Wappingers Central School District

First Presentation of Superintendent's Recommended Budget 2018-2019

Board of Education Meeting March 19, 2018

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The mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to empower all of our students with the competencies and confidence to challenge themselves, to pursue their passions and to realize their potential while growing as responsible members of their community.

Gain a Better Understanding of the Budget

Important Terminology

- ➤ The *Budget* is the District's spending. It balances revenues and expenses.
- The *Tax Levy* is the amount received in property taxes.
- ➤ The *Tax Levy Increase* is the calculated amount of property tax increase in accordance with the Tax Cap Legislation.
- > State Aid is the amount received from Fiscal Year 2018 NY Enacted State Budget.
- > Other Revenue is other financial resources received at the local level (i.e. interest earnings).
- ➤ Assigned Fund Balance is an amount intended for the specific use/assignment for the District to reduce the burden on the taxpayer.



Alignment, Evidence, Data, Recommendations and/or Mandated Requirements to Build a Budget

- Board of Education Goals:
 - Curriculum and Instruction & Communications
- WCSD Strategic Plan
- WCSD Mission and Core Values
- Student Instructional and Extra-Curricular Programs
- Student Achievement
- Administrative Offices and Schools
- Superintendent Forums

A Budget Conversation



The 3 C's: Budget Process Constraints, Challenges and Considerations

Unfunded Mandates and Requirements:

Federal, State, NYS Education Department and Local

> State Aid

Developing projected budgets based on preliminary projections that are historically finalized prior to the first scheduled presentation of the Budget

- 1.35% proposed increase from present school year, 2017-2018
- \$770,916 proposed increase from present school year, 2017-2018

Tax Cap

Balancing a budget within tax cap parameters without piercing the tax cap

- > State Education Department (SED) implementation of programs
 - i.e. APPR, English as a New Language, School Counselors
- > Stability of Economic Markets
 - i.e.: debt service rates, health insurance contribution rates, NYS retirement system rate of returns



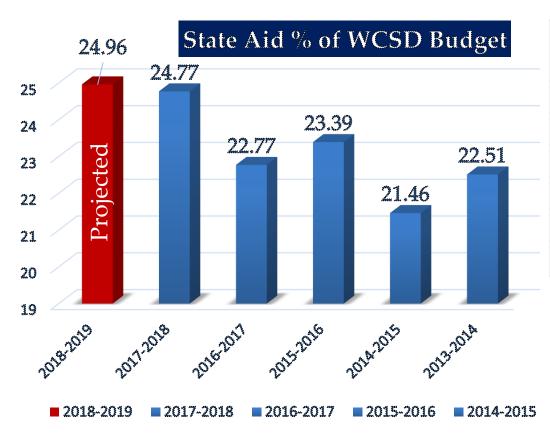
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The 3 C's: Budget Process Constraints, Challenges and Considerations

- **▶** Use of Estimates Challenges
 - Developing projected budgets based on feedback from vendors and departmental historical data
- Board of Education Considerations
 - Compiling feedback and deciphering what gets included in a budget
- > WCSD's commitment to provide varied opportunities and options than the minimal requirements for students.
- Administrative Considerations
 - Offices and schools initial local internal budget proposals



State Aid Correlation Based on WCSD Budget Dollar Figure Increases and Percentage Rates Fluctuate



State Aid By Year	Dollar Figure
2018-2019	\$57,687,252
2017-2018	\$54,464,873
2016-2017	\$50,376,699
2015-2016	\$50,070,743
2014-2015	\$45,471,817
2013-2014	\$46,140,111



2013-2014

First

Draft/Presentation

Superintendent

Recommended

Taxpayer Approved

Increase in Dollars

Based on State

Budget

First Draft

Change

by Percentage

Approved Budget

Change

by Percentage

2016-2017

\$218,740,535

March 14, 2016

\$221,199,261

\$2,458,726

increase

Challenge

2017-2018

\$224,807,619

March 13, 2017

\$225,181,606

\$373,987

increase

2.77%

1.80%

Grow

2018-2019

\$231,033,085

March 19, 2018

To Be Determined

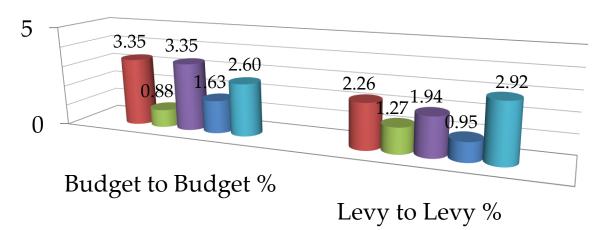
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increase or decrease?

2.77%

To Be Determined

Voter/Taxpayer Approved Five Year Historical Analysis Budget & Tax Levy



	Budget to Budget %	Levy to Levy %
■ 2014-2015 Taxpayer Approved	3.35	2.26
■ 2015-2016 Taxpayer Approved	0.88	1.27
■ 2016-2017 Taxpayer Approved	3.35	1.94
■ 2017-2018 Taxpayer Approved	1.63	0.95
■ 2018-2019 proposed	2.60	2.92



2018-2019 Superintendent's Recommended Budget

PROPOSED BUDGET	LEVY TO LEVY	BUDGET TO BUDGET
\$231,033,085	2.92%	2.60%

PROPOSED BUDGET

- Reviewed by the Board of Education (BOE)
- Subject to change based on:
 - Feedback
 - Unexpected Developments
 - Governor's (Foundation) State Aid
- Adoption date of the Budget by BOE is April 16, 2018

LEVY to LEVY

- Proposed allowable tax cap is within regulation
 - WCSD has <u>never</u> pierced tax cap since its inception

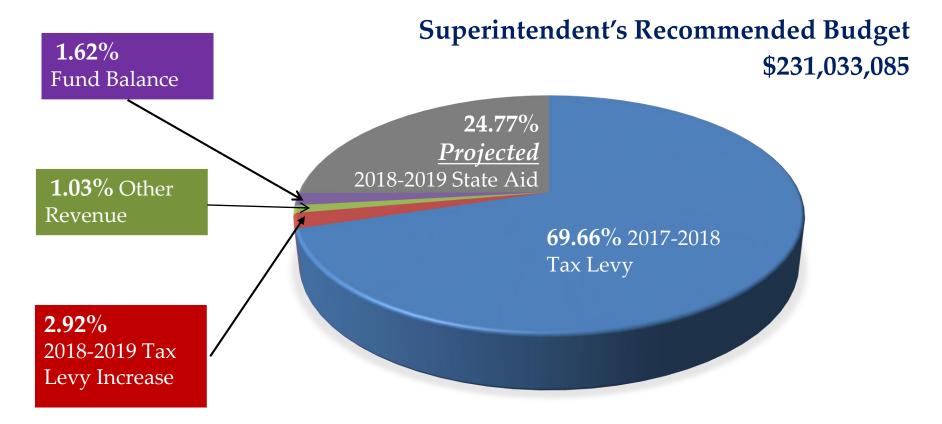
BUDGET to BUDGET

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 - Taxpayer-approved budget comparison from 2017-18 to 2018-19 school years by percentage increase



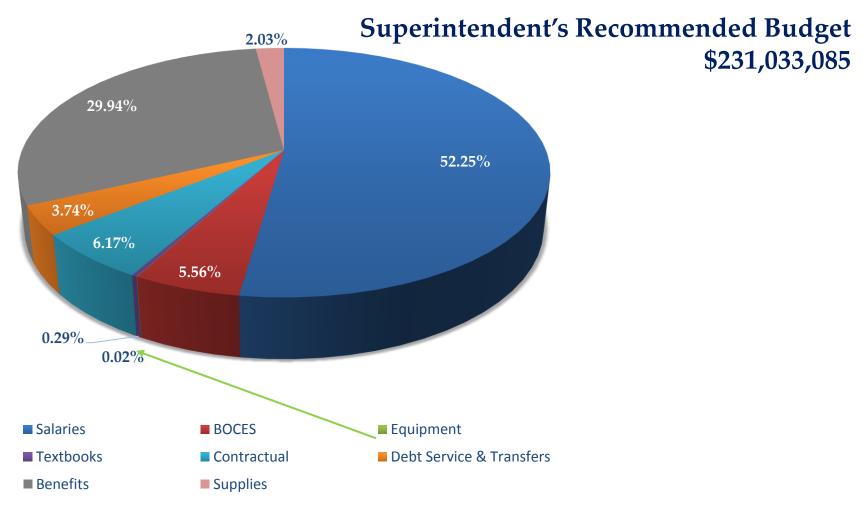
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2018-2019 Revenue Breakdown





2018-2019 Expense Breakdown





We believe the collaboration needed for meaningful change is built on honesty, trust and respect.

Process to Balance the Proposed Budget without Piercing the Tax Cap

Non-Negotiable	\$174,314,462	75.45%
Slightly Negotiable	\$ 47,315,577	20.48%
Negotiable	\$9,403,046	4.07%
Total	\$231,033,085	100%

- Non-Negotiable: The majority of the budget is driven by contractual obligations (ie: union contracts, federal and state mandates, Individual Education Plans etc) which are non-negotiable.
- WCSD balanced a 2.60% budget to budget increase using less than 30% of the budget.
- WCSD balanced a budget without compromising student programs.



In order to restore some of the original proposed items presented to the Board of Education during the General Support and Instruction (01/08/18) and Transportation and Undistributed (02/05/18) Presentations, WCSD will need an increase in State Aid!



Category	Focus	Amount
Dutchess BOCES	Student supported services and mandated District needs *BOCES includes Public Relation person	\$531,532
Equipment	Climbing Wall (Kinry Road), Kiln (FP or VR), Portable bleachers (RCK) and 2 Baseball/Softball Scoreboards (RCK & JJHS)	\$51,570
Materials & Resources	Maintaining current programs with cuts	No Increase – Actual Decrease

Challenge

Grow

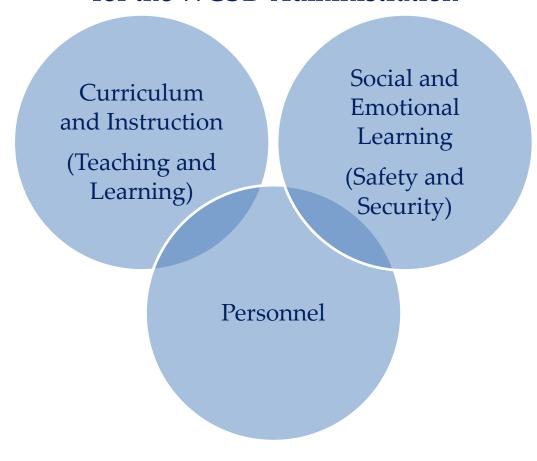
Sustainability and Continued Programs without Compromise

*Enrichment, AP and Dual College Programs, *Continued Cursive Writing Program and Materials, Readers and Writers Workshop Program, *Mathematics Program, Interdisciplinary Science in K-6 Programs, *Fine and Performing Arts, *Career Technical Education, *Professional Development and Curriculum Writing/Mapping, *Continued Development of New Courses, All After School Programs and Extra-Curriculum Activities, Field Trips, *Integrated Co-Teaching Expansion K-6, *Smaller Class Sizes at the Primary Grades (K and 1), *Supporting and Enhancing Innovative/Maker Space Rooms, Athletic Programs, and SO MUCH MORE...



Empower

Board of Education Activity Contributions, Considerations and Recommendations for the WCSD Administration





Budget Process 2018-2019

- ➤ Questions, Comments, and Feedback
 - budget@wcsdny.org
- ➤ Presentations and reports will be posted to BOE section of website
- ➤ Frequently Asked Questions posted to website within two business days
- ➤ Use long-term plan to develop discussion points for administration and BOE
- ➤ Continued work on refining estimates and confirming data
- ➤ Evaluate BOE feedback for use in budget formulation



Upcoming Public Meetings

- > 3/19/18 Superintendent's Recommended Budget presentation
- ➤ 4/9/18 WCSD Board of Education budget hearing, Budget Discussion & NYS Aid Update
- ➤ 4/16/18 Board of Education budget to be approved
- > 5/7/18 NYS mandated budget hearing
- ➤ District-wide Board of Education approved budget presentations to community and staff spring 2018

