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Old Bridge schools cut 85 positions

District pulls \$3.6M from program costs

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OLD BRIDGE – About 85 positions will be eliminated, and taxpayers will see an increase in the school portion of their municipal tax bill under the \$150.7 million budget for the 2019-20 school year approved by the Board of Education Thursday night.

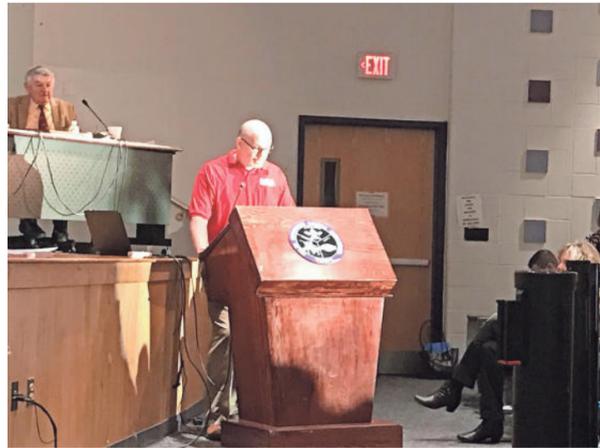
The positions to be cut include two central level administrators, one building level administrator, about 27 noon hours supervisors, about 10 secretaries, about

10 paraprofessionals, coaching positions and certified staff.

Superintendent of Schools David Cittadino explained the district does not yet know how many staffers will lose their jobs, which would be based on factors such as the number of employees who opt to retire.

“While the \$150.7 million budget was adopted tonight (Thursday), items within the budget will remain fluid until we have a complete financial picture of breakage from retirements, re-negotiations with vendors, and external revenue sources,” Cittadino said. “This board and administration seeks to keep the district as

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Tim O'Neill, a teacher and president of the Old Bridge Education Association, said there has been a lack of communication throughout the Old Bridge Board of Education budget process.
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Redevelopment glorifies Dunellen's history, progress

Dunellen Mayor Robert J. Seader stands in front of the demolished Art Color plant on South Washington Avenue that soon will be redeveloped into Dunellen Station, a multi-use property that will consist of 252 apartments, 130 townhouses and 9,200-square-feet of retail. BOB MAKIN/CENTRAL JERSEY COURIER NEWS PHOTOS

RIDING RAILS TO NEW TOMORROW

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DUNELLEN - For more than 100 years, the borough has loved trains, especially the locomotives that first pulled through its historic station and paved the way for the community to be built in 1887. ■ Designated a Transit Village by the State Department of Transportation in 2012, the mile-square borough now has another reason to be proud of its railroad history: Dunellen Station, a mixed-use redevelopment of the long-underutilized Art Color factory site across South Washington Avenue from the train station.

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Dunellen developer Joseph Vallani continues to put his stamp on the downtown with this latest multi-use property at 216 North Ave. that is near completion and ready to lease.

Youth suicide: Why is it a crisis and what can we do?

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The number of children and teens are being hospitalized for suicide attempts or suicidal thoughts doubled between 2007 and 2015, according to a recent analysis a federal data.

The study, published in JAMA Pediatrics, adds to a growing body of research into child and teen suicide that all show that risk of suicide is growing among young people.

Suicide rates in the 10-18 age group have increased in New Jersey since 2003, the only category to grow.

And in New York, self-inflicted hospitalizations for youths between 15 to 19 years old were higher than any other age group — with a 25% rate increase from 2010 to 2014.

Two psychiatrists who treat children in mental health crises say even the extent of the problem is hard to quantify.

It's clear that more youngsters are being seen for suicide attempts, and that these incidents are happening at younger ages than ever documented, said Dr. Edward Hall, chief psychiatrist for children's services at Bergen New Bridge Medical Center, which has one of the largest pediatric behavioral emergency departments and pediatric psychiatric inpatient departments in New Jersey.

Causation is complex, said Hall, who has been in practice for 36 years. But the statistics are troubling.

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