

**FEBRUARY 6, 2025
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PRESENTATION 1**

2025-2026 BUDGET PREVIEW

**David Leach - Superintendent of Schools
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STRATEGIC PRIORITIES



In our 2025-26 budget, we will...

- Prioritize students in every decision
- Ensure optimal class sizes for learning
- Strengthen safety, security, and infrastructure
- Respect concerns about property taxes
- Stay aligned with the District's strategic goals
- Sustain and strengthen programs



BUDGET PRESENTATIONS



PRESENTATION 1 FEB 6

BUDGET PREVIEW

PRESENTATION 4: MARCH 6

TRANSPORTATION &
FLEET REPORT

BUDGET UPDATE

PRESENTATION 6: APRIL 24

OVERVIEW, ADOPTION
OF BUDGET &
PROPERTY TAX
REPORT CARD

PRESENTATION 2 & 3: FEB 27

LONG-RANGE PLANNING STUDY

PROJECTED REVENUES,
PAYROLL & BENEFITS

PRESENTATION 5: MARCH 20

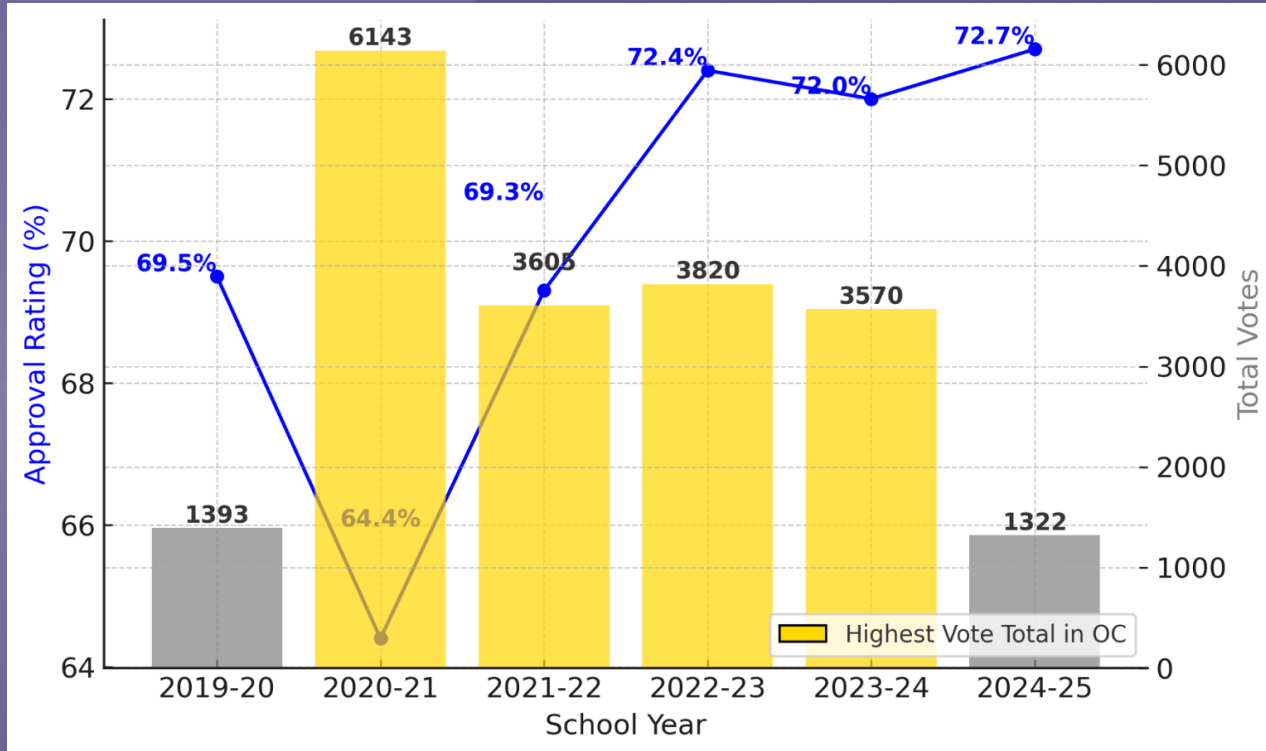
REVENUE UPDATE
WITH EXPENDITURES

PRESENTATION 7: MAY 7

PUBLIC HEARING ON
PROPOSED BUDGET



SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE RESULTS: APPROVAL RATINGS & TURNOUT





RECENT BUDGET HISTORY

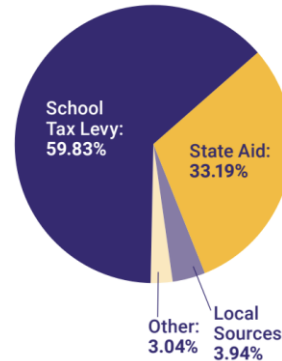
2024 - 2025

Annual Tax Savings

The District has always stayed at or below the tax cap. In fact, of the 12 years since the tax cap was enacted by the state, the District has reduced the tax levy even further in nine of those years (*), saving taxpayers millions of dollars.

BUDGET YEAR	ACTUAL TAX	REDUCTION IN TAX LEVY
2013-14	3.37%	\$859,642 *
2014-15	1.73%	\$53,594 *
2015-16	1.41%	\$0
2016-17	0%	\$244,846 *
2017-18	1.80%	\$0
2018-19	2.95%	\$40,400 *
2019-20	2.69%	\$95,947 *
2020-21	2.60%	\$160,998 *
2021-22	0%	\$592,645 *
2022-23	-0.37%	\$0
2023-24	3.49%	\$631,157 *
2024-25	3.49%	\$231,410 *

REVENUES



THREE-PART BUDGET

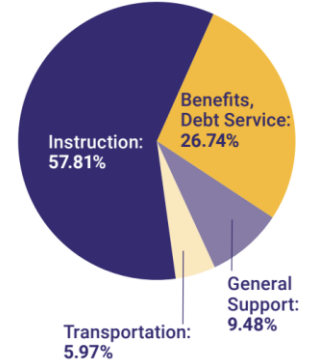
	2023-24	2024-25	\$ Change
Program	86,417,528	90,708,041	4,290,513
Administrative	11,853,809	13,039,419	1,185,610
Capital	10,868,842	11,413,998	545,156
TOTAL	\$109,140,179	\$115,161,458	\$6,021,279

Program Costs (78.77%): include salaries and benefits of all certified faculty and staff, teacher aides, monitors and nurses as well as in-service training, library costs, transportation, co-curricular programs and interscholastic athletics.

Administrative Costs (11.32%): include salaries and benefits of all professional staff members who spend 50% or more of their time in administration, finance and supervision. This portion also includes clerical staff, public information, curriculum development and supervision, research, planning and evaluation, legal services and school board-related costs.

Capital Costs (9.91%): include operations and maintenance, security, budgeted capital projects, tax refunds, principal and interest on debt and installment purchases and leases.

EXPENDITURES



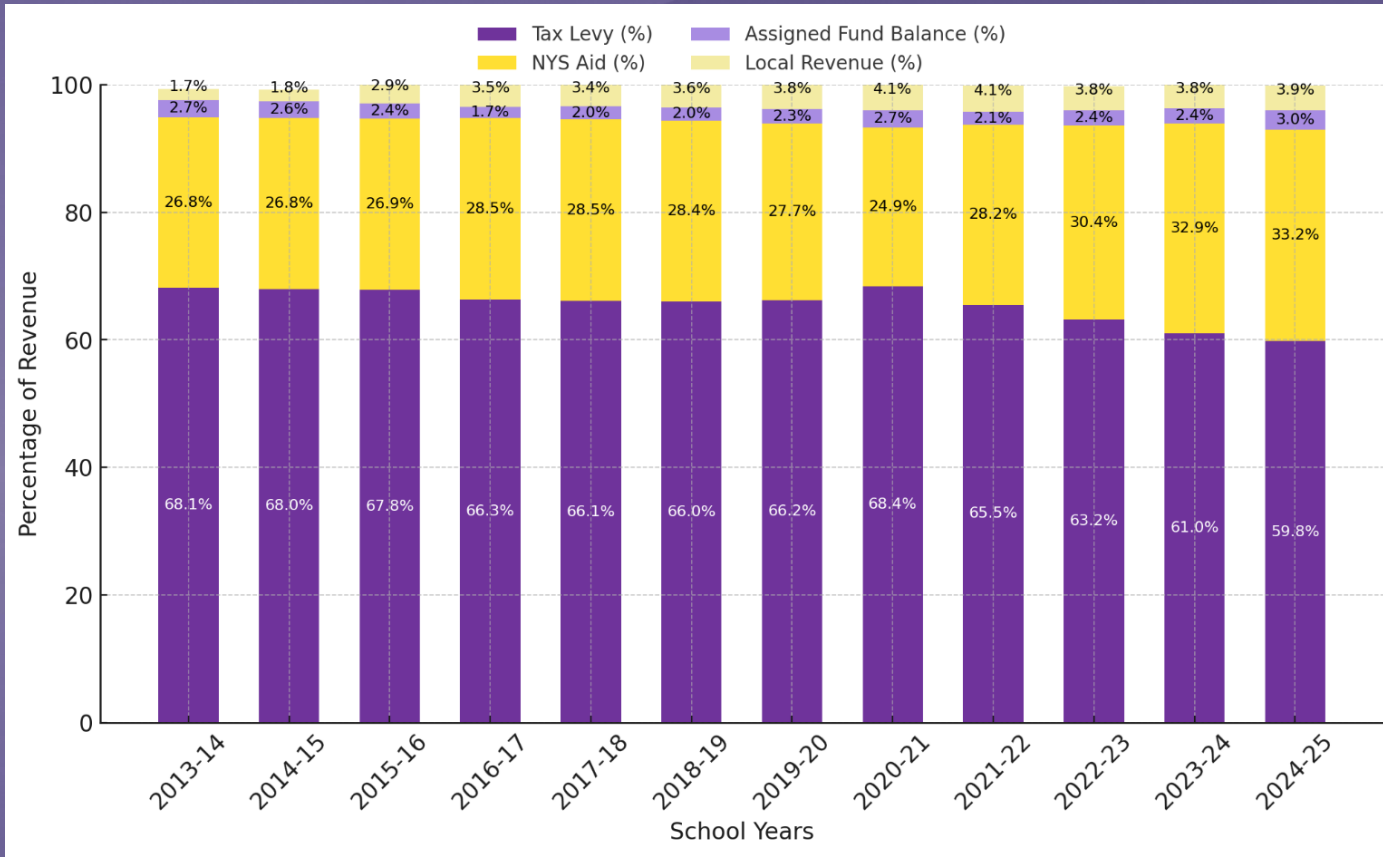
INFLATION FACTOR V. TAX LEVEL INCREASE



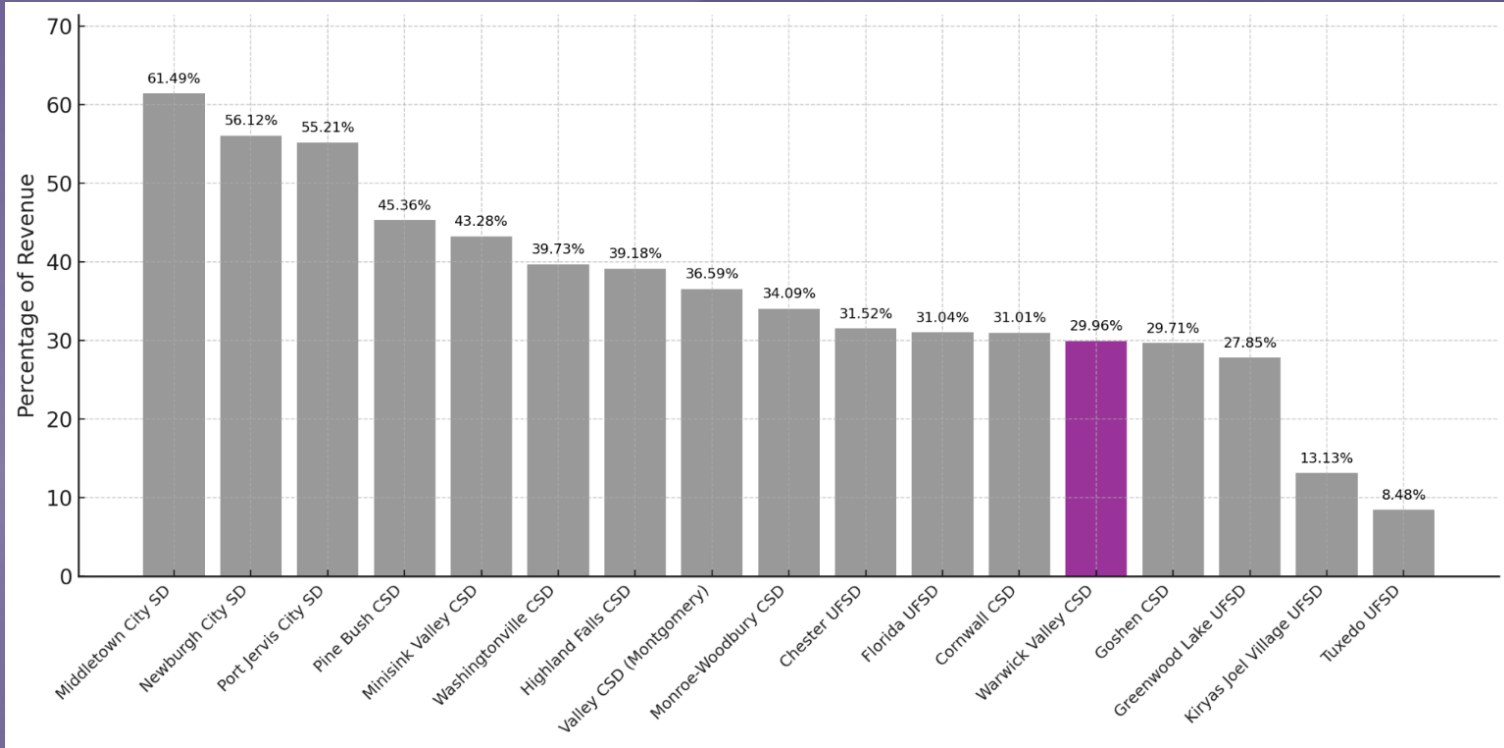
YEAR	TAX LEVY INCREASE	INFLATION FACTOR*
2021 - 2022	0%	1.23%
2022 - 2023	(0.37)	4.70%
2023 - 2024	3.49%	8.0%
2024 - 2025	3.49%	4.12%
2025 - 2026	2.59% (ESTIMATED)	2.95%

*OFFICE OF NYS COMPTROLLER JUN - JUL

COMPARISON OF REVENUE SOURCES



NYS AID % REVENUE (2023)



Source: District fiscal profile data are published by the State Education Department

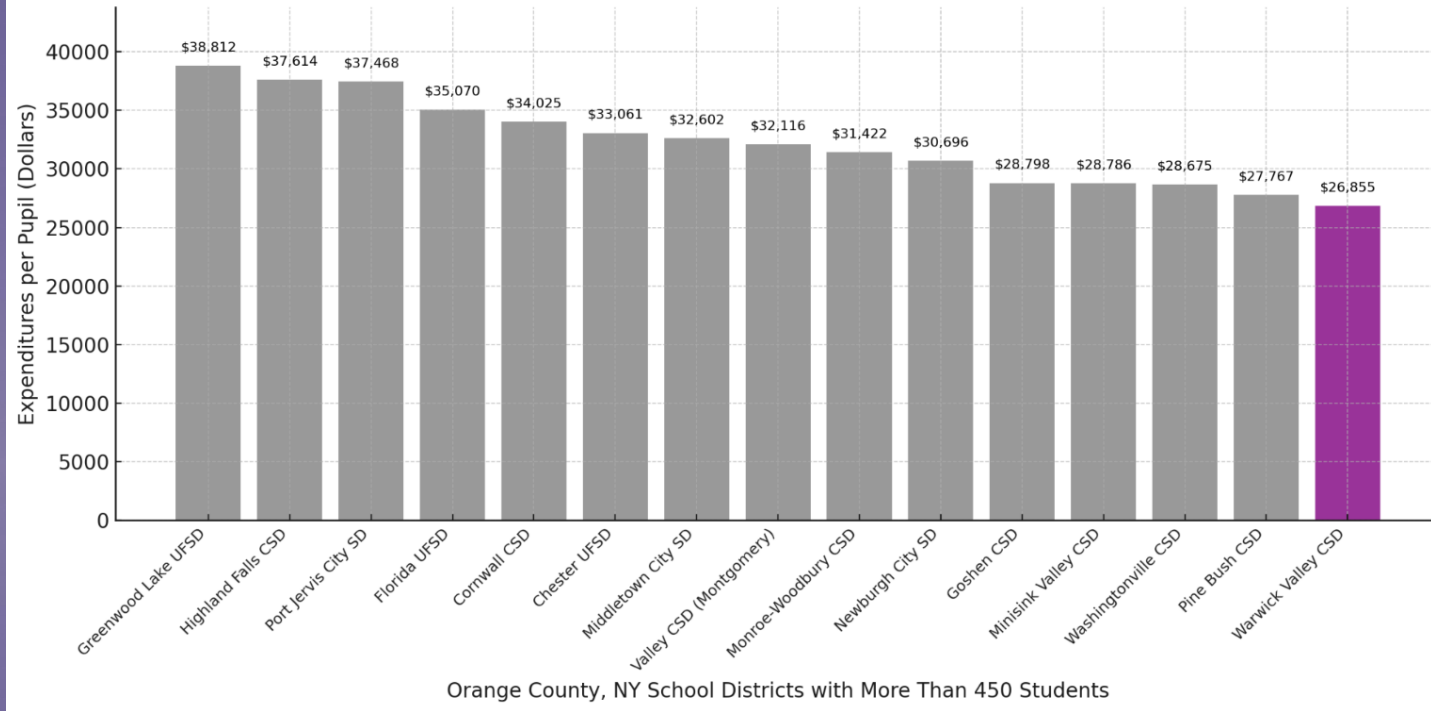
GOVERNOR'S AID RUN



Revenue Source	24-25 Budget State Aid	25-26 Governor's Run	Difference	
Foundation Aid	\$25,062,161	\$25,589,667	\$527,506	
Transportation Aid	\$4,373,476	\$4,663,302	\$289,826	
Excess Cost Public	\$1,950,000	\$1,666,858	(\$283,142)	
Excess Cost Private	\$800,000	\$829,144	\$29,144	
BOCES Aid	\$2,517,785	\$3,025,169	\$365,000	
Computer Hardware	\$53,555	\$50,706	(\$2,849)	
Software, Library, Textbook	\$295,225	\$293,147	(\$2,078)	
High Tax Aid	\$780,717	\$780,717	\$0	
Supplemental Excess Cost	\$10,949	\$10,949	\$0	
Building Aid	\$2,374,154	\$2,511,923	\$137,769	
Total	\$38,218,022	\$39,421,582	\$1,203,560	3.15%



TOTAL EXPENDITURES PER STUDENT



The total district expenditures (2022-23), including classroom instruction, transportation, debt service, and district administration, divided by the number of students. Source: District fiscal profile data are published by the State Education Department



STUDENT TO ADMIN RATIO

Comparable Districts	Students per Administrator	Enrollment
Cornwall CSD	108.78	3024
Monroe-Woodbury CSD	138.64	6534
Valley CSD (Montgomery)	146.06	4246
Minisink Valley CSD	150.17	3596
Port Jervis City SD	164.46	2373
Pine Bush CSD	170.16	4769
Washingtonville CSD	174.61	3919
Goshen CSD	198.99	2856
Warwick Valley CSD	201.82	3820

Source: 202-23 Staffing data is published by the New York State Education Department on its website at NYSED Personnel Master File.



PROPERTY TAX CAP FORMULA

- Cap on the Property Tax Levy allowable with simple majority vote (50% + 1 vote)
- Tax cap may be exceeded with voter approval of 60% or more (WVCSD has never exceeded)
- Contingency budget = next year's tax levy cannot be greater than current year's
- *Important aspects of the calculation:*
 - Consumer Price Index (Even if the CPI rises above 2%, the calculation will not factor in an increase greater than 2%)
 - Property Tax Base Growth Factor. The Property Tax Base Growth Factor ensures that tax revenue can grow in line with actual growth in the taxable property base (2025-26, \$400,000 est).



PROPERTY TAX CAP FORMULA

Important aspects of the calculation (continued):

- Allowable Exclusions: These exclusions are not subject to the CPI-based 2% cap and allow districts to collect additional revenue without seeking a supermajority voter approval. The excluded costs are added to the Tax Levy Limit after calculating the base amount using the CPI, growth factor.
 - Pension costs: Pension cost increases exceeding 2 percentage points of payroll in a given year are excluded. This applies to both the New York State Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) and the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System (ERS). Not relevant in 2025-26.



PROPERTY TAX CAP FORMULA

Important aspects of the calculation (continued):

- Allowable Exclusions:
 - Capital Expenditures (Debt Service): Costs for capital projects (e.g., construction, renovations, major repairs) and debt service payments (principal and interest) on bonds. These expenses are excluded as they stem from long-term planning and voter-approved initiatives.
 - PILOTs (Payments in Lieu of Taxes): PILOT payments are included in the New York State Tax Cap formula. When PILOT revenue increases, the allowable tax levy decreases to ensure consistent overall revenue.



BUDGET TIMELINE: YEAR-ROUND

CONTINUOUSLY REVIEW TO ADDRESS BOE GOALS

- Monitor expenditures to avoid waste and stay within budget
- Review staffing levels, adjusting to meet current, future needs
- Maximize “other” revenue sources
- Review existing contracts to ensure best value
- Negotiate contracts with staff
- Explore opportunities to share services



BUDGET TIMELINE: MONTHLY



June & July

- **Fiscal year ends June 30. Closing of District Financials begins. Treasurer begins process of filing State Fiscal Report (ST-3) and related schedules. Fund Balance is determined at this time.**

August

- **Finalize staffing needs based on enrollment. NYS Comptroller's Office may conduct audit. Calculate school tax bills. County confirms computations and publishes tax bills.**

September & October

- **Most purchases (e.g., textbooks, technology, etc.) now completed. Current year actual expenses closely monitored.**

BUDGET TIMELINE: MONTHLY



November & December

- **New programs, course offerings considered. Estimate cost increases (e.g., health and retirement contributions, inflation, new state mandates, etc.). A rollover budget is created.**

January

- **Directors and Principals meet with Central Office Administrators to consider budget requests aligned with BOE goals.**

January & February

- **The governor presents proposed NYS budget. State aid runs published in late January. Possible changes in state aid and the rollover budget typically identify a gap between expenditures and revenues. Begin to examine ways to close the deficit.**

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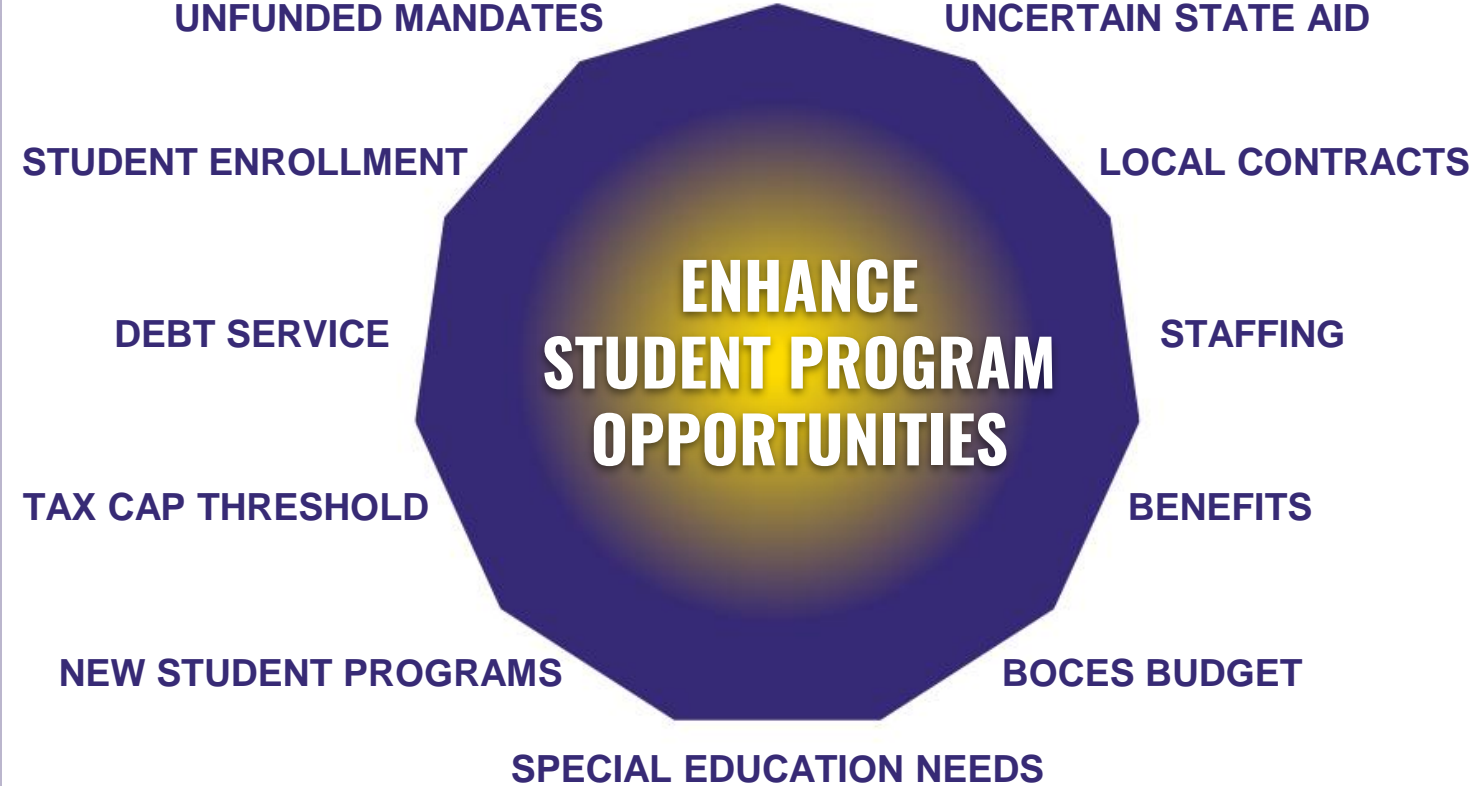
March

- **Calculate multi-step tax cap, submit to NYS. Maximum Allowable Tax Levy represents the amount school taxes can be increased while staying within the tax cap threshold. Legislative Budget is presented by March 31.**

April & May

- **The governor and the legislature hopefully agree to a NYS budget by the April 1 deadline.**
- **District finalizes the budget. A public hearing is held to present the final budget in May.**
- **Conduct a mailing to residents with specific information about the budget.**
- **Residents vote on the proposed budget on the third Tuesday in May.**

CHALLENGES



CHALLENGES: HEALTH INSURANCE



2024-25 BUDGET: \$14,371,341



Year	% Increase in premium (Family Plan)
2015-16	6.0%
2017-18	4.8%
2017-18	18%
2018-19	7%
2019-20	1.5%
2020-21	1.5%
2021-22	0%
2022-23	12%
2023-24	4.5%
2024-25	3.2%
2025-26	3.0%

CHALLENGES: HOW TO MEET THEM



DISTRICT ASSESSING NEEDS IN THESE AREAS:

- Professional staff
- Program
- Other: use of fund balance, transportation, shared services



CHALLENGES: COST-SAVING MEASURES



- **Co-operative purchasing (partnering with other districts to purchase in higher quantities for lower prices)**
- **BOCES services**
- **Contract renegotiations**
- **Utilizing staff for school improvements**
- **Energy Performance Contract (EPC) – improved lighting and energy efficiency at no additional cost to taxpayers**
- **Reducing staff where possible**
- **Renting space (Kings, Pine Island)**
- **Co-operative transportation (carpooling with other districts on out-of-district trips)**
- **Increasing part-time work for benefits savings**
- **Participating in a health insurance consortium**
- **Solar project (\$250K annually)**
- **Battery storage (\$100K annually)**
- **CTEC savings**



IMPORTANT DATES

April 2

- First legal advertisement

April 16

- Second legal advertisement

April 27

- Budget adopted by Board of Education

April 30

- Third legal advertisement

May 6

- Public budget document available at school buildings and on district website

May 8

- Budget Hearing

May 14

- Fourth legal advertisement

May 20

- Budget Vote

