

TOWNSHIP OF FREDON RESOLUTION 2021-42

**RESOLUTION REDUCING GENERAL FUND TAX LEVY OF THE FREDON
TOWNSHIP BOARD OF EDUCATION 2021-2022 BUDGET**

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2021, the voters of Fredon Township voted down the general fund tax levy proposed by the Fredon Township Board of Education in the amount of \$4,268,352; and

WHEREAS, on May 10, 2021, the Fredon Township Committee and Fredon Township Board of Education conducted a special joint meeting to review and discuss the 2021-2022 budget pursuant to, and in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A:22-37, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.7, and other laws applicable to the statutory municipal review process; and

WHEREAS, the Fredon Township Committee believes that certain line items within the budget need to be adjusted; and

WHEREAS, it is the position of the Fredon Township Committee to reflect the wishes of the electorate by reducing educational costs in the school district without adversely affecting the Board of Education's ability to provide a thorough and efficient education; and

WHEREAS, following their joint meeting, and in furtherance of the foregoing, the Fredon Township Committee and Fredon Township Board of Education approved a reduction to the general fund tax levy of the Board of Education in the amount of \$300,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Fredon Township Committee hereby certifies a reduced budget amount for the 2021-2022 school year for the Fredon Township Board of Education as follows:

1. The original general fund tax levy for the base budget on the ballot defeated by the voters of Fredon Township was \$4,268,352.
2. The amount of reduction to the general fund tax levy for the base budget shall be \$300,000.
3. The amount of the general fund tax levy being certified by Fredon Township for the base budget is \$3,968,352.
4. The specific line-item reductions and/or increases in budgeted revenues for each change are as follows:

Description	Account Number	Total
Deduct From Employee Benefits**	11-000-291-270	\$ 111,000.00
Deduct From– Teacher Salaries – Pre/Kinderg	11-110-100-101	\$ 65,000.00
Deduct From– CR – Trf of Repayment of De	12-000-400-933 – Fund 12	\$ 124,000.00
TOTAL		\$ 300,000.00

**Employee Benefits reduction includes estimated \$35k of benefit to the Kindergarten Teacher reduction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Fredon Township Committee that the foregoing reductions to the Fredon Township Board of Education 2021-2022 budget will not adversely affect the Board of Education's ability to provide a thorough and efficient education nor would it affect the stability of the school district. The Fredon Township Committee further certifies that the revised budget is and would be sufficient to provide a thorough and efficient education to the students of the Fredon Township school district.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Fredon Township Committee that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the Fredon Township Board of Education and Executive County Superintendent of Schools by no later than May 19, 2021.

Moved By:

Seconded By:

VOTING

Township Committee Member	In Favor	Against	Abstain	Absent
Glenn Deitz				
Carl Lazzaro				
Guy Masi				
John Richardson				
John P. Flora				

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of Resolution adopted by the Fredon Township Committee, in the County of Sussex, at a meeting thereof held May 13, 2021.

Suzanne Boland, RMC
Municipal Clerk