



2024-25 Budget Development

January 11, 2024

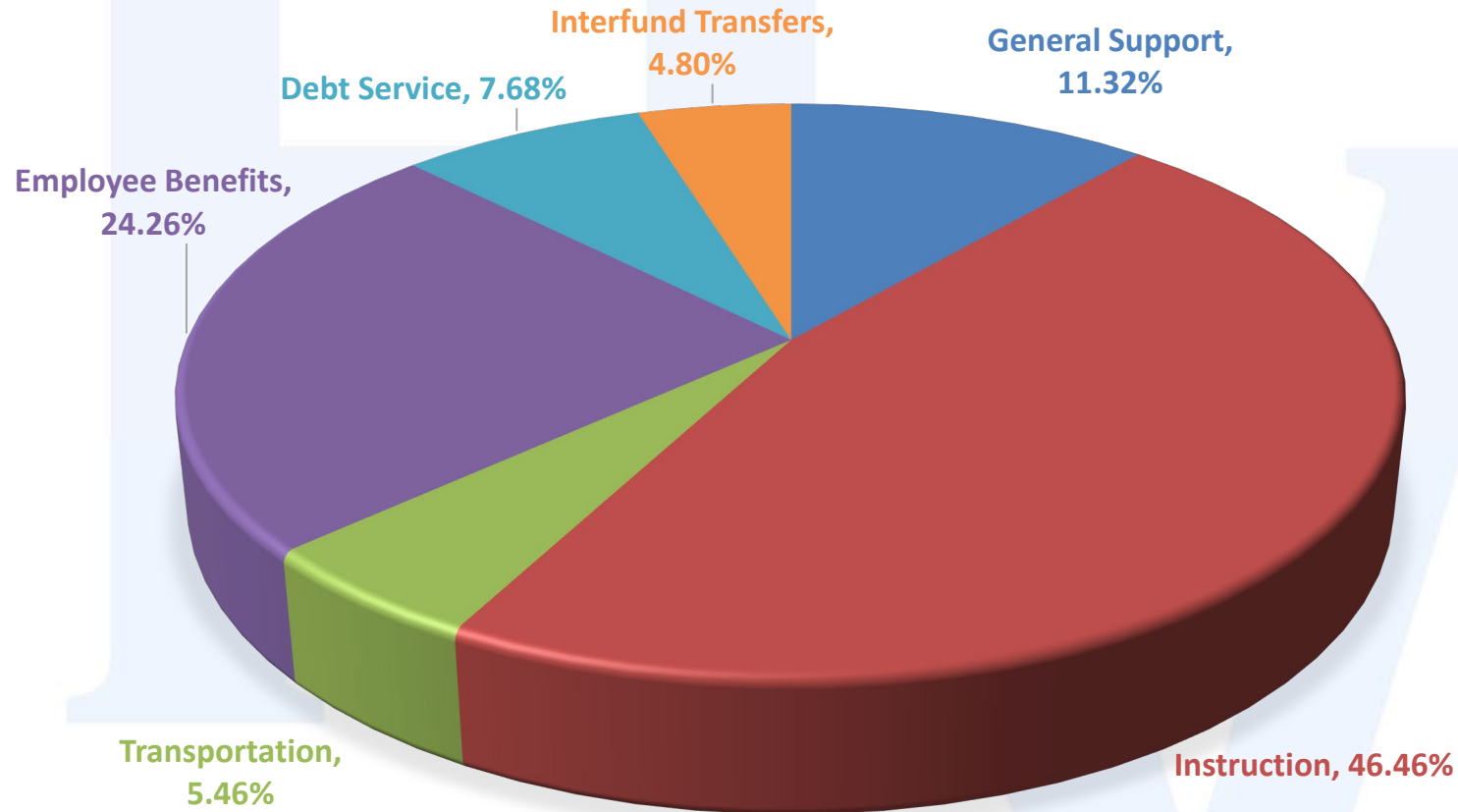
2024-25 Budget Goals

- Develop a budget that is fiscally responsible and educationally sound.
- Create a budget which maintains current Programs & Services while continuing to support district instructional initiatives.
- Develop a budget that results in a projected tax levy below the tax cap limit.
- Utilize expense efficiencies to minimize increases in the budget.

Budget Status & Revenue Status

- Projecting the remaining revenues & expenditures for this school year so we can begin to assess the year end fund balance.
- The appropriation status reports are reviewed monthly to verify that the proper budget codes are being utilized in order to ensure expense codes are appropriately budgeted for 2024-25.
- Implementing processes to ensure reports are an accurate reflection of the district's financial position at any given point in time.

Review of Current 2023-24 Expenditures



Budget Assumptions

- All employee contractual increases and steps will be included in the budget with historical increases assessed.
- The average ERS Contribution Rate is estimated to increase from 13.10% in 2023-24 to 15.10% in 2024-25.
- TRS Contribution Rates in the next year is anticipated to be between 9.75% and 10.25% of member payroll. The rate for 2023-24 was 9.76%.
- The district's Health Insurance Plans are through the RCG Health Insurance Trust. The RCG Trust provides initial estimated increases in February.
- Expenses for teaching supplies, building supplies and repairs, energy, and district contractual obligations will be assessed based on prior years expenses.

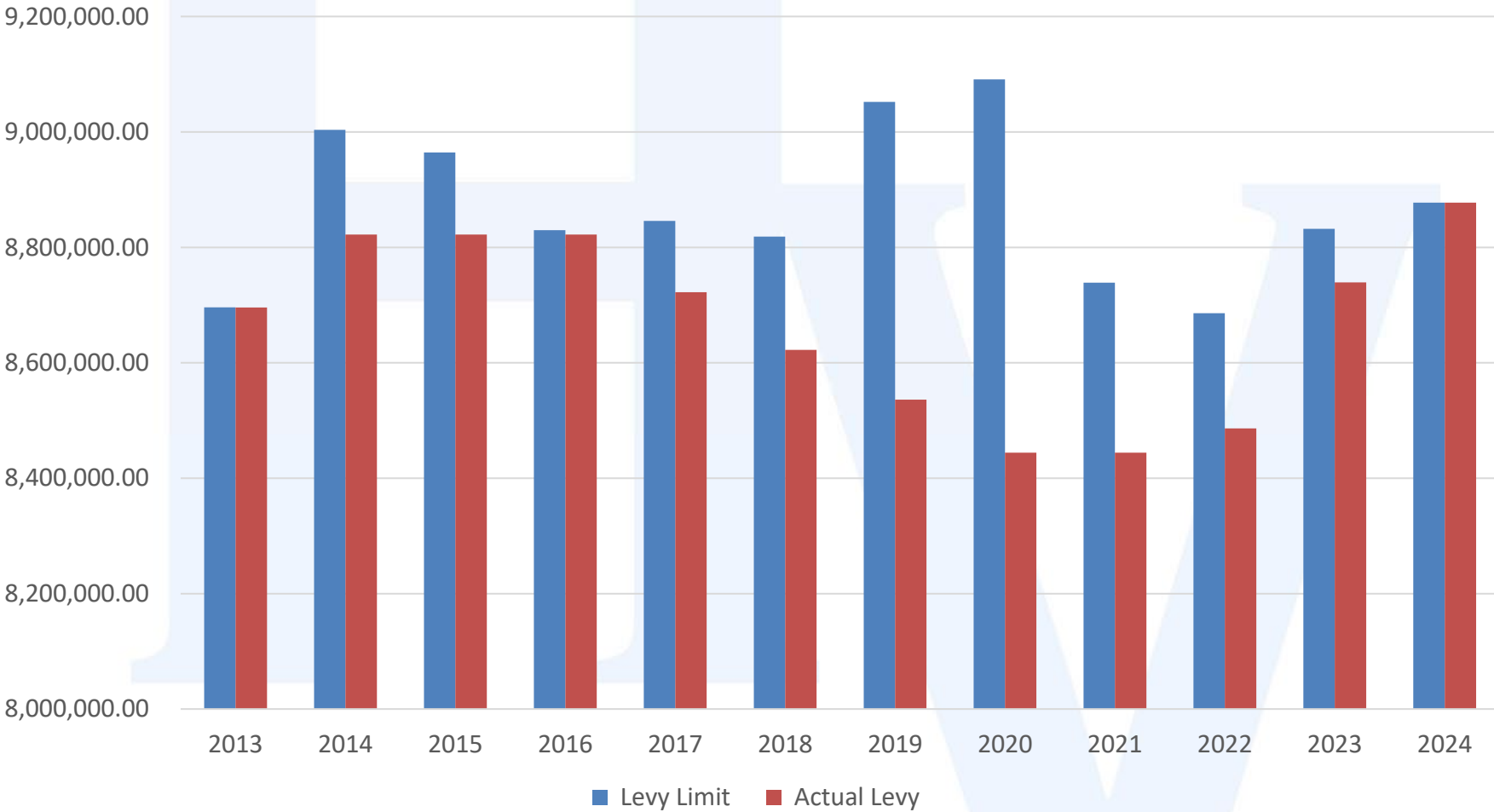
Budget Assumptions (continued)

- Heating oil, gasoline, and propane prices have continued to fluctuate, and we will continue to study and monitor the impact to the budget.
- The Minimum Wage rate increased to \$15.00 per hour on Dec. 31, 2023.
- The state revenue is unknown at this point. The Governor's proposal is projected to be released in late January, with the legislative budget being due April 1st.
- The allowable levy growth factor is projected to be 2% and will be finalized this month by OSC.
- American Rescue Fund grants will expire September 30, 2024.

Property Tax Cap 5 Year History

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Tax Levy Limit (Cap) before Exclusions					
Tax Levy Prior Year	8,739,360	8,486,463	8,444,242	8,444,242	8,536,118
(+) Prior Year Reserve Offset	0	0	0	0	0
(-) Reserve Amount	0	0	0	0	0
(X) Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0068	1.0057	1.0032	1.0090	1.0116
(+) PILOTS Receivable Prior Year	12,000	12,000	12,000	0	0
(-) Tort/Judgment Exclusion Prior Year	0	0	0	0	0
(-) Capital Tax Levy for Prior Year	324,856	194,527	188,294	251,862	100,958
(X) Allowable Levy Growth Factor	1.0200	1.0200	1.0123	1.0181	1.0200
(-) PILOTS Receivable Current Year	25,489	12,000	12,000	0	0
Available Carryover from Prior Year	0	0	106,381	132,587	134,267
Total Levy Limit before Exclusions	8,630,161	8,507,355	8,491,379	8,550,623	8,839,130
Exclusions					
Tax levy necessary for expenditures resulting from tort orders/judgments over 5% Prior (+) Year Tax Levy	0	0	0	0	0
(+) Capital Tax Levy for Current Year	247,582	324,856	194,527	188,294	251,862
(+) Tax levy for pension contribution expense					
TRS	0	0	0	0	0
ERS	0	0	0	0	0
Total Exclusions	247,582	324,856	194,527	188,294	251,862
Total Tax Levy Limit, Adjusted for Transfers Plus Exclusions	8,877,743	8,832,211	8,685,906	8,738,917	9,090,992
Reserve Amount Used to Reduce Current Year Levy	0	0	0	0	0
Proposed Levy for Current Year, Net of Reserve	8,877,445	8,739,360	8,486,463	8,444,242	8,444,242
Total Tax Levy Limit Adjusted for Transfers Plus Exclusions compared to the Prior Year Tax Levy	1.6%	3.0%	0.5%	0.0%	-1.1%
Difference between Tax Levy Limit Plus Exclusions and Current Year	-298	-92,851	-199,443	-294,675	-646,750
Planning to Override the Cap	No	No	No	No	No

Tax Levy History



Reserve Funds Projection

Worker's Compensation Reserve		Unemployment Insurance Reserve		ERS Reserve	
Balance as of June 30, 2023	205,240	Balance as of June 30, 2023	114,369	Balance as of June 30, 2023	1,619,652
Appropriated 2023-24	-	Appropriated 2023-24	-	Appropriated 2023-24	(250,000)
Interest earned 23-24	6,600	Interest earned 23-24	3,600	Interest earned 23-24	3,600
Projected balance as of June 30, 2024	211,840	Projected balance as of June 30, 2024	117,969	Projected balance as of June 30, 2024	1,373,252
TRS Reserve		Insurance Reserve		Employee Benefits Reserve	
Balance as of June 30, 2023	245,254	Balance as of June 30, 2023	148,974	Balance as of June 30, 2023	40,676
Appropriated 2023-24	-	Appropriated 2023-24	-	Appropriated 2023-24	-
Interest earned 23-24	5,400	Interest earned 23-24	4,800	Interest earned 23-24	1,300
Projected balance as of June 30, 2024	250,654	Projected balance as of June 30, 2024	153,774	Projected balance as of June 30, 2024	41,976
Bus Purchase Reserve		Capital Project Reserve		Debt Service Reserve	
Balance as of June 30, 2023	1,738,838	Balance as of June 30, 2023	1,006,861	Balance as of June 30, 2023	1,408,101
Appropriated 2023-24	(707,731)	Appropriated 2023-24	(312,417)	Appropriated 2023-24	-
Appropriated 2024-25 bus purchases	(783,314)	Interest earned 23-24	7,100	Interest earned 23-24	66,000
Interest earned 23-24	54,000	Projected balance as of June 30, 2024	701,544	Projected balance as of June 30, 2024	1,474,101
Projected balance as of June 30, 2024	301,793				
<i>*Unaudited figures, subject to change</i>					

- Planning today and saving incrementally for expected future events can help mitigate the financial impact of major, nonrecurring or unforeseen expenditures on the annual budget.
- Establishing and funding allowable reserve funds for a clear purpose can help smooth out spikes in the annual budget and in the real property tax levy.

Next Steps....

- Analyze student enrollment projections
- Review school and department requests
- Review technology needs
- Review facility repair priorities
- Monitor current year budget and prepare fund balance projections
- Update state aid projection based upon Governor's budget
- Develop debt service estimates with the district's financial advisor for the capital project
- Review and assess opportunities to realize savings, create efficiencies and maximize revenues

Questions?

Budget vote May 21, 2024