

**LAFAYETTE TOWNSHIP
SUSSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

RESOLUTION 2021-39

**OPPOSING CUTS IN STATE SCHOOL AID ALLOCATIONS
TO SUSSEX COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, The Fiscal Year 2022 K-12 State School Aid amounts have been released by the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of School Finance; and

WHEREAS, Sussex County’s funding level will continue to sharply decrease despite 14 other counties in New Jersey receiving increases from 5.4% (Gloucester) to 16.3% (Bergen); and

WHEREAS, only three (3) of Sussex County’s school districts are receiving funding increases or no changes to funding compared to last year, while the remaining 22 districts will see dramatic cuts to their state school aid, with most of them receiving double-digit decreases; and

WHEREAS, the state school aid decreases for FY2022 in Sussex County are as follows:

<u>District</u>	<u>Percent Difference</u>
Hopatcong Borough	-27.2%
Stillwater Township	-24.8%
Sandyston-Walpack Townships	-21.8%
Kittatinny Regional	-20.1%
Frankford Township	-17.8%
Hampton Township	-17.4%
High Point Regional	-16.3%
Fredon Township	-15.6%
Andover Regional	-15.2%
Hardyston Township	-14.9%
Green township	-14.1%
Stanhope Borough	-12.9%
Hamburg Borough	-10.9%
Wallkill Valley Regional	-10.9%
Byram Township	-10.7%
Vernon Township	-10.6%
Sussex-Wantage Regional	-10.6%
Montague Township	-8.0%
Sparta Township	-3.9%
Ogdensburg Borough	-2.7%
Lenape Valley Regional	-1.0%
Lafayette Township	-0.3%

WHEREAS, the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette finds these state school aid decreases to be unacceptable and detrimental to our county’s school districts and will hinder their ability to provide the high quality of education that our students deserve.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Committee of the Township of Lafayette opposes the announced Fiscal Year 2022 K-12 State School Aid amounts and urges the New Jersey Department of Education, Office of School Finance to restore funding to our school districts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be forwarded to the Sussex County Clerk; Sussex County State Legislators; Members of the New Jersey Senate

and New Jersey General Assembly; Clerks/Administrators of all the Sussex County Municipalities.

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of a Resolution adopted by the Lafayette Township Committee at a meeting duly held on August 3, 2021.

Anna Rose Fedish, RMC
Municipal Clerk