

Forestville Central School District Budget Meeting #1

January 11, 2024

Presentation to the Board of Education by
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Agenda

Budget Process

- Review budget process and timeline

Revenue Estimates

- Governor's Budget Proposal

Expense Budget

- Purpose of the rollover budget

Tax Levy

Fund Balance

- Review components of fund balance
- Review projections
- Keys to long-term budgeting and fund balance

Budget Guidelines

- Establish Board of Education budget guidelines

Next Steps

- Next Meeting – February 8, 2024 5:40 p.m.



Budget Timeline

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

- January 11
- February 8
- March 14

Board Approval of Budget

- April 16

Budget Hearing

- May 9 – Public Budget Presentation

Annual Meeting (Budget Vote)

- May 21
- Re-vote June 18, if necessary



Proposed Revenue Summary

	2023-24 Revenue Budget	2024-25 Revenue Budget (est.)	\$ Change	% Change
State Aid	\$8,533,804	\$8,846,961	\$313,157	3.67%
Tax Levy	\$4,029,844	\$4,029,844	-	0%
Transfer From Debt Service	\$50,000	\$50,000	-	0%
Other Revenue	\$257,615	\$257,615	-	0%
Total Revenue	\$12,871,263	\$13,184,420	\$334,125	3.78%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$501,724	\$501,724	0	0%
Use of Fund Balance	\$270,860	\$386,452	\$115,592	42.7%
Total Budget	\$13,643,847	\$14,072,596	\$428,749	3.1%

Rollover Expenses Budget

- Purpose – A starting point to estimate expense budget
- Considerations – Include known contractual obligations
- Projections – we can estimate other planned expenses
- Next Steps – we can provide additional detail on expenditures at future budget meetings



Variances in Rollover Budget

- Contractual salary obligations are increasing
- Teachers Retirement System (TRS) – decrease from 10.29% to 9.76% (-.53%) decrease.
- Employee Retirement System (ERS) – increase from 13.1% to 15.2% (2.1%) increase.
- Health Insurance – projected using a 4.0% increase.
- Dental/Vision - projected using a 4.0% increase.
- Capital Fund: Budget includes a proposal to appropriate \$100,000 for a Capital Outlay Project.



Rollover Budget Summary

	2023-24 Approved Budget	% of Budget	2024-25 Rollover Budget	% of Budget	Increase \$	Increase %
Wages	\$5,681,978	42%	\$6,052,451	43%	\$370,473	6.5%
Benefits	\$2,524,947	19%	\$2,600,696	19%	\$75,749	3.0%
Debt Service	\$1,439,515	11%	\$1,777,051	12%	\$337,536	23.4%
Interfund Transfers	\$185,500	1%	\$120,500	1%	(\$65,000)	-35.0%
Other	\$3,811,907	28%	\$3,521,898	25%	(\$290,009)	-7.6%
Total	\$13,643,847	100%	\$14,072,596	100%	\$428,749	3.1%

Tax Levy

- Property Taxes

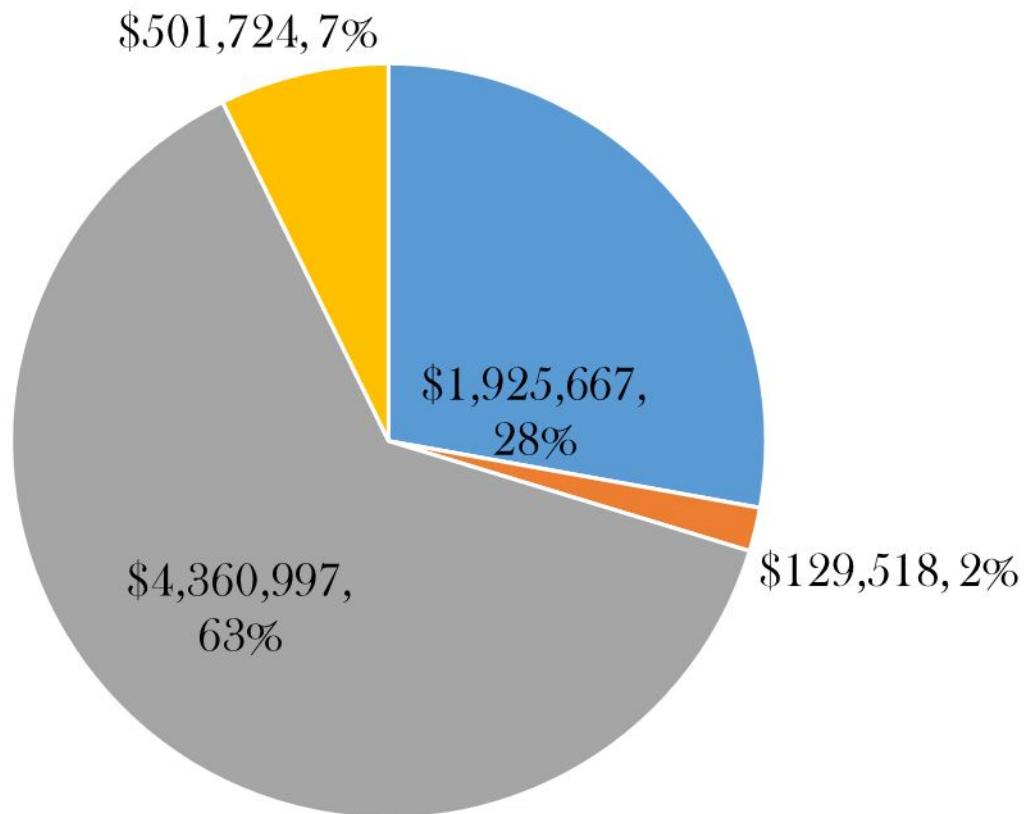
- The goal is that our tax levy will have a 0% increase over the 2023-24 levy of \$4,029,588
- Due to the fund balance, we believe we can responsibly leave the levy flat, while still meeting the instructional initiatives of our District.



Components of Fund Balance

As of June 30, 2023

Total Fund Balance \$6,917,906



■ Unassigned (4%) ■ Carryover Encumbrance ■ Reserves ■ Appropriated



Over the next few years...

- The goal is to:
 - Decrease fund balance to the allowable 4%
 - Continue to ensure that our reserve accounts are properly funded
 - To monitor efficiency of all line item expenditures.



Capital Project Details

- We have a debt local share of \$26,486 dropping off after the 2026 year
- In order to take advantage of this, we need to begin planning for a project with a vote in May 2024
- With our debt reduction, Capital Reserve account of approximately \$2.2 million, and our building aid ratio, we believe that we can design a project of approximately \$11,875,000 with no additional tax impact



Next Meeting - February 8th

- Further clarify expenditure budget
- Provide more detail on revenues



Questions

