



# **Amity Regional School District 2024-2025 Proposed Budget**

**Superintendent's Budget Proposal**

**Amity Board of Education**

**Jennifer P. Byars, Ed.D.**

February 2024



# Amity BOE Bylaw 9132.6

- AFC shall review and discuss Superintendent's proposed budget
- *Presentation shall include review of accomplishments and objectives for subsequent year*
  - Annual State of the District Report which details anticipated financial needs of the District regarding academic, facility, and athletic programs and other duties under Connecticut law
- Shall include 3-year plan for equipment and textbooks
- AFC must forward budget recommendation to the BOE by March 1
- BOE must deliberate and vote by March 15



# Enrollment Picture

## Total Enrollment

Amity Middle School Bethany	357
Amity Middle School Orange	364
Amity Regional High School	1377

## Enrollment by Grade

7	357
8	347
9	342
10	320
11	322
12	360

## Enrollment by Town

Bethany	345
Orange	1052
Woodbridge	719
Out of District	50

## High Needs (Percent)

Special Education	252
Free/Reduced	294
English Learner	27
504*	294







# ACADEMICS





A photograph of two men in a workshop or classroom setting. The man on the left, wearing a grey long-sleeved shirt and glasses, is holding a piece of paper and pointing at it. The man on the right, wearing a light blue hoodie, is looking down at the paper. In the background, there are shelves with many rolls of colorful vinyl or fabric. A sign on the wall says "Adhesive Vinyl". There are also computer monitors and other equipment visible. The overall scene suggests a hands-on learning environment.

# ACADEMICS

- 28 Advanced Placement (AP) Courses
- 52 Advanced Placement (AP) Sections
- 436 students enrolled in AP classes; 962 course enrollments
- 42 Honors courses offered





# ACADEMICS

- 4 UCONN Early College Experience (ECE) Classes
- 58 students enrolled in ECE classes
- 96 students enrolled in Science Research Program
- 81 Student Organizations & Clubs – ARHS
- 29 Student Organizations & Clubs – AMSB & AMSO





# ACADEMICS: Achievements

- 16 National Merit Commended Scholars
- 7 National Merit Scholar Semifinalists
- 2023-2024 – 8 Senior Pre-Apprenticeship Program candidates & 5 Underclassmen Candidates
- In 2023, 792 AP exams were administered to 376 students; 80% scored Level 3 or better; 61% scored Level 4 or 5
- 284 High School Seniors participated in UELP (Internship) and 27 completed Senior Interest Projects prior to graduation
- Marissa Nall, Connecticut Teacher of the Year Semifinalist



# ACADEMICS: Achievements

- In 2022-2023, ARHS Science Research Program students competed in eight science fairs and competitions at the local, state and national level. Amity students earned over 70 awards and accolades from these events for their research. Highlights include having a Milton Fisher Scholarship winner, a Coca-Cola National Scholarship Semifinalist and a Regeneron STS Top 300 National Scholar.
- *The Trident*, received first place for overall excellence in scholastic journalism for high schools with a population of 1001 - 1700 from the American Scholastic Press Association (2 years running).
- Amity Investment Club placed second in the world championship round of the Wharton School of Business Investing Challenge.





# ACADEMICS: Achievements

- Amity Math Team placed 1<sup>st</sup> (Large School Division) in the CT State Association of Mathematics Leagues (CSAML) competition.
- Amity's Academic Decathlon Team received the Rookie of the Year award at the National Competition in Frisco, TX.
- Amity JSA (Junior State of America) for received recognition as the Northeast Chapter of the Year (2023).





# ACADEMICS: Amity Graduates

## CLASS OF 2023

96% - 4 Year Graduation Rate

86 % - 4 Year Schools

5% - 2 Year Schools

4% - Military/Work/Gap Year

1% - Trade Apprenticeship

2% - Undecided

158 awards and 168 scholarships totaling over \$110,000 to members of the Class of 2023





# ACADEMICS: Amity Graduates

CLASS OF 2024



Early Decision applications submitted –  
113

Early Action applications submitted –1363  
(+300)

Restrictive Early Action applications  
submitted – 14

Regular/Rolling Decision applications  
submitted – 2687

431 students report admission

# State Assessment Performance 2022-2023

## Smarter Balanced Assessment

% of Students Meeting/Exceeding Grade Level Performance

	English Lang. Arts		Math	
	Amity	CT	Amity	CT
Grade 7	80.6	48.8	75.6	39.9
Grade 8	72.5	48.5	62.8	36.2

## School Day SAT

Test Participants	346
Total Mean Score	1116
Evidence Based Reading and Writing	559
Mathematics	557

## Next Generation Science Assessment

% of Students Meeting/Exceeding Grade Level Performance

	Amity	CT
Grade 8	68.6	47.6
Grade 11	59.0	46.9

## Health & Fitness Assessment

% of Students Meeting Fitness Zone Standard

	Amity	CT
Grade 8	68.8	44.1
High School	56.5	41.1







# Amity Regional School District

## Next Gen Accountability 2022-2023

INDICATOR	AMITY	STATE
1a. ELA Performance Index - All Students	99.8	85.2
1b. ELA Performance Index - High Needs Students	83.9	72.1
1c. Math Performance Index - All Students	96.4	79.6
1d. Math Performance Index - High Needs Students	77.3	65.2
1e. Science Performance Index - All Students	90.5	82.1
1f. Science Performance Index - High Needs Students	72.5	68.2
2a. ELA Academic Growth - All Students	57.7	57.2
2b. ELA Academic Growth - High Needs Students	51.5	52.5
2c. Math Academic Growth - All Students	69.3	61.8
2d. Math Academic Growth - High Needs Students	58.3	55.5



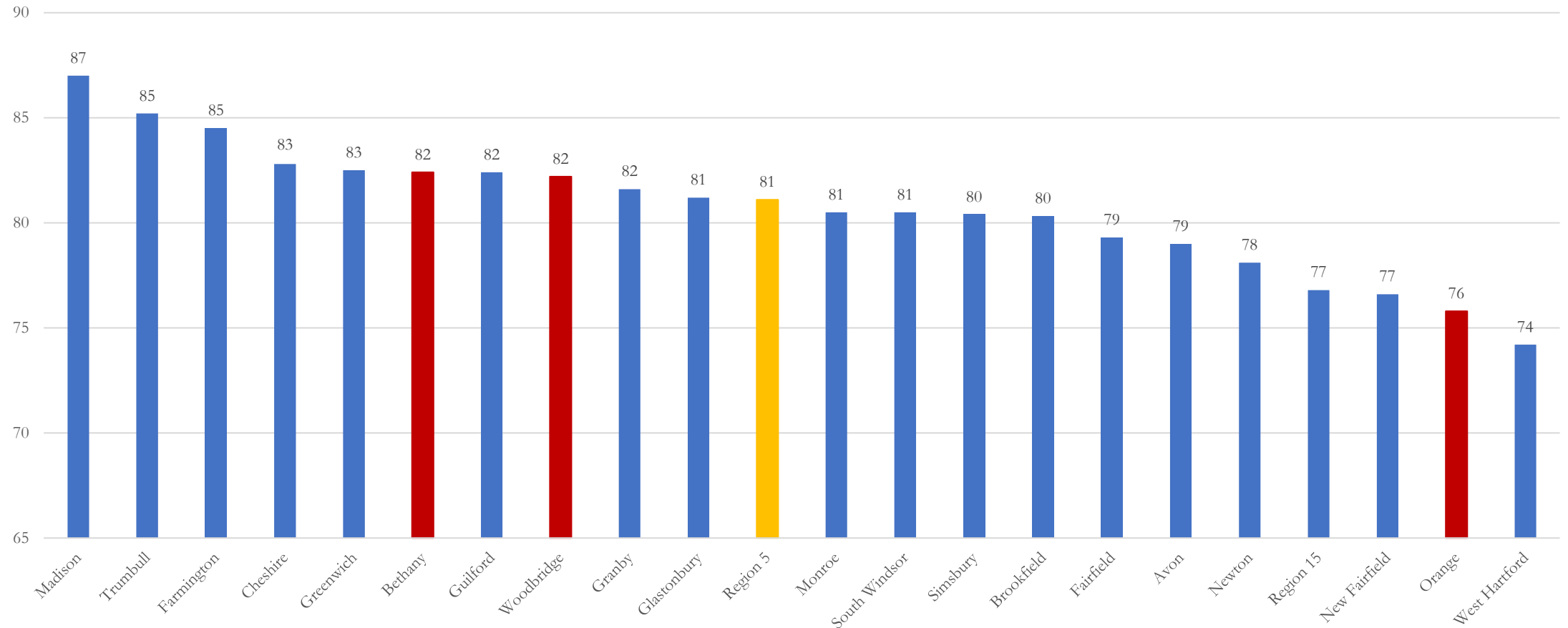
# Amity Regional School District

## Next Gen Accountability 2022-2023

INDICATOR	AMITY	STATE
4a. Chronic Absenteeism - All Students	87.9	39.8
4b. Chronic Absenteeism - High Needs Students	47.5	6.0
5. Preparation for CCR - Percent Taking Courses	100	100
6. Preparation for CCR - Percent Passing Exams	83.3	59.0
7. On-track to High School Graduation	100	87.7
8. 4-year Graduation: All Students (2022 Cohort)	100	94.6
9. 6-year Graduation: High Needs Students (2020 Cohort)	97.4	91.1
10. Postsecondary Entrance (Graduating Class 2022)	100	88.2
11. Physical Fitness (estimated participation rate = 93.4%)	84.3	60.6
12. Arts Access	100	90.9
<b>Accountability Index</b>	<b>81.1</b>	<b>69.3</b>



# DRG B Next Gen Accountability Index 2022-2023







# Amity Regional School District Strategic Priorities

- Continue support for all comprehensive academic programming
  - Humanities and STEM classes
  - AP/ECE classes, Intervention supports
  - VPA, CTE, World Language, Health/PE
- Continue efforts to address chronic absenteeism and improve school attendance
- Increase assessment participation
- Improve identification of and interventions for students performing below grade level
- Increase certified math intervention for students below grade level
- Increase opportunities for students to earn college credit (dual enrollment courses)
- Address unfunded mandates
- Phase in POG mastery-based portfolio credit
- Update and align rigorous, standards-based curriculum





# ATHLETICS



# ATHLETIC OPPORTUNITIES

SEASON	ATHLETES
FALL 2023	450
WINTER 2023	346
SPRING 2023	527
FALL 2024	542
WINTER 2024	373

- 25 High School Varsity Sports
- 2 “Team of One” Sports
- 12 Middle School Sports
- MS, HS, ATA Unified Sports Program







# The Teams

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- **2022-2023**
  - 1 SCC Champion
  - 4 SCC Champion Runners-Up
  - 4 SCC Divisional Champions
  - 1 SCC Sectional Champion
- **Fall 2023**
  - 1 SCC Champion
  - 1 SCC Champion Runner-Up



# The Athletes & Coaches

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- **2022-2023**
  - 79 SCC All-League Athletes
  - 24 CHSCA All-State Athletes
  - 2 SCC Players of the Year
  - 3 SCC Coaches of the Year
- **Fall 2023**
  - 20 SCC All-League Student-Athletes
  - 8 All-State Student-Athletes
  - 1 SCC Player of the Year
  - 1 SCC Coach of the Year





# ARTS







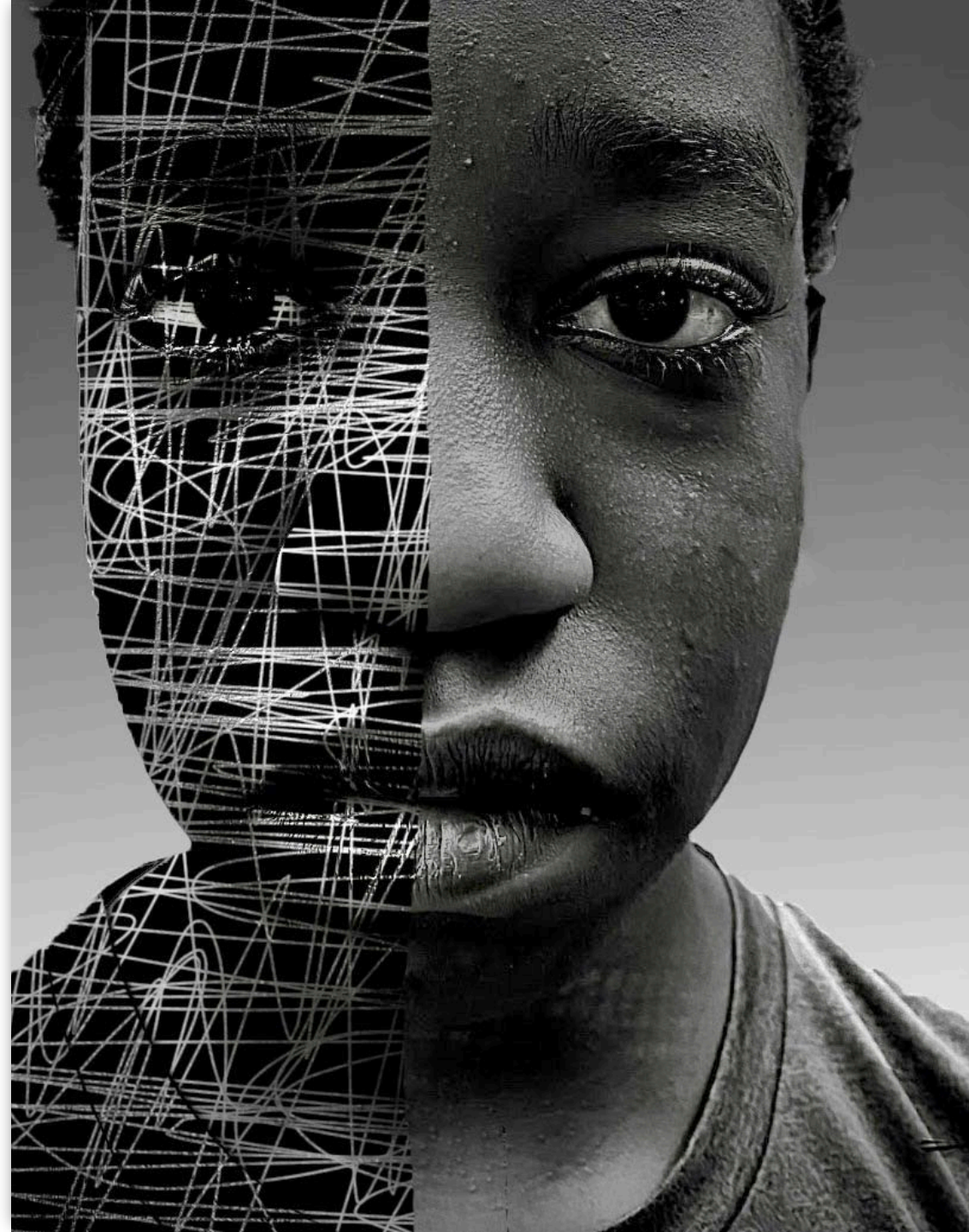
# Musical Arts

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- MIDDLE SCHOOLS
- **CMEA Southern Region Music Festival**
- 26 AMSB students auditioned; 17 students accepted
- 12 AMSO students auditioned; 10 students accepted
- **Community Performances** – Memorial Day Parades, Veteran's Day Ceremonies, Winter & Spring Concerts, Adjudication Festival, Sound Tiger National Anthem Performance
- HIGH SCHOOL
- **CMEA Southern Region Music Festival** – 6 students accepted
- **All-State Music Festival** – 6 currently auditioning
- **Community Performances** – Tri-M at Coachman Square, 8th Grade Parent Night and Student Visits, Football Games, Memorial Day Parades, Music in Motion, Winter & Spring Concerts, Inaugurations

# Visual Arts

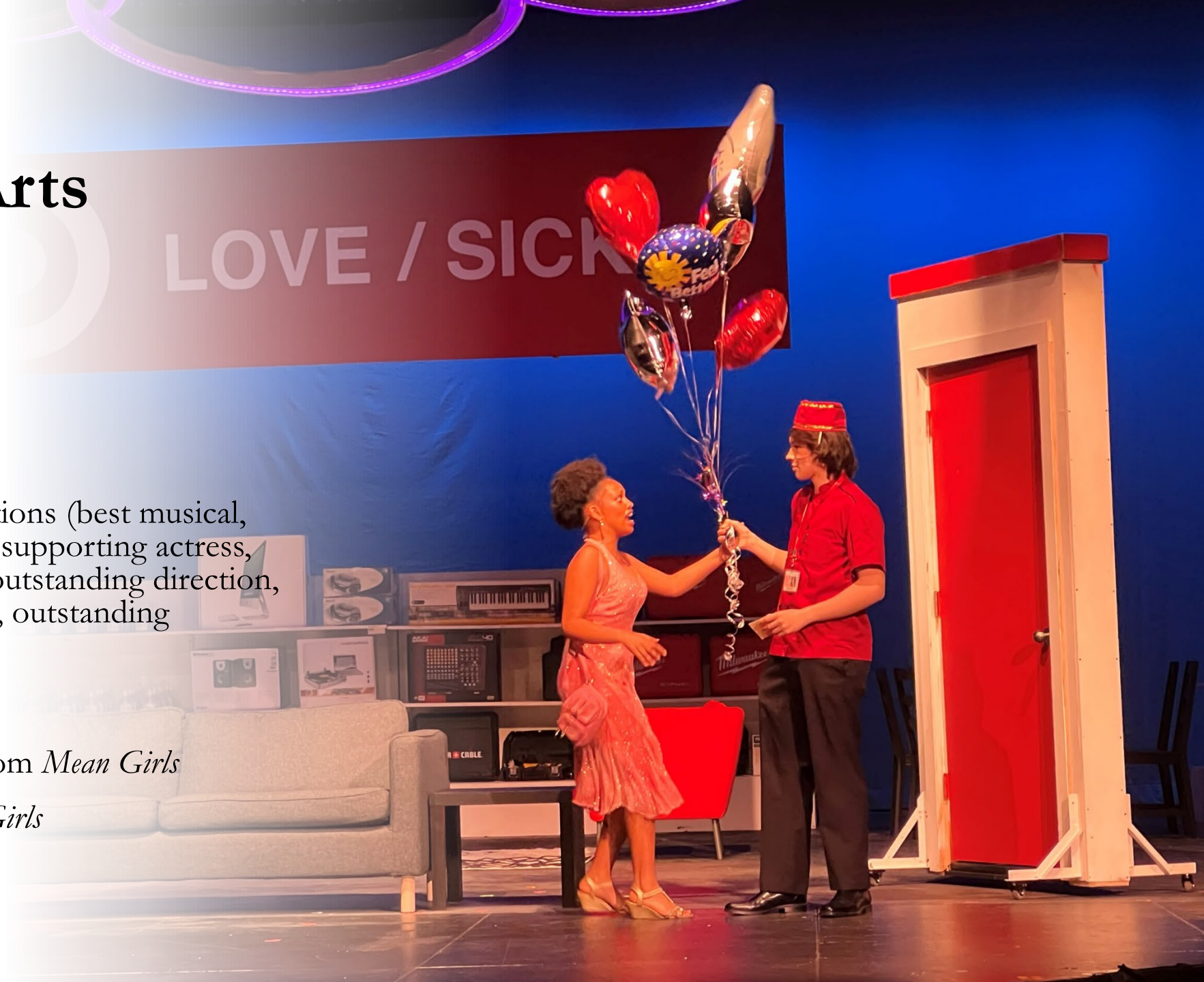
- **Drexel University National High School Art Competition 2023**
  - 2 students awarded
- **Scholastic Art Competitions 2023**
  - 1 Gold Key in Photography
  - 3 Silver Key in Photography, Mixed Media, Painting
  - 2 Honorable Mention in Photography and Printmaking
- **SCC Art Exhibition** – 3 works submitted
- **CAS Awards** – Performing Arts and Visual Arts
- **Art Exhibitions:** Woodbridge Library (7-12), Bethany Library (7-12), Orange Library (7-12), Valley Arts Council Main Street Gallery
- World News with David Murr





# Performing Arts

- *Annie Jr.*
- *Frozen Jr.*
- *LOVE/SICK*
- *Beauty and the Beast*
- 8 Sondheim Award nominations (best musical, best actress, best actor, best supporting actress, outstanding choreography, outstanding direction, outstanding costume design, outstanding ensemble)
  - Best Actress Winner
- Broadway cast workshop from *Mean Girls*
- *Coming Spring 2024 – Mean Girls*





# 2024-2025 Budget Overview





# C.G.S. Chapter 164, Section 10-51

The Regional School board shall present a budget which includes a statement of

1. *estimated* receipts and expenditures for the next fiscal year,
2. *estimated* receipts and expenditures for the current fiscal year,
3. *estimated* surplus or deficit in operating funds at the end of the current fiscal year,
4. bonded or other debt,
5. *estimated* per pupil expenditure for the current and for the next fiscal year, and
6. such other information as is necessary in the opinion of the board.



# Board of Education

## MISSION

To enable every Amity student to become a lifelong learner and a literate, caring, creative, and effective world citizen.

## GOALS

1. Continuously improve instruction, cultivate creativity, and enhance student engagement and performance.
2. Enhance the efficient and effective use of resources.
3. Foster a supportive climate for students and adults.



### COLLABORATOR

A collaborator is a learner who is an active contributor and works inclusively with others toward a goal while being aware of their unique impact on the world and the world's impact on them.



### COMMUNICATOR

A communicator is a learner who is able to clearly, confidently and effectively read, write, speak and listen across various formats and contexts.



### EMPATHIZER

An empathizer is a learner who continuously grows their capacity to understand multiple perspectives.



### PLANNER

A planner is a learner who is able to independently balance demands, responsibilities, and priorities to fulfill their goals, obligations, and aspirations.



### PROBLEM SOLVER

A problem solver is a learner who accepts challenges with curiosity, passion, and creativity while thinking critically to arrive at a variety of possible solutions.



# Budget Process

Contractual Obligations

Federal & State Mandates

School & Department  
Requests

Collaborative process to: 1) find efficiencies & savings; 2) prioritize/eliminate new requests; 3) reduce/combine redundancies

**Superintendent's Recommended Budget**

**Budget Review and Feedback from AFC/BOF**

**Review and Adoption by Board of Education**



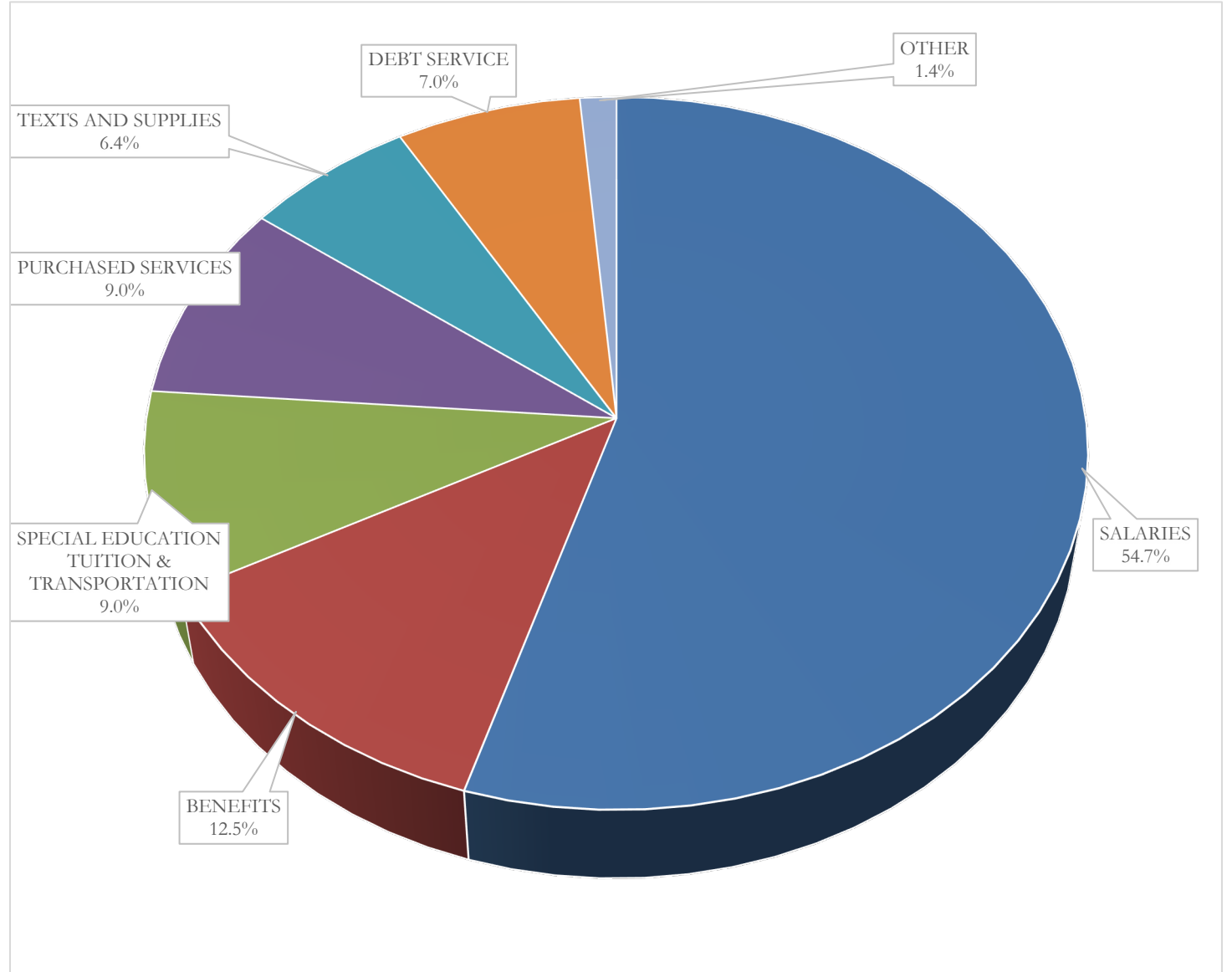


# Budget Drivers

- Contractual Increases
  - Salaries
  - Services
- Health Care Costs
- State Mandates
- Academic Performance
- Personnel
- Technology
- Pupil Services
- Transportation
- Increasing Enrollment

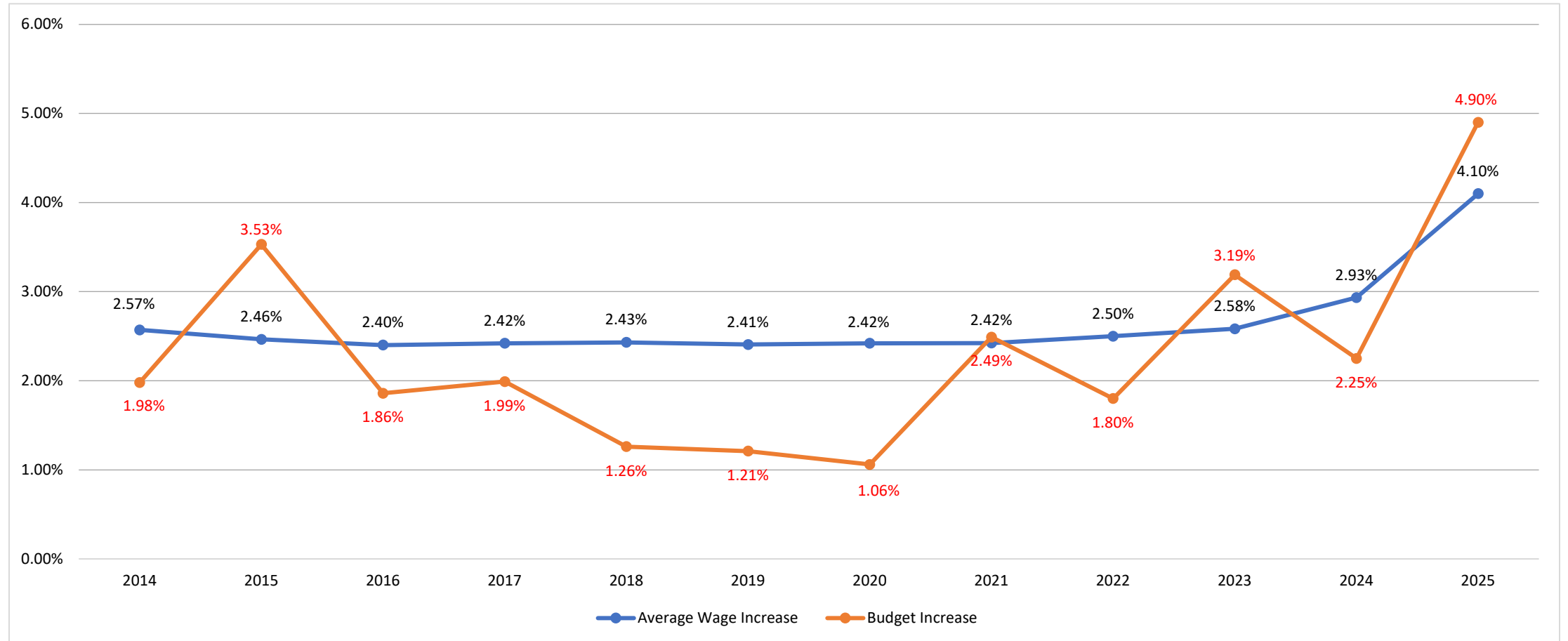


# Proposed 2024-2025 Budget





# Contractual Increases vs. Budget Increases



# Contract Settlements

## Teachers

13.49% increase over 3 years

4.85% increase in 2024-2025

Stipends – 2% increase annually

Tuition reimbursement program

Health care – level funding from current contract

Allow use of sick time for Family

Medical Leave

## Contracts To Be Negotiated

Paraeducators

Nurses





# Health Insurance Data

- The District maintains a reserve of 18% of costs
  - Our insurance consultants categorize reserves as Strong, Moderate and Low
    - Strong – 22.35%
    - Moderate – 18.46%
    - Low – 14.58%
  - Small size groups, like the District, experienced more volatility in claims
  - Low reserves are higher risks for small size groups; the District maintains a reserve in the moderate range to avoid a larger budget increase



# Unfunded State Mandates

- Financial Literacy required for graduation (Class of 2027)
  - Provision of Special Education services through age 22+
  - Required District Transition Coordinator (Sped students age 14+)
  - Required Trainings (paraeducators, school nurses, seizure response, school climate and culture, restorative practices, special education)
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- HVAC Inspections
- Feminine Hygiene Products





# Amity Regional School District

## Accountability Priorities

Indicators	Current Index Rate	State Targets	SMART GOAL - By 2025...
1a & 1b - ELA Performance Index (All Students and High Needs)	75 - AS 62.8 - HN	75	By June of 2025, all students will have an index rate of at least 78%, with high needs students having performance gaps of less than 10%.
1c & 1d - <b><u>Math Performance Index</u></b> (All Students and High Needs)	71.1 - AS 56.8 - HN	75	By June of 2025, all students will have an index rate of at least 78%, with high needs students having performance gaps of less than 10%.
1e & 1f - <b><u>Science Performance Index</u></b> (All Students and High Needs)	70.3 - AS 56.7 - HN	75	By June of 2025, all students will have an index rate of at least 78%, with high needs students having performance gaps of less than 10%.
2a and 2b - ELA Academic Growth (All Students and High Needs)	59.3% - AS 57% - HN	100%	By June 2025, all students will have an index rate of at least 66.3%, with high needs students having performance gaps of less than 10%.
2c and 2d - <b><u>Math Academic Growth</u></b> (All Students and High Needs)	71% - AS 58.4% - HN	100%	By June of 2025, all students will have an index rate of at least 78%, with high needs students having performance gaps of less than 10%.
4a - <b><u>Chronic Absenteeism - All Students</u></b>	14.2%	<=5%	By June 2025, both chronic absenteeism for all students and high needs students will be less than or equal to 5%, with benchmark targets of a 3.5% reduction rate each year for all students and a 6.5% reduction rate each year for high needs students.
4b - <b><u>Chronic Absenteeism - High Needs</u></b>	24.4%	<=5%	



# Personnel Fiscal Impact

1.0 Middle School Math Interventionist

1.0 Math Intervention Teacher (ARHS)

1.0 Financial Literacy Teacher

1.0 District Transition Coordinator





# Personnel Fiscal Impact

## 1.0 Middle School Math Interventionist

- Current model – 1.0 Math Interventionist Teacher
- Math Interventionist Teacher directs work of 1.0 paraeducator
- Teacher & para shared between middle schools (ACE and BDF rotation)
- Proposed model
  - Add additional 1.0 Math Interventionist Teacher
  - Reassign current 1.0 paraeducator to Special education
  - Each middle school has full-time math interventionist
  - Modeled after ELA/Reading Intervention program at middle schools



# Personnel Fiscal Impact

## 1.0 High School Math Interventionist

- Current model – 2.0 Part-Time tutors support math intervention
- Students are identified by Teachers/Assessment data
- Students self-direct to intervention room during study hall/SSP
- Proposed model
  - Add 1.0 Math Interventionist Teacher
  - Performance data review and *scheduling* of students for math intervention
  - Provide direct support for ARHS students performing below grade level
  - Provide math instruction in Spartan Academy
  - Direct work of math intervention tutors





# Personnel Fiscal Impact

## Financial Literacy Teacher – State graduation requirement for Class of 2027 onward

- Current Business teacher staffing: 2.0 FTE teachers
- Current Course Offerings: Accounting, Advanced Accounting, Marketing, Financial Literacy, Economics, It's The Law, Entrepreneurship
- New requirement increases number of Financial Literacy sections from 6 to 15

	Current Staffing		Without Adding Teacher		With Additional Teacher		
	A	B	A	B	A	B	C
Fin Lit	3	3	7	8	5	5	5
All other	7	7	3	2	5	5	5



# Personnel Fiscal Impact

## District Transition Coordinator – State mandate

- Direct instruction to students with disabilities to meet their individual transition needs
- Coordinates transition activities for college, career, and community readiness
- Assists students with disabilities in obtaining services necessary to transition from high school to post-secondary education, employment, or long-term support



# Personnel Fiscal Impact

3.0 Education Interns

0.23 Support Staff (1 position) - School Mental Health Staff Grant Phase-in Funding

0.5 Administrative Assistant (District)

Assistant Athletic Director (Stipend)

Middle School Wrestling Coach (Stipend)

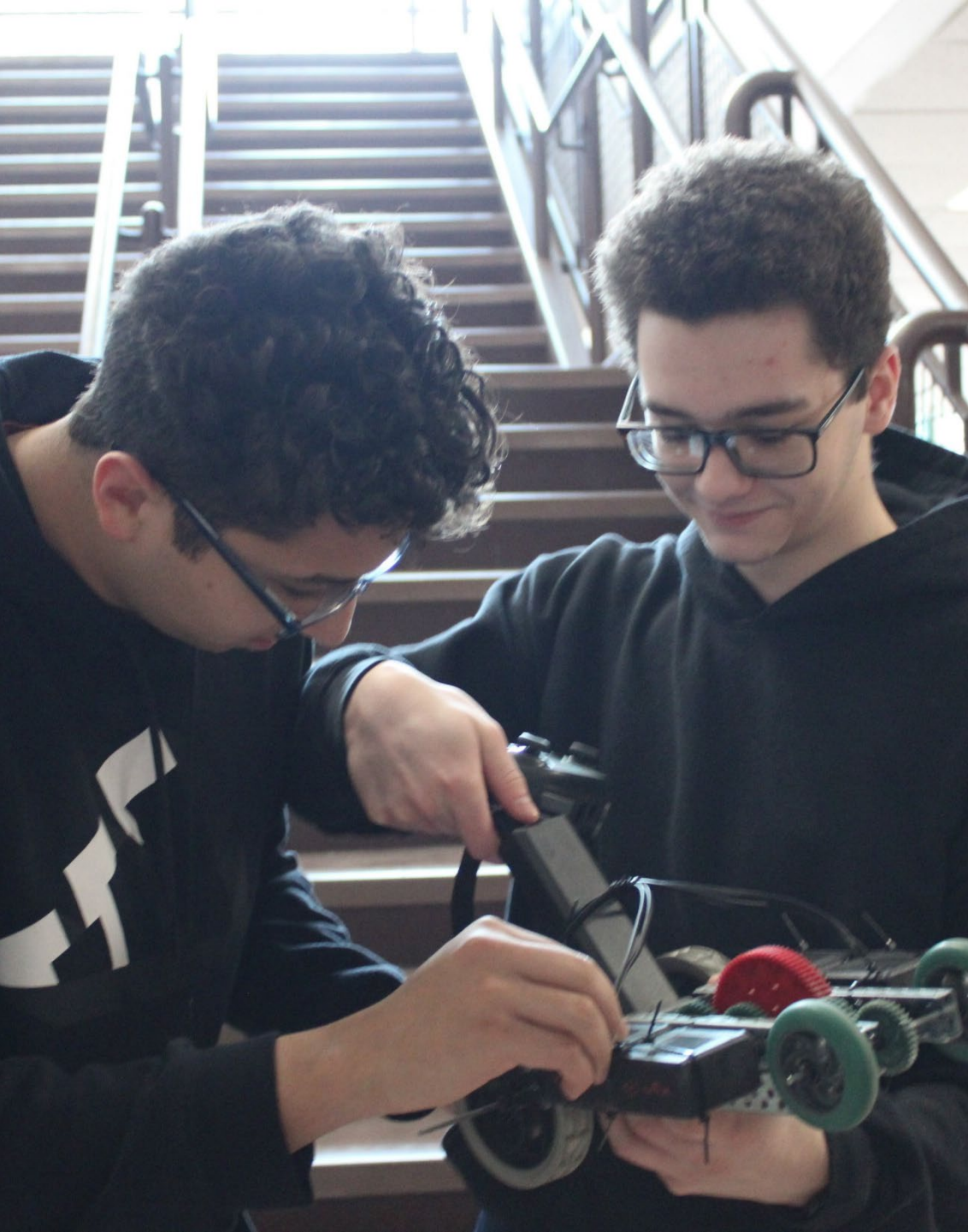




# Personnel Fiscal Impact – NOT in Budget

- 1.0 Administrative Assistant (Middle Schools)
- 1.0 Math Intervention Paraeducator (reassign to open Special Education position)
- 0.5 Math Intervention Paraeducator (Middle Schools)
- Athletic Site Directors (50% reduction)
- 1.0 Website manager/tech support – assign different responsibilities to existing vacant position
- 2.0 Test Center Monitors (MS) - use added Interns in this role





# Technology Fiscal Impact

- **Maintaining One to One (1:1) Digital Learning Environment**
  - Devices (Lease payments)
  - Endpoint Protection and Classroom Management
  - Peripherals
    - Classroom audio upgrades
    - Full size wireless keyboards and mice

# Technology Fiscal Impact

## Staff Requests

- Instructional Displays
- Specialized Lab Replacement
  - ARHS CTE Graphics Lab
- Software for Teaching in the 1:1 Environment

## 5-Year Technology Plan

- Teacher Laptop Replacements
- Instructional Displays
- Specialty Labs
  - Art, Music/Video, Music
- Security Cameras
- Technology Infrastructure Replacement
  - Servers, switches, access points



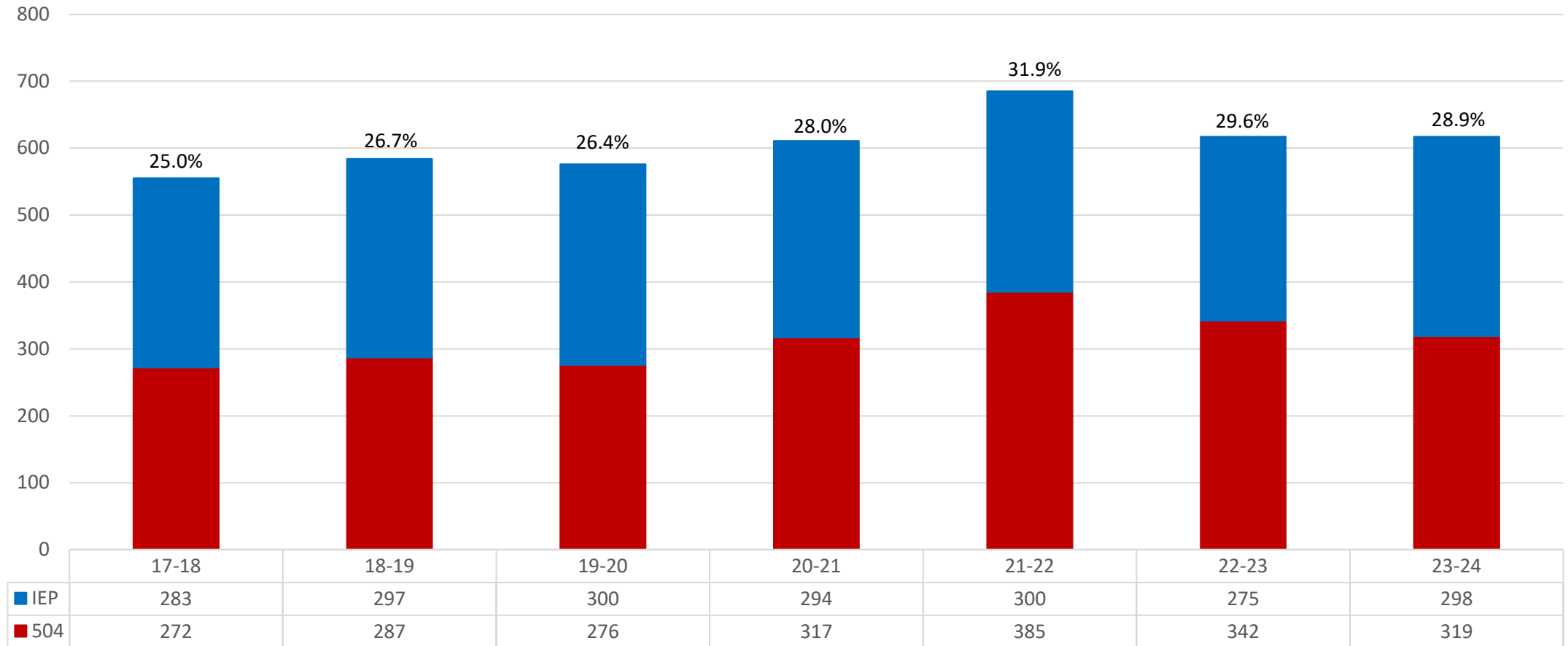


# Pupil Services Department Responsibilities

Assistive Technology	Amity Transition Academy (UNH/Alberts Magnus)
Board Certified Behavioral Analyst Services	State Health Liaison
DCF-603 & Nexus Considerations	District Medical Advisor
Physical & Psychological Management Training	Hearing Impaired Services/Technology
Homebound Instruction	Hospital Instruction
Homelessness	IDEA Mandated Services/IDEA Grant
Medicaid Compliance/Reimbursement	Occupational/Physical Therapy Services
Paraprofessionals (PL too) and RBTs	School Nursing Services
School Psychological Services	Section 504 Mandated Services
Spartan Academy/Spartan Prep	Speech and Language Services
Title II, III, IV & IX Compliance/Coordination	Transportation (ECA, Magnet, OOD, VoAg, etc...)



# Pupil Services Student Enrollment



# Pupil Services Department Budget Overview

## Fixed Budget Costs

Budget Consideration	% Increase
Transportation	3.18-7.99%
Tuition	3.25-8.44%
Salaries (Certified and Non-Certified)	2.5-5.00%







# Pupil Services Department Budget Overview

## Major Budget Fiscal Considerations

Budget Consideration	Fiscal Impact
Rising Outplacements (1 student)	\$139,182 (tu+tr)
Charter School Outplacement	\$90,552 (tu+tr)
1:1 Nursing Services	\$67,000
1:1 RBT (5 students)	\$385,000
HB 5001 Secs. 32–34 (Age out)	\$124,268 (tu+tr)
Legal	\$136,000





# Pupil Services Department Cost Savings Initiatives

Cost Savings Initiative	Anticipated Savings
Amity Transition Academy UNH-Orange & Albertus Magnus	<b>\$654,313 (tu) + \$ 50,638.00(tr) = \$704,951.00</b> (EdAdvance Post University 2024-2025 Tuition Rate and one bus at B and B 2024-2025 school-year rate)
7-12 Spartan Academic and Independent Living Skills (SAILS) AMSO/ARHS	<b>\$1,200,265.00 (tu) + \$50,638 (tr) = \$1,250,903</b> SAILS 7-12 currently meets the needs of 17 students. (11 students (out of 17 in the program) at the anticipated ACES 2024-2025 Tuition Rate and one bus at the anticipated B & B 2024-2025 school-year rate).
7-12 Spartan Prep AMSB/ARHS	<b>\$626,564 (tu) + \$50,638.00 (tr)= \$677,202.16</b> 10 students are intensively supported in Spartan Prep. (8 students (out of 10 in the program) at the CES 2024-2025 anticipated tuition rate and one bus at the B & B 2024-2025 anticipated School-year rate).
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,633,056.16</b>



# Pupil Services Department Budget Overview



5.46%



# Pupil Services Department Fiscal Uncertainties

- Final Excess Cost Reimbursement Rate
  - Estimate in FY 25 Budget is 80%
  - FY 24 projection is 68.1%
    - Lower than FY 24 budget of 80%
    - Lower than FY 23 at 73.1%
- Variability among the 34 anticipated outplaced students
  - Return to in-district programs
  - Changing outplacements
  - Transportation
- Unanticipated student mobility
  - Students moving in vs. students moving out
- Unanticipated outplacements at Elementary Level
  - Spring PPTs



# Transportation Fiscal Impact

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- Addition of 1 full daily run for anticipated increased enrollment
  - Lascana (Smith Farm Road) and Firelight Commons Developments



# Understanding Facilities and Capital Accounts – An Analogy

CAR



FACILITIES



# Understanding Facilities and Capital Accounts

## CAR – Regular Expenses

- Gas
- Oil Changes
- Tire Rotation
- Wiper Fluid

## FACILITIES – Annual Expenses

- Repairs, Maintenance, Cleaning
- Maintenance and Custodial Supplies





# Understanding Facilities and Capital Accounts

## **CAR – Expected, Less Frequent Expenses**

- Tires
- Brakes
- 50,000 mile check-up
- 100,000 mile check-up

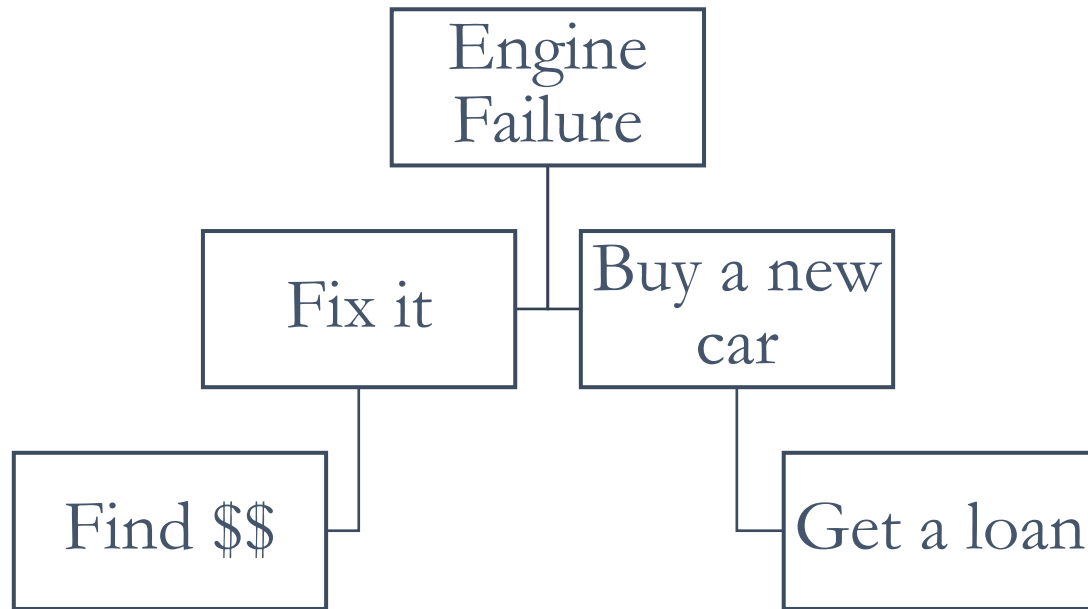
## **FACILITIES – Capital Items in Operating Budget**

- Equipment (New and Replacement)
  - Classroom Furniture
- Improvements to Buildings, Improvements to Sites
  - Asphalt & Concrete (AMSO) Repair
  - Window Film
  - Pipe Insulation
  - Exterior Painting



# Understanding Facilities and Capital Accounts

**CAR – Unexpected OR Higher Cost Expenses**



## FACILITIES

- Contingency
- 5-Year Capital Plan
  - Operational, CNR, Bonding
- Roof Refurbishing (all three schools)

# Understanding Facilities and Capital Accounts

## CAR



## FACILITIES

- Capital Nonrecurring (from unexpended funds)
  - Lecture Hall Renovation
  - High School Media Centers Modernization
  - Middle School Musical Instruments

# Capital Improvement Plan (5-Year Projects)

## OPERATING BUDGET

- Annual Furniture Replacement
- Concrete Repair (AMSB)
- Parking Lot Maintenance
- Locker Repainting (MSs)
- CTE Woodworking Dust Collection System (ARHS)
- Art Classroom Modernization (ARHS)

## CNR ACCOUNT (2%)

- Middle Schools Media Center Modernization
- Middle Schools Gymnasium Stage Light Replacement
- Home Locker Room Locker Replacement (ARHS)
- Walking Track Repair (AMBS)
- Bleachers & Warning Track – Softball & Baseball (ARHS)
- ARHS Gym Bleachers





# Technology 5-Year Plan

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- Teacher Laptop Replacements
- Instructional Displays
- Specialty Labs
  - Art and Music/Video (HS)
  - Music (MS)
- Security Cameras
- Technology Infrastructure Replacement
  - Servers, switches, access points



# Textbook 5-Year Plan

- Middle School Social Studies
- High School Social Studies
- High School Science
- High School World Language
- High School English
- Ongoing Costs
  - Middle & High School Math
  - Middle School Reader's Workshop





# Debt Service

Fiscal Year	Principal Payments	Interest Payments	Total Debt Service
2024-25	3,615,000	368,978	3,983,978
2025-26	2,325,000	235,850	2,560,850
2026-27	1,345,000	146,250	1,491,250
2027-28	550,000	95,650	645,650
2028-29	550,000	68,150	618,150
2029-30	550,000	43,400	593,400
2030-31	550,000	26,900	576,900
2031-32	215,000	19,250	234,250
2032-33	215,000	14,950	229,950
2033-34	215,000	10,650	225,650
2034-35	215,000	6,350	221,350
2035-36	210,000	2,100	212,100
	\$ 10,555,000	\$ 1,038,478	\$ 11,593,478





# When to Bond?

- A specific project or group of projects are identified – What? Where?
- Lifespan of the project outlasts length of the bond
- Need for the project can withstand time to secure the bond
- Lower interest rates favor bonding
- Amount of bond is large enough to minimize the cost of issuance
- Community support for the bond (referendum)







# 2% to Reserve

- The **SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS** **RECOMMENDATIONS** below **MAY BE CONSIDERED** by the Amity Finance Committee and Amity Board of Education, at the latest, at the **SEPTEMBER** 2024 meetings.
- **CONSIDER** appropriating up to 2% or \$1,091,054 of the 2023-2024 operating budget to the Capital and Nonrecurring fund for future capital items.

# Primary Source of Unexpended Funds

2017-2018	Sped (new in-house program), Lower medical and dental claims (72%)
2018-2019	Sped (tuition and transportation), increased state grant revenue
2019-2020	COVID; Schools closed from March – June, Salaries, lower medical claims, Sped (tuition and transportation), athletic/academic transportation, utilities, staff travel, instructional supplies
2020-2021	Post-pandemic Hybrid operation; COVID set-aside (funded by grants), Sped (tuition and transportation), lower medical claims, athletic/academic transportation, increased state/federal grant revenue, staff travel & conferences
2021-2022	Sped (new in-house program), Salaries (due to vacancies), Transportation (Athletic and Sped)
2022-2023	Salaries (due to vacancies), Sped (tuition and transportation)



# Initial Budget Requests

- Initial Budget with all requests totaled \$57,738,549
  - Percent increase of 5.84%
  - Dollar increase of \$3,185,790
- Administrators' Discussion reduced requests
  - Reduced requests by \$188,372 to bring budget request to 5.43% increase
- Superintendent, Administrators, and Finance staff further reduced requests
  - Reduced request by \$323,534 to bring budget request to 4.90% increase
- \$511,906 cut from initial budget requests



# Items Reduced from Original Requests

- Personnel Requests
  - Includes Benefits for New Positions
- Specific Furniture
  - Designated in 5-Year Capital Plan
- Promethean Boards and Teacher Laptops
  - Designated in 5-Year Technology Plan
- Actual Fuel Bid Results vs. Estimated Fuel Costs
- Identified End of Year Purchases





# Average Daily Membership

	<u>2023-2024</u>		<u>2024-2025</u>		<u>Change</u>
	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Percent</u>	
Bethany	363	17.452%	345	16.305%	(1.147%)
Orange	1017	48.894%	1052	49.716%	0.822%
Woodbridge	700	33.654%	719	33.979%	0.325%
Total	<i>2080</i>		<i>2116</i>		



# 2024-2025 Town Allocations

## (as of January 8, 2024)

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>\$ Variance</u>	<u>% Variance</u>
Bethany	\$9,317,351	\$9,123,674	(\$193,677)	(2.08%)
Orange	\$26,103,744	\$27,819,233	\$1,715,489	6.57%
Woodbridge	\$17,967,346	\$19,013,390	\$1,046,044	5.82%
Other Revenue	\$1,164,318	\$1,270,346	\$106,028	9.11%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,552,759</b>	<b>\$57,226,643</b>	<b>\$2,673,884</b>	<b>4.90%</b>



# Changes Since January 2024

Proposed Change	Reduction to Budget
Elimination of Emmett O'Brien bus	\$47,942
End of Year Purchases	\$14,900
Salaries – New Personnel Requests	\$38,140
Debt Service Payment – Use Bond Funds	\$125,767
Medical Insurance – OPEB, Reserve	(\$26,435)
Instructional Supplies/Conference	(\$27,580)
Excess Cost <b>Revenue</b> Adjustment	(\$85,719)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$87,015</b>



# 2024-2025 Town Allocations

## (as of February 12, 2024)

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>\$ Variance</u>	<u>% Variance</u>
Bethany	\$9,317,351	\$9,109,487	(\$207,864)	(2.23%)
Orange	\$26,103,744	\$27,775,972	\$1,672,228	6.41%
Woodbridge	\$17,967,346	\$18,983,823	\$1,016,477	5.66%
Other Revenue	\$1,164,318	\$1,184,627	\$20,309	1.74%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,552,759</b>	<b>\$57,053,909</b>	<b>\$2,501,150</b>	<b>4.58%</b>

CASBO (Connecticut Association of School Business Officers) Survey as of February 9, 2024 -  
 CT Superintendents' Proposed Budget Increases Average – 5.12%; Range of 0.90% to 8.83%  
 DRG-B Average-5.87%; Range of 3.44% to 7.29%





# Upcoming Meetings

- Monday, February 26, 2024 – Special Meeting Amity Board of Education and Amity Finance Committee – Time TBD
- Monday, March 11, 2024 – Regular BOE Meeting
- Monday, April 8, 2024 – Public Hearing on Amity Budget (followed by Regular BOE meeting)
- Monday, May 6, 2024 – Annual Meeting
- Tuesday, May 7, 2024 – Referendum





# Thank you for supporting your Amity Students

