing the district to raise the real estate tax rate 2.0% which is 0.1% above the Act 1 index of 1.9%. The exceptions utilized were for retirement based on the significant retirement cost increases.

State Revenue: This budget includes an estimate of the total state revenues based on the proposed budget of the Commonwealth. This budget represents 16.70% of the district revenue for 2015-16. This budget assumes that the state will meet their obligation for maintaining the current level of funding at the existing amounts. Transportation subsidies are budgeted in accordance with the latest state budget proposal. The major increase in state sources of revenue will come from the state share of the increase in the district contribution to the retirement system. This increase is \$1,357,975 higher than last year and is the result of the retirement rate increasing from 21.40% to 25.84%. The school district is required to pay the established employer share of the state pension system as well as social security costs; in addition, the state is required to reimburse the district one-half of all these costs.

Federal Revenue: The total amount of federal funding to the school district is less than 1% (0.54%) of the total budget. This revenue budget is an increase as compared to the prior year in the amount of \$29,282. This increase is based on additional 1305/1306 students and the tuition for which the district gets reimbursed, as well as the students qualifying for Title I funds.

Expenditure Budget by Object Code

Object 100 Salaries: Salaries account for the largest portion of the expenditure budget. The 2015-16 budget includes \$52,846,722 for salaries, which funds the school district's labor agreements and is the net result of staffing realignments and reductions. Salaries account for 47.03% of the total expenditure budget and reflect a net increase in the amount of \$1,326,899 or 2.58% over the prior year. An amount of \$250,000 is also included for School Improvement Teams, a critical component of Colonial's Pathways to Excellence Program.

Object 200 Fringe Benefits: Employee benefits represent the largest dollar increase in the budget, the total cost of benefits included in this budget is \$28,093,131 and represents 25.00% of the total budget. The combined cost of salaries and benefits amount to \$80,939,853 and represent 72.04% of the total budget. The cost of medical insurance increased 6.5%, and the cost of pharmacy insurance increased 17.0%. The combined increase between both medical and pharmacy is 8.1%, which is right in line with the general trend increase. The largest increase in the cost of Fringe Benefits was the result of the required increase in the school district's payment to the Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System (PSERS). This required contribution rate increased from 21.40% of salaries up to 25.84% of salaries. This increase amounts to an additional \$2,715,952 more than the total expenditure budget increase. This PSERS rate is currently projected to increase to 29.69% of salaries in 2016-17 and to 30.62% of salaries in 2017-18. The projected increases to the PSERS rate will be one of the most challenging problems for the school district over the next few years. The PSERS projection of future rates can be found on page 26.

Object 300 Contracted Professional Services: The costs for professional services are \$6,229,560 and represent 4.94% of the total budget. This reflects an increase of \$83,079 from the prior year. This category includes costs for out-of-district and out-of-state student placements for special education services and contracted intermediate unit services for special education students. Also included are costs for contracted alternative education, expenses for medical, legal, data processing, computer network support and licensing, staff in-service, and other professional services needed to support the special and regular education programs. The budget reflects the current level of services, and any additional needs will be funded from the school district budgetary reserve account.

Object 400 Purchased Property Services: The cost of purchased property services amounts to \$1,489,882 and represents 1.18% of the total budget. This budget reflects an increase in the amount of \$591,672 from the prior year. Included in this are contracted services for building, equipment, and vehicle repairs, along with the cost of trash collection, electricity, and water/sewer services. The budget includes projected rates for 2015-16 and any increases beyond these projections will be funded from the school district budgetary reserve account.

Object 500 Purchased Services: The cost of purchased services amounts to \$10,746,232 and represents 8.53% of the total budget. The budget reflects an increase of \$591,672 from the prior year. Included in this account are the tuitions paid to Approved Private Schools (APS) and Private Residential Rehabilitation Institutions (PRRI), and the Colonial School District's share of the Central Montco Technical High School, which is \$1,978,143 or \$183,918 more than the prior year. This increase also reflects a \$100,000 capital contribution for various capital upgrades that needed. This budget also includes the cost of Contracted Transportation amounting to \$5,918,603. Other budget items in this category include telephone, telecommunication costs associated with classroom internet access, printing, travel, postage and tuition paid to charter schools and other districts.

Object 600 Supplies: The cost of supplies used throughout the school district amounts to \$3,265,412 or 2.59% of the total budget. This amount represents an increase of \$191,587 from the prior year. Included in this account are costs for gasoline, diesel, heating oil, classroom supplies, replacement textbooks, copy paper, multi-media and testing supplies, meeting refreshments, as well as computer software. The budget includes projected rates for utilities during the 2015-16 and any increases beyond these projections will be funded from the school district budgetary reserve account.

Object 700 Equipment: The cost of new and replacement equipment purchases to be used district wide amounts to \$1,248,439 or 0.99% of the total budget. This amount represents an increase of \$347,960 from the prior year. The majority of this budget is devoted to significant upgrades and replacement of technology equipment.

Object 800 and 900 Debt Service and Other Uses: The cost of debt service payments, fund transfers, budgetary reserves and other expenses total \$8,440,622 or 6.70% of the total budget. This budget reflects an increase of \$2,081,800 from the prior year and is primarily attributed to an increase in debt service as a result of renovations to Plymouth-Whitemarsh High School. These accounts also include several different types of activities.

Food Service Transfer – This budget does not include a transfer to subsidize the food service operation as in prior years. This is the result of modifications made to the food service program, specifically serving meals at St. Philip Neri, and staffing levels.

Refunds of Prior Year's Expenditures – This line is primarily for monies from prior year assessment appeal settlements.

Budgetary Reserve – A budgetary reserve amount of \$500,000 is included in the budget for unexpected expenditures or unanticipated events that may occur during the budget year.

Other Payments and Transfers – This includes transfers in the amount of \$989,900 to capital reserve for capital projects, and \$40,000 to the athletic fund for dues and fees relating to high school officials.

COLONIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Session Act 1 of 2006 Adopted June 27, 2006

1. Act 1 prohibits the district from raising real estate taxes above the state mandated index without voter approval. However, the law does permit the district to apply to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for certain exceptions, that when approved, would allow the district to raise taxes above the limit without voter approval.

Colonial School District applied to PDE for Act 1 exceptions by the March 5, 2015 deadline. PDE granted exceptions in the amount of \$1,237,732. This amount would have allowed a real estate tax increase of 3.5%. The 2015-16 budget uses \$76,452 of the approved exceptions allowing the district to raise the real estate tax rate by 2.0%, which is 0.1% above the Act 1 index of 1.9%. The exceptions utilized were due to retirement cost increases and special education costs. This is also the lowest tax increase the Board has authorized in the past ten (10) years.

2. The Act 1 Index Rate has been as follows:

2015-16	1.9%
2014-15	2.1%
2013-14	1.7%
2012-13	1.7%
2011-12	1.4%
2010-11	2.9%
2009-10	4.1%
2008-09	4.4%
2007-08	3.4%

FINANCIAL SECTION
2014-2015 ADOPTED BUDGET

EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATIONS

FUNCTIONS

The district uses five (5) major functional classifications to record and control financial transactions. However, expenditures are not charged directly to these major functional categories. Sub-accounts or sub-functions provide a more detailed classification and are utilized for expenditures.

1000 INSTRUCTION

These activities deal directly with the teaching of pupils, or the interaction between teachers and pupils. Teaching may be provided for pupils in a school classroom, in another location and in other learning situations. It may also be provided through some other approved medium. Included in this function are the salaries for teachers and assistants of any type that provide support for the instructional process. Also included in this function are supplies, equipment and services directly related to the instructional process.

2000 SUPPORT SERVICES

These services provide administrative, technical, personnel and logistical support to facilitate and enhance the instructional program. These services exist to fulfill the objectives of the instructional programs as defined by the School Board and Administration. They include such services as: Pupil Personnel, Guidance, Psychology, Library, Health, Attendance, Transportation, and Maintenance.

3000 OPERATION OF NON-INSTRUCTIONAL SERVICES

The budget provides funds for activities related to non-instructional services to students, staff and community. Expenditures accounted for in this function include student activities and athletics, and community services, such as the provision for Crossing Guards.

4000 FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS

Funds are budgeted for capital improvements which add value to the facilities of the Colonial School District. Site and Building Improvements are identified in this portion of the budget.

5000 DEBT SERVICE AND OTHER FINANCING USES

Other financing uses represent the disbursement of governmental funds not classified in other functional areas that require budgetary and accounting control. These include debt service payments (principal and interest) and transfers of monies from one fund to another. Such transfers are made to the Special Revenue Funds to support the Activities, Athletic, the Capital Reserve Fund, and fund transfers to the Enterprise Fund to support the operation of the food service program.

EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATIONS

OBJECTS

The School District uses nine (9) major object classifications to record and control financial transactions. However, expenditures are not charged directly to these major categories described below but to sub-accounts or sub-objects that provide a more detailed classification of expenditures.

100 PERSONNEL SERVICES - SALARIES

Gross salaries paid to employees of the School District who are considered to be in positions of a permanent nature or hired temporarily, including personnel substituting for those in permanent positions.

200 PERSONNEL SERVICES - BENEFITS

Amounts paid on behalf of employees; these amounts are not included in gross salary, but are in addition to that amount. Such payments are fringe benefit payments, and while not paid directly to employees, are part of the cost of personnel services.

300 PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Services performed, which by their nature require persons or firms with specialized skills and knowledge. Included in this classification are fees paid to the Montgomery County Intermediate Unit for special education services not directly provided by district personnel.

400 PURCHASED PROPERTY SERVICES

Services required operating, repairing, maintaining, or rent property and equipment used by the School District. Along with contracted repairs, electricity and water costs for the facilities are charged to sub-accounts of this object.

500 OTHER PURCHASED SERVICES

Amounts paid for services not provided by District personnel, such as costs for transportation, telephone, printing, insurance, and travel.

600 SUPPLIES

Amounts paid for material items of an expendable nature that are consumed, worn out, or deteriorated in use. Such costs include textbooks, instructional supplies, and heating materials.

EXPENDITURE CLASSIFICATIONS

OBJECTS

700 EQUIPMENT

Expenditures for the purchase of fixed assets are charged to this object category. Such expenditures include initial equipment, additional equipment, and the replacement of equipment.

800 OTHER OBJECTS

Amounts paid for goods and services not otherwise classified in the foregoing objects. Expenditures recorded in this object include interest and principal on outstanding debt, memberships, and contributions.

900 OTHER USES OF FUNDS

This object and sub-accounts are used to classify transactions which are not recorded as expenditures to the School District but require budgetary or accounting control. This includes the transfer of funds to offset costs for student activities.

Colonial School District Budget Summary

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Budget to Budget Variance	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	\$'s	%
Revenues						
Fund Balance Used	\$0	\$0	\$1,870,000	\$1,370,000	(\$500,000)	26.74%
Local	82,738,117	86,397,858	\$85,090,932	\$91,712,685	\$6,621,753	7.78%
State	13,936,572	14,697,581	\$16,831,021	\$18,534,290	\$1,703,269	10.12%
Federal	683,713	627,430	\$567,067	\$596,349	\$29,282	5.16%
Other	130,251	142,173	140,980	146,676	\$5,696	4.04%
Total Revenues	\$97,488,653	\$101,865,042	\$104,500,000	\$112,360,000	\$7,860,000	7.52%
	4.11%	3.94%	2.59%	7.52%		

Expenditures						
Instructional Services	\$58,710,200	\$61,841,261	\$67,358,829	\$71,298,355	\$3,939,526	5.85%
Support Services Non-Instructional Support	27,018,988	26,935,074	29,459,517	31,266,681	\$1,807,164	6.13%
Facilities	1,297,668	1,247,078	1,469,960	1,517,594	\$47,634	3.24%
Other Financing Uses	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
Total Expenditures	4,899,877	6,986,509	6,211,694	8,277,370	\$2,065,676	33.25%
	\$91,926,733	\$97,009,922	\$104,500,000	\$112,360,000	\$7,860,000	7.52%
	1.14%	0.89%	7.72%	7.52%		

Real Estate Tax Mil Rate	19.104	19.601	20.110	20.513
Real Estate Tax % Change	3.40%	2.60%	2.60%	2.00%
Value of 1 Mil	\$3,636,513	\$3,776,017	\$3,759,074	\$3,967,182

**Colonial School District
Budget Comparison
Revenue Sources**

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Budget to Budget Variance	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	\$'s	%
Revenues						
Fund Balance Used	\$0	\$0	\$1,870,000	\$1,370,000	(\$500,000)	-26.74%
% of Total Revenue Sources	0.00%	0.00%	1.79%	1.22%		
Local Revenue Sources						
6110 Current Real Estate Taxes	\$69,417,107	\$71,904,999	\$73,448,072	\$74,833,970	\$1,385,898	1.89%
6120 Interim Real Estate Taxes	681,596	408,490	450,000	2,984,359	\$2,534,359	563.19%
Earned Income Tax Act 511	7,708,590	8,242,763	6,500,000	7,800,000	\$1,300,000	20.00%
Public Utility Tax	100,103	97,356	98,000	98,000	\$0	0.00%
Real Estate Transfer Tax	1,222,864	1,712,314	1,300,000	1,500,000	\$200,000	15.38%
Amusement Taxes	54,204	49,417	51,800	51,000	(\$800)	-1.54%
Delinquent Taxes	923,187	1,101,892	1,436,612	1,025,000	(\$411,612)	-28.65%
Payments In Lieu Of Taxes	92,107	63,271	65,000	63,000	(\$2,000)	-3.08%
Tuition Payments	75,957	82,460	74,000	76,000	\$2,000	2.70%
Interest Income	124,856	163,864	150,000	165,000	\$15,000	10.00%
Facilities Rental	140,230	137,353	125,000	150,000	\$25,000	20.00%
Advertising	0	0	5,000	15,000	\$10,000	0.00%
Donations	0	0	18,000	20,000	\$2,000	11.11%
Miscellaneous	63,239	114,434	15,000	80,000	\$65,000	433.33%
Federal Pass Through Pa. LEA's	926,919	886,389	961,172	874,333	(\$86,839)	-9.03%
Receipts From Other LEA's	365,325	460,940	240,000	370,000	\$130,000	54.17%
Refund of Prior Years Expense	815,725	956,921	133,276	1,592,023	\$1,458,747	1094.53%
Tax Certification Fees	26,108	14,995	20,000	15,000	(\$5,000)	-25.00%
Totals	\$82,738,117	\$86,397,858	\$85,090,932	\$91,712,685	\$6,621,753	7.78%
% of Total Revenue Sources	84.87%	84.82%	81.43%	81.62%		
State Revenue Sources:						
7110 Basic Subsidy	\$2,785,239	\$2,862,041	\$2,860,250	\$3,120,362	\$260,112	9.09%
7142 Charter Non-Public	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
7160 1305-06 Tuition	164,287	48,103	160,000	160,000	\$0	0.00%
7210 Homebound	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
7230 Alternative Education	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
7270 Special Education	2,022,736	2,016,261	1,984,264	2,049,037	\$64,773	3.26%
7310 Transportation	1,187,465	1,120,339	1,244,323	1,150,000	(\$94,323)	-7.58%
7320 Debt Payment Subsidy	114,444	29,710	115,000	114,492	(\$508)	-0.44%
7330 Health Services Subsidy	115,927	118,550	115,000	115,000	\$0	0.00%
7340 PA Property Tax Reduction	2,731,093	2,460,541	2,867,760	2,916,945	\$49,185	1.72%

7360 Safe Schools	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
7501 PA Accountability Block	59,270	59,270	59,270	59,270	\$0	0.00%
7510 Extra Grants	0	67,330	0	0	\$0	0.00%
7599 College Counseling Grant	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
7810 Social Security Subsidy	1,786,022	1,790,120	1,955,333	2,021,388	\$66,055	3.38%
7820 Retirement Subsidy	2,970,089	4,125,316	5,469,821	6,827,796	\$1,357,975	24.83%
7910 Classrooms Future Grant	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
Totals	<u>\$13,936,572</u>	<u>\$14,697,581</u>	<u>\$16,831,021</u>	<u>\$18,534,290</u>	\$1,703,269	10.12%
% of Total Revenue Sources	<u>14.30%</u>	<u>14.43%</u>	<u>16.11%</u>	<u>16.50%</u>		

Federal Revenue Sources:

8514 Title I	\$399,414	\$390,809	\$321,408	\$385,714	\$64,306	20.01%
8515 Title IIA	152,620	146,641	146,507	143,166	(\$3,341)	-2.28%
8516 Title III LEP & Immigrant Students	5,733	36,789	24,152	22,469	(\$1,683)	-6.97%
8517 Drug Free & Safe Schools	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
8560 Other Grants	1,002	7,085	0	0	\$0	0.00%
8701 Stimulus Funding-IDEA	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
8703 Stimulus Funding-Title I Part A	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
8708 Stimulus Funding-SFSG	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
8810 Medical Assistance (ACCESS)	124,944	46,106	75,000	45,000	(\$30,000)	-40.00%
Totals	<u>\$683,713</u>	<u>\$627,430</u>	<u>\$567,067</u>	<u>\$596,349</u>	\$29,282	5.16%
% of Total Revenue Sources	<u>0.70%</u>	<u>0.62%</u>	<u>0.54%</u>	<u>0.53%</u>		

Other Sources:

Proceeds From Extended Financing	130,251	142,173	140,980	146,676	\$5,696	4.04%
Sale of Fixed Assets	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
Totals	<u>\$130,251</u>	<u>\$142,173</u>	<u>\$140,980</u>	<u>\$146,676</u>	\$5,696	4.04%
% of Total Revenue Sources	<u>0.13%</u>	<u>0.14%</u>	<u>0.13%</u>	<u>0.13%</u>		

Total Revenue Sources	\$97,488,653	\$101,865,042	\$102,630,000	\$110,990,000	\$8,360,000	8.15%
Total Revenue Sources & Fund Balance	<u>\$97,488,653</u>	<u>\$101,865,042</u>	<u>\$104,500,000</u>	<u>\$112,360,000</u>	\$7,860,000	7.52%
% Change		<u>4.49%</u>	<u>2.59%</u>	<u>7.52%</u>		

**Colonial School District
Budget Comparison
Expenditures By Function**

	2012-13	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	Budget to Budget	
	Actual	Actual	Budget	Budget	Variance \$'s	%
Regular Instruction	\$41,791,466	\$44,367,360	\$48,308,582	\$51,479,525	\$3,170,943	6.56%
Special Education	14,022,783	14,862,218	15,823,698	16,695,535	\$871,837	5.51%
Vocational Education	1,310,564	1,295,477	1,794,225	1,978,143	\$183,918	10.25%
Other Instructional Program	1,514,102	1,242,686	1,356,455	1,066,458	(\$289,997)	-21.38%
Adult Education	71,284	73,520	75,869	78,694	\$2,825	3.72%
Totals	\$58,710,199	\$61,841,261	\$67,358,829	\$71,298,355	\$3,939,526	5.85%
% Change		5.33%	8.92%	5.85%		
Pupil Services	\$3,296,314	\$3,277,832	\$3,611,193	\$4,013,452	\$402,259	11.14%
Instructional Support	3,192,450	3,275,730	3,663,021	3,611,432	(\$51,589)	-1.41%
Administrative Services	4,228,242	4,320,593	4,307,567	4,771,158	\$463,591	10.76%
Health Services	885,925	913,475	964,561	1,007,401	\$42,840	4.44%
Business Services	884,010	907,871	1,005,795	1,043,027	\$37,232	3.70%
Maintenance Services	7,820,811	7,851,433	8,355,360	8,708,961	\$353,601	4.23%
Transportation Services	5,971,425	5,731,053	6,257,429	6,448,595	\$191,166	3.06%
Information Services	662,482	580,257	1,217,591	1,577,746	\$360,155	29.58%
I.U. Administration	77,329	76,830	77,000	84,909	\$7,909	10.27%
Totals	\$27,018,988	\$26,935,074	\$29,459,517	\$31,266,681	\$1,807,164	6.13%
% Change		-0.31%	9.37%	6.13%		
Food Services	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Student Activity Services	1,246,585	1,206,299	1,392,001	1,460,987	\$68,986	4.96%
Community Services	51,083	40,779	77,959	56,607	(\$21,352)	-27.39%
Totals	\$1,297,668	\$1,247,078	\$1,469,960	\$1,517,594	\$47,634	3.24%
% Change		-3.90%	17.87%	3.24%		
Site Improvement	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
Building Improvement	0	0	0	0	\$0	0.00%
Totals	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.00%
% Change		0.00%	0.00%	0.00%		
Debt Serv/Prior Yr Refunds	\$4,694,740	\$5,166,990	\$5,273,344	\$6,747,470	\$1,474,126	27.95%
Fund Transfers	205,137	1,819,519	438,350	1,029,900	\$591,550	134.95%
Budgetary Reserve	0	0	500,000	500,000	\$0	0.00%
Totals	\$4,899,877	\$6,986,509	\$6,211,694	\$8,277,370	\$2,065,676	33.25%
% Change	-0.16%	3.99%	4.55%	9.64%		
Total Expenditures	\$91,926,732	\$97,009,922	\$104,500,000	\$112,360,000	\$7,860,000	7.52%
% Change		5.53%	7.72%	7.52%		

**Colonial School District
Budget Comparison
Expenditures By Object**

Obj		2012-13 Actual	2013-14 Actual	2014-15 Budget	2015-16 Budget	Budget to Budget		% of Budget
						Variance \$'s	%	
100	Salaries	\$48,352,345	\$49,227,417	\$51,519,823	\$52,846,722	\$1,326,899	2.58%	47.03%
200	Benefits	19,095,918	21,723,091	25,003,503	28,093,131	\$3,089,628	12.36%	25.00%
300	Professional Services	6,049,929	5,511,023	6,146,481	6,229,560	\$83,079	1.35%	5.54%
400	Contracted Services	1,362,595	1,299,865	1,342,507	1,489,882	\$147,375	10.98%	1.33%
500	Purchased Services	8,401,344	8,892,122	10,154,560	10,746,232	\$591,672	5.83%	9.56%
600	Supplies	2,607,056	2,586,924	3,073,825	3,265,412	\$191,587	6.23%	2.91%
700	Equipment	983,562	695,582	900,479	1,248,439	\$347,960	38.64%	1.11%
800	Other	1,600,845	1,654,378	2,102,642	3,159,723	\$1,057,081	50.27%	2.81%
900	Other Financing Uses	3,473,137	5,419,519	4,256,180	5,280,899	\$1,024,719	24.08%	4.70%
Totals		\$91,926,731	\$97,009,921	\$104,500,000	\$112,360,000	\$7,860,000	7.52%	100%
% Change		1.14%	5.53%	7.72%	7.52%			

Pennsylvania School Employees Retirement System (PSERS)

10 year Projected Employer Contribution Rates

Fiscal Year Ending	Total Employer Contribution Rate %
2016	25.84 %
2017	29.69 %
2018	30.62 %
2019	31.56 %
2020	32.23 %
2021	32.02 %
2022	31.90 %
2023	31.96 %
2024	31.90 %
2025	31.83 %