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# Freeholders Reduce Budget By Nearly \$1 Million

## *Fifth Consecutive Year Of Budget Reductions*

The Hunterdon County Freeholder Board, on May 29<sup>th</sup>, adopted a 2018 budget that is \$982,167 less than last year's budget, the fifth consecutive year the budget has been reduced.

The 2018 budget is \$87,779,652, down from 2017's \$88,761,820 fiscal plan.

Freeholder Director Matt Holt said, "The budget is lower for the fifth year in a row as a result of cost savings and financial planning. It is substantially lower than the nearly \$100 million County budget from over a decade ago.



The budget continues the Freeholders pay as you go policy for capital improvements, contains no debt or debt service, and provides for the numerous County shared service programs that save costs for our municipalities and taxpayers."

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## Lanza Calls For Passage Of School Bus Seat Belt Law

Hunterdon County Freeholder John Lanza has called on the State Legislature to finally pass legislation (S-233) requiring school buses be equipped with three-point lap and shoulder seat belts, and will propose a resolution of support for the bill at the next Freeholder Board meeting.

Freeholder Lanza said, "Thousands of New Jersey students are transported in school buses every day. It is beyond comprehension that this legislation, which gives school children the same protections on a school bus as they have in their family car, has lingered for at least four years.

The legislation meets the recommendations of the National Transportation Safety Board and is just plain common sense. It's about protecting school kids."

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## South County Library May Be Headed Back To East Amwell

East Amwell Mayor Tim Matthews recommended that the Hunterdon County Library branch in South County be re-located back to 1103 Old York Road in Ringoes, during an appearance at the Freeholder meeting on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Freeholder Board Deputy Director Suzanne Lagay, liaison to the Library Commission, noted, "Use of the South County Library has dropped by nearly 60% since the move to away from Ringoes, according to data provided by the Library Director. The South County branch needs to be more available to residents."

[Click here to read the full story.](#)

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## Hunterdon County Prosecutor Issues Fentanyl Warning

Hunterdon County Prosecutor Anthony P. Kearns, III, is announcing a public safety notice on the dangers of fentanyl to law enforcement, first responders, and the public.

[Click here for the Press Release.](#)



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Rockaway.

**Bridge T-73 will be closed for approximately 4-5 weeks for Emergency Priority Repairs.**

County Bridge T-73 located on Meadow Lane in the Township of Tewksbury. Bridge T-73 is located at the intersection of Rockaway Road and 8/10 of a mile from Bissel Road. The county will be signing a detour Bissel Road to

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**Saturday, June 2, 2018  
11AM - 4PM  
South County Fairgrounds,  
1207 Route 179, Ringoes, NJ**

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**PRIMARY ELECTION - TUESDAY,  
JUNE 5, 2018**



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### Congressman Lance's Service Academy Information Fair

For Seventh Congressional District high school students on Saturday June 16 at RVC, 118 Lamington Road in Branchburg, from 10 - noon in the Conference Center.

The fair is free and open to all Seventh District high school students. Students should register in advance at [lance.house.gov/academyday](http://lance.house.gov/academyday).



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