

# Good News About the Budget for Non-Public Schools which includes Transportation.

Thank you everyone for all the efforts you made in attending Township Board Meetings, and personal emails, letters, and telephone calls to the Legislators' offices even a personal visit last year to Senator Bateman's Office.

Governor Christie has signed the Fiscal Year 2018 Budget without any changes. Therefore, the attached chart indicates the increases we have received in the Budget.

We can anticipate the following increases:

- With regard to transportation, language in the Budget requires the transfer of a total of \$8.7 million from the Chapter 192/193 accounts to the transportation fund targeted for nonpublic school pupils. The language in the Budget also mirrors the maximum ceiling for nonpublic school pupil transportation from \$884 to \$1,000.
- With regard to nursing services, the bill removes the \$86.25 per-pupil amount in the original version of the Appropriations Act. So happy that Mrs. Hermosilla, our dedicated and faithful school nurse, will see an increase in the budget.
- In technology, the Budget language specifically states \$37 per pupil. This is an increase of \$11 per pupil from the Governor's original Budget in February.
- The Nonpublic School Security Program has been restored at the rate of \$75.00 per pupil. This is an increase from \$50.00, which was in effect for the 2016-2017 school year, and from no appropriation in the Governor's original Budget.

**WE ARE DELIGHTED WITH THE INCREASE AND THANK OUR GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATORS FOR LISTENING AND RESPECTING THE VOICES OF OUR PARENTS AND NON-PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORTERS.**