

# Critical Budget Facts for Parents

The reduction in state aid has taken its toll on the High Point community.

## What has been cut?

- **Eliminated (full-time)**
  - ▶ one director of curriculum (retired)
  - ▶ one custodian (retired)
  - ▶ one language arts teacher
  - ▶ one family and consumer science teacher
  - ▶ one science teacher
  - ▶ one social studies teacher
  - ▶ one resource room teacher (retired)
  - ▶ one special education teacher
  - ▶ one business teacher
  - ▶ one physical education teacher
  - ▶ one cafeteria cook (retired)
- **Eliminated (part-time)**
  - ▶ one art teacher
  - ▶ one social worker
  - ▶ one music teacher
  - ▶ one secretary
  - ▶ one instructional aide
- **Reduced to part-time**
  - ▶ one guidance counselor
- **Cafeteria services privatized**
- **Programs eliminated**
  - ▶ Debate Club
  - ▶ Interact Club
  - ▶ Model Congress
  - ▶ Science League
  - ▶ Bowling Team
  - ▶ Golf Team
  - ▶ Ski Team
  - ▶ Junior Varsity Tennis (Varsity remains)
  - ▶ Saturday Swim Team transportation
  - ▶ Clinics for coaches
  - ▶ Payment of dues for coaches
  - ▶ Band and Cheerleading squads at away games
  - ▶ Hunterdon-Warren-Sussex Annual Tournament
  - ▶ Parents Day
  - ▶ Week of Lights

- **Programs reduced**
  - ▶ Literary magazine Calliope (production expenses)
  - ▶ Newspaper The Monument (production expenses)
  - ▶ Spring musical (production expenses)
  - ▶ Technology Student Association (travel expenses)
  - ▶ Freshman games and competitions
  - ▶ Supplies and transportation
  - ▶ Membership fees, generally

- **Added:** Student activity fee

## **What happens if the budget is defeated?**

**The top ten reasons parents should be concerned about how a failed budget may affect their child's education and their pocketbook.**

1. Increased class size
2. Elimination of non-mandated transportation routes due to cuts in busing routes
3. Elimination or reduction of educational programs, such as languages, music, wood shop, and other electives
4. Elimination or reduction of classroom aides and other support staff
5. Elimination or reduction of school field trips
6. Elimination or reduction of sports programs and co-curricular activities
7. Elimination or reduction of musical groups and bands
8. Implementation of fees for extracurricular programs, parking, and community facility use
9. Staff Layoffs - resulting in the elimination of talented new teaching staff
10. Rise in property taxes in spite of cost cutting measures to address the significant loss of state aid

## **Things parents can do to preserve a high quality education at High Point**

1. Contact State leaders and indicate your opposition to these cuts
  - a. Contact your legislator
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- b. Contact Governor Christie (609-292-6000)
  - c. Contact Members of the Assembly Budget Committee  
([www.njsba.org/budgetresources/budget-committee.html](http://www.njsba.org/budgetresources/budget-committee.html)) and the  
Senate Budget and Appropriation's Committee  
([www.njsba.org/budgetresources/appropriations-committee.html](http://www.njsba.org/budgetresources/appropriations-committee.html))
2. Support closing the budget gap by extending the millionaire tax
  3. Ask your legislator to give local boards of education the tools they need to keep education costs down without reducing the quality of education
  4. **Please vote on Tuesday, April 20**