



## White Plains City School District

2023-2024
ADOPTED PROPOSED BUDGET

**APRIL 10, 2023** 



### Agenda

Cycle of Planning & Importance

Review District's Strategic Plan

**Economic Status & Outlook** 

Program Evaluation & Reallocation of Resources

Guiding Principles: Development of Plans

Long-Range Financial Plan 2022-23 to 2026-27

Instructional & Non-instructional 2023-24 Budget

Summary of 2023-24 Proposed Budget

Revenues

Expenditures

Three-Part Budget: Administrative, Program & Capital Budgets

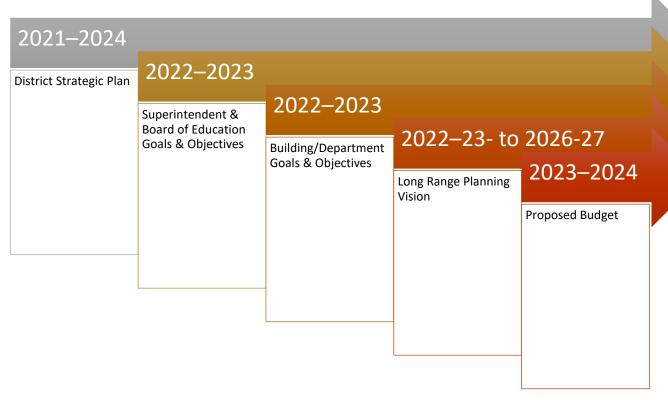
Contingent Budget

Proposition – Use of Capital Reserve

**Next Steps** 



## **Cycle of Planning**





## Why is Planning Important?

Turbulent economy

State & Federal Aid

Tax Cap

Federal Tax Code Tax Certiorari Claims

Aging Facilities

Decreasing Enrollment

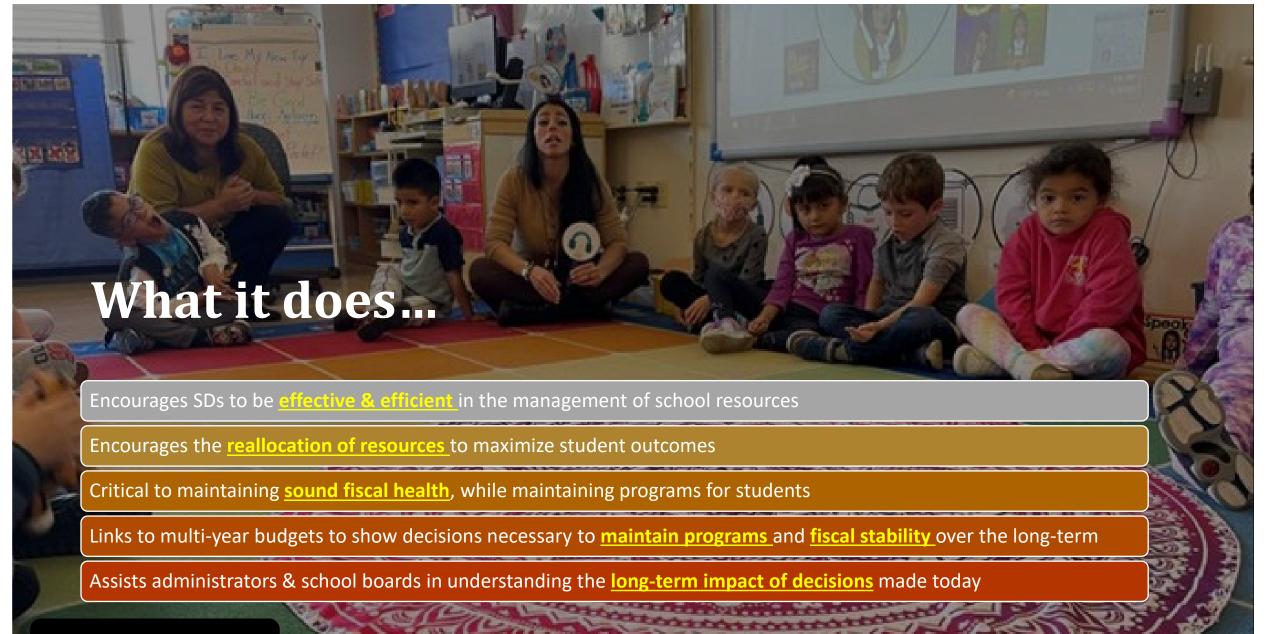
Increasing students in poverty

Increasing ENL students

Negotiations

SED Policy Changes







#### White Plains Public Schools Strategic Plan

#### Vision:

We aspire to unlock the infinite and unique potential of each student, every day.

#### Mission:

Educate and inspire all students, while nurturing their dreams, so they learn continually, think critically, pursue their aspirations and contribute to a diverse and dynamic world.

#### Core beliefs:

We believe that:

- · All people have intrinsic value.
- · Celebrating and embracing diversity enrich life.
- All people can learn, grow and contribute.
- Every choice matters, and that people are responsible for their choices.
- Respect, honesty and trust empower.
- When people serve the community, both the individuals and the community benefit.
- · High expectations promote high achievement.

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#### White Plains Public Schools 2021-24 Strategies

#### Ensure engaging and innovative learning experiences

Educate



- Provide rigorous, engaging, culturally relevant and enriched curriculum that meets the needs c each student and incorporates pandemic-related discoveries and innovations.
- Support the District and Building Equity Committees' continued efforts and recommendations.
- Recruit, hire and retain a highly qualified staff that is diverse, effective and ethnically representative of our school community.

#### Provide necessary structures and resources

Support



- Provide and expand support for positive social and emotional learning environments and continue to identify opportunities for growth.
- Analyze, assess and improve daily attendance and course passing rates; reduce suspension rates.
- · Review and implement a district-wide facilities master plan.

#### Collaborate with students, families and community

Partner



- Welcome, engage and nurture relationships with our families and community.
- Publicly celebrate and highlight student and district successes.
- Forge and sustain critical partnerships to expand opportunities available for all students.
- Systematize equitable access to information.

<sup>1</sup> District professional development will support our strategies.

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### **Economic Status & Outlook**





Great Recession

Economic downturn - layoffs

2021-2022

\$14m Foundation Aid – State commits to full funding over the next 3 years

\$16m CARES/FEMA/ARP/CRRSA— 1-time only Federal Aid

\$5.2m reduction in tax levy cap

2023-2027

Permanent State Aid Funding

Disappearance of 1-time only Federal Funding

Implementation of Master Facilities Plan

#### Economic downturn:

- Continued inflationary increase in costs
- Enrollment trending downward
- Risk of State Aid reductions due to "Economic Emergency"
- Pandemic
- State and Federal Government Policies

Tax Levy Cap instituted

State Aid -GAP Elimination Adjustment

State reneged on complying with Court Ruling for Foundation Aid

\$6.4m reduction in tax levy cap \$98m in Capital Projects approved

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2022-23

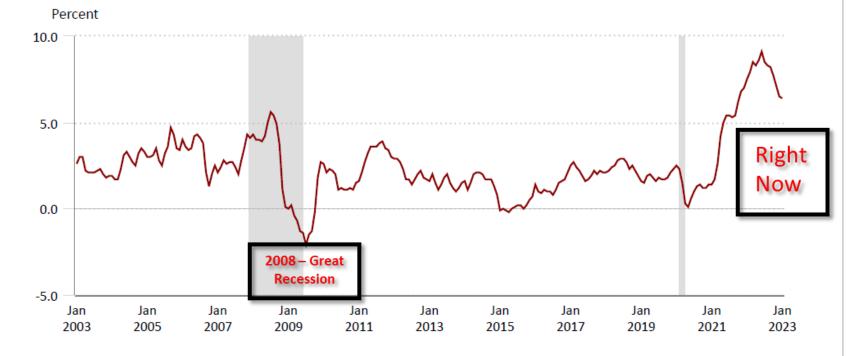
## ECONOMIC OUTLOOK

- IMPORTANT Inflation is far in excess of the Tax Levy Limit of 2%
- Increased pressure on community & district due to rising cost of fuel oil, gas, electricity, food ... everything!



### 12-month percentage change, Consumer Price Index, selected categories, not seasonally adjusted







# 2017-18 to October 2022 6 Years of Savings Returned to Taxpayers:

Reduction of Tax Levy of \$15.9m

Funded \$55m Capital Projects Funded \$12.6m

Debt Service Reserve

Funded \$16m
Tax Certiorari refunds

Early payoff of Technology leases \$1.2m

Funded \$2.1m in
Compensated Absences
to employees, per
bargaining unit
agreements

Funded \$16.9m in 1time only expenses Funded \$1m in pension contributions

TOTAL DOLLARS
RETURNED TO
TAXPAYERS OVER 6
YEARS ~ \$120M

(Est. Avg. Annual Savings \$1k per 15k avg assessment)



## Continuous Cycle of Improvement



What is working? What needs modification?

What should be strategically abandoned?

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## Continuous Improvement

## **#WPPROUD**

## White Plains

- On-going curricular and programmatic (can be Regent/SED driven) review, anchored by a protocol and outcome based
- Academic achievement
- Extra-curricular/athletic participation
- Additional programming: after school/summer
- Universal approaches to educational experience
- Staffing and services
- Resource deployment
- Future planning

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## Guiding Principles: Development of Plans

#### **Protect**

• Protect Instructional Core

#### **Evaluate**

• Evaluate Needs vs. Wants

#### Preserve

• Preserve Investments & Prevent Costs

#### **Find**

• Find Efficiencies and Share Services

#### Delay

• Delay Program Impact

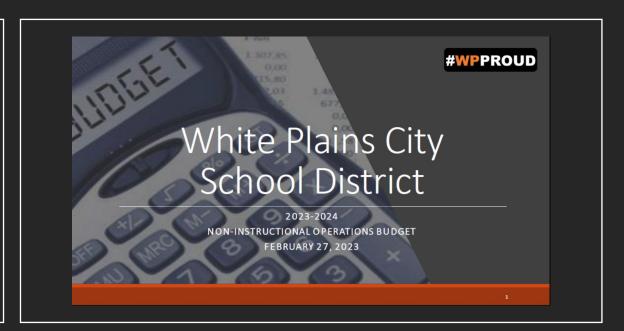
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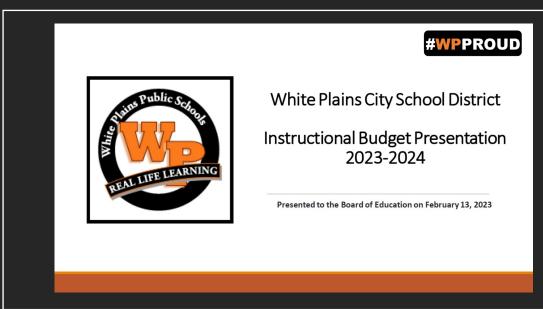
#### Restructure

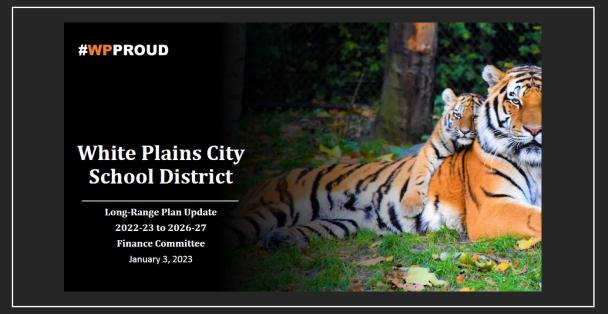
 Reduce/Restructure, Don't Eliminate











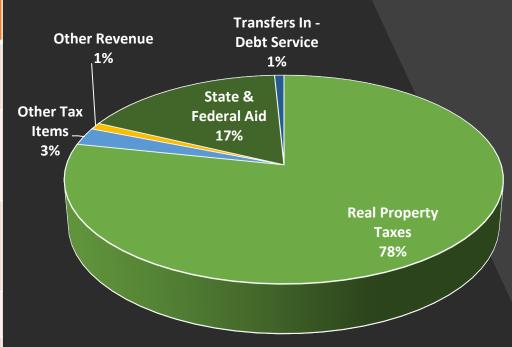


## Summary Proposed Budget 2023-24

	Proposed Budget 2023-24	Adopted Budget 2022-23
Maximum Tax Levy, as prescribed by Law	\$206,028,881	\$203,625,613
Recommended reduction to Tax Levy	(5,018,279)	(6,390,541)
Net Tax Levy to be Raised	201,010,602	197,235,072
Tax Levy Percentage Increase	1.91%	0.00%
State & Federal Aid	44,008,978	36,938,753
Other Revenue	11,625,814	10,672,821
TOTAL REVENUES BUDGET	\$256,645,394	\$244,846,646
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS BUDGET	\$256,645,394	\$244,846,646

## 2023-24 Major Sources of Revenues

Revenue Type	\$	% of Budget
Real Property Taxes (Tax Levy & STAR)	\$201,010,602	78.32%
Other Tax Items (PILOTS, Interest/Penalties on RPT, Tax on Consumer Tax Bills)	6,917,535	2.70%
Other Revenue (Day School Tuition, Health Svs. Reimb., interest earnings, Refund of P/Ys, Donations).	2,690,000	1.05%
State & Federal Aid	44,008,978	17.14%
Transfers In - Debt Service	2,018,279	.79%
Total Revenues	\$256,645,394	100.00%





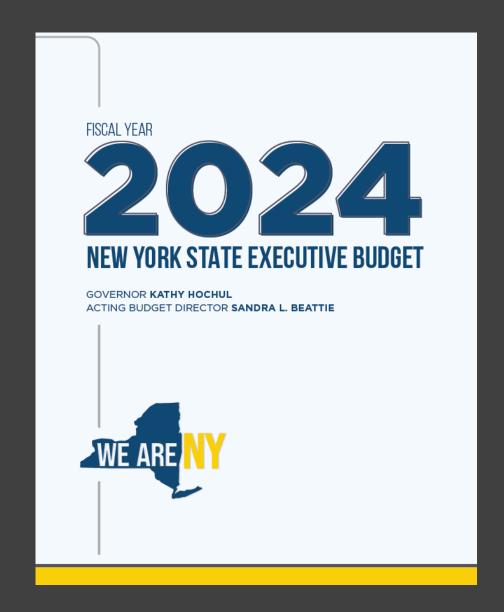
Tax Levy Limit, as prescribed by Law		Recommended 2023-24	Maximum Allowable 2023-24
BASE FORMULA:			
Prior Year Tax Levy		\$197,235,072	\$197,235,072
Tax Base Growth Factor (from NYS)	х	1.0124	1.0124
Total Tax Levy plus Growth Factor	=	199,680,787	199,680,787
Prior Year PILOTS (Per City of WP)	+	4,164,542	4,164,542
Prior Year Capital Tax Levy Exclusion, Net of Building Aid and Debt Service Reserve Funding	-	(3,847,493)	(3,847,493)
Adjusted Prior Year Levy	=	199,997,836	199,997,836
Allowable Growth Factor (Lesser of CPI 8% or 2%)	х	1.02%	1.02%
	=	203,997,793	203,997,793
Current Year PILOTS (Per City of WP)	-	(4,817,535)	(4,817,535)
Available Carryover limited to 1.5% of Tax Limit prior to exclusions of the current year		424,769	424,769
Tax Levy Limit <u>Before</u> Current Year Exclusions	=	199,605,027	199,605,027
EXCLUSIONS – Current Year Capital Tax Levy Exclusion:			
Debt Service Principal & Interest	+	9,995,190	9,995,190
Less Building Aid	-	(3,571,336)	(3,571,336)
TAX LEVY PLUS EXCLUSIONS	=	206,028,881	206,028,881
TAX LEVY INCREASE		8,793,809	8,793,809
REDUCTION IN TAX LEVY	-	(5,018,279)	0.00
(\$2m Use of Debt Service Reserve Funds + \$3m due to increase in State Aid Funding)			
NET TAX LEVY	=	201,010,602	206,028,881
NET TAX LEVY INCREASE		\$3,775,530	\$8,793,809
NET TAX LEVY INCREASE PERCENT		1.91%	4.46%

2023-2024

Governor's Executive State Aid Proposal

February 1, 2023

**Promise Kept!** 





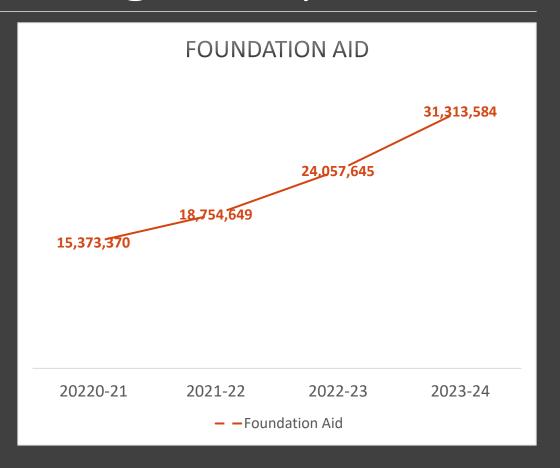
## State Aid – Executive Budget Proposal

#### Foundation Aid:

- Maintains the phase-in of Foundation Aid
- WPCSD will be fully funded with the enacted 2023-24 State Budget
- \$14m (\$3.4m 21-22, \$5.3m 22-23, \$5.3m 23-24)
- \$2m for inflationary increase in 2023-24

#### Expense Driven Aids:

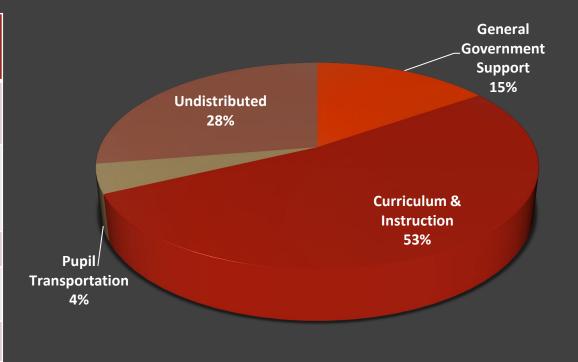
 Proposal is to fully fund expense driven aids, i.e., transportation, building, BOCES, instructional material aids



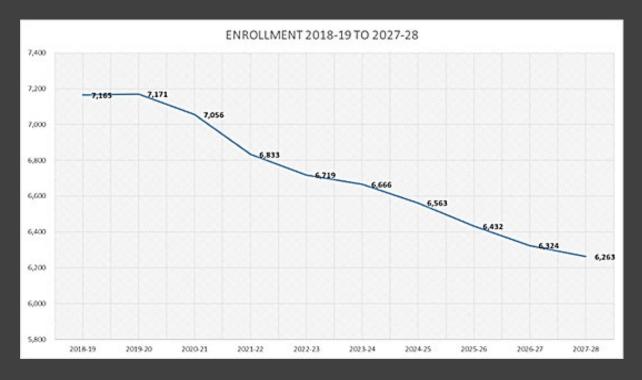


## Major Areas of Expense

Expense Type	\$	% of Budget
General Government Support (BOE, Central Administration, F&O, Central Services, Insurance, Legal, Special Items)	\$39,230,647	15.29%
Curriculum & Instruction (Staff Development, Teaching Regular School, Special Education, Summer School, Occupational Education, Library, Technology and Pupil Services)	134,984,652	52.60%
Pupil Transportation	11,633,575	4.53%
Undistributed (Employee Benefits, Debt Service, Transfers to Other Funds)	70,796,520	27.58%
Total	\$256,645,394	100.00%







Schools	Budget 2022-23	Actual 2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27
Elementary	2,928	2,922	2,887	2,856	2,802	2,757
Secondary	3,769	3,752	3,732	3,660	3,584	3,522
Out of District Placement	59	45	47	47	46	45
Total	6,756	6,719	6,666	6,563	6,432	6,324
Net change		(37)	(53)	(103)	(131)	(108)

Demographic Data Annual Update December 2022 Western Suffolk BOCES, Office of Planning & Research

- Enrollment projected within .3% of actual enrollment K-12
- Reduction in enrollment attributable to decline in births, migration losses, displacement losses
- 10 Year Projected loss of students 773 or 11.5% by 2032



Note: Anticipated housing units are not reflected in projections





Category	Proposed Budget 2023-24	Modified Budget 2022-23	Adopted Budget 2022-23
Teachers & Faculty Support Staff	695.29	698.19	699.19
Teaching Assistants/Teacher Aides/Computer Aides	217.15	218.15	218.26
Nurses	17.40	17.40	17.40
Facilities & Operations	84.50	83.50	83.50
Security	33.37	33.37	32.57
Clerical	87.90	85.90	86.90
Administration	48.00	47.00	47.00
M&C	20.00	19.00	17.00
Food Service Staff	24.12	24.12	24.13
Total General Fund, Special Aid Fund & School Lunch Fund	1227.73	1226.63	1225.95
Zero \$ i	impact – offset	by reallocation	n of resources

## Instructional Program Expansion and Supports

**PreK:** NYS expansion for 4-year-olds

**Literacy K-5:** American Reading Company

**New Courses:** English 4 Early College Experience, Science Fiction and Literature and Film, ENL emergent Literacy & English, SUPA African American History, Environmental Engineering (PLTW), SUPA Introduction to the Art and Craft of Animation, Foundations of Elementary Education

**ENL K-12:** Multilingual Literacy 3-12, Bridges to Success Curriculum, offer extended day programs, PD, Clarkson University for teacher certifications, parent workshops, increase representation Manhattanville Changing Suburbs Institute

**Social Studies:** Partner with CAST, Facing History & ourselves, PD, continuum of Holocaust instruction K-12, upgrade resources, expand Seal of Civic Readiness program

Science & Engineering 6-12: Provide PD in Phenomena-based curricular and 3-dimensional assessments

Computer Science Pathways K-12: Implementation of NY Computer Science & Digital Fluency Standards

Wellness, Physical, Education & Health: Update of fitness rooms grades 6-12, new health education textbooks/digital resources HS, development of curriculum maps K-12

## Instructional Program Expansion and Supports

Mathematics K-5: New assessment tools, extended day learning opportunities to provide intervention & enrichment

Math 6-12: Increase math specialist at EV to 1.00 FTE, PD in Universal Design, Algebra I Regents Prep, new assessment tools

**ELA 6-12:** Expansion of classroom resources for Writers Workshop and Critical Literacy, new assessment tools

**DW College Readiness AVID** 

Dual Language K-8+: American Reading company, PD, NYU RBERN Institute

Science & Engineering K-5: Science 21, PD, NYS Science Learning Assessment, integrate 4 science investigations in grades 3,4, & 5, purchase related instructional materials

STEM K-5: Expand STEM learning opportunities, expand PLTW, teachers participate in the STEM Ambassadors program

Instructional Technology K-12: Continued PD, continued digital citizenship & literacy skills

Fine Arts K-12: Beyond Broadway Dance Residency 6-weeks at each elementary school

## Operations Program & Supports

**Athletics:** Encouragement of increased student participation, recruitment of quality coaches, exploration of emerging sports.

Office of Research, Assessment & Growth: Evaluating the feasibility of the developing this office.

**Security & Safety**: New Alert Notification system, EV installation of Verkada cloud-based camera system, continue drilling and training, exploration of additional Student Resource Officer, HS night supervisor, research device detection systems.

**Information Technology**: Cyber Security, implementation of Multi-Factor Authentication, continued implementation of BenQ TVs, and renewal of technology equipment through BOCES Lease Purchase agreement.

Office of Purchasing: Standardization of furniture purchases, inventory of surplus assets, increased efficiencies by electronically sending purchase orders.

**Operations:** Increase in staffing to meet the needs of the district, i.e., payroll, accounting, and facilities offices.

Facilities & Operations: Implementation of new facilities management software platform, continuing LED lighting initiative, various DW maintenance & operations projects \$3m, Transfer to capital projects fund for HS Security Doors and HVAC projects \$1.5m.

**Food & Nutrition Program:** Implementation of chef and registered dietician services, training to do more scratch cooking, plant-based meal menu options, increase in fresh fruits & vegetables, Spanish speaking support staff to assist parents, expansion of summer meals and after school programs.

**Transportation:** Installation of Zpass Verify on all buses, continuing to explore with bus contractor implementation of zero emissions buses by 2035, continuing to explore Stop Arm Cameras with the City and County.



## Additional Budget Factors

#### Employee Benefits:

- Teachers' Retirement System (TRS) contribution rate will <u>decrease</u> to 9.76% from 10.29%, 5% change
- Employees' Retirement System (ERS) contribution rate will <u>increase</u> to 13.10% from 11.60%, 13% change
- Health Insurance & Waiver –will increase by 8.00%, substantially below market trends
- Other Benefits are based on trends, with an average increase of 3-5%

#### Debt Service:

- Debt Service (2) Serial Bonds and (1) Energy Performance Lease issued for capital construction improvements
- Annual Principal and Interest payments are \$9.9m
- Use of \$2m from Reserve to offset debt payments and reduce the tax levy

#### Tax Certiorari Refunds

- District is Self-Funded for Refund Claims
- Legal counsel estimates 22-23 refunds at \$5m and the Tax Certiorari Reserve at \$63m based on outstanding claims at year-end

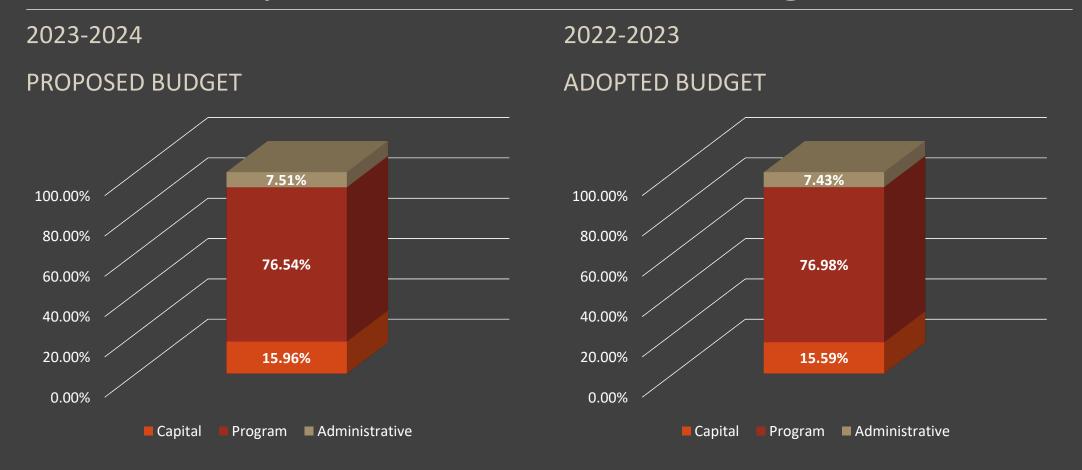
#### Other contractual annual increases:

- Utilities over 45% increase
- Property Insurance 15% increase
- Other contractual increases range from 3% to 5%, BOCES, Pupil Transportation
- Personnel costs are in accordance with CBAs.

Continue support of 1-time only expenses in 2022-23 to avoid addition to future budgets, based on Fund Balance Projections:

- Additional Facility Projects \$1m
- Replacement of Smartboards with BenQ TVs \$1m
- Replacement of Medical Equipment \$25k
- Textbooks \$36k
- Debt Service Reserve \$1.1m

## Administrative, Program & Capital Budgets (APC) Components: % of Total Budget



## APC Budget Components

Total Budget	Administrative	Program	Capital
\$256,645,394	\$19,269,245	\$196,424,739	\$40,951,410
100%	7.51%	76.54%	15.96%
	Board of Education District Clerk/Meeting Superintendent Business Operations Legal Services Personnel Public Information Central Services Insurance/Assessments BOCES Administration/Capital Curriculum Administration Building/Department Supervision Associated Benefits	Teaching & Instruction Special Education Special Schools Transportation Staff Development School Library Computer Instruction Guidance Health Services Psychological Services Co-Curricular Athletics Associated Benefits	Operations & Maintenance Capital Projects Bonded Debt Short-term Debt Associated Benefits

## What is a Contingency Budget?

What happens if the budget is NOT passed by the voters = 50% +1 Vote?

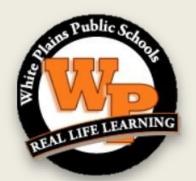


After second failed vote, the District must adopt a Contingent Budget (Chapter 463 of the Laws 1997):

- No Increase in the Tax Levy is permitted
- Non-contingent expenses must be removed
- Administrative cap applies

For 2023-24, a contingent budget would result in a reduction of \$3,775,529 or 1.54% to a new budget total of \$252,869,864









Presenter - H2M

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March 13, 2023

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Assistant Vice President | Deputy Mkt
Director – Education

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Preconstruction, Manager

### Construction Update – ARP/CRSSA/DASNY/Capital Reserve

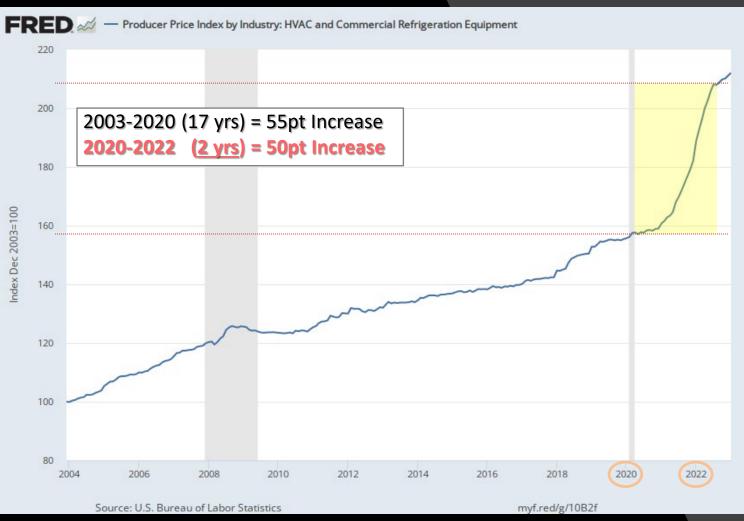


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#### **Contributing Factors of HVAC Cost Increases**

- Escalation:
  - Traditional Escalation = 3% per year
  - 2020-2022 Escalation = 19.6% per year
- Increased Equipment Counts for Classrooms:
  - Increase in Unit Ventilators Counts
- Increased costs in Manufacturing:
  - Raw Material Increases
  - Fuel and Transportation
  - Electronic-chip Shortages
  - Change in Energy Code Requirements

In-District Cost Difference of Unit Ventilator Replacement Costs – per Unit:				
<2020 UV/Unit \$ w/ Air Conditioning	<b>2023 UV/Unit \$</b> w/ Air Conditioning	Change In Cost per Unit		
\$30-\$40K	\$75K-95K	<u>\$45K-\$50K</u>		



## DW Construction of Ventilation, Filtration and Air Conditioning Improvement Projects



May 17, 2022, Voters approved \$12.65 million from the 2019 Capital Reserve, along with \$13.65 million from Federal & State Grants (NYDASNY/CRRSA/ARP) for a total estimated project cost of \$26.3 million

- Based on actual bid results and estimated project costs, the District's Professionals (A/E & Const. Mgt.) have estimated an additional \$13.5 million is required in order to complete the original scope of work as planned
- As a result, the following proposition is being presented to the voters to request the use Capital Reserve Funds

#### AT NO COST TO THE TAXPAYER:

#### PROPOSITION:

RESOLVED, that the Board of Education of White Plains City School District be authorized to expend an additional amount not to exceed \$13,500,000 to pay a portion of the cost of the construction of ventilation, filtration and air conditioning improvements to various District school buildings, substantially as described in a plan prepared by the District with the assistance of H2M Architects and Triton Construction, from (a) the balance of the funds held in the Capital Reserve Fund established through the School District's Annual Meeting and Election held on May 21, 2019, which balance as of July 1, 2022 was \$637,527, plus any interest earned on such balance until fully expended, and (b) the remainder of the funds to be expended from Capital Reserve Fund established through the School District's Annual Meeting and Election held on May 17, 2022, which will be an amount that will not exceed \$12,862,473, and such expenditures are hereby approved.



## Next Steps – 2023-24 Budget Development

Presentation of LRP to Finance Committee January 3, 2023

Presentation to LRP Board of Education January 9, 2023

Instructional Budget Presentation to BOE – February 13, 2023

Non-Instructional Presentation to BOE February 27, 2023

Superintendent's Preliminary Budget to Finance Committee March 6, 2023

Superintendent's Preliminary Budget to Board of Education March 13, 2023

Board of Education Budget Workshop March 27, 2023, if necessary

Board of Education Budget Adoption April 10, 2023

Board of Education Budget Hearing May 8, 2023

School Budget vote, Propositions & School Board Elections May 16, 2023

