

**BUDGET FACT SHEET FOR THE 2009/10 SCHOOL YEAR
FOR THE BUTLER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT**

WHO: THE BUTLER BOARD OF EDUCATION

WHAT: ANNUAL SCHOOL BOARD and BUDGET ELECTION

WHEN: APRIL 21, 2009

WHERE: VOTING WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE CAREY AVENUE
FIRE HOUSE FROM 2:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

What does the 2009/10 school budget provide?

The budget for the 2009/10 school year contains funding for maintaining small class size at the lower elementary grade levels, teacher training and development in mathematics and science at the elementary, middle and high school levels and new textbooks.

How much will this increase tax costs on the average assessed home?

The increase in the school portion of property taxes, on the average assessed home, is projected to be under \$134.00 a year, or about \$11.17 a month, or about 37¢ a day. The total increased tax cost on the average assessed home for everything – the 2009/10 School Budget, the September 2008 Athletic Referendum, and the 2000 Health & Safety Referendum – will be about \$140.00 a year, or \$11.67 a month, or 38¢ a day.

Aaron Decker School Field Project

The Board of Education has also placed a referendum question on the ballot for the Aaron Decker School field project. The state debt service funding of \$140,000 on this \$350,885 project is only available to the District until June 30, 2009. If the Aaron Decker field question is passed, the average taxpayer cost for that project alone is about 54¢ monthly. This repayment of debt will not begin until the 2010-2011 school year, so there will be no impact on the 2009 tax levy.

FOR ADDITIONAL BUDGET INFO: Please visit our District website at www.butlerboe.org to view a detailed PowerPoint on our district's 2009/2010 School Year Budget. The PowerPoint will be available for review online after March 31, 2009.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON APRIL 21, 2009 AT THE CAREY AVENUE FIRE HOUSE FROM 2:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

If you are not yet a registered voter, the last day to register to vote in this important election is **March 31, 2009**. If you need an absentee ballot to vote in this election, the last day to request a ballot by mail is **April 14, 2009**. The last day to obtain a ballot in person is **April 20, 2009**. Absentee ballots can be obtained from the Morris County Clerk, P. O. Box 315, Administration and Records Building, 1st Floor, Morristown, NJ 07963-0315.