

Consideration of the 2011-12 Budget

I am proud and happy to report that the 2011-2012 School budget has retained more than “the staples” of education for River Edge students. While conforming to the small 2% tax levy growth, the administration worked collaboratively and judiciously as a team to maintain and enhance the excellent educational programming that will prepare our students for productive life in the 21st Century. We feel that the proposed budget continues to offer the quality education programming currently available to River Edge students while remaining sensitive to the economic climate and to tax payers’ concerns. Our ability to retain quality programs is particularly impressive in light of the fact that River Edge has been recognized as the third lowest spending school district in Bergen County!

The 2011-2012 Budget Supports:

- **Shared services:** sharing services with other districts reduces expenses
- **Special Education:** students are educated **in district** through the Building Bridges Program
- **Transportation savings:** using our own bus
- **Class Size:** a factor of success in primary grades
- **Modified full-day Kindergarten Program**
- **Special programming:** World Language, Library, Art, Physical Education, Vocal & Instrumental Music
- **Hands-on Science & Discovery Labs**
- **New, Literacy Standard-Based Program**
- **Differentiation of Instruction:** Gifted & Talented, differentiation in the classrooms, Basic Skills, and Resource Room
- **Guidance Counselors:** to support District Anti-Bullying Policy and Anti-bullying Legislature
- **Technology:** Continued support of **Technology Infusion** in all content areas, technology labs, and digital learning

As you cast your vote on April 27th we hope that you will consider how well-balanced the school budget is. The budget is truly mindful of the tax payers’ predicament while at the same time it supports our students’ needs and provides for the future!

Let's Build Bright Futures Together,

Dr. Tova Ben-Dov

River Edge Superintendent of Schools