

Ridgefield Park Public Schools

PRELIMINARY BUDGET PRESENTATION 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR

Presented to the:

**Ridgefield Park Board of Education
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Current Curriculum Initiatives - 2021

Expanding Digital and Physical Resources in K-12 for:

- ELA
- Math
- SCIENCE
- STEM
- CTE
- Social & Emotional (SEL)
- Social Studies/Geography
- Media and Information Literacy
- Data Informed Instruction

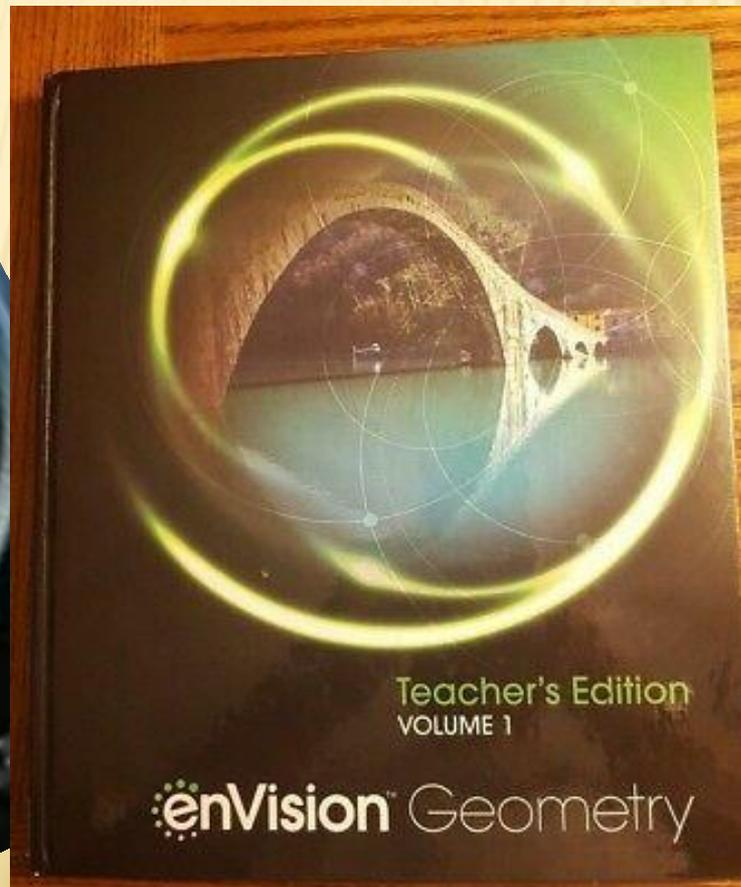
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ELA - Expanding Digital and Physical K-6 Resources:



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Math - Expanding Digital and Physical Resources 7-12 Resources



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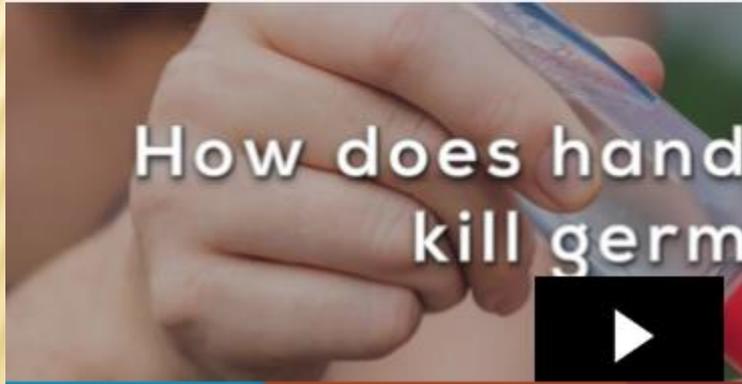
Science - Expanding Digital and Physical K-6 Resources, such as *Mystery Science*, and *Gizmos*.



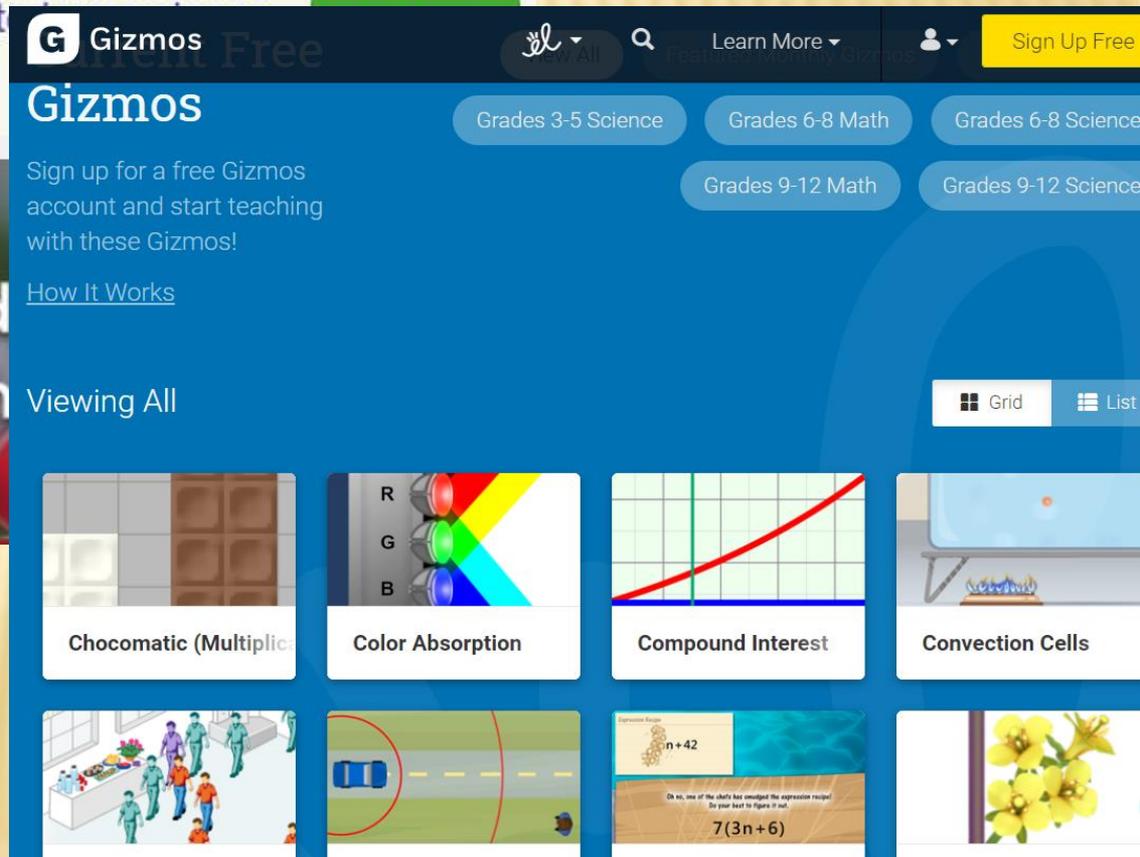
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Open-and-go lessons that inspire kids to learn

Sign up now for tons of **free** lessons like this one!



How does hand sanitizer kill germs?



Gizmos

Sign up for a free Gizmos account and start teaching with these Gizmos!

[How It Works](#)

Viewing All

Grid List

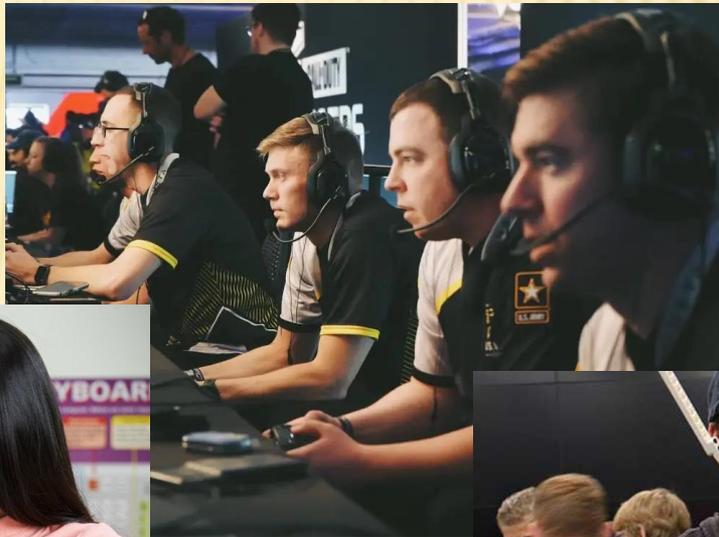
- Chocomatic (Multiplication)
- Color Absorption
- Compound Interest
- Convection Cells
- Hand Sanitizer
- Math
- Science

Signup and try a free Gizmos [HERE](#).

Current for 2021

STEM- Expanding Digital and Physical K-6 CTE Pathways and Resources:

- Coding/ DRONES
- Robotics
- Game Design
- eSports

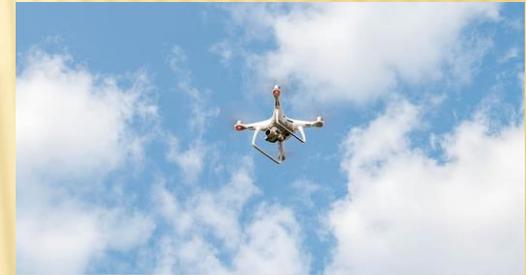


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CTE - Expanding 7-12 Resources

Career and Technical Education at JrSrHS including:

- Interior Design
- Culinary Arts
- Aviation



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CTE - Expanding K-12 Resources in Jr. Sr. Science Electives including Aviation

AOPA HIGH SCHOOL STEM CURRICULUM



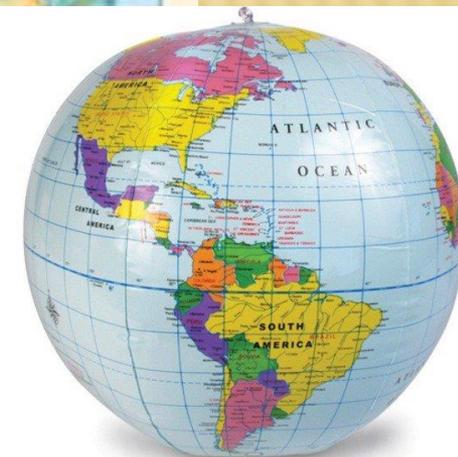
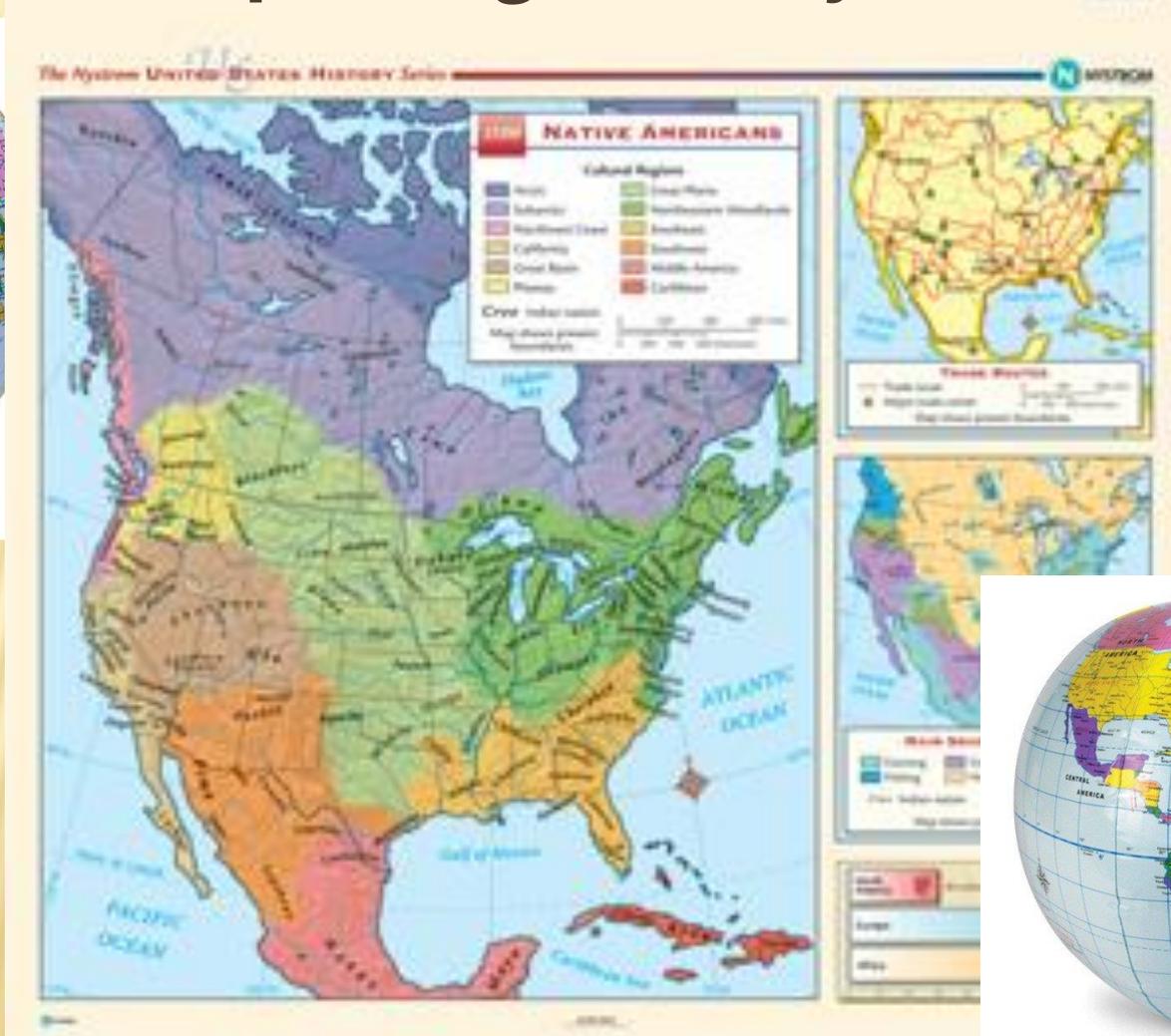
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Social & Emotional Learning Resources: Such as Habitudes program.



Current Curriculum Initiatives - 2021

Social Studies - Expanding K-12 Physical Resources



Current Curriculum Initiatives - 2021

Media & Information Literacy - Expanding Digital/ Authoritative K-12 Resources, to keep students from “Googling” everything.

Title	Grades
World Book Online	Prek-6
World Book Online	JrSrHS
Infobase w/ Learn 360	1-6
Proquest	7-12
Gale Database	1-6
Gale MS Database	JrSrHS

Current Curriculum Initiatives - 2021

ELA Resources for Data-Driven Student Instruction.

Solution	Grade Levels	Focus	Teaching Staff
Sondays (Winsor OG)	K-2	Phonics (multisensory)	General Ed. Special Ed.
LLI (Fountas Pinnell)	K-2	Reading Proficiency	BSI - Small Group Literacy Intervention
AimsWeb (Pearson)	K-2	Reading for Comprehension Progress Monitoring (Dyslexia Testing)	General Ed. Benchmarking (Universal Screener)
TC/RW Running Record	K-6	Decoding, Fluency, Comprehension	General Ed
LinkIt	K-8	Reading for Comprehension Benchmarking 3-5	General Ed (Universal Screener)

Proposed - 2021-2022

In Addition to Routine Annual Supplies

- × Meadowlands Environmental Center -
 - + Mobile Food Lab
 - + Onsite classroom/Planetarium
 - + Family Science Night Programs
 - + Special Education Programs

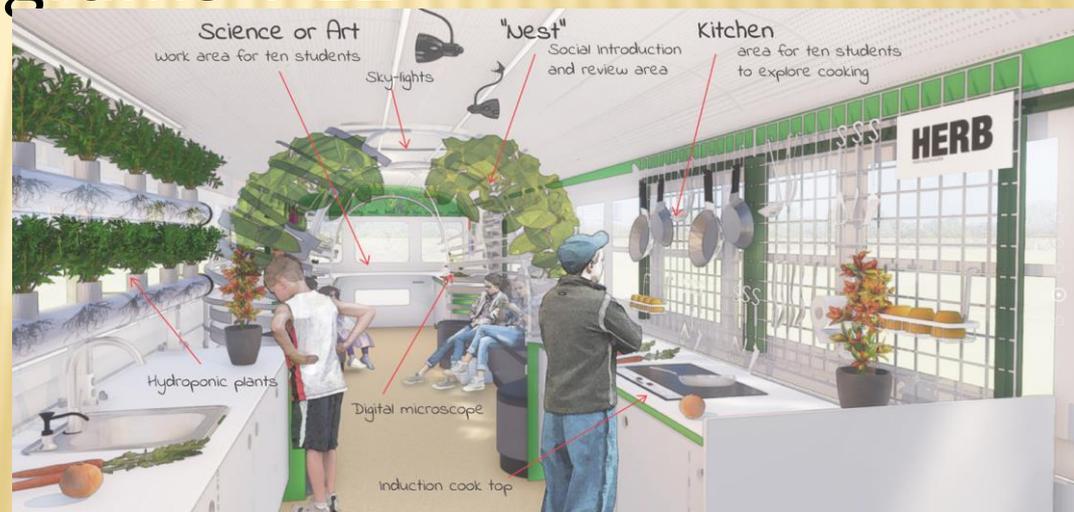


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Additional Programs offered...

- Vertical Farm
- Enrichment
- Physical Sciences K-6
- Sustainability Programs 4-12



Continuing Curriculum Revision Work

To meet QSAC requirements, including:

- updated frameworks
- updated requirements
- and new RP expectations for Social Justice

September 2021	September 2022
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard 1: Visual and Performing Arts• Standard 5: Science• Standard 7: World Languages• Standard 9: Career Readiness, Life Literacies, and Key Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Standard 2: Comprehensive Health and Physical Education• Standard 6: Social Studies• Standard 8: Computer Science and Design Thinking

[See Updated NJDOE Curriculum Requirements Here.](#)

PERSONNEL REQUESTS

1. K-12 Supervisor (English & Social Studies)
2. 1 Elementary Literacy Coach/ 1 Elementary Math Coach
3. Full-time (1) Psychologist
4. Full-time (1) Behaviorist
5. Two (2) Special Education Teacher
6. Three (3) Special Education - Inclusion Teachers (Pilot Program - 1 each elementary)
7. One (1) Network Specialist
8. One (1) Computer Technician
9. Two (2) Maintenance Worker

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS

- Add Safety and Security App (911 Inform Platform)
- Inclusion Program Elementary Schools
- Health and Wellness - Based on Needs

FACILITY IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS

- Grant School
 - ✓ Floor Replacement - Room B-14
 - ✓ Gym Hallway Lighting Upgrade
 - ✓ Guidance Office Carpet Replacement
- Roosevelt School
 - ✓ Fence Repairs
 - ✓ Hallway Lighting Upgrades
- Jr./Sr. High School
 - ✓ Guidance Office Carpet Replacement

CURRENT FACILITY INITIATIVES

➤ Grant School

- ✓ Soffit Replacement
- ✓ Playground Paving Project
- ✓ Lower Roof Replacement

➤ Lincoln School

- ✓ Gym Lighting Upgrades
- ✓ Soffit/Overhang Replacement

Roosevelt School

- ✓ Parking Lot/Playground Paving Project

CURRENT FACILITY INITIATIVES

- Jr./Sr. High School
 - ✓ Mechanical Control Upgrades – (*Phase II*)
 - ✓ Bus Loop / Front Parking Lot Upgrades
 - ✓ Parking Lot Lighting Upgrades
- District-Wide
 - ✓ Cargo/Delivery Van

PROPOSED FACILITY INITIATIVES

- Grant School
 - ✓ Boiler Replacements
 - ✓ Boiler Room Stairs Replacement
- Lincoln School
 - ✓ Chiller Replacement Project
 - ✓ BOE Parking Lot Extension
- Roosevelt School
 - ✓ Cafeteria Roof Replacement
 - ✓ Fire Alarm System Upgrades
 - ✓ HVAC Controls & (BMS) Upgrades

PROPOSED FACILITY INITIATIVES

➤ Jr./Sr. High School

- ✓ Curtain Wall & Window Replacements - (*Phase II*)
- ✓ Auditorium Lighting Upgrade - (*Backstage Only*)
- ✓ Gym Floor/Ceiling Upgrades
- ✓ DOAS Ventilation Unit Replacements
- ✓ Cafeteria/Auditorium HVAC Upgrades
- ✓ Home Economics Room Renovations
- ✓ Science Lab/Room Renovations

➤ District-Wide

- ✓ Interior Emergency & Exterior Lighting Upgrades

CURRENT TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

- Grant, Lincoln, & Roosevelt Schools
 - ✓ Teacher Classroom Computer Replacements - (80)
 - ✓ ES Classroom Interactive Panels - (11)
 - ✓ ES Lobby Signage
 - ✓ Security Monitor & Adapter - ES Principal Office's

- Lincoln School
 - ✓ Additional Key Fob Reader [Door #8]

CURRENT TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

➤ Jr./Sr. High School

- ✓ Teacher Classroom Station Replacements - (60)
- ✓ Seventh Grade Chromebooks
- ✓ Replacement Lab Computers [Room #7]
- ✓ Esport Stem Lab Stations - (6)
- ✓ MineCraft Stem Lab Stations - (25)
- ✓ Aerospace/Aviation Stem Lab Stations - (5)

CURRENT TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

➤ District Wide

- ✓ Security Cameras - Main Offices [Interior & Exterior]
- ✓ Computer Servers - (2)
- ✓ Audio Enhancement/Voice Amplifiers - (All Classrooms)
- ✓ Presenter Tracking Video Cameras - All classrooms

PROPOSED TECHNOLOGY INITIATIVES

➤ District Wide

- ✓ DocHub Software
- ✓ Near Pod Software
- ✓ Gizmos Software
- ✓ Time Clock System - (All Staff)
- ✓ Update Other Student/Staff Chromebooks & Laptops

PROPOSED EQUIPMENT/FURNITURE REQUESTS

➤ Grant School

- ✓ Classroom Whiteboards - (18)
- ✓ Digital Audiometer
- ✓ Titmus Vision Screener

➤ Lincoln School

- ✓ Library Storage Units - (9)
- ✓ Student Chair/Desk Replacements - (Partial)

PROPOSED EQUIPMENT/FURNITURE REQUESTS

➤ Jr./Sr. High School

- ✓ 28" Vinyl Cutter Machine - (Industrial Arts)
- ✓ CNC Machine - (Industrial Arts)
- ✓ CO2 Laser Engraving Machine - (Industrial Arts)
- ✓ Bathroom Vape Detector Units - (12)
- ✓ Universal Audio & Amplifier Equipment - (Music)

➤ Athletics

- ✓ Pitching Machine
- ✓ New Tennis Uniforms

PROPOSED BUDGET CONSTRAINTS

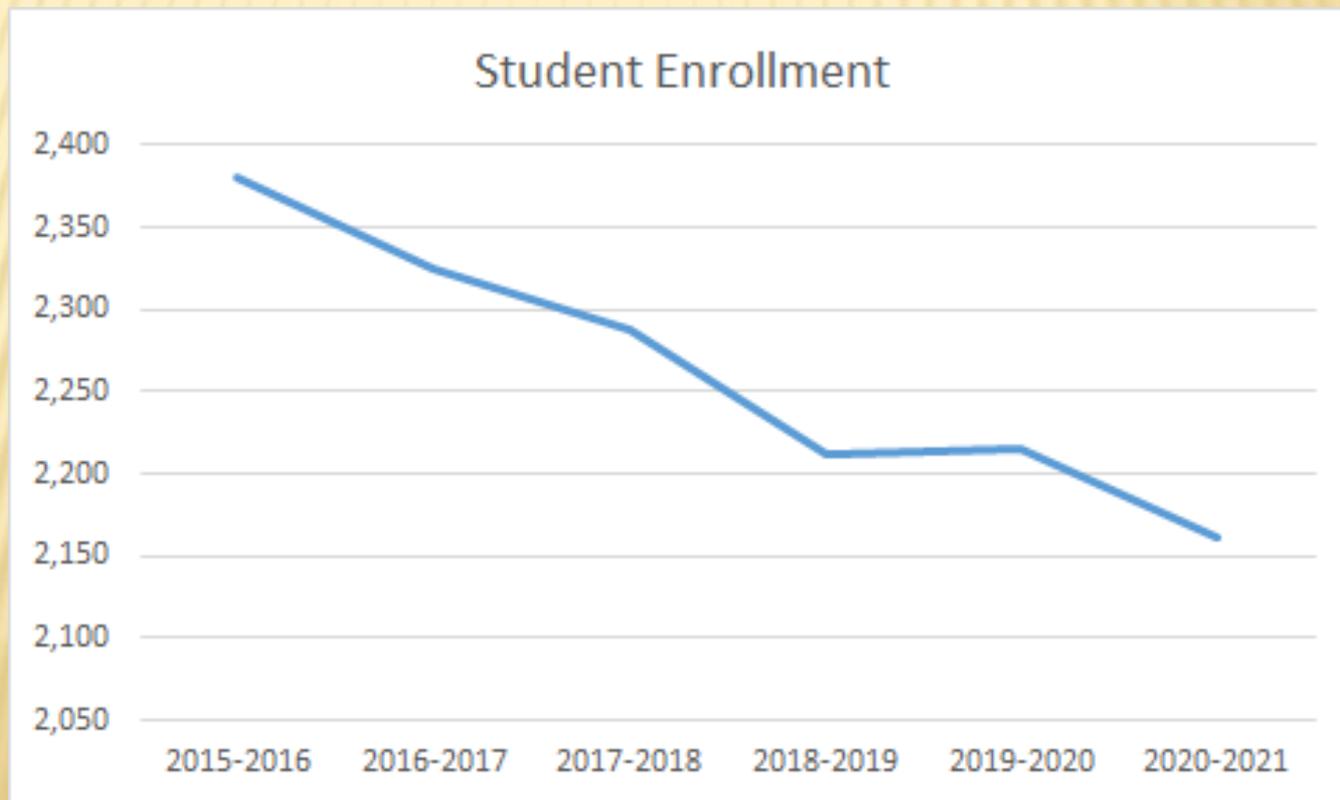
- ◆ Salaries and Employee Benefit Costs alone constitute about 77% of the operating budget
- ◆ On average, salaries increased 3.0% in 2020-2021. All three labor contracts (Teachers, Administrators, & Supervisors), expire this coming June 30th. Negotiations are ongoing, therefore, actual salary increases for the 2021-2022 school year are unknown at this time.
- ◆ Health Benefit premiums are estimated by our broker to increase 7-10% beginning with the 2022 calendar year. The financial impact of Chapter 44 changes on the State are unknown at this time.

PROPOSED BUDGET FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- † **Increase in State Aid Funding of \$1,386,909. This is a 13.58% increase from the current 2020-2021 State Aid funding.**
- ◆ Additional Federal CARES Act Funding of 1.6M to help offset Pandemic Related Expenses
- ◆ Limit Local Tax Levy increase to the 2.0% Cap
- ◆ New Educational, Facility and Technology Initiatives

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

The Ridgefield Park Public Schools have been experiencing a declining enrollment since the 2015-2016 school year.



ENROLLMENT IMPACT

- The last Demographics Study performed projects that enrollment will begin to increase next school year
- A new Demographics Study is currently underway which will assist the district in forecasting projected enrollments for the next several years.
- The Central Office staff is closely analyzing our staffing needs for the 2021-2022 school year

FUTURE BUDGET PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

- March 17, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting:
Adoption of Preliminary Budget for submission to the Executive County Superintendent
- April 7, 2021 – Regular Board Meeting:
Budget Discussion/Review (If needed)
- April 28, 2021 - Public Hearing and Adoption of
2021-2022 Annual School District Budget

Thank You!