



Evesham Township School District

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April 22, 2024

Dear ETSD Staff and Families,

Highlights: 2024-25 Budget Update; Advocacy for Bill S3081; Activities & Resources.

Events & More

April 22–Earth Day: lessons in classes district-wide

TOMORROW: April 23–National Bus Driver/Bus Aide Appreciation Day—please consider thanking your child’s driver and aide as applicable (maybe by writing a card!). These staff get our students safely to and from school, and much more.

April 24–National Administrative Professionals Day

April 30, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, Admin building conference room—Special Education Parent Advisory Group meeting

May 3 deadline, “All In” Poster Contest, <https://www.njcie.org/poster-contest>, NJCIE

May 6-10, National Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6, 7:30 pm, MMS—Final Budget Approval Board Meeting

May 9, 7 pm, MMS Theater: Madagascar Jr. The Musical, MMS All Purpose Room

May 17, 18, 24, 25 at 7 pm, Cherokee Theater: Bye Bye Birdie! Tickets on sale now at <https://www.cherokeedrama.org/>

May 20-June 3, ETSD Annual Art Show, Township Municipal Building

June 3, [Evesham Education Foundation 2024 Larry Kull Memorial Golf Classic](#)

June 3, 7 pm, Elementary Honors Band Concert, Cherokee PAC

June 14, 8th Grade Graduation, DMS 5:30 pm, MMS 7:30 pm, Cherokee PAC

2024-25 Budget Update

Our district has identified a plan to save the \$700,000 (from among the \$1.7 million in total reductions to balance the 24-25 budget) previously achieved by G7/G8 Core Content teachers teaching a 6th class in place of Team Time. As a result, “6th class instead of G7/G8 Team Time” is **no longer** in our 2024-25 final budget plans. Unexpected one-time money enables this alternate plan. Our district may face similar budget considerations for 2025-26, unless other factors improve, like state aid increasing, legislation passing, more one-time money emerging, and more. Among other possible steps, our district is exploring potential savings (TBD) through adjustments/reductions to extracurricular offerings.



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Also, our district is working on a possible alternate path to save the \$80,000 previously achieved by reducing a Tier 3 position. This alternate plan would preserve this Tier 3 position for the next two years, through a potential \$40,000 donation from the Evesham Education Foundation in 2024-25 and again in 2025-26. Opportunity might then emerge over the next two years to preserve this position beyond 2025-26. **Our district is grateful to the Evesham Education Foundation for their incredible support of our district, now also potentially including additional funding for the Tier 3 position.**

Our 2024-25 final budget including the steps above will be presented in detail at our May 6 Board meeting (7:30 pm, MMS). The tentative budget powerpoint linked [here](#) is best understood by watching the [March 19 presentation](#) (starts at 41:20).

Advocacy for Bill [S3081](#)

Please consider visiting Save Our Schools NJ's [Pass School Funding Bill S3081](#) (simple 30-second process) to send an auto-generated email to all key senators urging approval of this Bill. Companion Bill A4161 was approved by the Assembly. S3081 would provide helpful aid and options for many districts including ETSD. Auto-generated email: "I'm contacting you today to urge your immediate action regarding bill S3081. It is imperative that this bill be posted to the Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee without delay. Time is of the essence for school districts and the impact of this bill cannot be overstated. Per New Jersey statute, school districts' budgets must be passed on May 7th and staff MUST receive notifications about their employment status by May 15th. Without a sufficient funding solution to obtain the necessary revenue, 146 districts face massive staff layoffs, diminished student support and security, cuts to athletics, and increased fees for families already struggling financially. I urge you to act today to prioritize the posting of bill S3081 to the Senate Budget & Appropriations Committee. Your support in this matter is vital to the well-being and future success of our children in all of the S2 districts." Resources: [How to Help with our Budget Challenges](#) & [ETSD Superintendent Testimony at NJ Budget Hearing](#)

Activities & Resources

- <https://raproom.org/home>: Local resource to help and advocate for families and their loved ones struggling with alcohol and drug addiction.



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- [BookSmiles volunteer opportunity for students 16 years and older](#)
 - https://www.evesham.k12.nj.us/community/community_activities: New additions including Evesham Earth Day Celebrations April 28

Sincerely,

Dr. Justin Smith

Superintendent of Schools