

The Milltown School District is committed to providing a quality education for your children. Our goal is to provide what is necessary to make sure your child has a well-rounded education including both academic and extracurricular activities so that they are competitive in high school and college; and upon graduation are productive members of society.

The recent fiscal crisis in the State of New Jersey has impacted the funding of our schools. Because we have suffered a 49% loss in state aid and a change in the law that controls the tuition adjustment schedule between send-recv districts (such as between Milltown and Spotswood) the tax levy in Milltown will be raised significantly. As a result, the number of employees working for the Milltown Board of Education will be reduced next year. Class sizes will be larger. The number of sections on each grade level will be reduced from 4 to 3.

Student activities and sports have not been completely removed from the 2010-11 budget, but the allocation has been reduced. It is the district's goal to provide funding to these areas so that our students continue to have the opportunity to participate in a theatrical production and on a sports team. Right now there is still funding in the budget to support the teaching of the arts.

Differentiated instruction will continue in the classrooms to meet the needs of all students. Teachers will provide enrichment and remediation as needed. The budget also allocates some funding for additional enrichment and remediation opportunities at this time.

The welfare of your child(ren) is my priority. The Milltown Board of Education shares this and has worked collaboratively to build a budget that provides for all children. Our hope is that our school parents and larger community will be able to support this spending plan. Our fear is that if the budget is defeated further cuts to programs and staff may be necessary.

The budget will be presented on Wednesday March 31<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM in the Milltown Borough Hall Council Chambers and will be simulcast on Channel 15. Please come out to learn firsthand about the budget so that you can be an informed voter. The answers to your questions are critical to your decision making process, and I welcome your scrutiny.

I will be happy to answer any questions you may have prior to the meeting via email ([lmadison@milltownps.org](mailto:lmadison@milltownps.org)) or by phone (732) 214-2360.

Sincerely,

Dr. Madison, Superintendent/Principal