



Monroe Township School District (Middlesex)

HOW THE HOLD-HARMLESS PROVISION IS ACTUALLY HARMING MONROE
TOWNSHIP

Monroe Township Middle School



Monroe Township High School



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STUDENT ENROLLMENT

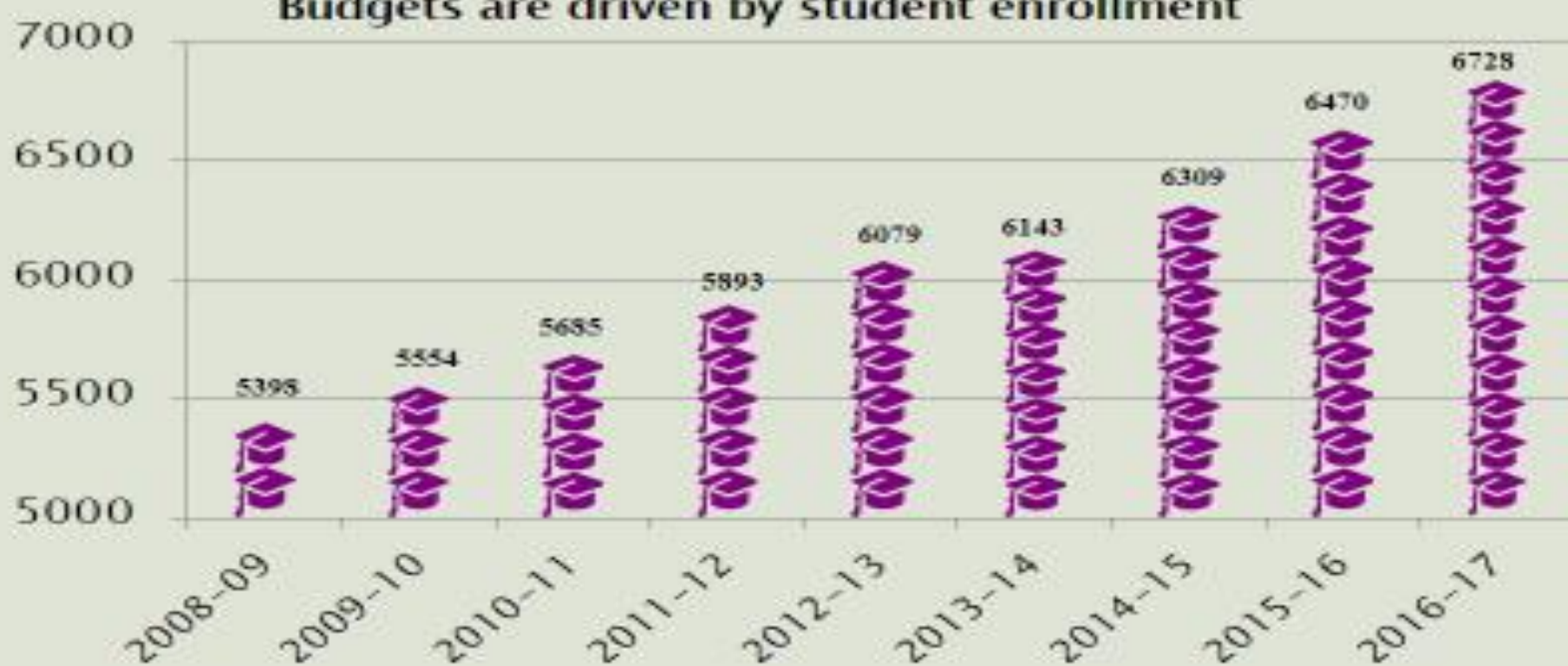
The Monroe Township School District (MTSD) is experiencing unprecedented student growth. We have **added 1, 330 students** since 2008. In the next five years, our demographic report **predicts 1,535 students** entering our schools.

Because of the Hold-Harmless provision, the MTSD is cutting quality educational programs and services to accommodate its new student enrollment. In addition, we have been cannibalizing our schools by converting libraries and other areas into classrooms.

Our enrollment projection of 476 students for the 2017-18 school year will cost an additional 7.1 million dollars (476 x 15,000).

BUDGET APPROPRIATION CONSIDERATIONS

Budgets are driven by student enrollment



+ 1,330 students over the past eight years.

* Projected by Ross Haber Associates March 2016

STATE AID

In 2008, MTSD received \$5,467,365 in state aid

In 2016, MTSD received \$3,344,439 in state aid

That equals an 8 year cumulative decrease in state aid of **-\$2,122,926 (- 39%)**

But, our 8 year cumulative student enrollment increased by +1,330 (+ 25%)

Increase in student population, Decrease in State Aid

8-year cumulative decrease in State Aid

(\$2,122,926.00) - 39%

8-year increase in enrollment from ASSA

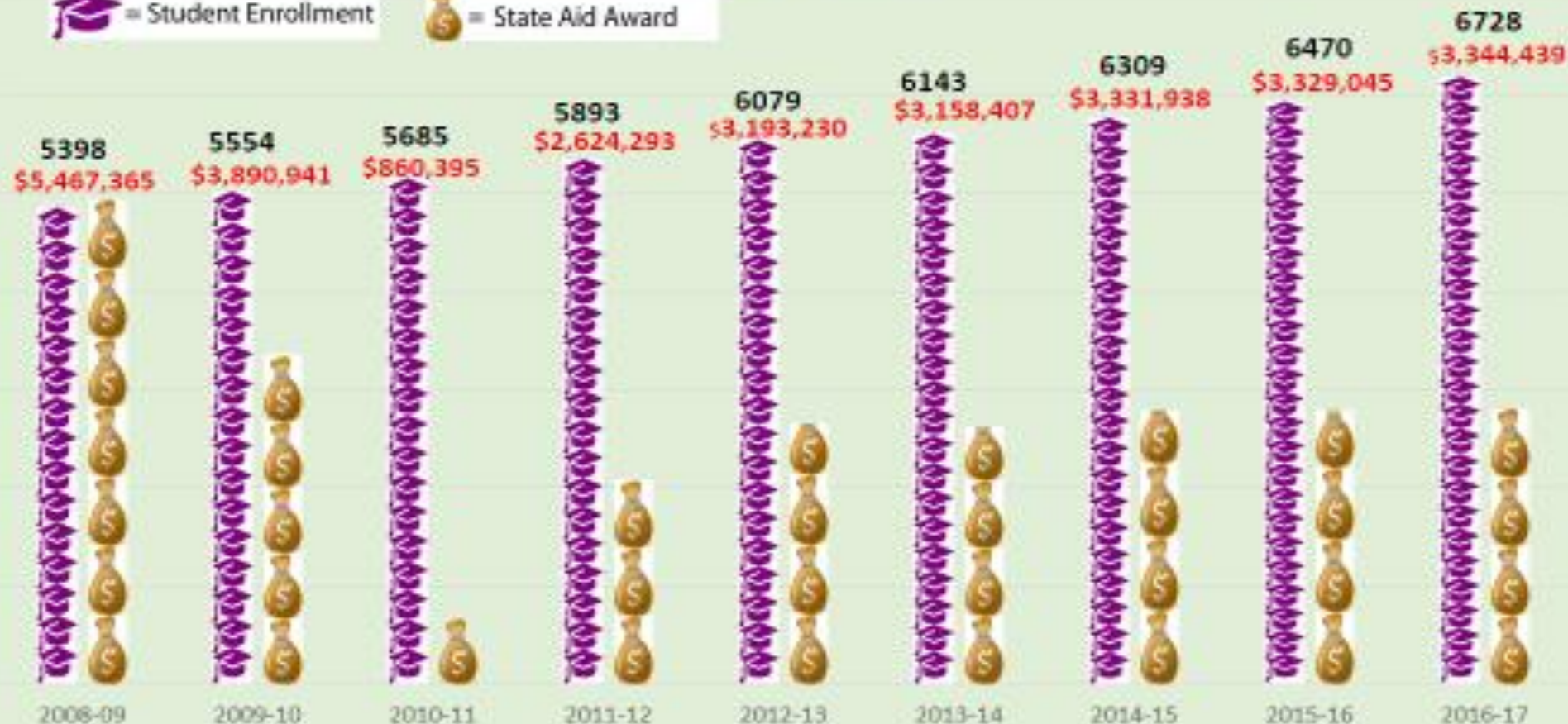
+ 1,330 students + 25%



= Student Enrollment



= State Aid Award



CONCLUSION

Thank you for providing this opportunity to present our funding concerns to you.

On behalf of the Monroe Township Board of Education, the students, staff and the entire community of Monroe Township, **we respectfully ask that you begin to fund the MTSD, and all other underfunded school districts, beginning with the 2017-18 school year.**