

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 339, *approved January 20, 2026*
Senate, No. 5026

1 AN ACT concerning funds for Union City School District and
2 making an appropriation.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 2 of P.L.2022,
8 c.18 or any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, from the
9 amounts appropriated from the “New Jersey Debt Defeasance and
10 Prevention Fund,” established pursuant to section 1 of P.L.2021,
11 c.125 (C.52:9H-2.2), to the New Jersey Schools Development
12 Authority for school facilities projects, emergent needs, and capital
13 maintenance in SDA districts pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2022,
14 c.18, an amount not to exceed \$10,000,000 shall be allocated to the
15 Department of Education, subject to the approval of the Director of
16 the Division of Budget and Accounting, for the engineering, design,
17 and construction of parking facilities or structures used by the
18 faculty, administration, and students of the Colin Powell
19 Elementary School in Union City School District for parking. The
20 Department of Education shall enter into a grant agreement with the
21 Union City School District setting forth the terms, conditions, and
22 disbursement schedule of the funds allocated pursuant to this
23 section. The State Treasurer shall modify as necessary prior grant
24 agreements with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority
25 setting forth the terms, conditions, and disbursement schedule of the
26 funds appropriated from the “New Jersey Debt Defeasance and
27 Prevention Fund” to the New Jersey Schools Development
28 Authority pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2022, c.18.

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30 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
31 Department of Education the sum of \$3,250,000 to be distributed to
32 Union City School District for High Cost Special Education
33 Services, subject to the approval of the Director of the Division of
34 Budget and Accounting.

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36 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill provides funds to Union City School District to support
42 certain expenditures.

43 The bill allocates to the Department of Education a portion of
44 certain appropriations previously made from the “New Jersey Debt

Defeasance and Prevention Fund” to the New Jersey Schools Development Authority for the parking facilities or structures of the Colin Powell Elementary School in Union City School District.

In 2022, the Legislature appropriated from the “New Jersey Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund” the sum of \$1.9 billion to the New Jersey Schools Development Authority for the purpose of funding school facilities projects, emergent needs, and capital maintenance in school districts. Of that amount, \$1.55 billion was appropriated for the facilities needs of SDA districts, which have been identified by the State as having special educational needs that require supplemental programs and facilities improvements.

Under this bill, an amount not to exceed \$10 million of the \$1.55 billion allocated in 2022 for the facilities needs of SDA districts would be allocated to the Department of Education for the engineering, design, and construction of parking facilities or structures used by the faculty, administration, and students of the Colin Powell Elementary School in Union City School District. The bill directs the department to enter into a grant agreement with the Union City School District setting forth the terms, conditions, and disbursement schedule of the funds allocated pursuant to the bill. The bill also directs the State Treasurer to modify as necessary prior grant agreements with the New Jersey Schools Development Authority setting forth the terms, conditions, and disbursement of the funds.

This bill also appropriates \$3.25 million from the General Fund to the Department of Education for High Cost Special Education Services in Union City School District.

Allocates certain portion of appropriations made to New Jersey Schools Development Authority from “New Jersey Debt Defeasance and Prevention Fund”; appropriates \$3.25 million for certain high cost special education services.