Forestville Central School District
Budget Meeting #3

March 13, 2025

Presentation to the Board of Education by
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Agenda

Budget Process
- Review budget process and timeline

Revenue Estimates
- Executive Budget Proposal

Tax Levy Calculation

Fund Balance

Review Expense Budget

Proposed Capital Improvement Project

Next Steps
- Board Approval of Budget, April TBD
- Public Hearing, May 8th

Budget Timeline

Budget Committee Meetings - Guidelines, Revenues, Expenses, Levy, Reserves, Discussion

- January 9
- February 13
- March 13

Board Approval of Budget

- April TBD

Budget Hearing

- May 8 – Public Budget Presentation

Annual Meeting (Budget Vote)

- May 20
- Re-vote June 17, if necessary

PROPOSED REVENUE SUMMARY

	2024-2025 Revenue	2025-2026 Revenue Budget	Increase (decrease)	
			$ Change	% Change
General Fund State Aid	$ 8,395,348	$ 8,093,649	$ (301,699)	-3.6%
Tax Levy	$ 4,029,844	$ 4,123,697	$ 93,853	2.3%
Transfer from Debt Service	$ 50,000	$ 50,000	$ -	0.0%
Other Revenue	$ 509,193	$ 504,471	$ (4,722)	-0.9%
Total Revenue	$ 12,984,385	$ 12,771,817	$ (212,568)	-1.6%
Appropriated Fund Balance	$ 501,724	$ 501,724	$ -	0.0%
Use of Reserved Balance	639,949	874,643	$ 234,694	36.7%
Total Budget	**$ 14,126,058**	**$ 14,148,184**	**$ 22,126**	0.2%

State Aid Projections

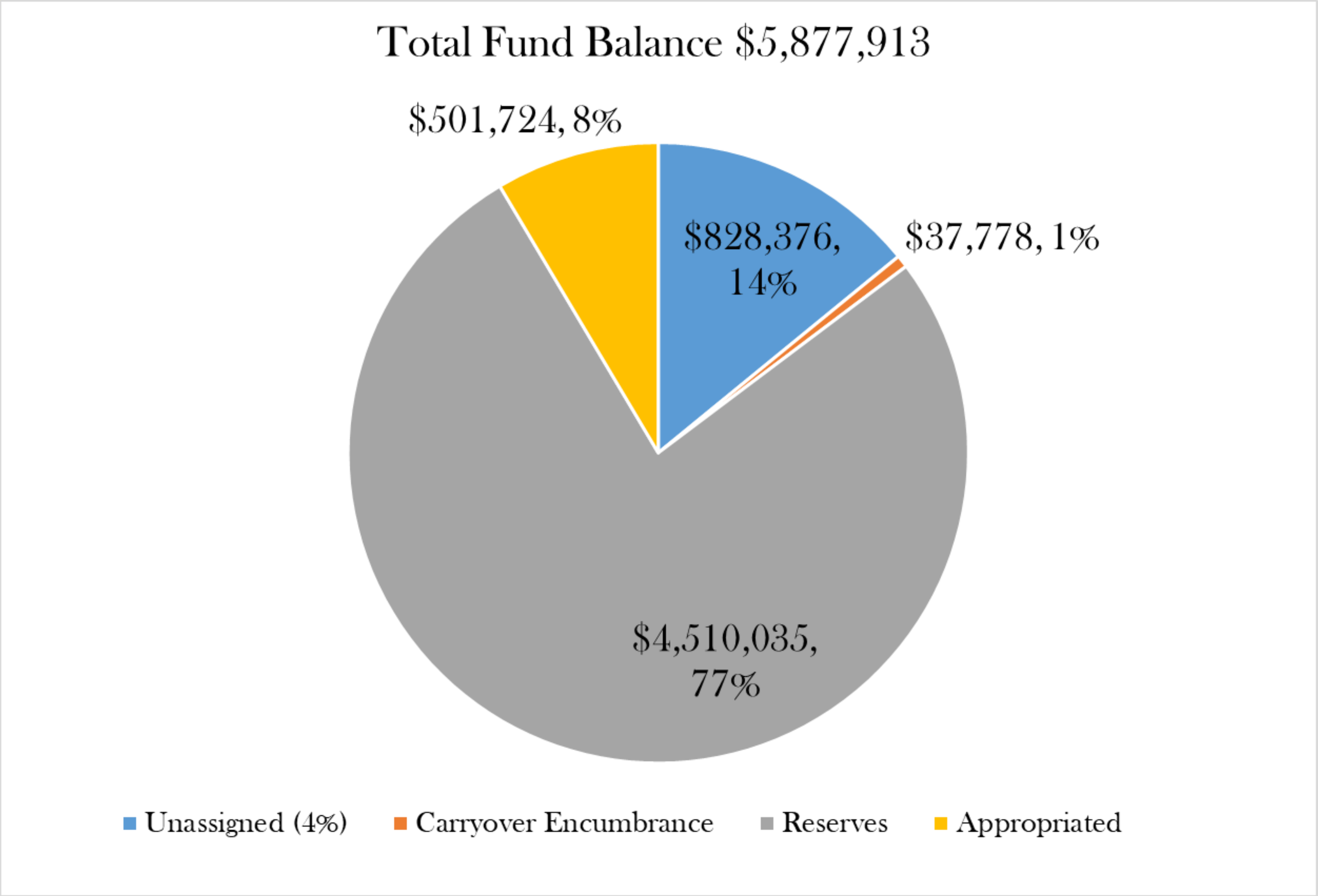
	2024-2025 Enacted	2025-2026 Proposed	Change	% Change
Foundation Aid	$5,528,996	$5,639,575	$110,579	2.00%
Transportation Aid	$988,854	$1,013,901	$25,047	2.53%
Building Aid	$989,666	$610,942	($378,724)	-38.27%
BOCES Aid	$683,083	$608,248	($74,835)	-10.96%
Public Excess Cost Aid	$82,217	$53,037	($29,180)	-35.49%
Private Excess Cost Aid	$99,329	$129,509	$30,180	30.38%
Software Aid	$3,444	$31,782	$28,338	822.82%
Library Materials Aid	$2,525		($2,525)	-100.00%
Textbook	$16,242		($16,242)	-100.00%
Hardware & Technology Aid	$992	$6,655	$5,663	570.87%
Total	**$8,395,348**	**$8,093,649**	**($301,699)**	**-3.59%**

Over the next few years…

- Continue to ensure that our reserve accounts are properly funded
- Monitor efficiency of all line item expenditures.

Components of Fund Balance

As of June 30, 2024



ROLLOVER BUDGET SUMMARY

	2024-2025 Approved Budget			2025-2026 Rollover Budget			Increase (decrease)		
	$		% of Budget	$		% of Budget	$ Change		% Change
Wages	$	6,003,991	43%	$	6,140,870	43%	$	136,879	2.3%
Benefits	$	2,574,074	18%	$	2,662,406	19%	$	88,332	3.4%
Debt Service	$	1,820,274	13%	$	1,505,855	11%	$	(314,419)	-17.3%
Interfund Transfers	$	120,500	1%	$	120,500	1%	$	-	0.0%
Other	$	3,607,219	26%	$	3,815,846	27%	$	208,627	5.8%
Total	$	14,126,058	100%	$	14,148,184	100%	$	22,126	0.2%

Tax Levy

- Property Taxes
  - We are proposing to raise to our tax cap limit for the 25-26 school year with a 2.3% increase ($93,853)

Tax Cap Calculation

- Tax cap - allowable levy growth factor based on CPI of 1.02%
- Tax Growth Factor 1.0026%
- Payment in Lieu of Taxes (P.I.L.O.T.)
- Local taxpayers eligible for rebate if we stay within tax cap
- Consumer Price Index (CPI) a calculating factor
- Maximum Allowable Tax Cap Levy Limit
- No TRS and ERS Exclusions

Tax Cap Calculation

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Property Tax Cap

Formula for Determining Tax Levy Limit: School Districts

Base Formula

([(Total taxes levied for prior fiscal year + Prior year reserve offset - Reserve amount (including interest earned)) X Tax base growth factor[1]] + PILOTs receivable in the prior fiscal year - Capital tax levy exclusion, prior fiscal year - Tort exclusion, prior fiscal year)

X Allowable levy growth factor (1.00 to 1.02)[2] - PILOTs receivable in coming fiscal year + Available carryover, if any = **Tax Levy Limit**

+ Exclusions

Tax Levy Limit + Tax levy necessary for expenditures resulting from court orders/judgments arising out of tort actions for any amount in excess of 5% of the total taxes levied in the prior fiscal year + Capital tax levy + Tax levy necessary to pay for increases to the system average actuarial contribution rate (ERS) or normal contribution rate (TRS) of pension funds over 2 percentage points = **Tax Levy Limit, with Exclusions (if applicable)[3]**

Tax Cap Levy Limit

- Based on Formula:
  - Allowable Tax Levy- $4,123,697
  - 2.3% ($93,853) increase over 2024
  - Proposed tax levy will have a 2.3% increase over the 2024-25 levy of $4,029,844

Putting it all Together

- **Revenue –** 1.6% decrease overall. 3.6% decrease in State Aid
- **Expenses -** Expense budget to increase 0.2% ($22,126)
- **Tax Levy -** Allowable increase is 2.3% ($93,853)

Capital Projects & Bus Purchases

- $100, 000 yearly outlay project (86% aidable)
  - Remaining doors & hardware in Middle/High School

- Purchase of 2 65-passenger gas school buses to replace 2 older buses at a cost of $365,463

Questions