

Briarcliff Manor UFSD 2023 - 2024 School Year Plan for Foundation Aid Increase

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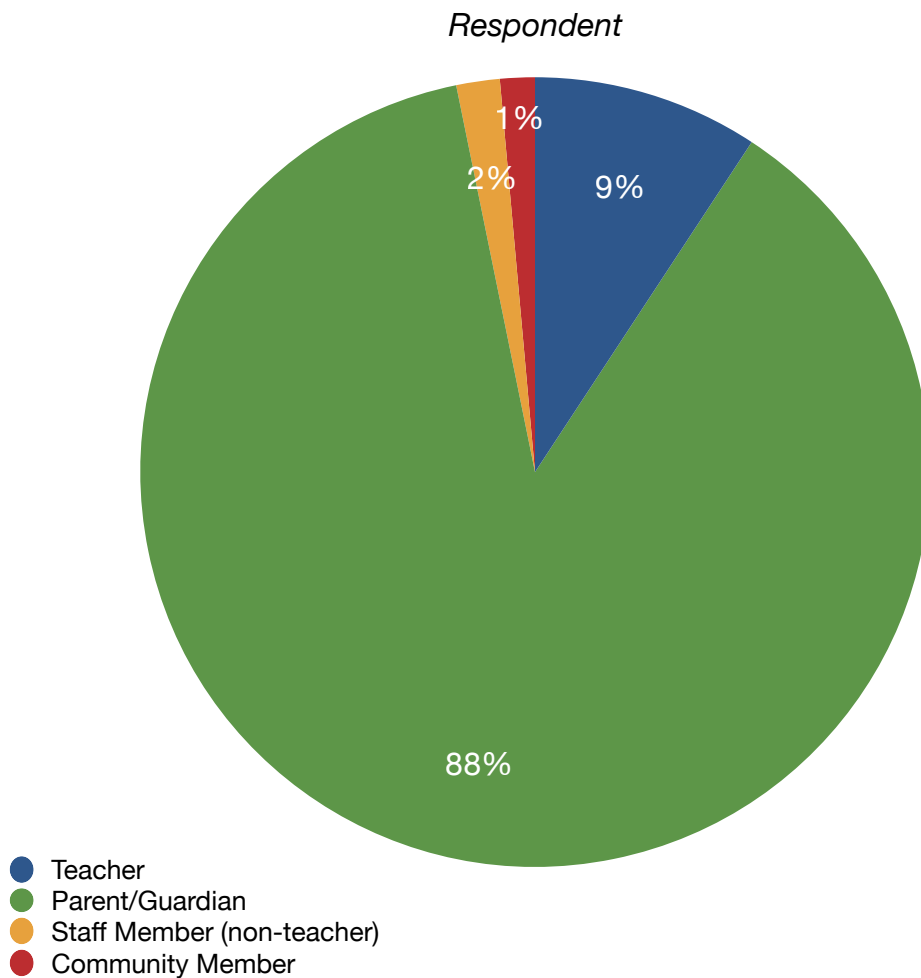
Background

The 2021-22 enacted New York state budget included language stating that for the 2021-22, 2022-23 and 2023-24 school years, each school district receiving a foundation aid increase of more than 10% or \$10,000,000 must post to its district website prior to July 1 of each school year a plan by school year of how the funds will be used to address student performance and need. Briarcliff Manor UFSD is slated to received a foundation aid increase of 19.9% for the 2023-24 fiscal year

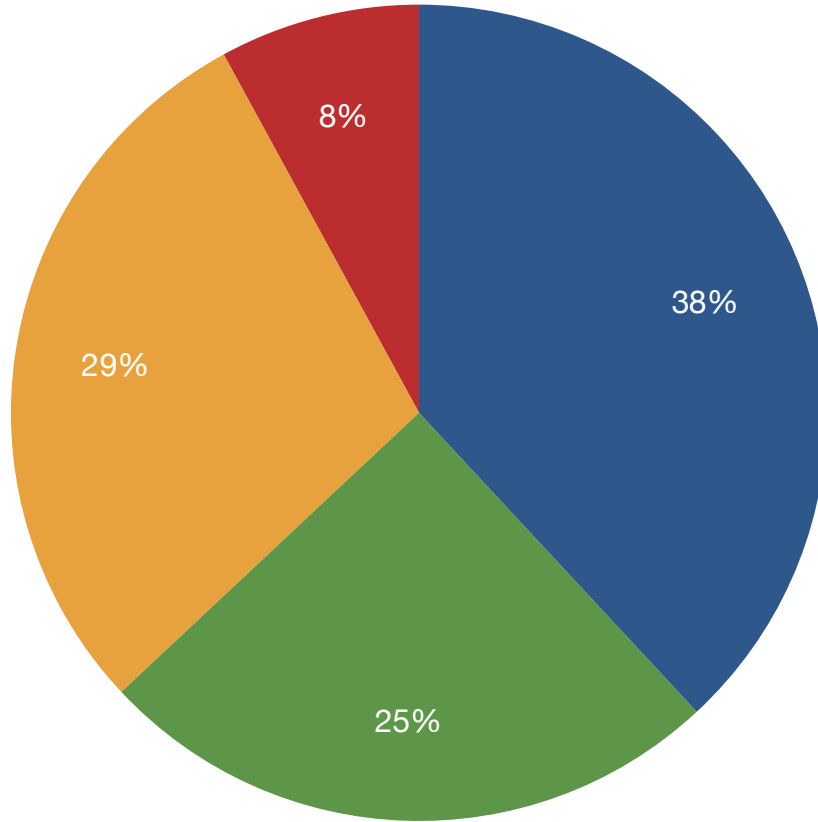
The budget language states that prior to posting the plan, each district must seek public comment from parents and guardians, teachers and other stakeholders on the plan and take such comments into account in the development of the plan.

On May 8th, 2023, the Briarcliff Manor UFSD sent out a survey to all community members to inquire about the use of the increase in NYS Foundation Aid. The following are the results of the survey.

Survey Results

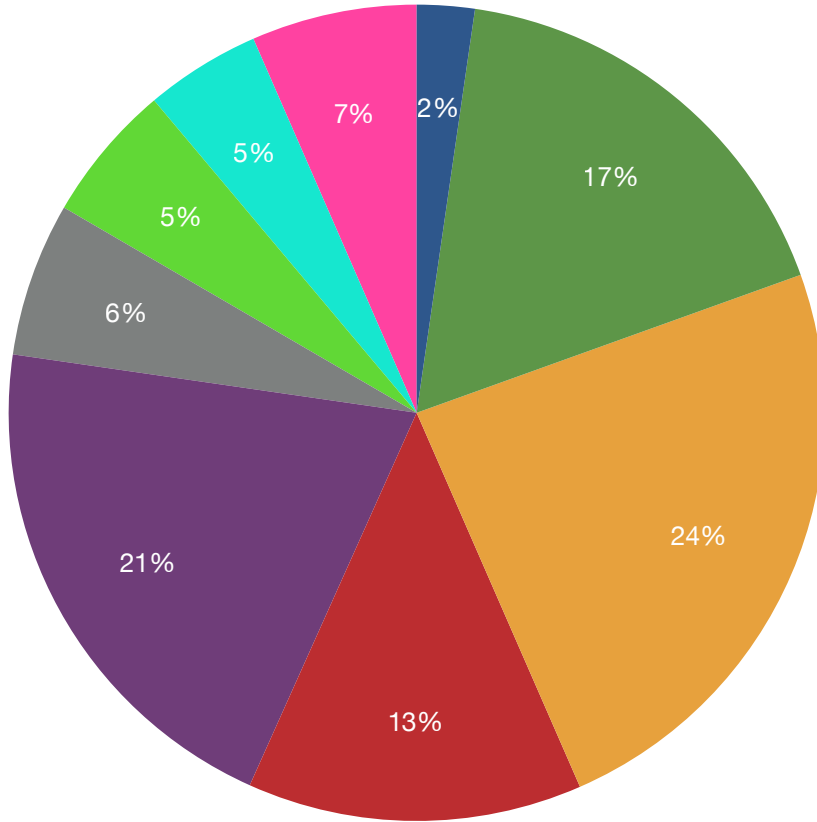


Child Attendance



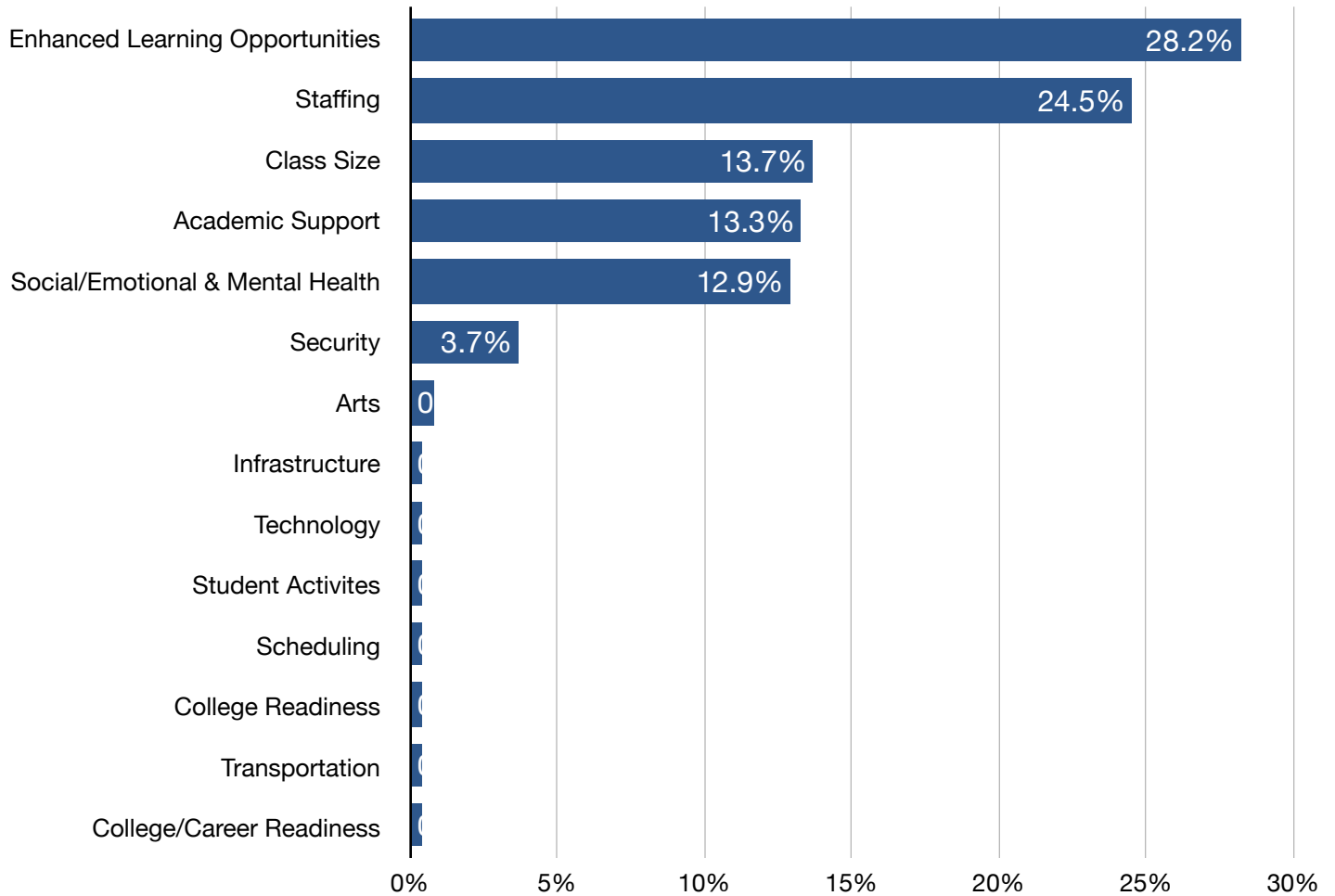
- Todd Elementary
- Middle School
- High School
- I do not have children in the District

Areas to Address



- Increasing graduation rates and eliminating the achievement gap
- Reducing class sizes
- Educational Experiences
- Providing supports for students who are not meeting, or at risk of not meeting, state learning standards in core academic subject areas
- Addressing student social-emotional health
- Providing adequate resources to English language learners, students with disabilities; and students experiencing homelessness
- Goals and ratios for pupil support
- Detailed summaries of investments in current year initiatives and balance of funds spent in priority areas.
- Other

How would you address the area(s) selected above with the additional aid? - Summary of Responses



The question, "How would you address the area(s) selected above with the additional aid?" Is summarized above.

- 28% of the responses indicated that the additional Foundation Aid Funds should be used to supported Enhanced Learning opportunities such as additional fields trips and opportunities for learning to take place outside of the traditional classroom.
- 24.5% of the responses indicated a need to address staffing, continue to hire highly qualified teachers and hire staff to support teachers both in and outside of the classroom.
- 13.7% of the responses indicated a need to reduce class sizes.
- Additional Academic Supports and social/emotional supports both were at approximately 13% of the responses.

Foundation Aid Plan

The Briarcliff Manor UFSD is slated to receive an increase of Foundation Aid of \$346,548. Based on the feedback of the community and the 2023-24 budgeting process, the District has elected to address the following:

- Class Size
 - Over the last three years, BMUFSD has experience and enrollment increase in its primary grades. This year, reflecting a multi-year pattern of increased enrollment, an additional second grade section has been added the Todd Elementary School program. This will better ensure that elementary class sizes remain within community expectations.
 - The addition of a full-time ELA teacher at the middle school has been added to decrease class sizes which are in some cases large due to scheduling restrictions resulting from shared staffing with other schools.
 - A full time Middle School Music teacher has been added to the 2023-24 budget to allow for enriched music experiences for all students and to increase master scheduling flexibility. This should result in more consistency in class sizes across the academic disciplines.
- Staffing and Academic Support
 - To aid in instructional improvement K-12 and with a focus on reading, writing, and innovative classroom practices an additional instructional coach has been included in the 2023-24 budget.
 - A supervisor of counseling has been added to to increase academic and counseling supports for students, and to help better align K-12 efforts to promoting student social and emotional wellbeing.

The Briarcliff Manor UFSD is appreciative if this year's additional Foundation Aid. Through the budget development process, District leadership has used this increased funding to enhance existing opportunities offered to our students and support wider range of student needs. We thank our community, parents and staff for taking the time to provide their input on how best to utilize these additional resources.

Sincerely,



Dr. James Kaishan, Superintendent of Schools



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