



# 2024-2025 Draft Budget Presentation

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# Tax Levy Limit Calculation (as of 2/2/24)

	2023-2024	2024-2025
Prior Year Tax Levy	\$46,067,286	\$47,023,416
Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0045	1.0075
Prior Year Pilots	\$19,895	\$20,292
Prior Year Exemptions	\$0	\$0
Adjusted Prior Year Levy	\$45,121,869	\$45,121,869
Allowable Growth Factor (CPI)	<b>1.02</b>	<b>1.02</b>
Current Year Pilot	\$20,292	\$20,698
Current Year Exemptions	\$401,425	\$261,982
Available Carryover from 23-24	0	\$467,300
Employee Retirement Exclusion	0	\$ 5,822
Max Allowable Tax Levy	\$47,892,141	\$48,649,264
<b>Tax Levy Adopted</b>	<b>\$47,023,416</b>	
Dollar Increase/(Decrease)	\$868,725	\$1,625,848
Percentage Increase/(Decrease)	1.88%	3.46%





# Property Tax Definitions

## TAX LEVY

- » **What is the tax levy?** The tax levy is the total amount of money needed to be raised from local taxes to fund the Ontario Central School District budget after state aid and other revenue sources are taken into account.

## TAX RATES

- » **Is the tax rate the same as the tax levy?** No, the tax rate differs from the tax levy, and several factors go into determining the tax rate. In calculating the tax rate, the tax levy is divided between the six towns located within the Ontario Central School District using state formulas. These formulas take into account full values, assessed values and equalization rates, all of which are used to determine the tax rate.

## ASSESSMENTS

- » **What is Assessed Value?** The assessed value is the assessor's opinion of your parcel's current market value (full value) multiplied by the uniform percentage of value used in your town. Assessed values are used along with the tax rate to compute the tax due for a particular property, before exemptions.
- » **Who determines the assessed value of my property?** Each town has an assessor who is responsible for determining the assessed values for properties within that town. Questions regarding town equalization rates and individual property assessments should be addressed directly to your town assessor. The phone number of the office of the assessor for each town within the Ontario Central School District is listed below.

## FULL VALUE

- » **What is Full Value?** The full value (also called market value) is what your property would sell for under normal conditions. For residential properties, your assessor generally determines market values by comparing your property with similar properties that have sold in similar neighborhoods, giving consideration to other factors possibly affecting market value.

## EQUALIZATION RATES

- » **What is an Equalization Rate?** Equalization rates are determined by the State and represent the overall ratio of a municipality's total assessed value to the municipality's total property market value. Equalization rates are used in apportioning property taxes among municipal segments of school districts. In order for a school district to fairly distribute its property tax levy, the levy needs to be divided in proportion to the total market value of each municipality or municipal segment. This allows for an equitable distribution of taxes based upon the market value of each municipality.
- » **Why do some towns have equalization rates less than 100%?** ORPS (Office of Real Property) has determined that the values of the homes in those towns are more than what the towns have listed as their value, while the homes in the other towns within the District with an equalization rate of 100% are not. The State determines an equalization rate in order for each town to pay its fair share of property taxes based on actual market value.



# Sample Tax Bill

## 2022 ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tax Map ID: xx.x-x-x      Fiscal Year: 7/01/2022 - 6/30/2023      Warrant Date: 9/01/2022      Bill Number: 001402

*Mail Payments/Checks payable to: In Person Payment:*

RECEIVER of TAXES      Catskill Hudson Bank  
 ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL      101 Kings Mall Court  
 DISTRICT      Kingston, NY 12401  
 PO BOX 6070      Hours: M-F 8:30AM - 4:30PM  
 KINGSTON, NY 12402      Except Holidays

*Collection Information:*

Property Description and Location:

Town: 512800      School: 514001  
 Location: [REDACTED]  
 Class: 210      Roll sect: 1  
 Account Num: 159208.000  
 Mortgage Num:  
 Bank: 0000000      Acres: 1.50  
 Front: 0.00      Depth: 0.00

John Doe  
 Jane Doe  
 West Hurley, NY 12491

*Property Taxpayer's Bill of Rights*

The Assessor estimates that the FULL MARKET VALUE of this Property as of 3/1/2021 was \$345942. The Assessed value of this property as of 7/1/2021 was \$264300. The UNIFORM PERCENTAGE OF VALUE used to establish assessments was 76.40%. If you feel your assessment is inequitable, you have the right to seek a review. For further information please contact your assessor for the booklet How to File a Complaint. Please note that the period for filing complaints on the above assessment has passed. Estimated State Aid is \$10,297,206.

Exemptions	Value	Full Value
BAS STAR	31,360.00	41,047.00

Levy Description	Assessed Val.	Taxable Val.	Tax Levy	% Levy Change	Tax Rate	Tax Amount
Onteora Central	264,300.00	264,300.00	46,067,285	1.30	11.95507600	\$3,159.73
Onteora Library	264,300.00	264,300.00	20,000	0.00	0.00519000	\$1.37

Star Savings: (\$345.00)  
 Tax Amount Due: \$2,816.10





# Effect of Assessment and Equalization on the Tax Rate

## 2022-2023

## 2023-2024

**Total true assessed taxable value in the Ontario CSD is \$5,043,672,893**

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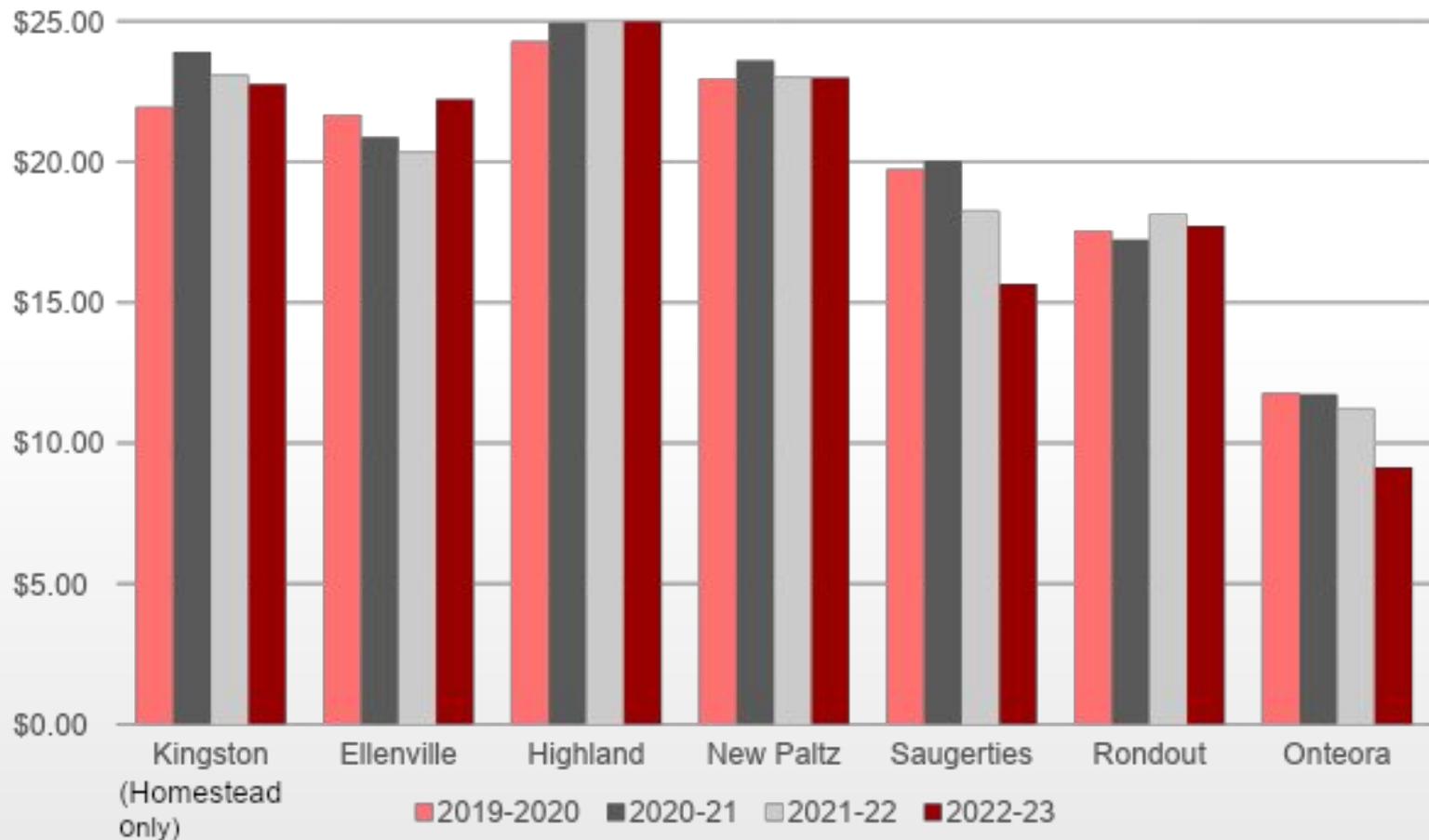
Town	Assess/ Taxable	Equal. Rate	FM Value	Tax Rate	Taxes
Olive	\$200,000	100%	\$200,000	\$9.137	\$1,827
Woodstock	\$122,000	61%	\$200,000	\$14.979	\$1,827
Hurley	\$152,800	76.4%	\$200,000	\$11.960	\$1,827
Shandaken	\$37,000	18.5%	\$200,000	\$49.392	\$1,827
Marbletown	\$140,000	70%	\$200,000	\$13.053	\$1,827
Lexington	\$151,600	75.8%	\$200,000	\$12.054	\$1,827

Town	Assess/ Taxable	Equal. Rate	FM Value	Tax Rate	Taxes
Olive	\$181,900	90.95%	\$200,000	\$8.528	\$1,551
Woodstock	\$ 93,000	46.50%	\$200,000	\$16.679	\$1,551
Hurley	\$128,800	64.40%	\$200,000	\$12.043	\$1,551
Shandaken	\$ 33,240	16.62%	\$200,000	\$46.666	\$1,551
Marbletown	\$122,000	61.00%	\$200,000	\$12.714	\$1,551
Lexington	\$126,000	63.00%	\$200,000	\$12.311	\$1,551



# Tax Rate Comparison in Ulster County

(Per \$1000 of Assessed Value)





# 2024-2025 Initial Projected Revenues

	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Projected	\$ Difference	% Difference
Tax Levy	\$47,023,416	\$48,649,264	\$1,625,848	3.46%
State Aid *	\$10,298,842	\$7,237,795	\$(3,061,047)	(29.7)%
Misc **	\$730,292	\$730,292	\$ 0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,052,550</b>	<b>\$56,617,351</b>	<b>\$(1,435,199)</b>	<b>(2.47)%</b>

\* Adjusted based on District projections

\*\* Misc includes Interest, BOCES Refund, Foster Care Billing, Interfund Transfer





# State Aid Factors

- » Drives the amount of aid schools receive from the state
- » Used as part of many very complicated formulas
- » Most important factors:
  - > CWR – Combined Wealth Ratio
    - + NYS Average is 1.0
    - + Onteora CSD is 2.466
  - > TWPU – Total Wealth Pupil Units
    - + NYS Average is \$779,900
    - + Onteora CSD is \$2,628,332
    - + Almost 300% higher than state average
    - + More than double the next highest school in Ulster County, Rondout CSD
  - > AOE/TAPU – Approved Operating Expenses per pupil
    - + NYS Average is \$16,600
    - + Onteora CSD is \$30,065
  - > RWADA – Resident Weighted Average Daily Attendance Wealth Ratio
    - + Historically been zero
    - +  $1 - (\text{District Assessment}/\text{Average State Assessment}) \cdot .510$
    - +  $1 - ((\$3,228,086/\$1,057,200) \cdot .510) = 1 - 1.55 = -.55$  or zero
    - + BOCES Building Aid is based on RWADA



# State Aid Analysis

## Non-Expense Driven Aids

- > Foundation Aid
  - + Largest part of a school's state aid
  - + Current formula started in 2007
  - + Consolidated 30+ aid programs into a formula to distribute funds to school districts based on the cost of providing an adequate education
  - + Hold Harmless situation reduced as part of Governor's budget
  - + Loss of over \$3million in Foundation Aid
- > High Tax Aid
  - + Provided by the state to schools whose residents pay a comparatively high percentage of their income in property tax
  - + Frozen at \$715,413 since 2009-10
- > Hardware & Technology Aid
  - + Onteora is not eligible (because RWADA is zero)
- > Software, Library, Textbook Aid
  - + Based on 2021-22 expenditures and pupil count
  - + \$58.25 per pupil for Textbooks (includes Private Schools)
  - + \$14.98 per pupil for Software Aid
  - + \$6.25 per pupil for Library Aid



# State Aid Analysis

## Expense Driven Aid

- » *24-25 Budgeted Aid is based on 23-24 Budgeted Expenses while 24-25 Actual Aid is based on 23-24 Actual Expenses*
  
- » **Examples of Expense Driven Aid**
  - > Building Aid – 31%
    - + Based on approved Capital Project expenditures
    - + Does not include repairs
  - > Transportation Aid – 6.5%
    - + Based on estimated Transportation operating expenses
    - + Aid ranges from 6.5% - 90%
  - > BOCES Aid – 36%
    - + Based on approved BOCES costs
    - + Aid on salaries for BOCES specialists is capped at \$30,000
    - + Aid ranges from 36% - 90%
  - > Excess Cost Aid
    - + Public – 25%
    - + Private – 61.1%
    - + Aid is received on anything over our Basic Contribution of \$43,380
    - + Highest Basic Contribution in the County
    - + #24 in the state
    - + Mostly Long Island Schools are higher



# 2024-2025 Initial Projected Expenses

	2023-2024 Budget	2024-2025 Projected	\$ Difference	% Difference
General Support	\$ 2,311,465	\$ 2,742,884	\$ 431,419	18.7%
Operations & Maint	\$ 3,308,883	\$ 3,453,078	\$ 144,195	4.35%
Instruction	\$ 29,231,853	\$ 28,849,288	\$ (382,565)	(1.31)%
Transportation	\$ 5,456,693	\$ 5,997,769	\$ 541,076	9.92%
Employee Benefits	\$ 19,757,036	\$ 20,304,783	\$ 547,747	2.77%
Community Service	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 0	0%
Debt Service	\$ 271,620	\$ 45,000	\$ (226,220)	(83.4)%
Interfund Transfers	\$ 965,000	\$ 965,000	\$ 0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 61,322,550</b>	<b>\$ 62,377,802</b>	<b>\$ 1,055,252</b>	<b>1.72%</b>



# Summary of Expenses

- » **Salary – \$25,447,718 (40.85%)**
  - > \$800,000 of salaries paid out of Grants
  - > Based on Contracts
  - > Instructional - 220
  - > Non-Instructional – 96
  - > Additional salaries for Substitutes, Coaches, Club Advisors
- » **Benefits – \$20,304,783 (32.6%)**
  - > Based on Contracts
  - > 247 Active Employees take health insurance
  - > 306 Retirees take health insurance
  - > Reimburse retirees for Medicare Part B as per the contract
- » **Other - \$16,541,847 (26.55%)**
  - > Supplies
  - > Materials
  - > Equipment
  - > Contracts
  - > Maintenance/Repairs Parts
  - > BOCES Capital/Admin



# 24-25 Budget Drivers

- » District Union Contracts
- » New Transportation Contract
  - > Rate increases on certain routes from 25%-40%
- » BOCES Budget
  - > Debt payment - \$592,820
  - > Double digit increases in certain CO-SERs (Cooperative Services)
    - + Increases had been held artificially low and need to be reset to account for inflation
- » Health Insurance budgeted at 10% increase
- » Employee Retirement (ERS) from 13.1% to 15.2%
- » Teacher Retirement (TRS) from 9.76% to 10.25%
- » Utility and supply costs
- » Special Education placements
- » Loss of American Rescue Plan (ARP) grant (Sept 24)
  - > over \$1 million being used for mental health & learning loss



# Highlights of 24-25 Budget

- » Continued replacement of technology
- » Continued active learning space initiative
- » Continued afterschool homework & extracurricular opportunities
- » Continued work on our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) process
- » Continued implementation of MTSS Data System (Branching Minds) to support student growth
- » Continued multisensory reading & math training for staff
- » Continued professional learning in math, literacy, and science
- » Continued funding for mental health support
  - > Astor
  - > Parent training and support
  - > Morningside K-6



# Areas of Uncertainty

- » Transportation Routes
- » Health Insurance Rates
- » Final State Aid
- » Special Education Student Needs
- » Additional Faculty/Staff Retirements
- » Effect of closing Phoenicia



# Initial Projected Difference

	2023-2024 Adopted	2024-2025 Initial
Projected Revenues	\$58,052,550	\$56,617,351
Projected Expenditures	\$61,325,550	\$62,377,802
<b>Projected Difference</b>		<b>\$5,760,451</b>
Appr. Fund Balance	\$3,270,000	



# 2024-2025

## Initial Projected Revenues

(without loss of state aid and 2% levy increase)

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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$58,052,550</b>	<b>\$58,993,018</b>	<b>\$ 940,468</b>	<b>1.62%</b>

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Projected Expenditures	\$61,325,550	\$62,377,802
<b>Projected Difference</b>		<b>\$3,384,784</b>
Appr. Fund Balance	\$3,270,000	



# Appropriated Fund Balance

School Year	Appropriated Fund Balance Budgeted
2023-2024	\$3,270,000
2022-2023	\$2,962,206
2021-2022	\$2,775,000
2020-2021	\$3,265,620
2019-2020	\$3,265,620



# Potential Capital Work and Funding

## » Transfer to Capital

- > Allocate funding to address tennis court repairs and crosswalk upgrades, security vestibule replacement at Woodstock

## » Use of current Capital Reserve

- > Separate Proposition
- > Allow for use of additional funding to support security vestibule addition at the MS/HS, the MS/HS Generator and Exterior Door Project if needed.

## » Potential Proposition for Purchasing Land



# Questions?