

# ESSENTIAL BUDGET FACTS

- Next year's budget proposal is for \$4,142,079. It is \$135,290 **lower** than this year's budget. This is a **reduction** of 3.16% and follows three years of no tax increase.
- The Governor has **reduced state aid by \$200,074** (18%).
- In order to make up for lost state aid and increased costs, next year's proposed tax levy provides for an increase of \$185,947. For a median priced home assessed at \$292,700 the school tax will be \$2,401.50. This equates to an increase of:

**\$81.63/year**

**\$6.82/month**

- The following reductions have been made to minimize the increase in the tax levy:
  - Reduction of 2 full-time elementary teacher positions.
  - Non-replacement of 1 elementary teacher on leave.
  - Reduction of speech teacher to half-time.
  - Reduction of English as a Second Language teacher to half-time.
  - Elimination of the Basic Skills Improvement Program.
  - Elimination of the basketball program.
- Netcong continues to hold down administrative costs by employing a half-time shared Superintendent (1 of only 14 in N.J.) and a part-time Business Administrator.

## BOARD OF EDUCATION INFORMATION

There are three open seats for a three-year term. The candidates are:

- Marianne Callahan
- Tammy A. Leader
- Todd Morton
- John Arbolino

There is one open seat for an unexpired one-year term. The candidates are:

- Karen A. Moros
- Bernadette Dalesandro

## **OUR SCHOOL, OUR CHILDREN, OUR FUTURE**



2010 Comparative Per Pupil Costs

- Netcong's per pupil cost is \$11,593, which is \$2,242 below the state average.
- Of the 67 K-8 school districts with enrollment of 0-400, Netcong ranks 6th lowest in per pupil cost.
- There are four districts in Morris County that are categorized as K-8, 0-400 students. Netcong's ranking is as follows, low to high:

District	Budget 2009-2010: Per Pupil Cost	2009-2010 Ranking
Harding Township	\$19,662	59
Mount Arlington	\$15,801	43
<b>NETCONG</b>	<b>\$11,593</b>	<b>6</b>
Riverdale Borough	\$13,413	23

## VOTING INFORMATION

Date: Tuesday, April 20  
Time: 2:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

Voting Location: Netcong Borough Municipal  
Building  
23 Maple Avenue



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*Mr. Todd Morton*

*Mr. Dennis Fyffe, Interim Superintendent*  
*Mrs. Christine Werner, B.A./Board Secretary*  
*Mrs. Melissa Bamber, Principal/*  
*CST Coordinator*

# Message from the Superintendent

## A CHALLENGING BUDGET YEAR

Anyone reading the newspaper or watching the news on television knows that the difficult economic climate has had a very negative impact on school funding, especially in New Jersey. I have been an educator for more than 40 years and this is the most difficult budget situation I have encountered. While the Netcong Board of Education has been able to avoid any increase in the last three budgets, rising costs and state aid concerns have required that the local tax levy be increased \$185,947. Owners of a median priced home assessed at \$292,700 will see an increase of \$6.82 per month.

This budget has been developed with the purpose of providing the best possible education for the children of Netcong. It reflects the optimal use of State and Federal resources and local tax dollars to maintain existing programs, including, but not limited to part-time pre-K, full-time kindergarten and a life skills program for children with special needs. It also includes extracurricular clubs.

As we prepared the annual school budget for the 2010-2011 school year, the Netcong Board of Education and Administration worked diligently to provide for a quality instructional program reflecting a fiscal sensitivity to the residents and taxpayers of the Netcong school community. With the support of all of the members of the school community, we hope to be able to continue to provide the kind of educational programs that our children deserve.

Feel free to call the Superintendent's office, (973) 347-0020, if you have any questions or comments regarding this 2010-2011 School Budget.

Dennis D. Fyffe