

THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
Montclair, New Jersey

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF BUDGETARY SPENDING PROPOSAL, TOGETHER WITH AN INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT, TO THE VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THE MARCH 10, 2026, SPECIAL ELECTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the "Board") as follows:

1. The following Budgetary Spending Proposal Question ("Proposal 1"), together with its Interpretative Statement, shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at a Special School District Election to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, commencing at 3:00 p.m. for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot. The form of Proposal Question Number 1, together with the Interpretive Statement, will read as follows:

**Budgetary Spending Proposal Question Number 1:**

The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex shall raise an additional \$12,600,000 from taxes over the amount raised in the last Annual School Budget to cover a prior deficit from the 2024-2025 school year. Approval of these taxes will result in a one-time increase to the district's tax levy. These expenditures are in addition to those required to achieve New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Do you approve this Proposal?

**Interpretive Statement**

If approved by the voters, the funds will be used to pay outstanding debts and obligations due and owing from the previous school year. The tax will be non-recurring and will not be built into the base tax levy on which future years' tax increase limits are based.

2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the foregoing Proposal 1, together with the Interpretative Statement, set forth above, and, subject to the approval of the legal voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same as described therein. The Board authorizes the Board President, the Superintendent, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, consistent with any advice from Bond

Counsel or the firm of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP, to revise the Proposal and/or the Interpretative Statement, if necessary, prior to the Election to conform to any applicable legal requirements.

3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the questions to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, to request the County Clerk to submit the questions to the voters at the special school district election, and to seek the assistance of the county officials and the municipal clerk in conducting the Special School District election.
4. The Board President, the Superintendent, and/or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution. Any actions authorized herein and taken prior hereto are hereby ratified. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is further authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Education to make such determinations required of the Board of Education for the conduct of the election as may become necessary.
5. The reference to officers of this school district herein includes the Vice-President in the absence or unavailability of the President and any deputy, interim, acting, or successor officer holding each position.
6. In the event that it is necessary to borrow in anticipation of the receipt of taxes in an amount not in excess of the amount approved at this special election, promissory notes are hereby authorized to be issued in such amount pursuant to N.J.S.A.18A:22-42, and an amount thereof not exceeding 6% per annum of such amount for the period such notes may be outstanding is estimated for interest on such notes. The School Business Administrator is authorized to make the decision whether to issue the notes and to sell them at public or private sale, and to report back the results of any such sale to this Board of Education. The Board of Education hereby covenants to comply with any regulations necessary to maintain tax exemption if such obligations are issued as tax exempt, including any obligation to rebate interest income to the federal government if required. The Board President and Business Administrator/Board Secretary are authorized to execute such notes under the seal of the Board of Education.
7. This resolution with respect to the Special Election shall take effect immediately.

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SECOND BUDGETARY SPENDING PROPOSAL, TOGETHER WITH AN INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT, TO THE VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THE MARCH 10, 2026 SPECIAL ELECTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED** by The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex, New Jersey (the “Board”) as follows:

1. The following Budgetary Spending Proposal Question (“Proposal 2”), together with its Interpretative Statement, shall be submitted to the legal voters of the School District at a Special School District Election to be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026, commencing at 3:00 p.m., for the purposes hereinafter provided. The polls shall remain open until 8:00 p.m. and as much longer as may be necessary to permit all the legal voters then present to vote and cast their ballot. The form of Proposal Question Number 2, together with the Interpretive Statement, will read as follows:

**Budgetary Spending Proposal Question Number 2:**

The Board of Education of the Township of Montclair in the County of Essex shall raise an additional \$5,000,000 from taxes over the amount raised for the current (2025-2026) Annual School Budget for general fund operating expenses for the 2025-2026 school year. Approval of these taxes will result in a permanent increase to the district’s tax levy. These expenditures are in addition to those required to achieve New Jersey Student Learning Standards.

Do you approve this Proposal?

**Interpretive Statement**

If approved by the voters, the funds will be used for general fund operating expenses, including, but not limited to: reducing the impact of reductions in force among teaching staff, security staff and support staff; addressing ongoing maintenance needs; and mitigating the impact of cuts to athletics, co-curricular and extracurricular programs.

Approval of this tax levy increase will be built into the base tax levy on which future years’ tax increase limits are based.

2. The Board hereby approves and adopts the foregoing Proposal 2, together with the Interpretative Statement, set forth above, and subject to the approval of the legal

voters of the School District, hereby determines to carry out the same as described therein. The Board authorizes the Board President, the Superintendent, and the Business Administrator/Board Secretary, consistent with any advice from Bond Counsel or the firm of Schenck, Price, Smith & King, LLP, to revise the Proposal and/or the Interpretative Statement, if necessary, prior to the Election to conform to any applicable legal requirements.

3. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is hereby authorized and directed to send a certified copy of the questions to the County Clerk as required by N.J.S.A. 19:60-2, to request the County Clerk to submit the questions to the voters at the special school district election, and to seek the assistance of the county officials and the municipal clerk in conducting the Special School District election.
4. The Board President, the Superintendent and/or the Business Administrator/Board Secretary are hereby authorized to take all steps necessary to implement this resolution. Any actions authorized herein and taken prior hereto are hereby ratified. The Business Administrator/Board Secretary is further authorized to act on behalf of the Board of Education to make such determinations required of the Board of Education for the conduct of the election as may become necessary.
5. The reference to officers of this school district herein includes the Vice-President in the absence or unavailability of the President and any deputy, interim, acting or successor officer holding each position.
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**Items # 1-2 Moved by Allison Silverstein, Seconded by Melanie Deysher, approved by vote of 7-1-1.**

	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Ms. Allison Silverstein	<b>x</b>			
Ms. Melanie Deysher	<b>x</b>			
Ms. Phaedra Dunn	<b>x</b>			
Ms. Jada Roman	<b>x</b>			
Ms. Kerri McMahon			<b>x</b>	
Ms. Holly Shaw	<b>x</b>			
Mr. Eric Scherzer	<b>x</b>			
Ms. Yvonne Bouknight	<b>x</b>			
Mr. Sean Long		<b>x</b>		

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2. RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MONTCLAIR IN THE COUNTY OF ESSEX, NEW JERSEY, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF A SECOND BUDGETARY SPENDING PROPOSAL, TOGETHER WITH AN INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT, TO THE VOTERS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AT THE MARCH 10, 2026, SPECIAL ELECTION

**ADOPTED:** January 5, 2026

I hereby certify that the  
Montclair Board of Education duly  
adopted the foregoing on  
January 5, 2026.

  
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Dana Sullivan, Interim Board Secretary

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