

# Sea Isle BOE Budget Discussion

## March 27, 2007



- SICTA → Board's Primary Responsibilities
  - Provide a high quality education experience for the children of SIC residents
  - Manage taxpayer funds efficiently in the pursuit of the education goal
  
- High Quality Education
  - GEPA Test Scores are not meeting standards (Table 1)
  - Best efforts of staff, small classes and personalized touch does not appear to be working
  
- Manage Taxpayer Funds
  - 2007-08 Budget
    - Board is taking steps to operate school economically (combined classes, closing annex)
    - Not clear if any additional material cost savings are left
    - Average resident pupil costs continue to climb
      - Less dollars, but even less pupils
      - \$38,822 per SIC pupil → +15% (Table 2)
      - Average costs → +99% over last 5 years (Table 3)
      - SIC → most expensive of 600+ NJ school district (excludes special education districts)
      - Reasonable cost management must include some relationship with another district
    - Budgetary concerns surfaced in the feasibility study
  - Feasibility Study
    - Study conclusion was major BOE item for last year, but lax actions did not meet budget deadline for community
    - SICTA will be providing a review of the study for the community meetings
  - District Assets
    - Is community ownership of School Property (\$10M+ asset) at risk for Sea Isle?

**Sea Isle City Elementary School**  
**8th Grade GEPA Scores - % Partial Proficiency**

Table 1

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Class Size</u>	<u>Sea Isle City Scores</u>			<u>Statewide Scores</u>		
		<u>Language</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>	<u>Language</u>	<u>Math</u>	<u>Science</u>
2005-06	13	31%	46%	8%	26%	36%	21%
2004-05	14	21%	0%	7%	28%	38%	23%
2003-04	27	52%	44%	19%	28%	38%	25%
2002-03	24	22%	33%	17%	27%	41%	N/A

**Notes:**

- 1) Last four graduating classes have not performed in a reasonable fashion, especially considering the personalized attention that smaller classes permit. We are not meeting our goal of a high standard for education.
- 2) Comparisons to statewide scores include many disadvantaged districts with higher failing percentages. As a result, we would appear to be even worse if a comparison was made to our peer group districts.

**Sea Isle City Board of Education**  
**2007-2008 Budget**

Table 2

	Revised 2006-2007 Budget			Proposed 2007-2008 Budget		
	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Average Cost</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>	<u>Pupils</u>	<u>Average Cost</u>
1) BOE Total Budget	\$4,348,892	163	\$26,680	\$4,217,400	149	\$28,305
2) Tuition Costs to Other Districts	\$1,055,122	69	\$15,292	\$910,465	64	\$14,226
3) Transportation Services (excl elementary school)	\$217,548			\$220,985		
4) Federal Projects	\$100,823			\$65,285		
5) <u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>\$42,418</u>			<u>\$8,949</u>		
6) Comparative per Pupil Costs (As shown in NJ State Scorecard)	\$2,932,981	94	\$31,202	\$3,011,716	85	\$35,432
7) <u>Tuition Pupils</u>	<u>-\$22,400</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-\$2,800</u>	<u>-\$22,400</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>-\$2,800</u>
8) Resident Pupil Costs (Education costs for SIC kids)	\$2,910,581	86	\$33,844	\$2,989,316	77	\$38,822

Table 3

## Trends in Comparative Cost Per Pupil

	2002-2003 Actual	2003-2004 Actual	2004-2005 Actual	2005-2006 Actual	2006-2007 Rev Budget	2007-2008 Prop Budget	5 Year Change
SIC Comparative Costs (1)	\$2,757,524	\$2,583,118	\$2,498,626	\$2,552,508	\$2,940,038	\$3,023,110	
Percent Change:	4%	-6%	-3%	2%	15%	3%	10%
SIC Elementary School Enrollment	154	134	101.5	98	94	85	
Percent Change:	-17%	-13%	-24%	-3%	-4%	-10%	-45%
SIC Comparative Cost Per Pupil	<b>\$17,906</b>	<b>\$19,277</b>	<b>\$24,617</b>	<b>\$26,046</b>	<b>\$31,277</b>	<b>\$35,566</b>	
Percent Change:	<b>25%</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>20%</b>	<b>14%</b>	<b>99%</b>
OC Comparative Cost Per Pupil (2)	<b>\$13,023</b>	<b>\$14,478</b>	<b>\$14,971</b>	<b>\$15,840</b>	<b>\$18,300</b>	<b>\$19,600</b>	
Percent Change:	<b>7%</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>3%</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>7%</b>	<b>51%</b>
SIC Comparative Cost per Pupil ÷ OC Comparative Cost per Pupil	137%	133%	164%	164%	171%	181%	
<b>"Premium"</b>	<b>37%</b>	<b>33%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>64%</b>	<b>71%</b>	<b>81%</b>	

## Notes:

1 Comparative Costs exclude Tuition for Send Students, Transportation Costs, Capital Outlay Costs and Federal Programs

2 Ocean City figures were obtained from NJ Report Cards. The Costs displayed for OC are the averages across the entire district.

2005-06 is a revised budget figure for OC and 2006-07 and 2007-08 are estimates which were conservatively selected.

It is likely that the 5 year growth figure for OC is less than the 51% displayed above. Likewise, the growth in "Premium" is likely to be more dramatic than what is displayed above.