



LOWER MERION
SCHOOL DISTRICT

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OUR DISTRICT WELCOMES

students of all races, ethnicities and nationalities
students with diverse abilities
students who are LGBT
students of all family structures
students who are English language learners
students of all religions
students from all socio-economic backgrounds
students of all body types

...YOU



Safe, Supportive, Inclusive

Lower Merion School District is committed to providing a safe, supportive and inclusive learning environment for all students and employees.

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Lower Merion School District



2018-19 Final Budget



In Ten Years of Growth



Needed to hire 98 New Teachers
(includes Librarians, Nurses etc.)

Additions/Renovations to:

Gladwyne Elementary School - \$2.9 Million

Penn Valley Elementary School - \$3.1 Million

Welsh Valley Middle School - \$16.4 Million

Bala Cynwyd Middle School - \$1.9 Million

District Administration Building (for LMHS) \$5.5 Million

Construction of Lower Merion and Harriton High Schools
over \$200 million

Enrollment Growth

Over the past **ten** years in the Commonwealth



502 School Districts

412 School Districts saw a **DECLINE** in Enrollment

90 School Districts showed a **GROWTH**
(of at least one student) in Enrollment

23 School Districts Showed a growth of 10% or more

Lower Merion School District's growth was **1488** students
and a **21.5%** Increase – The highest per pupil increase in
the last 10 years of any school district in Pennsylvania

2018-19 Final Budget Summary



	Amount
Proposed Final Budget Expenditures	272,718,118
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Budget Expenditure Increase	15,141,431
Areas of Expenditure:	
Reduction:	
Change in Health Care Costs	622,958
	622,958
Addition	
New Positions	764,389
Committed Fund Balance transferred to Capital Projects Fund	15,000,000
	15,764,389
Net Expected Increase in Revenue:	
Local Sources – Earnings on Investments	150,000
	Tax Increase
Proposed Final Budget	2.40%
Final Budget	2.40%



Real Estate Tax Change

Median Household Assessment		\$250,680
2017-18 Real Estate Tax mill rate	28.0740	
Face amount of 2016-17 Real Estate Tax		7,038
2018-19 Real Estate Tax mill rate	28.7477	
Face amount of 2018-19 Real Estate Tax		<u>7,206</u>
	Tax Increase	\$168

Median household assessments provided by Montgomery Co. Board of Assessments

Where does the money go?



It goes to the values of the Community - the District prides itself in providing access to a plethora of opportunities for students:

- **Low class sizes**
- **Extensive curricular and co-curricular offerings**
- **Commitment to the Arts and Music**
- **Numerous enrichment programs (IB, Dual-enrollment, Interdisciplinary programs, FLES)**
- **Inclusive instructional model and environment**
- **Enhanced academic support services at all buildings (literacy and math specialists)**
- **Enhanced holistic support services at all buildings (counselors, psychologists, etc.)**
- **Extensive after-school and summer enrichment programs at all levels**
- **Commitment to community service and service-oriented programs**
- **Commitment to hire, recruit and professionally develop quality staff**