

WHAT IS THE 2% TAX LEVY CAP?

The tax levy cap is the maximum amount that school property taxes can increase from one year to the next. It is not the amount of increase for the budget. The budget can increase by more than 2% if there are other revenue sources, i.e. state aid, federal aid or additional surplus.

In Teaneck, the 2% cap equals \$1,549,045, which would be approximately an annual \$120.00 increase in property taxes for a home assessed at the township average of \$465,300 or an increase of approximately \$10.00 per month.

The Township of Teaneck also has a 2% tax levy cap. That means that in addition to school property taxes increasing by 2% each year, the municipal property tax can also increase by no more than 2% each year. Your property tax bill has the breakdown of the amounts for the school and the township.

On January 17, 2012, Governor Chris Christie signed into law P.L. 2011, c. 202 which allows school districts to change the date of school elections from April to November and provides that a vote on the school budget will no longer be required as long as the annual school property tax increase is no more than 2% from the previous year. Should a board need a tax increase greater than 2%, the question must be submitted to the voters for approval at the November election.