

Forestville Central School District Budget Meeting #2

February 8, 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

Tax Levy Calculation

Fund Balance Plan

- Other Fund Balance Items

Next Steps

- Next Meeting – March 14, 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	\$8,771,197	\$237,393	2.8%
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	\$13,108,656	\$237,393	1.8%
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$501,724	\$501,724	0	0%
Use of Fund Balance	\$270,860	\$550,138	\$279,278	103.1%
Total Budget	\$13,643,847	\$14,160,518	\$516,671	3.8%

State Aid Projections

	2023-2024 Enacted	2024-2025 Proposed	Change	% Change
Foundation Aid	\$5,334,971	\$5,566,898	\$231,927	4.35%
Transportation Aid	\$787,594	\$967,128	\$179,534	22.80%
Building Aid	\$1,395,917	\$996,501	(\$399,416)	-28.61%
BOCES Aid	\$662,304	\$795,111	\$132,807	20.05%
Public Excess Cost Aid	\$79,986	\$138,447	\$58,461	73.09%
Private Excess Cost Aid	\$73,632	\$73,521	(\$111)	-0.15%
Software Aid	\$3,071	\$6,172	\$3,101	100.98%
Library Materials Aid	\$2,662	\$2,575	(\$87)	-3.27%
Textbook Aid	\$18,675	\$24,407	\$5,732	30.69%
Hardware & Technology Aid	\$933	\$7,059	\$6,126	656.59%
Universal Pre-Kindergarten Aid	\$153,091	\$193,378	\$40,287	26.32%
Total	\$8,512,836	\$8,771,197	\$258,361	3.03%

Over the next few years...

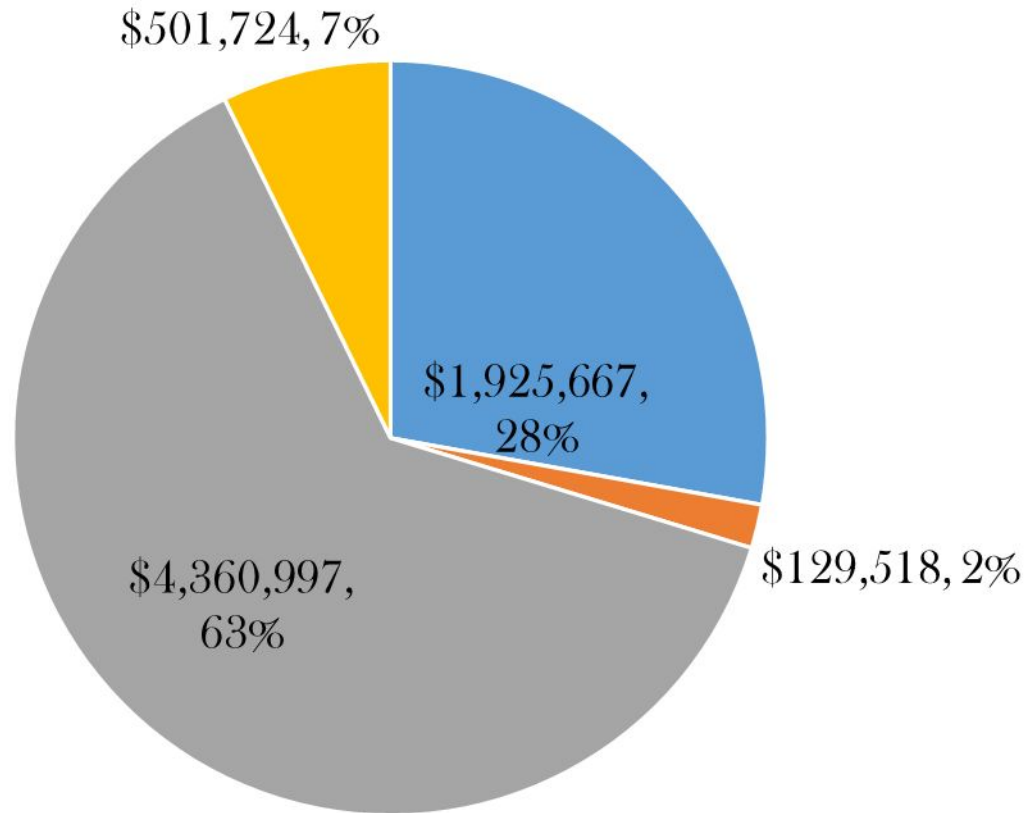
- The goal is to:
 - Decrease fund balance to get closer to the allowable 4%
 - Continue to ensure that our reserve accounts are properly funded
 - To monitor efficiency of all line item expenditures.



Components of Fund Balance

As of June 30, 2023

Total Fund Balance \$6,917,906



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



Rollover Budget Summary

	2023-24 Approved Budget	% of Budget	2024-25 Rollover Budget	% of Budget	Increase \$	Increase %
Wages	\$5,681,978	42%	\$5,937,851	42%	\$255,873	4.5%
Benefits	\$2,524,947	19%	\$2,521,639	18%	(\$3,308)	-0.1%
Debt Service	\$1,439,515	11%	\$1,820,274	13%	\$380,759	26.5%
Interfund Transfers	\$185,500	1%	\$120,500	1%	(\$65,000)	-35.0%
Other	\$3,811,907	28%	\$3,760,254	27%	(\$51,653)	-1.4%
Total	\$13,643,847	100%	\$14,160,518	100%	\$516,671	3.8%

Tax Levy

- Property Taxes

- The goal is that our tax levy will have a 0% increase over the 2023-24 levy of \$4,029,844
- Due to the fund balance, we believe we can responsibly leave the levy flat, while still meeting the instructional initiatives of our District.



Tax Cap Calculation

- Tax cap - allowable levy growth factor based on CPI of 1.02%
- Tax Growth Factor 1.0102%
- 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

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 & \left(\left[\left(\begin{array}{c} \text{Total taxes levied for prior fiscal year} \\ + \\ \text{Prior year reserve offset} \\ - \\ \text{Reserve amount (including interest earned)} \end{array} \right) \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Tax base growth factor}^1 \end{array} \right] + \begin{array}{c} \text{PILOTs receivable in the prior fiscal year} \\ - \\ \text{Capital tax levy exclusion, prior fiscal year} \\ - \\ \text{Tort exclusion, prior fiscal year} \end{array} \right) \\
 & \times \begin{array}{c} \text{Allowable levy growth factor (1.00 to 1.02)}^2 \\ - \\ \text{PILOTs receivable in coming fiscal year} \\ + \\ \text{Available carryover, if any} \end{array} = \text{Tax Levy Limit}
 \end{aligned}$$

+ 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- \$4,253,294
 - 5.25% (\$223,450) increase over 2024
 - The goal is that our tax levy will have a 0% increase over the 2023-24 levy of \$4,029,844
 - Due to the fund balance, we believe we can responsibly leave the levy flat, while still meeting the instructional initiatives of our District.



Next Meeting - March 14th

Putting it all Together

- Review the full budget picture
 - Revenue
 - Expenses
 - Tax Levy



Questions

