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## Dear Interboro School District Community,

As summer is now in full swing, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on the many accomplishments of the 2024–2025 school year. This year-end newsletter serves as a celebration of the hard work, dedication, and collaboration that define our district. From classroom achievements to extracurricular milestones, the Interboro community has much to be proud of.

Throughout the year, our schools have remained focused on providing a high-quality, well-rounded education that supports every student's academic growth and personal development. Whether through innovative instruction, meaningful engagement in the arts and athletics, or strong support systems for students and families, we've continued to build a learning environment where all can thrive.

# From the Desk of the Superintendent

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our teachers and staff, the support of our families, the involvement of our students, and the partnership of our community members and local leaders. To our taxpayers and broader community, thank you for your continued investment in our schools and our future. Your commitment strengthens the foundation of our district and makes a lasting impact on the lives of our students.

To our students: we are incredibly proud of your efforts this year. Your resilience, curiosity, and accomplishments have been inspiring. We hope you are enjoying a well-deserved break and look forward to seeing all that you will achieve in the future.

Thank you for making this school year a successful and memorable one. We look forward to continuing our shared work in the year ahead and wish you all a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer.

Sincerely,

Bernadette C. Reiley

Interboro School District Superintendent

Proudly serving the community for 32 years.

#### 2025-2026 General Fund Budget

#### **Final General Fund Budget Adoption**

The Board of School Directors adopted the Final General Fund Budget on June 18, 2025 for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026 with proposed expenditures of \$88, 808,960.00. This budget represents a comprehensive plan for the allocation of resources to support the educational programs and operational needs of the school district.

#### Millage Increase

To support the proposed expenditures, the adopted budget requires an increase of 0.3876 mills over the current millage rate.

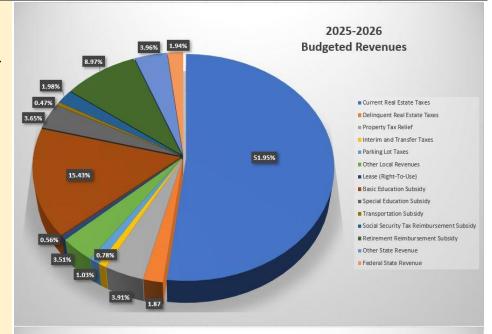
#### **Tax Increase**

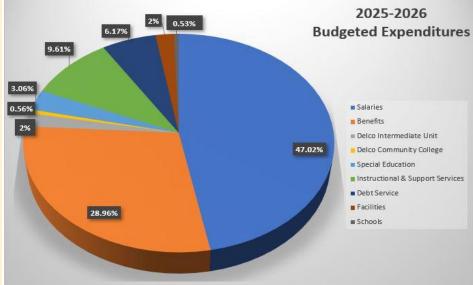
The millage increase of 0.3876 mills will result in a tax increase of 1.5% for property owners in the school district. This increase will be reflected in the property tax bills issued for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

#### **New Total Millage Rate**

The new total millage rate, after the increase of 0.3876 mills, will be 26.2302 mills. This rate will be applied to the assessed value of properties in the school district to determine the amount of property taxes owed.







School District	2025-2026 Mills	2025-2026 Proposed Increase
Chester-Upland - City	15.2753	6.30
Chester-Upland - Twp	14.2862	6.309
Chichester	30.1106	5.309
Garnet Valley	19.9080	2.519
Haverford	19.6509	4.009
Interboro	26.2302	1.509
Marple Newtown	12.4741	3.459
Penn Delco	20.7365	3.759
Radnor	15.5423	3.859
Ridley	29.4720	5.309
Rose Tree Media	15.9397	3.009
Springfield	22.1783	2.959
Southeast Delco	32.8546	2.509
Upper Darby	26.6524	3.019
Wallingford-Swarthmore	30.9000	2.799
William Penn	33.4960	5.909

Interboro School District



#### NOTE:

Tax information
was extracted
from available
information
contained on the
respective school
district's website,
which is subject to
change.

#### 2025-2026 Capital Improvement













#### Interboro School District ~ Enhancing the Interboro Identity

#### Interboro High School Project

A major renovation/expansion of IHS is currently under construction to better equip the original 1972 building to support modern instructional practices and school operations. The scope includes a sweeping reconfiguration including conversion of the existing circulation core into an active, bi-level student commons and collaboration zone, reshaping of inefficient triangular-shaped classrooms into flexible rectangular rooms, relocation and renovation of the library to function as a modern multi-media instructional zone, and expansion of the existing auditorium including integration of a new balcony accessed directly off the upper student commons.

Two additions will be incorporated. The first, housing a new administration suite, art rooms, and STEM labs, will establish a secure and easily identified new main entry as well as provide a refreshed, visual identity for the school. The second, off the rear facade, includes a new cafeteria with an outdoor seating plaza, state-of-the-art science labs, and a greenhouse.

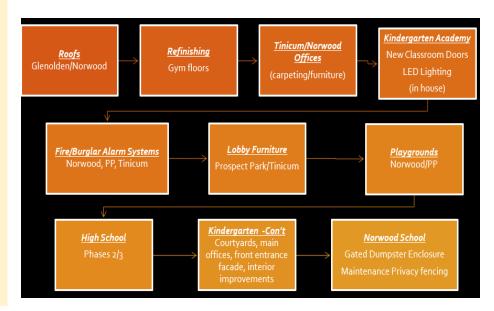
The project also includes site upgrades to enhance safety provisions at arrival and dismissal as well as improve efficiency of vehicular circulation.

#### Interboro Early Learning/Kindergarten Academy Project

Currently in construction, a major reconfiguration and renovation project has begun at the Interboro Kindergarten Academy to enhance the building's functionality and modernize building systems.

In order to provide a dedicated space for our pre-kindergarten program, the existing main level district office space will be fully reimagined and updated. The floor areas above and below the new pre-kindergarten space will be reconfigured to accommodate district IT, building support, and community functions. Two existing courtyards will be infilled to address water infiltration issues as well as provide new offices, storage, and public restrooms to serve the gymnasium.

Lastly, a new main entrance and updated front façade will be constructed to remedy maintenance issues at the existing masonry walls, maintain an accessible route to the front door, and provide a fresh new visual identity for the building.



## Curriculum & Instruction

#### **Chief Science Officers**

This year Interboro High School was able to select two students, Sha'rae Butler and Jayden Nguyen, to participate in the Chief Science Officer Program. The Chief Science Officer program is an international STEM student leadership program for students who have a particular interest in the STEM subjects and a passion to impact their school or community. The primary goal of a Chief Science Officer is to work towards a greater exposure and positive attitude towards STEM in the district and community. To accomplish this, each Chief Science Officer takes on an action plan of their own design and with the help of their mentor implements that plan. They also have the opportunity to work with Chief Science Officers from around the world on collaborative projects. The final responsibility of a Chief Science Officer is to bring student voice to the conversations around STEM opportunities within the district. The Chief Science Officer program is a global community with well over 1200 graduates, who are now community and business leaders around the world. We are so excited to see what work these students are able to accomplish this year and beyond.



Interboro High School Earns National Recognition for Expanding Access to AP Computer Science





We are thrilled to share that **Interboro High School** has been recognized with College Board's prestigious **AP® Computer Science Fernale Diversity Award** for the 2023-24 school year! This award celebrates schools that are making significant strides in increasing female representation in **AP Computer Science Principles (CSP)**.

Interboro High School is among only **847 schools nationwide** to receive this recognition, highlighting its commitment to breaking barriers and ensuring that more young women have access to **high-quality computer science education**. By expanding opportunities in this critical field, Interboro is empowering students with the skills needed for the **fast-growing STEM careers of the future**.

We commend the Interboro High School administration and AP Computer Science Teacher, Penny Joines, for leading the way in **STEM education** and providing students with the tools to become **innovators**, **problem-solvers**, **and future leaders**. Congratulations to the entire Interboro community on this well-deserved honor!

### Strengthening Math Support Across Our Schools

As we reflect on the first half of the school year, we are excited to share a significant milestone in our district's commitment to enhancing math instruction and student achievement. We began the year by expanding the math team by hiring two additional Math Specialists. This allowed us to place a Math Specialist in each community school, enabling us to provide direct support to elementary students struggling in math. With four Math Specialists, we have significantly expanded our reach within the district, ensuring that more students receive the help they need to succeed.

Our math team now consists of two Math Coaches, four Math Specialists, and six Math Paras. Each of our community schools has been assigned a Math Para, while the Kindergarten Academy (KA) has been provided with two. This strategic placement allows us to maximize our impact on student learning and progress.

We firmly believe that every student can succeed in math. No child should feel anxious about their math learning experience, and with the right support, every student will be on the path to mastering grade-level standards by the end of third grade. This initiative is a testament to our district's dedication to fostering a strong mathematical foundation for all students, setting them up for long-term success.

We look forward to witnessing the continued impact of this expanded support system and celebrating the achievements of our students!



#### **Workforce Development**



#### Looking Ahead: The Future of BUCS Work

The BUCS Work Program has built a strong foundation this year, and we expect it to grow and flourish in the years to come. The goal is to expand job shadowing, internships, and cooperative education experiences so that students are not just exploring careers but actively gaining hands-on experience in their chosen fields.

With a combination of coaching, coops, and internships, we are ensuring that Interboro students graduate not only with a diploma but with real-world skills, industry exposure, and a clear career direction.

The future of Interboro is bright, and the BUCS Work Program is leading the way in preparing our students for success.



#### Building Unique Career Skills: The BUCS Work Program at Interboro

Interboro School District is proud to introduce the B.U.C.S. (Building Unique Career Skills) Work Program, a new initiative designed to ensure students are career-ready upon graduation by providing hands-on learning experiences, industry exposure, and workforce preparation.

At the helm of this exciting program are our two dedicated Workforce Coordinators:

- Dan McGrath, bringing 25 years of experience as a Social Studies teacher at Prospect Park School.
- Dan Meli, a seasoned educator with 20 years of experience as a Math teacher at the High School.

Together, they are leading the charge in connecting students with real-world career experiences that align with their interests and future goals.

Since its launch, the BUCS Work Program has already made a significant impact by creating valuable job shadowing opportunities in a variety of industries, including Healthcare, Logistics and Supply Chain Management, Marketing and Branding, Manufacturing, Funeral Services, Transportation and Aviation, Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation, Law and Government, and Event and Hospitality Services.

In addition to job shadowing, the program has established a mentorship partnership with SAP North America, giving students access to career coaching and industry insights from professionals in the field.

To further support students in their career journeys, the district has restructured its Program of Studies to align with career pathways, ensuring that students' course selections prepare them for their chosen fields. New courses have been introduced, including:

- Senior Co-op (Work Study) Theory & Experience
- Senior Internships
- EdRising: Grow Your Own Teacher Preparation Course
- Freshman Seminar
- Drone Pilot Certification Course

Additionally, students will have multiple opportunities to earn industry-recognized credentials that align with their selected career pathways, giving them a competitive edge in the job market.

#### **Buc Buddies**

John McLaughlin partnered with Special Olympics over 10 years ago, to create an after school extracurricular activity for our students with special needs.

As a part of the process, he attended a conference and discussed creative ways to incorporate an inclusion club which then came into fruition as the "Buc Buddies".

The "Buc Buddies" has two purposes, as it was a club that started at Interboro High School and has spread to the community schools to promote inclusion and create opportunities for one-to-one friendships with students who have Intellectual or Developmental disabilities. The other purpose of the club is that students would become the leaders who could help run the Fall Festival. It is a great opportunity for students who might pursue a future in education.





#### Around the District

#### **STEM Center Ribbon Cutting**

The Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, in partnership with the Exelon Foundation, hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the opening of a state-of-the-art STEM center at Tinicum School on November 20th.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony featured guest speakers including Cal Ripken, Jr., MLB Hall of Famer and co-founder of the Cal Ripken, Sr. Foundation, and Calvin Butler, President and CEO of Exelon.

Pictured with Cal is Landin Richards.









## HELLO PARENTS, GUARDIANS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, ADMINISTRATORS, AND ALUMNI!

HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT INTERBORO EDUCATION FOUNDATION?
WE'D LIKE TO SHARE A BIT AND LET YOU KNOW WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO!

#### Mission

The mission of Interboro Education Foundation is to promote, enrich, and preserve Interboro School District educational programs, benefiting the district's teachers and students, as well as the Interboro community.



The Interboro Education Foundation is both grateful and honored that Kendra and Andrew chose to serve as Student Members of our Board of Directors. Despite very busy personal schedules, they have rarely missed a Board meeting. In addition, they met with Board members at the high school to work on student-related IEF initiatives. We join many others who congratulate them as they move on to the next phase of their lives. Kendra and Andrew represent the true meaning of BUC PRIDE!





#### CONTRIBUTE TO OUR MISSION



We're energized by the support we've received, but there is still more to light up!

Let's brighten the path for Interboro's learners together!

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#### Tools for Reading Support Judith Tilles, Jennifer Dalton, Allison Price, and Cynthia Rost-Frick - Tinicum School

Reading support tools are designed to increase the student's ability to sustain reading. Research indicates that dyslexia, reading disabilities, ADHD, and convergence insufficiency or other vision related issues due to over-use of video and virtual screen time may interfere with a child's ability to sustain eye movement on text or auditory focus. Curriculum materials assume that students have basic skills mastered but many do not. Losing track of text negatively impacts reading success, so the Mini-Grant awardees are now able to support their students' learning with Whisper Phones, Finger Trackers, and Colored Acetate Bookmarks-fun strategies designed to engage the student to interact with the text more consistently.

#### Games for Social Skills Gains Christine Bryan - Kindergarten Academy

Ms. Bryan was looking to utilize board games to enhance her students' educational experiences, specifically in the areas of social emotional growth. Board games encourage so much in the areas of social growth, language development and reciprocal conversation. Many young students never have anyone who plays games with them and thus it is harder for them to learn the basic social skills of sharing, turn taking, following directions, waiting your turn and being a good sport. Additionally, many students who may be reluctant to talk or open up, are more likely to do so through play-based activities. It can make students feel more at ease and is developmentally appropriate.

Since receiving the Mini-Grant award, Ms. Bryan says that she has seen growth in her students–groups practicing turn-taking and friendly game play. She is able to use games with students who need practice in reciprocal social language and can facilitate more effective one-on-one sessions with students by allowing them to choose new games which they would like to play during meetings. Ms. Bryan says that she is looking forward to using these new games for many years to come!



#### **FOLLOW FOR A BRIGHT FUTURE**

- Interboro Education Foundation
- @interboro\_education\_foundation
- interborosd.org/IEF

#### GET INVOLVED!

Attend a board meeting Tinicum Memorial Public Library 2nd Wednesday each month @ 6 pm

Reach out to us via email InterboroEF@gmail.com Interboro Education Foundation P.O. Box 315 Glenolden, PA 19036



#### **Athletics**



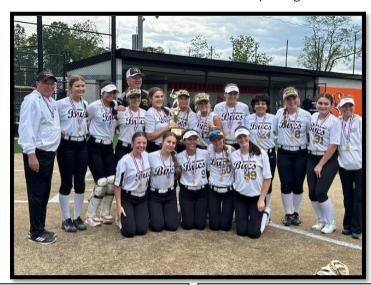




#### Girls Softball run for the State Title is cut short

The Girls Softball Team headed to Boyertown High School to face Northwestern Lehigh in the Quarterfinals of the Softball State Playoffs. The team came up short in the end, but we couldn't be prouder of the effort they gave throughout the entire game! This team is the first softball team in Interboro history to win a District 1 Title! No one can ever take that away from them! We wish all the seniors the best of luck next year and in all your future endeavors! Once a BUC always a BUC!

The team will be presented with their District 1 Championship Jackets on July 29th at 1:00 PM at Glenolden School Library. Congratulations!



#### Congratulations Kylie Arnot!

Kylie Arnot has won the District 1 and State Championship Gold medal in Diving for the past 3 years. She traveled this spring to Croatia where she placed 4<sup>th</sup> in the World for Junior Diving! We are very proud of Kylie and all the hard work she puts into her sport!



#### Wrestling

Interboro Wrestling has won its 3<sup>rd</sup> straight Del-Val Championship this season and coaches couldn't be prouder of their team!





#### Cheerleading

Our Cheerleaders were sent off to the State Championships on January 30<sup>th</sup> with a full school Clapout. Although they did not advance to the finals- they are winners in our hearts and we are proud of their accomplishments this season!

#### Class of 2025

#### **High School Administration**

Mr. Brian Lytz, Principal Ms. Lisa Ford, Asst. Principal/AD Dr. Heather Daniels, Asst. Principal Ms. Amber Fisher-Brown, Asst. Principal

#### **Student Council Executive Board**

Kendra Hopkins, President
Ava Maddonni, Vice President
Hannah Lynch, Secretary
Kevin Keeney, Treasurer
Andrew Hoopes, School Board Rep.
Freshmen Mentor Coordinators:
Hannah Lynch, Ava Maddonni,
Lindsey Fries

#### **2025 Class Officers**

Andrew Hoppes, President Kendra Hopkins, Vice President Gianna Ferracio-Huber, Secretary Morgan Fitzpatrick, Treasurer

> Angelo Malvestuto Salutatory Address

Isabella Shippey
Valedictory Address

Noelle Ackland
Charge to the Class of 2025

#### Top 5%

Isabella Shippey, Angelo Malvestuto
Vanessa Harrity, Kacie Ferris
Janet Chen, Kiera McCarron
Susanna Luu, Zachary Smithson,
William Bosch, Eric Heineman
Keni Yang, Riley Bufala
Maryanna Nagle





#### Interboro High School Graduating Class of 2025: A Celebration of Achievement

The Interboro High School graduating Class of 2025 has achieved remarkable success, securing over 80 scholarships and awards and gaining acceptance to 96 colleges and universities. Their accomplishments reflect their dedication, hard work, and the support of their families, teachers, and the Interboro community. As they embark on their higher education journeys, the graduating class of 2025 is poised to make significant contributions to society and shape a brighter future for themselves and the world.

On behalf of the student recipients and their parents, Interboro High School expresses appreciation to the individual and organizational donors of the many scholarships and awards presented at the Awards Program.

Appreciation is expressed to the High School and District personnel for their valued contributions throughout the school year.

The Interboro High School community proudly recognizes and honors the graduates of the Class of 2025 who have chosen to serve our nation by enlisting in the armed forces. Their decision to dedicate themselves to protecting our freedoms and upholding our values is a testament to their character and patriotism.

Interboro High School also celebrates the graduates of the Class of 2025 who are pursuing careers in the skilled trades. These students have recognized the importance of hands-on learning and the value of contributing to our economy through their expertise and craftsmanship.

To the graduating class of 2025, congratulations on your remarkable achievements! You have overcome unprecedented challenges, demonstrated unwavering resilience, and made a lasting impact on the Interboro High School community.

As you embark on this new chapter in your lives, remember the lessons you have learned, the friendships you have forged, and the values you have embraced. Believe in yourselves, pursue your passions, and never stop learning. The future is yours to shape, and we have no doubt that you will achieve great things. The faculty, staff, and administration of Interboro High School wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

Once a Buc ~ Always a Buc!