

All Edison Residents/Parents, please spend 5 minutes reading this!

Where are your tax \$\$\$?

Each year, **60%** of property tax goes to Edison Board of Education who vote on how to use it - That is a \$238 million school budget, a lot of money, isn't it.

Then why don't we have full day kindergarten? Why there are 30+ students in one classroom? Why my kids have to eat at desk not a cafeteria?

Here is why. Only 20% of your school tax money goes to the schools and students. 80% goes to salary and benefits of school employees.

School Budget \$238 million		Salary ranking	District	Median Salary
		1	N. VALLEY REGIONAL	\$105,650
		2	PASSAIC VOCATIONAL	\$95,303
		3	Edison	\$92,432
		13	Millburn	\$88,050
		44	Princeton	\$78,923
		58	Westfield	\$76,227
		187	E. Brunswick	\$68,159
		358	Highland Park	\$61,907
		378	Metuchen	\$61,191
		http://www.nj.com/education/2017/04/nj teacher pay see the median salary in every dist.html		

Teacher's union negotiates with Board of Education every year, demanding increase on salary and benefits.

Now where does that money come from? There are only two ways – either increase your tax, or cut the school upgrades/programs. In another word, either you pay for it, or your kids pay for it.

Teachers should get paid decently, no doubt about it. Among 650 school districts in NJ, **Edison is the 3rd highest paid** district.

How much higher it needs to go?
How much more are you willing to squeeze your wallets and your children for that?

Ever had a bad teacher in your life???

Growing up, we've all have great teachers who inspired us and whom we are grateful for a life time. But also we've all seen one or two who was just ineffective or made the students lost interest in learning. Teachers are just like any profession, there are out performers, there are low performers too.

But during the last 20 years, among 1600 school employees in Edison, how many are let go due to performance?

0, Yes, ZERO.

Teacher's union fights Board of Education for removing ineffective educators.

It takes about two years and cost tax payers \$25,000 in court to have a resolution which often favors the union who has more money to take care of the matter.

Teacher's union collects a mandatory due of \$897 per year per teacher. That is a total of over \$1 million to spend each year to sue the board and donate for political campaigns.

What a Board of Education can do???

There are 9 board members, every school budget spending, every personnel hiring and firing, need to pass the majority of these 9 votes. So they are in charge of:

1. Where to spend your hard earned tax money.
2. Whether educators should be held accountable for your children.



Who do you want on a Board of Education???

Here's a list of facts on some of this year's board of education candidates. Facts only, you make your own call.

School board should work for students and tax payers. It is not rocket science, it only requires a right motive and a fair mind. So you might want to ask:

Who is here to work for their own kids and yours?

Who is here to use this as a stepping stone to other political positions?

Who here have no connection to union or any special interest group?

Who here may have family and friends who can benefit from this position?

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Spend 10 minutes to vote for the one who will spend the next 3 years **protecting your tax \$\$ and your children, you owe this to yourself and your children.**

Nov 7th 2017, make your vote, make your choice.

Jerry Shi – Data Engineer, with 2 kids graduated from Edison. During the 4 years on the board, returned \$1.4 million tax release to residents.

Paul Distefano – Operation Manager, hockey, soccer dad of 3 sons and 1 daughter in Edison school.

Falguni Patel – Attorney. Young, married no kids yet. First time runner.

\$25, \$50, \$100

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William Araujo – NJIT carpenter union representative. Run for governor, mayor, city council and all lost, now run for board of Education.

Carol Bodofsky – Retired teacher, long time Union representative

Elizabeth Conway – Retired teacher, long time Union representative

What' for return?

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