



2023-2024 Budget Preview

Edgemont Union Free School District

December 6, 2022

Presentation Goals

1. Budget Process & Development
2. Budget Development – Known & Unknown Impacts
3. Property Tax Cap Overview
4. Next Steps



Budget Process & Development

September	Administrators begin budget discussions.
October-November	The budget development schedule and instructions are sent to district- and building-level administrators and directors. Supervisors share unit-specific directions with all budget builders.
November-December	Budget requests are developed within each department and building. Preliminary financial forecasts are made for budget revenues and expenditures. Budget calendar is determined.
January-February	Budget requests are reviewed through budget defense rounds. Preliminary budget is compiled, and budget books are prepared for the Board of Education. Superintendent's budget presented to the Board of Education in February.
March	Budget work sessions held.
April	Board of Education adoption of the proposed budget. Adopted budget is compiled and printed. Property tax report card made available to the public twenty-four days prior to vote.
May	Public notice published for public hearing. Voting on the School Budget, School Board Members, and any other propositions will be held on Tuesday, May 18, 2023 .



Budget Development – Known Impact

- A decrease in enrollment in '22-23 and expected decrease in '23-24
- Contractual obligations for two of our four bargaining units
- Employee Retirement System (ERS) employer contributions
- Existing debt service
- Allowable Levy Growth Factor (assumed)
- Tax Base Growth Factor



Budget Development – Unknown Impact

- CSEA Teacher Aide Contractual Obligations
- CSEA Custodial & Maintenance Unit Contractual Obligations
- Teacher Retirement System (TRS) Employer Contribution
- Transportation Costs
- Building and Department Budgets
- Special Education Placements & Associated Costs
- Assessed Tax Valuations
- Revenue Sources
- Capital Project Considerations for 2023-2024
- Maximum Allowable Tax Levy



New York State Property Tax Cap

With some exceptions, the State's Property Tax Cap limits the amount school districts can increase property taxes to the lower of:

- two percent; or
- the rate of inflation.

This increase is referred to as the **allowable levy growth factor**.

Voters in school districts can override the cap with a supermajority (60%) vote; however, the district must declare its intention to exceed the cap by March 1, 2023 if it intends to do so.



Tax Cap Contributing Elements

- **Assumed Allowable Levy Growth Factor**
2% - Not finalized, but as of the close of October the inflation factor was 7.7%.
- **Taxes Levied in 2022-2023**
\$56,878,230 – the maximum allowable levy.
- **Tax Base Growth Factor**
1.0071 – A measure reflecting an increase in the full value of taxable real property in a district due to new growth or significant additions to existing properties.
- **Prior Year's & Current Capital Exclusions**
Capital expenses (e.g., debt service payments, capital projects funded by the operating budget, and proportional share of BOCES capital expenses).



Next Steps

- Resolve Unknowns
- Establish Building and Department Budgets
- Finalize Personnel Costs (Contracts, Section Numbers, Staffing Needs)
- Explore Capital Needs and Current Plans to Address These Needs
- Share Finalized Proposed Budget with Board of Education on February 28, 2023.



Upcoming Presentations

January 24 th Board of Education Meeting	Revenue Projections, Technology and S.T.E.A.M. Budget Overviews
February 7 th Board of Education Meeting	Enrollment, Staffing & Section Number Projections
February 28 th Board of Education Meeting	Presentation of the Budget & Financial Projections
March 7 th Board of Education Meeting	Budget Work Session Curriculum & Instruction, Special Education, Athletics, and Co-Curricular Budget Overviews
March 21 st Board of Education Meeting	Budget Overview and Q&A
April 11 th Board of Education Meeting	Budget Overview and Q&A
May 9 th Board of Education Meeting	Budget Hearing

