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# 2024-25 Superintendent's Recommended Budget and State Aid Update April 8, 2024

Maximizing Resources to Benefit our Schools and Community

Presented by Dr. Dwight Bonk • April 8, 2024

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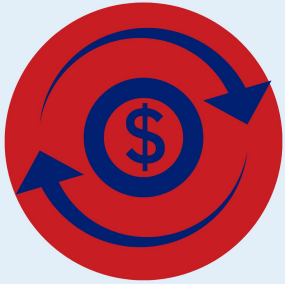
# Tax Levy & NY State Aid: What We Know

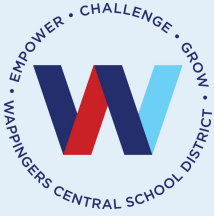
## Consumer Price Index (CPI) is 4.12 %

- Since CPI exceeds 2%, the District will utilize 2% in the tax cap formula
- Tax cap calculation = 4.33% maximum allowable tax levy increase
  - Our budget maintains programs and adds support with a tax levy increase of 3.26%: **below the tax cap!**

## We are currently using the NY State Governor's Executive Budget Proposal, which includes:

- Continuation of the Foundation Aid formula
- Universal Pre-K funding





# 2024-25 Budget

## Tax Levy vs. Total Increase

What does a 6.45% budget-to-budget increase mean to a WCSD taxpayer?

The tax levy increase is what impacts WCSD taxpayers and is at 3.26% – **1.07% BELOW the tax cap** of 4.33%.

**Maximizing Our Resources:** Our proposed budget provides programs, supports, and opportunities for **ALL** students and staff **but it is not the sole responsibility of the taxpayer.** The balance of funding will come from NY State Aid, grant sources, and utilization of \$8,442,900 of our Fund Balance, for a total increase of 6.45%.

Mental  
Health  
and Safety  
Support

Special  
Education

Building  
Infrastructure

Career  
and  
Technical  
Education

# By the Numbers

## Tax Levy

**2023-24**  
**Approved:**  
**\$184,223,905**

**2024-25**  
**Proposed:**  
**\$190,231,957**

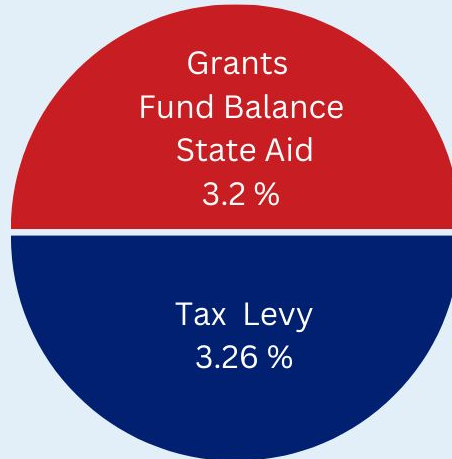
Levy to Levy Change  
**Amount: \$6,008,052**  
**Percentage: 3.26%**

## Total Budget

**2023-24**  
**Approved:**  
**\$287,091,282**

**2024-25**  
**Proposed:**  
**\$305,622,561**

Budget to Budget Change  
**Amount: \$18,531,279**  
**Percentage: 6.45%**



*The budget will NOT be the sole responsibility of the taxpayer!*

# 2024-25 State Aid: What We Know



On April 5, 2024, the District was informed that the legislature approved a second budget extension to April 8th *(source: NYSSBA Advocacy Update email)*.

What does this mean?

- All information received from NYS will be reviewed immediately upon receipt
- A revised budget may be provided to the Board at the April 23, 2024 meeting
- NYS aid comprises 33% of the District's total revenue at this time. We expect to be able to maintain the 3.26 % increase in the tax levy even if this number changes.
- If a NYS budget has not been approved by the April 23, 2024 meeting, the Board of Education is still scheduled to approve a recommended budget
- If a NYS has not been approved by the April 23, 2024 meeting, the current budget (Superintendent Recommended Budget #1) will be the recommended 2024-2025 budget

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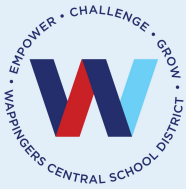
# How to Vote in the School Election



- **In person**
  - Tuesday, May 21 from 7:30 am to 9 pm at your designated poll site
- **Absentee ballot**
  - Available to registered voters who **meet certain criteria**
- **Early mail ballot (New!)**
  - Available to **any registered voter**
  - It is **NOT** an option to vote early at a physical polling location; your ballot has to be mailed or dropped off at District Office
- **Applications for absentee and early mail ballots** are available online or by contacting the District Clerk at:
  - [alberta.pedro@wcsdny.org](mailto:alberta.pedro@wcsdny.org)
  - 845-298-5000 x 40145

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# Superintendent Presentations



- 11/7/23** Video: *Explaining the Budget Process, Part 1*
- 2/12/24** Presentation: 2024-25 Preliminary Budget #1
- 2/26/24** Video: *Explaining the Budget Process, Part 2 (English & Spanish)*
- 3/11/24** Presentations: Superintendent's Recommended 2024-25 Budget #1 | Vehicle Purchase
- 4/8/24** Presentation: Superintendent's Recommended 2024-25 Budget #2 | State Aid Update
- 4/23/24** Presentation: Superintendent's Recommended 2024-25 Budget #3 | Budget Adoption
- 5/6/24** Community Forum: Budget Presentation - John Jay HS at 5:30 p.m.
- 5/13/24** Community Forum: State Mandated Public Hearing on the Budget - RCK at 5:00 p.m.

**May 21, 2024: Budget Vote**

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# Next Steps



- We welcome **questions, comments, and feedback**: [budget@wcsdny.org](mailto:budget@wcsdny.org)
- **Presentations and reports** will be posted to Board of Education section of website
- **Frequently Asked Questions** posted to website within two business days
- Educational **Updates** to the community
- **Presentations** to the community and municipalities
- Continued **advocacy** to maintain NYS funding
- **Continue working** to maintain a safe learning environment for WCSD students and staff.

**May 21, 2024: Budget Vote**

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# Thank you...

to the Wappingers CSD Community!

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