



**TAX RATE PROPOSAL**

**FISCAL YEAR 2022**

**JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022**

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The tax warrant is approved annually by the Board of Education and must be submitted to New Castle County by the second Thursday in July.

Current Expense may be used for any expenditure in the district except to buy property or pay off bonds. This portion of the rate can only be increased through voter referendum. There are two components to current expense tax. The first component is a function of the New Castle County School Tax District and is 46.8 cents of the tax rate.

All revenues generated in the four districts by the 46.8 cents are pooled together and reallocated based on the number of units at September 30th of the prior fiscal year. The district's share of the tax district for fiscal year 2022 is 18.59364082%. The second component involves multiplying the district's tax assessment times 111.8 cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. The district's total assessed valuation for FY 2022 as reported by New Castle County is \$3,085,691,915.

The tax rate proposed for fiscal year 2022 does not include any adjustments to the current expense rate. Adjustments to the Debt service rate have been made to reflect expenditure projections, resulting in a 2.5 cent decrease. Due to an increased allocation of Opportunity funding, the administration is recommending a half cent increase in the match tax rate.

The administration is not requesting any adjustment to the the tuition rate although changes have been made to the amounts being generated for the various tuition programs. These changes result in an overall rate that is 2 cents below the rate for FY 2021.

Pages 3 through 5 represent the calculations for three of the four components of the tax rate.

**DEBT SERVICE TAX RATE**  
(MAJOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS)

<u>Recommended Tax Rate (in cents)</u>	12.0
Debt Service Estimated Balance as of 6/30/21	3,300,149

**PROJECTED REVENUE**

Anticipated tax revenue based on Colonial's assessed valuation of \$3,085,691,915 at 16.5 cents for each \$100 of assessed property. \$308,569.19 is the potential revenue for each cent on the tax rate.

3,702,830

Interest Earned on Fund Balance

45,195

Total Available Funds 7,048,173

**PROJECTED EXPENSES**

**Local Share for Projects in Annual Bond Bills**

Year	Projects	Bond Value	Payment
2001	McCullough, William Penn Gunning Bedford, Southern	8,546,300	436,716
2002	McCullough, William Penn Gunning Bedford	7,181,600	358,001
2003	Carrie Downie, New Castle Wilmington Manor, William Penn Gunning Bedford	8,243,500	444,984
2004	Eisenberg, Colwyck Pleasantville, ML King	6,917,000	381,305
2007	Wrangle Hill (Wilbur) McCullough, New Castle	20,166,800	1,257,350
2008	Wilmington Manor, William Penn Gunning Bedford, George Read	9,402,700	617,240
2009	William Penn	3,522,500	569,810
2010	Carrie Downie, Castle Hills Pleasantville, Eisenberg	4,901,100	99,764
	Total value of authorized bonds	68,881,500	
	Total payments due in FY 22		4,165,170
	Payments due 7-1-22 through 10-01-22		2,297,092

Total Debt Service Expenditures 6,462,262

**PROJECTED DEBT SERVICE BALANCE 9/30/22** 585,911

Note: These funds are used to retire long term bond obligations for the local portion of major capital expenditures.

**MINOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS (MCI)/MATCH TAX**

Recommended Tax Rate (in cents)	9.5
<u>Match Estimated Balance as of 6/30/21</u>	6,967.2

PROJECTED REVENUE

Anticipated tax revenue based on Colonial's assessed valuation of \$3,085,691,915 at 9 cents for each \$100 of assessed property. \$308,569.19 is the potential revenue for each cent on the tax rate. 2,931,407

Interest Earned on Fund Balance 3,342

Total Available Funds 2,941,716

PROJECTED EXPENSES

Matching Local Funds for FY 2022 Minor Capital Improvement 622,112

Funds for Technology Equipment Maintenance, Repair, and Replacement (1.52cents x 308,569) 469,025

Match for Reading & Math Resource Teachers 218,996

Match for Extra Time Funds 270,000

Match for K-4 Reading Specialist funding 99,044

Opportunity funding 756,685

Mental health & Reading supports 231,085

Total MCIP/Match Expenditures 2,666,948

PROJECTED MCIP/MATCH BALANCE 6/30/22 274,769

Note: These funds are used to match various expense components and minor capital improvements.

## TUITION

Recommended Tax rate (in cents)	37.2
<u>Tuition Estimated Balance as of 6/30/21</u>	2,331,280.7
<b>PROJECTED REVENUE</b>	
Anticipated tax revenue based on Colonial's assessed valuation of \$3,085,691,915 at 37.2 cents for each \$100 of assessed property. \$308,569.19 is the potential revenue for each cent on the tax rate.	11,478,774
Tuition Paid By Other Districts	250,000
Interest Earned on Fund Balance	48,000
Total Available Funds	<u>14,108,055</u>
<b>PROJECTED EXPENSES</b>	
Special School Operating Budget	4,750,000
Tuition Payable to Other Districts	3,200,000
Special Tuition Programs	
Unique Alternatives & Private Placements	515,000
Elementary/Middle ILC	580,000
Secondary ILC	1,100,000
ESL Program	680,000
CASL	613,000
Early Childhood	1,450,000
Other District Tuition	800,000
Total Tuition Expenditures	<u>13,688,000</u>
<b>PROJECTED TUITION BALANCE 6/30/22</b>	<b>420,055</b>

Note: These funds are used to support a variety of programs for students with disabilities for which the district is required to provide individualized services. Funds need to be available at June 30th to cover expenses through September 30th when tax receipts are received.

**Colonial School District  
Tax Rate  
Fiscal Year 2007 Through 2022**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Current Expense</b>	<b>Tuition</b>	<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>MCI/ Match</b>	<b>Total Rate</b>
<b>2022</b>	\$1.586	\$0.372	\$0.120	\$0.095	\$2.173
2021	\$1.586	\$0.372	\$0.145	\$0.090	\$2.193
2020	\$1.586	\$0.362	\$0.155	\$0.090	\$2.193
2019	\$1.586	\$0.372	\$0.165	\$0.070	\$2.193
2018	\$1.476	\$0.372	\$0.150	\$0.045	\$2.043
2017	\$1.206	\$0.332	\$0.158	\$0.040	\$1.736
2016	\$1.206	\$0.295	\$0.180	\$0.055	\$1.736
2015	\$1.206	\$0.285	\$0.190	\$0.055	\$1.736
2014	\$1.206	\$0.250	\$0.195	\$0.055	\$1.706
2013	\$0.856	\$0.220	\$0.190	\$0.060	\$1.326
2012	\$0.856	\$0.250	\$0.210	\$0.050	\$1.366
2011	\$0.856	\$0.280	\$0.215	\$0.045	\$1.396
2010	\$0.856	\$0.305	\$0.196	\$0.055	\$1.412
2009	\$0.856	\$0.330	\$0.184	\$0.055	\$1.425
2008	\$0.826	\$0.310	\$0.199	\$0.055	\$1.390
2007	\$0.786	\$0.300	\$0.164	\$0.055	\$1.305

**Assessment Data  
New Castle County**

<b>School District</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>Variance</b>	<b>%</b>
Appoquinimink	2,488,360,195	2,387,338,645	2,323,461,920	101,021,550	4.23%
Brandywine	3,432,584,512	3,414,882,184	3,404,008,712	17,702,328	0.52%
Christina	5,550,829,506	5,601,908,803	5,574,732,163	(51,079,297)	-0.91%
Colonial	3,085,691,915	3,023,824,876	2,991,022,806	61,867,039	2.05%
Red Clay	5,350,057,761	5,340,514,764	5,314,770,206	9,542,997	0.18%
Smyrna	117,380,970	117,257,270	116,101,720	123,700	0.11%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,024,904,859</b>	<b>19,885,726,542</b>	<b>19,724,097,527</b>	<b>139,178,317</b>	<b>0.70%</b>

Property tax payments are based on the assessed value of property, which is approximately 30 to 35% of the market value of the property.