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 TOWNSHIP OF UNION PUBLIC SCHOOLS
 ADOPTION OF TENTATIVE BUDGET
 2026-2027

The Superintendent recommends approval to adopt the Tentative Budget for SY2026-2027:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tentative Budget be approved for the 2026-2027 School Year using the 2026-2027 state aid figures and the School Business Administrator/Board Secretary to the Township of Union Board of Education be authorized to submit the Tentative Budget to the Executive County Superintendent of Schools for approval in accordance with the statutory deadline:

	General Fund	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Total
2026-2027 Total Expenditures	\$175,541,670.00	\$13,621,695.62	\$1,636,700.000	\$190,800,065.62
Less: Anticipated Revenues	\$60,356,346.31	\$13,621,695.62	\$0	\$73,978,041.93
Taxes to be Raised	\$115,185,323.69	\$0	\$1,636,700.00	\$116,822,023.69

And to advertise said Tentative Budget in the Union County Local Source in accordance with the form required by the State Department of Education and according to law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a public hearing be held at the DMK Black Box Theater, 1980 Morris Avenue, Union, New Jersey at 7:00 p.m. on April 21, 2026 for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the budget for the 2026-2027 school year.

DATED: March 24, 2026

 Kimberly Scott-Hayden,
 President, Board of Education

 Dr. Gerald Benaquista, Superintendent of Schools

 Yolanda Koon, Board Secretary

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TOWNSHIP OF UNION SCHOOLS
TRAVEL AND RELATED EXPENSE REIMBURSEMENT
FISCAL 2026-2027

WHEREAS, the Township of Union Board of Education recognizes school staff and Board members will incur travel expenses related to and within the scope of their current responsibilities and for travel that promotes the delivery of instruction or furthers the efficient operation of the school district; and

WHEREAS, N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3 et seq. requires Board members to receive approval of these expenses by a majority of the full voting membership of the Board and staff members to receive prior approval of these expenses by the Superintendent of Schools and a majority of the full voting membership of the Board; and

WHEREAS, the Township of Union Board of Education established \$126,086.00 as the maximum travel amount for the current school year and has expended \$54,727.23; now

THEREFORE, BE IT REOLVED, the Board of Education approves travel and related expenses reimbursements in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-7.3, to a maximum expenditure of \$126,086.00 for the 2026-2027 school year

BE IT RESOLVED, the Township of Union Board of Education includes in the tentative budget a maximum travel expenditure in the amount of \$126,086.00 for the 2026-2027 school year. The maximum travel expenditure for the 2025-2026 school year is \$85,000.00, of which \$36,947.09 has been spent and \$17,780.14 is encumbered as of February 28, 2026.

DATED: March 24, 2026

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F-B3
TOWNSHIP OF UNION SCHOOLS
STATEMENT OF PURPOSE
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2, a board of education must establish a maximum dollar limit for professional services and public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3-14.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township of Union Board of Education hereby establishes the following maximums for the 2026-2027 school year as follows:

Architecture/Engineering	\$ 89,000.00
Physicians	\$ 43,435.00
Audit	\$ 72,306.00
Legal	\$ 785,000.00
Special Ed Related	<u>\$3,538,027.00</u>
TOTAL:	<u>\$4,527,768.00</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the School Business Administrator track and record these costs to insure that the maximum amount is not exceeded.

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APPROVE USE OF EXCESS SURPLUS FUNDS/FUND BALANCE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education to include in the General Fund Budget \$2,991,690.81 of the Board of Education's excess surplus funds \$2,400,000.00 and additional fund balance \$591,690.81 (@ 6/30/25 per audit) to help close budget gap.

DATED: March 24, 2026

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APPROVE ADJUSTMENT FOR HEALTH CARE COSTS

BE IT RESOLVED that the Township of Union Board of Education includes in the proposed tentative budget a Health Care Costs adjustment as calculated in the budget software and pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:7F-38(d) in the amount of \$2,731,453.00. The additional funds will be used to pay for the additional increases in health benefit premiums.

Dated: March 24, 2026

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