

The Fairness Formula In Bergen County

Our Path to Lower Property Taxes

THE FAIRNESS FORMULA: Last week, Governor Christie proposed a solution to New Jersey's two most pressing crises that are hurting all New Jerseyans: the failure of urban education and property taxes. The Governor's groundbreaking Fairness Formula will provide equal education funding for every pupil throughout the state, valuing every child equally.

Under the Fairness Formula, all public school districts would receive **\$6,599** for every enrolled student, plus continued funding for special education. This will give every child an equal chance at success. Graduation rates prove that educational success cannot be bought with excessive spending by a select few chronically failing school districts, which have received billions more in state taxpayer dollars over the past three decades than hundreds of successful school districts. The statewide graduation rate is 90%, with 27 of the 31 Abbott districts falling below that average. Continuing the current school funding formula means allowing failing school districts to spend as much as \$33,699 per pupil in tax dollars, while high-performing school districts spend less than half of that per student.

With this new formula, 75% of all New Jersey districts would get more state aid than they do today. The biggest driver of New Jersey's nation-high property taxes is the ineffective and unfair state school funding formula. The Fairness Formula will not only be equal for students it may also provide hundreds or even thousands of dollars in annual property tax savings for New Jerseyans in most communities.

Here's a look at annual property tax savings under the Fairness Formula for the average household in **Bergen County**:

BERGEN COUNTY	
MUNICIPALITY	AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD SAVINGS
ALLENDALE	\$3,043
ALPINE BOROUGH	\$1,864
BERGENFIELD BOR	\$1,488
BOGOTA BOROUGH	\$710
CARLSTADT	\$833
CLIFFSIDE PARK BOR	\$1,636
CLOSTER	\$3,146
CRESSKILL BOROUGH	\$3,614
DEMAREST	\$3,541
DUMONT BOROUGH	\$1,424

E RUTHERFORD	\$1,018
EDGEWATER BOROUGH	\$1,284
ELMWOOD PARK BOR	\$2,241
EMERSON BOROUGH	\$2,556
ENGLEWOOD CITY	\$1,017
ENGLEWOOD CLIFFS BOR	\$1,311
FAIR LAWN BOROUGH	\$2,223
FAIRVIEW BOROUGH	\$1,055
FORT LEE BOROUGH	\$1,669
FRANKLIN LAKES	\$3,035
GLEN ROCK BOROUGH	\$3,442
HACKENSACK CITY	\$1,011
HARRINGTON PARK	\$3,189
HASBROUCK HEIGHTS BOR	\$2,545
HAWORTH	\$3,004
HILLSDALE	\$2,738
HOHOKUS BOROUGH	\$3,394
LEONIA BOROUGH	\$1,853
LITTLE FERRY BOROUGH	\$1,999
LODI BOROUGH	\$1,167
LYNDHURST TOWNSHIP	\$1,625
MAHWAH TOWNSHIP	\$1,415
MAYWOOD BOROUGH	\$1,907
MIDLAND PARK BOR	\$2,222
MONTVALE	\$2,356
MOONACHIE BOROUGH	\$1,039
NEW MILFORD BOROUGH	\$2,306
NORTH ARLINGTON BOR	\$2,208
NORTHVALE	\$2,022
NORWOOD	\$2,520
OAKLAND	\$2,275
OLD TAPPAN	\$3,153
ORADELL	\$3,164
PALISADES PARK BOR	\$1,886
PARAMUS BOROUGH	\$1,460
PARK RIDGE BOROUGH	\$2,107
RAMSEY BOROUGH	\$2,411
RIDGEFIELD BOROUGH	\$1,693
RIDGEFIELD PARK VIL	\$1,947
RIDGEWOOD BOROUGH	\$4,209
RIVER EDGE	\$3,108
RIVER VALE	\$2,956
ROCHELLE PARK TWP	\$1,272
ROCKLEIGH BOROUGH	\$1,776
RUTHERFORD BOROUGH	\$2,282
SADDLE BROOK TWP	\$1,605
SADDLE RIVER BOR	\$1,653
SOUTH HACKENSACK TWP	\$1,082
TEANECK TOWNSHIP	\$1,573
TENAFLY BOROUGH	\$4,478

TETERBORO BORO	\$25
UPPER SADDLE RIVER	\$3,642
WALDWICK BOROUGH	\$2,505
WALLINGTON BOROUGH	\$1,984
WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP	\$2,182
WESTWOOD BOROUGH	\$1,888
WOODCLIFF LAKE	\$2,884
WOOD-RIDGE BOROUGH	\$1,823
WYCKOFF TWP	\$2,993

For towns that are not listed the Fairness Formula may not result in a decrease of property taxes, however there are other solutions to lowering municipal government costs. [Join the movement](#) to help lower your property taxes now.

This initiative takes courageous leadership and strong fiscal management to overcome billion-dollar campaigns by special interests – but that is exactly what New Jerseyans deserve from their governor, legislators, school board members, mayors, and freeholders.

[ICYMI: Governor Chris Christie's Speech On The Fairness Formula](#)



NEW WEBSITE: To provide details on the Fairness Formula, Governor Chris Christie launched a new website, www.nj.gov/taxrelief, encouraging people to sign an online petition in support of the Fairness Formula that is the solution to lowering their nation-high property taxes.

This interactive website contains five tabbed sections: Inequity in NJ Schools; The Fairness Formula; NJ Property Tax By the Numbers; Your Property Taxes, a tool which provides residents with their maximum potential property tax savings and; Join the Movement, the aforementioned petition for New Jerseyans to help reduce their property tax bills by hundreds or thousands of dollars per year.

COMING TO A THEATER NEAR YOU: Watch for Governor Christie in the next few months as he discusses his plan to lower property taxes and turn the tide on failing school districts:

“We cannot let it continue, so I will travel across the state this summer to talk about this plan to, for the first time in my lifetime, lower property taxes for the people of New Jersey and bring fairness to the funding of our schools.”