

To: Chief School Administrator  
Board Secretary/School Business Administrator  
GARFIELD CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

From: Lucille E. Davy  
Acting Commissioner

Date: March 23, 2006

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**Required Tax Levy Increase Calculation**

Total Equalized Property Valuation	\$2,217,929,634		(A)
Total Equalized Property Tax Rate	1.770726		(B)
State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.805568		(C)
110% of State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.986125		(C)
Levy Increase Required to Reach Threshold	\$4,777,393	$(A*(C-B) / 100)$	(D)
Average Property Tax	\$5,363		(E)
\$125 Limit as a Percent of the Average Property Tax	2.3307850%	$(\$125 / E)$	(F)
Total Levy	\$39,273,466		(G)
Levy Increase Required to Reach \$125 Limit	\$915,380	$(F*G)$	(H)
Required General Fund Tax Levy Increase	\$915,380	Minimum(D,H)	

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NEWARK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Total Equalized Property Valuation	\$13,475,798,792		(A)
Total Equalized Property Tax Rate	1.857709		(B)
State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.805568		
110% of State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.986125		(C)
Levy Increase Required to Reach Threshold	\$17,305,082	$(A*(C-B) / 100)$	(D)
Average Property Tax	\$3,809		(E)
\$125 Limit as a Percent of the Average Property Tax	3.2817012%	$(\$125 / E)$	(F)
Total Levy	\$250,341,149		(G)
Levy Increase Required to Reach \$125 Limit	\$8,215,449	$(F*G)$	(H)
Required General Fund Tax Levy Increase	\$8,215,449	Minimum(D,H)	

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Total Equalized Property Valuation	\$15,816,277,913		(A)
Total Equalized Property Tax Rate	1.592597		(B)
State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.805568		(C)
110% of State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.986125		(C)
Levy Increase Required to Reach Threshold	\$62,241,485	$(A*(C-B) / 100)$	(D)
Average Property Tax	\$4,181		(E)
\$125 Limit as a Percent of the Average Property Tax	2.9897154%	$(\$125 / E)$	(F)
Total Levy	\$251,889,591		(G)
Levy Increase Required to Reach \$125 Limit	\$7,530,782	$(F*G)$	(H)
Required General Fund Tax Levy Increase	\$7,530,782	Minimum(D,H)	

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NEW BRUNSWICK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Total Equalized Property Valuation	\$2,869,085,847		(A)
Total Equalized Property Tax Rate	1.858624		(B)
State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.805568		
110% of State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.986125		(C)
Levy Increase Required to Reach Threshold	\$3,658,110	$(A*(C-B) / 100)$	(D)
Average Property Tax	\$4,554		(E)
\$125 Limit as a Percent of the Average Property Tax	2.7448397%	$(\$125 / E)$	(F)
Total Levy	\$53,325,526		(G)
Levy Increase Required to Reach \$125 Limit	\$1,463,700	$(F*G)$	(H)
Required General Fund Tax Levy Increase	\$1,463,700	Minimum(D,H)	

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Total Equalized Property Valuation	\$2,777,563,038		(A)
Total Equalized Property Tax Rate	1.685676		(B)
State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.805568		(C)
110% of State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.986125		(C)
Levy Increase Required to Reach Threshold	\$8,345,168	$(A*(C-B) / 100)$	(D)
Average Property Tax	\$3,766		(E)
\$125 Limit as a Percent of the Average Property Tax	3.3191715%	$(\$125 / E)$	(F)
Total Levy	\$46,820,711		(G)
Levy Increase Required to Reach \$125 Limit	\$1,554,060	$(F*G)$	(H)
Required General Fund Tax Levy Increase	\$1,554,060	Minimum(D,H)	

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Total Equalized Property Valuation	\$1,028,411,360		(A)
Total Equalized Property Tax Rate	1.673685		(B)
State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.805568		
110% of State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.986125		(C)
Levy Increase Required to Reach Threshold	\$3,213,170	$(A*(C-B) / 100)$	(D)
Average Property Tax	\$3,697		(E)
\$125 Limit as a Percent of the Average Property Tax	3.3811198%	$(\$125 / E)$	(F)
Total Levy	\$17,212,367		(G)
Levy Increase Required to Reach \$125 Limit	\$581,971	$(F*G)$	(H)
Required General Fund Tax Levy Increase	\$581,971	Minimum(D,H)	

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Total Equalized Property Tax Rate	1.574444		(B)
State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.805568		(C)
110% of State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.986125		(C)
Levy Increase Required to Reach Threshold	\$14,685,349	$(A*(C-B) / 100)$	(D)
Average Property Tax	\$5,678		(E)
\$125 Limit as a Percent of the Average Property Tax	2.2014794%	$(\$125 / E)$	(F)
Total Levy	\$56,162,950		(G)
Levy Increase Required to Reach \$125 Limit	\$1,236,416	$(F*G)$	(H)
Required General Fund Tax Levy Increase	\$1,236,416	Minimum(D,H)	

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Total Equalized Property Tax Rate	1.607252		(B)
State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.805568		(C)
110% of State Average Total Equalized Tax Rate	1.986125		(C)
Levy Increase Required to Reach Threshold	\$13,095,287	$(A*(C-B) / 100)$	(D)
Average Property Tax	\$4,561		(E)
\$125 Limit as a Percent of the Average Property Tax	2.7406271%	$(\$125 / E)$	(F)
Total Levy	\$55,552,745		(G)
Levy Increase Required to Reach \$125 Limit	\$1,522,494	$(F*G)$	(H)
Required General Fund Tax Levy Increase	\$1,522,494	Minimum(D,H)	

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