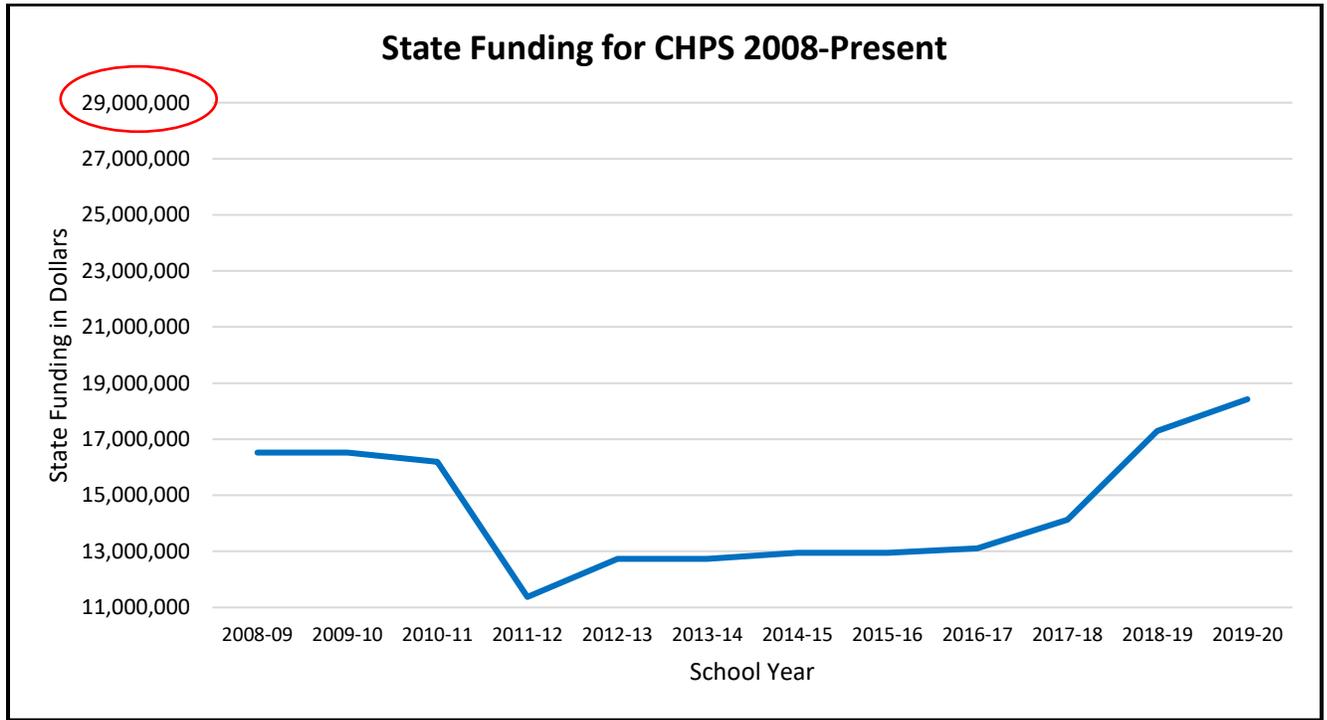


**Statement from Cherry Hill Public Schools  
Assistant Superintendent Justin Smith and  
Board of Education President Eric Goodwin  
Regarding the District's 2019-2020 State Funding**

On Thursday, March 7, 2019, the New Jersey Department of Education announced the funds each public school district in the state would receive for the 2019-2020 school year. The Cherry Hill Public Schools (CHPS) will receive \$18,424,908. Under the State Funding Reform Act (SFRA) of 2008, CHPS should be receiving \$29 million per year. This has never been the case since the SFRA was passed. Historically, our funding has been:



After working with the Zone PTA Fair Funding for Cherry Hill Schools Committee for the past five years and with the Cherry Hill Board of Education for the past 10 years to lobby for more state funds, CHPS administration was hoping for a larger increase than \$3.16 million additional dollars for the 2018-2019 school year. We had hoped to see an increase in our funding this year that would have brought our total to \$20 million or more. As the \$18.4 million from the state for 2019-2020 falls short of what we had hoped for, members of the Fair Funding Committee, our Board of Education and our district administration met with our State Representatives Lou Greenwald and Pamela Lampitt on Friday, March 8, 2019, to express our concerns. The representatives assured us they are committed to bringing CHPS to full funding, at \$29 million, by 2025, based on current enrollment. They have devised the following timetable:

2020-21: \$20,725,186

2021-22: \$22,648,174

2022-23: \$24,737,586

2023-24: \$26,951,816

2024-25: \$29,348,895

As our buildings' critical needs grow – and will continue to grow – we will be working with our representatives to secure possible alternative funding resources in the coming months. We appreciate their efforts and will be holding them accountable to make sure the funding plan they have devised for us comes to full fruition. We look forward to continued, increased community involvement in the fair funding effort.

Please visit the [Fair Funding for Cherry Hill Public Schools](#) web site for more information and resources.