



May 20, 2020

Dear Chatham Neighbor:

Chatham Education Foundation would like to extend gratitude for the community's generosity and continued support during this difficult time. While we cannot fully predict all of the challenges that await us in transitioning back to school, additional financial support from our community will position Chatham Education Foundation to be aggressive, attentive and flexible in meeting the demands of what will surely be a difficult adjustment for faculty and students alike. Your support will enable the school district to transform learning environments, enhance safety and sanitization protocols, and fund innovative professional development and alternative teaching and learning methodologies. We are working closely with the Superintendent of Schools to help adapt to rapidly changing circumstances.

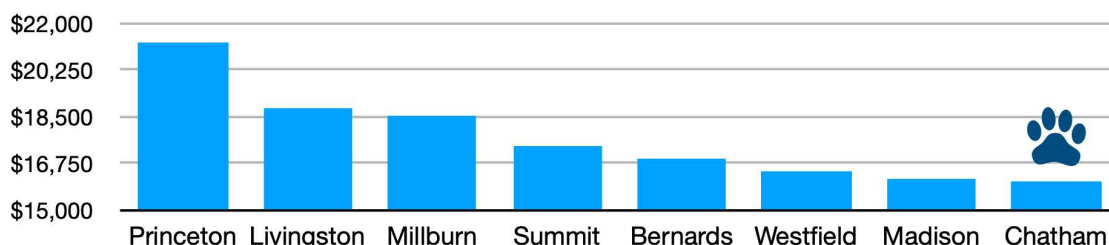


For over twenty years, Chatham Education Foundation has partnered with the school district to enhance the learning experience for our students. Grants in areas such as STEM, literacy and wellness have placed Chatham on the leading edge of classroom experience. As we look towards the future, Chatham Education Foundation's role in helping the district adapt to the new environment and establish new ways of fostering education in the classroom is more important than ever before.

Following the 2008-09 financial crisis, New Jersey state aid was reduced in 2010-11 by \$2.6M (85%), requiring staff reductions (e.g. teachers, librarians, aides) and other significant adjustments. Given New Jersey's current financial situation, the Board of Education has stated that state aid will likely again be significantly reduced. The approved 2020-21 school budget assumes \$3.5M of state aid. Partial or total elimination of this aid will directly affect the ability of the school district to deliver the educational standards we expect and have set for Chatham students.

As one of the most efficient, high performing school districts, Chatham is more vulnerable to state aid cuts than others. Funding from Chatham Education Foundation is critical to supplement tax funding to meet programming needs.

Per Pupil Property Tax Levy



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Sincerely,

Chatham Education Foundation Board of Trustees

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