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## State Aid Figures & Report Cards

Flurries this time of year are normal. People expect to see them outside. However the NJ Department of Education has caused a flurry of activity and excitement inside also with the release of the schools' report cards, state aid figures and ESPA & GEPA test results.

(HSPA results will be available at a later date.)

With the state facing a \$5 billion shortfall, many state agencies have had their budgets severely slashed. Some

agencies disappeared completely. However Gov. McGreevey committed an additional \$100 million to education in this year's budget after holding the line on educational spending last year. This represents a 1.7% increase over last year's spending. Phillipsburg will receive a 0.7% increase in funding from the state.

Report cards for each school in NJ were made available the first week in February. These report cards provide financial,

educational, & informational news about every school.

You can view all these reports, and more, via the PEA web site. You will also be able to find information on comparative spending guides from the past few years, District Factor Groups (DFGs) and Title I schools. Stay informed about what's happening in education in NJ by clicking on the link below.

*DoE via PEA Website*

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