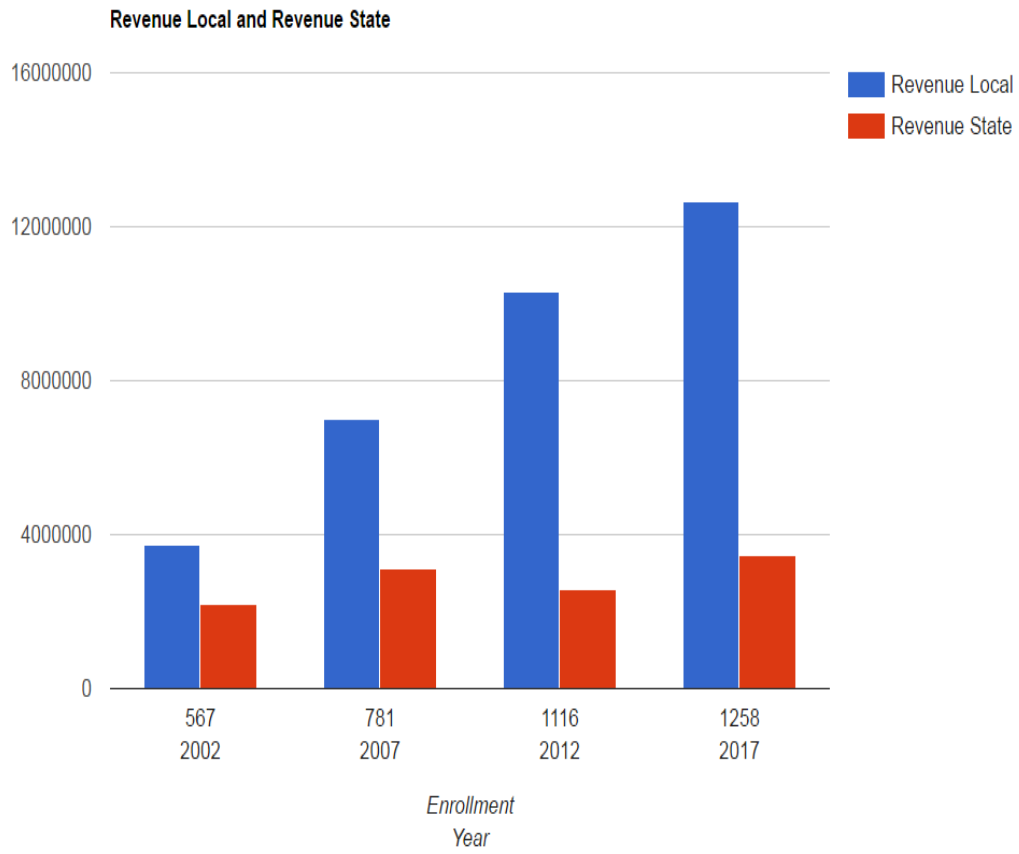


Fair Funding Testimony Regarding East Greenwich School District

- One of the top five fastest growing school districts in NJ
- More than 240 homes slated to be built within the next three to five years, most with a five-year tax abatement
- East Greenwich School District is efficiently run as indicated by our most recent 2016-17 Efficiency Standards Budget Review.
- East Greenwich School District, according to the 2015-16 *Tax Payers' Guide to Education Spending* indicates that:
 - Support services cost per pupil is less than the state median
 - Administrative cost per pupil is less than the state median
 - Legal costs per pupil is less than the state median
 - Operation and maintenance cost is less than the state median
- East Greenwich employees contribute towards benefits at both the Tier IV level and have additional contributions towards prescription
- East Greenwich School District has used all banked cap and can only raise the tax levy by 2% or approximately \$250,000, which barely covers increased fixed costs.
- If fully funded, according to the School Funding Reform Act of 2008, East Greenwich School District stands to gain approximately \$3.5 million.
- If fully funded and all the revenue were to go to taxpayer relief, the average homeowner would see taxes go down by approximately \$400.
- It is the position of the East Greenwich School District that fair funding needs to be implemented in both a non-partisan fashion as quickly as possible and legislation worded in such a way that at least a portion of the additional funding will go to taxpayer relief.
- In spite of the funding and high levels of efficiency, East Greenwich School District is declared as a "high performing" school district by the Department of Education
- Attached resident petition
- Attached graph: enrollment/aid

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Petition to Properly Fund East Greenwich and Kingsway Regional Schools

* Required

Petition summary and background

To seek proper and fair funding in regards to the Percent of Uncapped Aid Received which for East Greenwich Township is \$3,553,979 underfunded, while Kingsway Regional is \$9,793,224 underfunded in regards to State Aid at 85% of Uncapped.

Action petitioned for

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge our leaders to act now to properly fund East Greenwich Public Schools in East Greenwich and Kingsway Regional School District in Woolwich Township which are severely underfunded compared to all other schools in Gloucester County. Funds from the state this year for East Greenwich only give our pupils 49% of the adequate funding in the state funding formula and funds for Kingsway give our pupils only 47.2% of the funded schools based on percentage in Gloucester County. The lack of funding not only puts our students at a disadvantage, but burdens local tax payers in the community as well as student's parents who not only pay high taxes but then must reach further into their pockets to help supply funds and supplies that would be furnished by the schools if they were adequately and equitably funded. Per student East Greenwich is underfunded by \$1,931.00 while Kingsway Regional students are underfunded by \$2,952.00 under current funding.

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