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## Regional school tax to drop two points for Clark

In spite of the fact that Clark will send the largest amount of students—901 or 26.1% of the district student body—to the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, regional school taxes in the township will drop two tax points as a result of a \$22,339,055 budget for the 1984-1985 school year adopted by the district's Board of Education on March 6.

According to a spokesman for the Board Clark's regional school tax rate will be the second lowest in the four-school district, which includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, David Brearley Regional High School in Kenilworth, Jonathan Dayton Regional High School in Springfield and Gov. Livingston Regional High School in Berkeley Heights.

However, the overall regional budget will increase by 1.16% over last year's tab.

The budget includes a total current-expense budget of \$21,600,340 and a debt-service budget of \$738,715.

There will be no capital outlay for 1984-1985. The amount to be raised by taxes in support of the current expense budget is \$16,892,575. This is the figure township voters will cast ballots on during the Tuesday, April 3, Board of Education Election.

Changes in the instructional program for the next school year will include the expansion of accelerated reading from just the junior and senior levels to the sophomore level, first-year computer science to be offered to ninth graders during the regular school day, third-year computer sci-

ence, using the PASCAL language, to be introduced in all four schools; the extension of data processing, currently offered only at Johnson, to Brearley and Dayton; the establishment of technical-education computer science at Gov. Livingston, readiness sections of English in the Modern World to be inaugurated in the 11th and 12 grades in all schools; Introduction to Business Computer Language to be offered at the Clark school and an increase in vocational education courses to 600 minutes of instruction per week at the senior level.

The district-wide summer school will again be located at Brearley with courses for original credit, makeup and enrichment.

Breaking down the various increases and decreases in the budget: \$12,150 for administration will be used

to provide salary increments for administrative personnel and members of the central office staff; an increase of \$467,600 in the instructional account will provide for anticipated salary adjustments for the members of the instructional staff and the costs of books and supplies; this makes up over 53% of the total budget; a boost of \$3,408 in the attendance account will provide for anticipated salary adjustments for the four attendance officers next year; an anticipated salary adjustment for health-services officers will account for the \$15,500 rise in the health-services budget; a decrease of \$10,000 in the transportation account reflects the fact no vehicles will be applied in 1984-1985; last year's budget included \$100,000 for plant expansion; it is

expected that the state will provide \$14,000 in matching funds for the next school year; there will be a \$9,000 increase in summer school funding; the state has awarded the district \$71,681 for the funding of student remediation in English, reading and mathematics; an increase of \$22,343; a rise of \$226 will provide additional funds for the English for the Foreign Born program, including a part-time teacher's salary and program material.

Also, student activities will take \$49,990 more of the budget to reflect anticipated salary adjustments for coaches, advisors and members of the student-activities staff and the inflationary cost of equipment and supplies for students; although most funds for adult education are provided by registration fees and building programs authorized by the voters in prior school bond issues.

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In addition to adopting the budget unanimously, the school body took the following action:

- Approved a bond exchange under which the Johnson bond will play at the Bloomfield Area High School in Pennsylvania from Thursday to Sunday, May 3 to 6, and the Bloomfield band will come to Clark from Thursday to Sunday, April 12 to 15. Expenses will be paid for the Clark school by the school's band boosters.
- Authorized the attendance of nine students and two advisors from the township school newspaper staff to the Columbia University High School Press Conference from Monday to Wednesday, May 14 to 16.
- Okayed the participation of a Johnson business education teacher and five pupils at the Future Business Leaders of America State Conference in Cherry Hill on Thursday and Friday, April 5 and 6.
- Approved the attendance of Emma Massey, the district co-ordinator of business education, who is based at Johnson, at the national conference of the National Business Educators in Chicago from Wednesday (Saturday, April 18 to 21).
- Approved the hiring of Daniel Canada of Clark as an aide to Ronald Foster, an automotive shop teacher at Johnson who is recovering from an illness, at a salary of \$5 per hour, effective from March 7.
- Accepted the retirement of Robert Kastner, a business education teacher at the Clark school for the past 26 years, effective on Sunday, July 1.
- Okayed the hiring of Suzanne Frederick to help conduct the Johnson musical production, "Grease."



ABOVE AND BEYOND CALL - At the Clark 87nd Birth Lodge's annual presentation of a letter of "Stopy Joes" to the members of the Clark Police Dept. working on Christmas Eve, shown, left to right, are: Mark Lief, Sgt. Dennis Connel, Dispatcher Laura Stakow and Joseph Warch.



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for the Clark, David Brearley and Jonathan Dayton Regional High Schools. The award, a bronze medal, is presented each year to winners at more than 8,000 participating schools throughout the United States and Canada. "The Bausch and Lomb Science Award is especially significant," according to State Representative, the principal, who will receive the award. The award is presented to the senior student at our school who has attained the highest percentage standing in science subjects. In the winter of 1983-1984, Vivian Pookles is eligible to compete for the award. She is a member of the Science Honor Society and the University of Delaware in Newark, Del.

In order to achieve the honor the junior in the College of Arts and Sciences had to attain a grade-point average of 3.25 or above on a 4.0 scale with no temporary grades.



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**Hopefuls told release dates**  
ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES FOR THE TUESDAY, APRIL 3, BOARD OF EDUCATION ELECTION.