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## JOINT TASK FORCE *on* EDUCATION

**We need to do a better job supporting our teachers, students, and schools in order to provide the children with the opportunity to succeed and thrive.**

The City must work closely with the Jersey City Board of Education to ensure our children are provided the best education possible. A Joint Task Force between the City and the Board of Education is necessary to achieve these goals.

Task Force will be composed of teachers, representatives in the State Legislature, educational experts, parents, community members, the mayor, the Superintendent, and advocates.

*This Task Force would enable the City to engage with the community and ensure that the Jersey City Public School District will provide our children with the best opportunities to learn.*

*The Task Force will focus upon:*

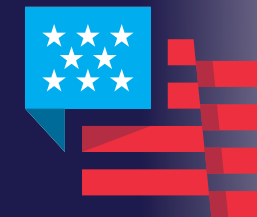
- ✓ Childhood Literacy
- ✓ School Day Scheduling
- ✓ Apprenticeship Education
- ✓ School Facility Upgrades
- ✓ Professional Development
- ✓ Recreational Opportunities
- ✓ Technology Upgrades
- ✓ After-School Tutoring
- ✓ Curriculum Development
- ✓ Student Engagement

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# McGREEVEY FOR MAYOR



Education Newsletter April 2024

Dear Resident,

**The children of Jersey City deserve to receive the highest quality education offered in the State of New Jersey. If not, it is only our children that will suffer.**

Recent events, where members of Jersey City Board of Education changed leadership, as well as calls for the State to intervene, demonstrates that the JCBOE is characterized by dysfunction and unable to meet the needs of teachers and children.

Improving the education system in Jersey City is important for our children and teachers, who work to ensure that our children are learning well.

These are the facts:

- ▶ **The cost of educating a child in Jersey City is over \$36,000**, among the highest in the State.
- ▶ School board taxes have **increased by nearly \$350 million** from 2020 to 2022.
- ▶ The School Board now **spends over \$1 billion per year**.
- ▶ Jersey City's **academic performance is deficient**. We need to a culture of support for our teachers and our children, where their interests are placed first.

Best, gratefully,

Jim McGreevey



### UPCOMING TOWN HALLS

**Thursday, May 2, 2024 from 6– 8 PM**  
Brunswick Center (formerly Holy Rosary School)  
189 Brunswick Street • Jersey City, NJ 07302

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024 from 7 – 8:30 PM**  
Monumental Baptist Church  
121 Lafayette Street • Jersey City, NJ 07304

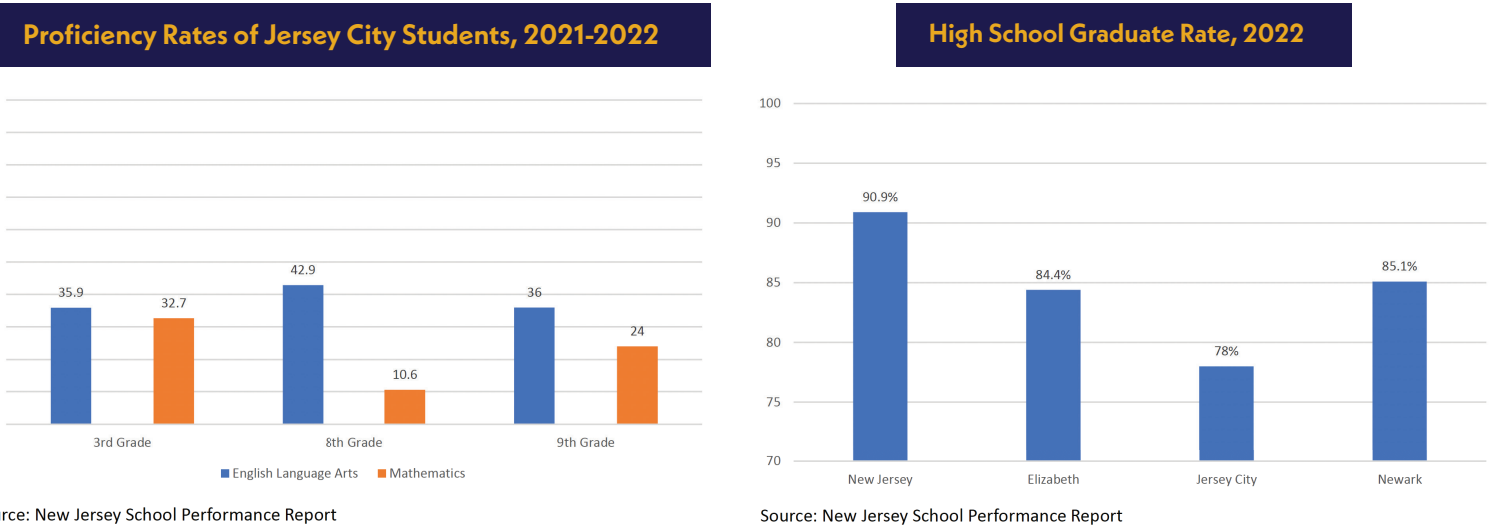
**Wednesday, May 29, 2024 from 6– 8 PM**  
Mt. Pisgah AME Church  
354 Forrest Avenue • Jersey City, NJ 07304



Jersey City Public Schools: Academic Performance

- English
- ▶ 2021-2022 academic year, proficiency rates for reading were 35.9 percent of third graders and 36 percent of ninth graders.
  - ▶ Nearly two-thirds of JC students are unable to read at age level. One in six children, who are not reading proficiently in third grade, do not graduate from high school on time.
  - ▶ Compared to the 90.9 percent graduate rate in New Jersey, only 78 percent of students in Jersey City graduate.

- Math
- ▶ 2021-2022 academic year, the proficiency rates were 32.7 percent for third graders and 10.6 percent for eighth graders.
  - ▶ Nearly 90 percent of Jersey City students are deficient in eight grade mathematics, which is concerning and profoundly troubling.
  - ▶ Reading and mathematics proficiency at an early age is highly correlated with future student success, high school graduation, and ability to enter successful careers.



Jersey City Graduation Rate

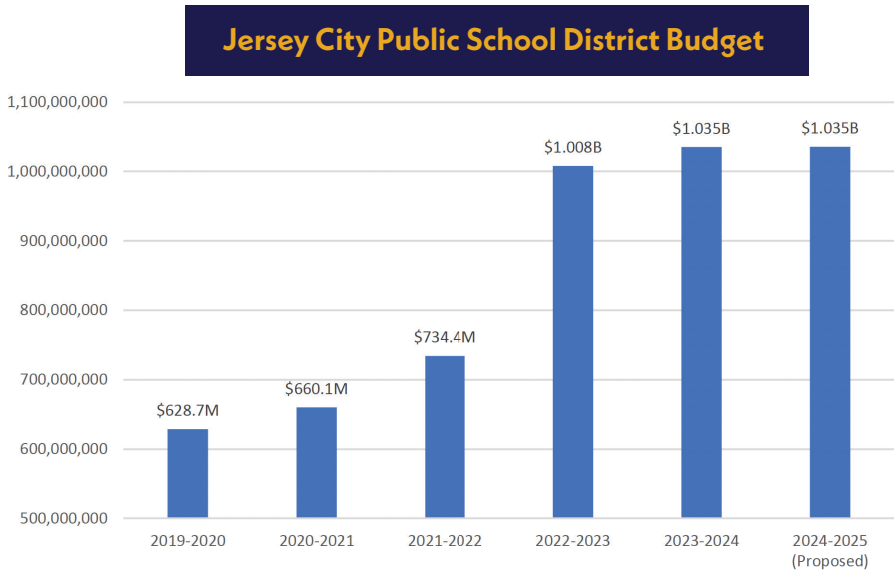
78%

Statewide Graduation Rate

90.9%

Jersey City Public Schools: Spending

IN RECENT YEARS, THE BUDGET FOR THE JERSEY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT HAS INCREASED PRECIPITOUSLY.



Source: Jersey City Board of Education

For the academic years beginning in 2017 and ending in 2021, the budget remained relatively stagnant, ranging from \$628.7 million to \$660.1 million. In the 2021-2022 academic year, the budget increased to \$734.4 million. In the 2022-2023 academic year, the budget is now over \$1 billion, rising by nearly \$350 million from two years prior.

With a current budget of \$1,035,238,943, Jersey City Public Schools is currently spending \$36,062 per student per year, a significant increase from the average \$27,627 per student per year in New Jersey.

\$36,062 per student in Jersey City

compared to \$27,627 per student in New Jersey

Average Cost per Student, 2023-2024

Location	Cost per Student
New Jersey	\$27,627
Elizabeth	\$28,642.11
Jersey City	\$36,062.25
Newark	\$30,896.02

Source: 2023-2024 Budgets of Elizabeth Public Schools, Jersey City Public Schools, and Newark Public Schools; 2023 NJDOE Taxpayers' Guide to Education Spending

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