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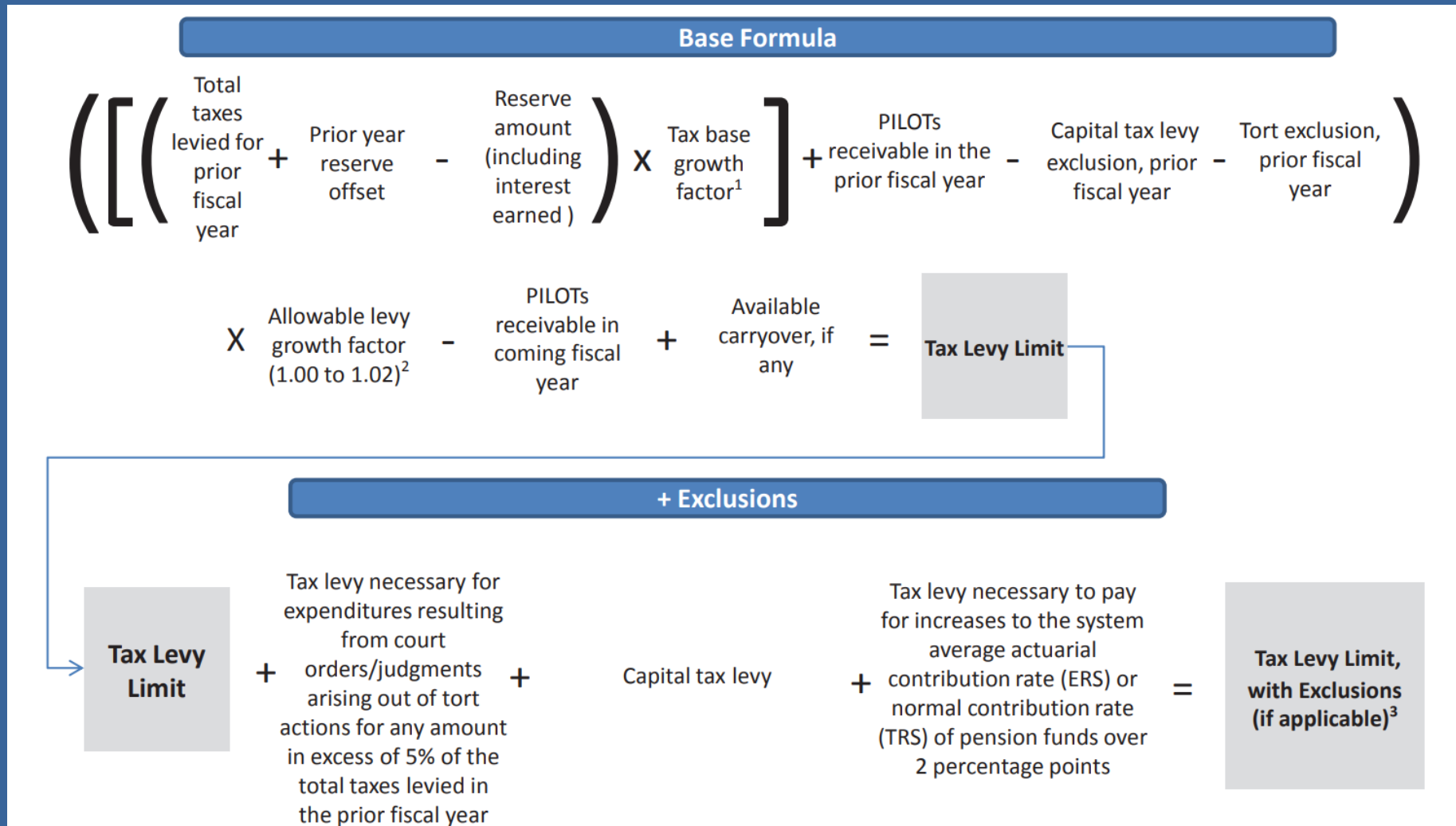
# 2024-2025 Budget Workshop I Maximum Allowable Tax Levy

February 6, 2024

# Property Tax Cap - Chapter 97 of the Laws of 2011

- The law places restrictions on how school districts and municipalities can increase their tax levies
- Began with the 2012-13 school year
- **Made permanent in fiscal 2020 budget**
- The Property Tax Levy Cap limits the school district levy NOT assessed values or tax rates
- Voters approve school budgets, not the tax levy

# Property Tax Cap Formula



# Property Tax Cap – Three Tax Levy Numbers

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## Tax Levy Limit

- Highest allowable tax levy (before exclusions) that a district can propose as part of its annual budget and need the approval of only a simple majority of voters (50% + 1), supermajority needed (60%) to exceed the tax levy limit
- Reported to state comptroller by March 1<sup>st</sup> each year

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## Maximum Allowable Tax Levy

- Tax levy PLUS certain exclusions
- A District may add these exclusions to its tax levy without triggering the need for a 60% voter approval

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## Proposed Tax Levy

- The total amount of money to be raised locally by a school district after factoring in all other available revenues

# Tax Levy Limit Calculation – Tax Base Growth Factor

**2023-2024 Actual Tax levy**

**\$61,250,000**

Tax base growth factor (from ORPTS)

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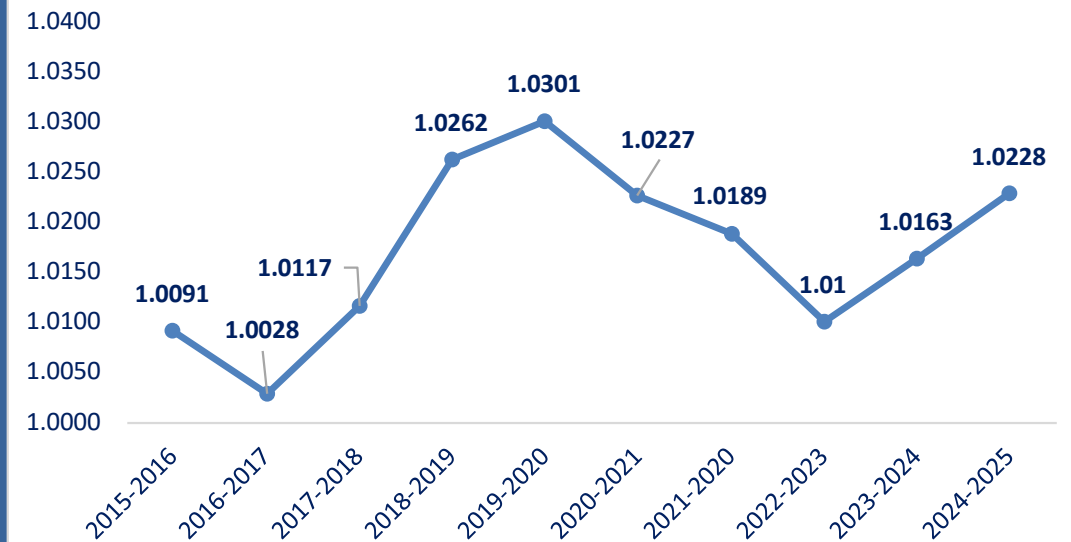
**Total**

**\$62,646,500**

## Tax base growth factor

- Based on Dept. of Tax and Finance determination of “quantity change,” such as new construction, newly taxable status of existing property, or measurable improvements to taxable property within the boundaries of the local government or school district.
- This factor will not be less than 1.000, even if a district sees a decrease in its full property value.

**TAX BASE GROWTH FACTOR - HISTORY**



# Tax Levy Limit Calculation - PILOTS

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	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$62,665,868</b>
2023-2024 Exclusions (Prior Year)	-	\$2,942,479
<b>Adjusted 2023-2024 Tax Levy</b>		<b>59,723,389</b>
Allowable Levy Growth Factor (lesser of 2% or CPI)	X	1.02
		<b>\$60,917,857</b>
2024-2025 Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT)	-	\$19,316
<b>Tax Levy Limit (before exclusions)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,898,541</b>

## PILOTS

- Payments in Lieu of Taxes
- Add back prior year pilots receivable and subtract pilot payments in the coming year
- Payment for Greenburgh Housing Authority Pilot is estimated and may change

# Tax Levy Limit Calculation –23/24 Exclusions

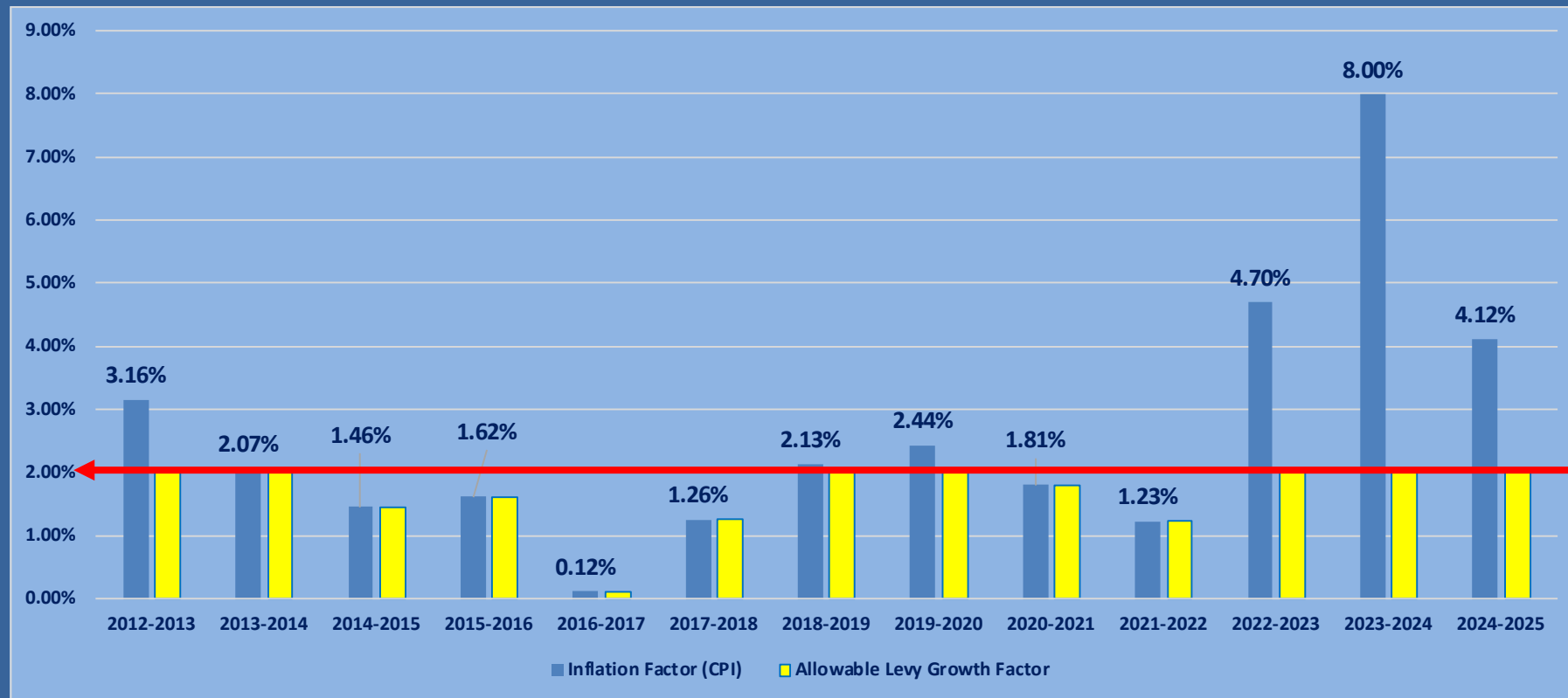
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## P/Y Exclusions (23/24)

- Capital Tax Levy Exclusion
  - Debt Service (*Net of State Aid*)
  - BOCES Capital Expenditures

# Tax Levy Limit Calculation – Allowable Levy Growth Factor

- The inflation factor is the unadjusted CPI-U (All Items Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers).
- The growth is limited to the lesser of 2% or Inflation Factor 4.12% (CPI); minimum 0%





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# Tax Levy Limit With Exclusions

<b>Tax Levy Limit (before exclusions)</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$60,898,541</b>
2024-2025 Exclusions	+	\$2,580,863
<b>Maximum Allowable Tax Levy</b>		<b>\$63,479,404</b>

Total Debt Service (Incl. Bus Leases)	4,302,474
Projected New Bus Lease	96,282
Share of BOCES Capital Exp	53,438
Total Projected Debt Service /Capital Exp	4,452,194
Total Estimated State Aid**	1,877,084
<b>Total Local Share</b>	<b>2,575,110</b>
<b>Total Pension Exclusion - ERS</b>	<b>5,753</b>
<b>Total 2024-2025 Capital Exclusion</b>	<b>2,580,863</b>

*\*\*Building Aid is estimated and may change. Includes share of state aid on BOCES capital expenditures.  
Totals may not foot because of rounding*

# Pension Exclusion

## ERS/TRS Employer Contribution Increases:

- Pension exclusion only applies if there is an increase of 2 percentage points or more
- The exclusion is .10% of the estimated ERS salaries (projection from NYSLRS based off the 4/1/22-3/31/23 salaries)
- No TRS pension exclusion for 2024/2025

<b>Retirement System</b>	<b>2023/2024</b>	<b>2024/2025</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>Excess over 2%</b>
TRS*	9.76%	10.02%	0.26%	
ERS ( <i>average rate</i> )	13.10%	15.20%	2.10%	0.10%

*\*Estimated as of January 2024*

# Maximum Allowable Tax Levy

**\$63,479,404**

* Estimated Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Increase	\$2,229,404
Estimated Percentage Increase	3.64%

*\*State Aid information is estimated and may change. Includes the Lease/Purchase of two (2) new 66 passenger buses and one (1) replacement 30 passenger van.*

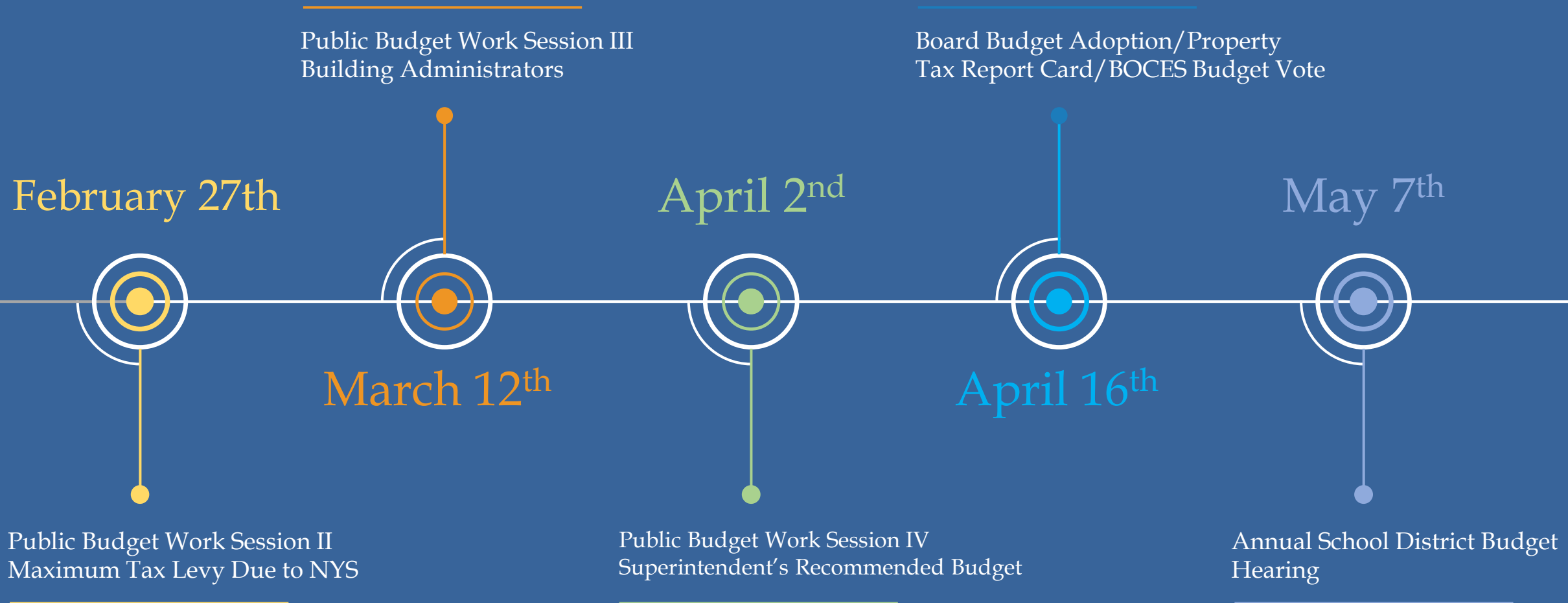
# State Aid – Executive Budget

- Foundation Aid
  - Formula fully phased in
  - Inflation – proposal to change to a multi-year average
  - Elimination of save harmless and proposed “transition adjustment”
    - Save harmless guaranteed that districts would receive the same foundation aid as the prior year
  - Projected decrease of foundation aid in executive budget
  - Combined Wealth Ratio increased – change in statewide average in income and property wealth per pupil
- Building Aid
  - no changes to calculation however aid ratio changes when state average change
  - Reduction from 57% to 52.8%
- No changes to expense based aids proposed

# State Aid – Executive Budget

	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(E)
	23-24 Aid included in Budget (used Exec. Budget)	23-24 Aid Enacted Budget	Gen Aid Report as of 1/23/24 (Projected Actual)	24-25-Executive Budget (Governor's)	Increase / (Decrease) from Projected Actual (D)- (C)
<b>Foundation Aid</b>	<b>9,888,409</b>	<b>9,860,197</b>	<b>9,851,132</b>	<b>9,602,464</b>	<b>(248,668)</b>
BOCES	702,317	633,019	849,106	732,150	(116,956)
High Cost Excess Cost	268,178	178,672	230,249	285,734	55,485
Private excess cost	282,514	280,483	188,440	332,630	144,190
Hardware & Technology	26,501	26,376	26,365	24,237	(2,128)
Software, Library, Textbook	186,412	185,596	185,458	187,148	1,690
Transportation incl Summer	843,917	843,917	581,605	955,543	373,938
Building Aid	1,175,488	1,829,766	1,815,667	1,651,582	(164,085)
High Tax Aid	193,387	193,387	193,387	193,387	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>13,567,123</b>	<b>14,031,413</b>	<b>13,921,409</b>	<b>13,964,875</b>	<b>43,466</b>

# Budget Development Process – Future Meetings





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# Budget Vote and Board of Education Elections

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

**Polls open at Ardsley High School**

**6:00am - 10:00am**

**2:00pm - 9:00pm**





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Questions:

For additional information regarding the 2024-2025 Budget, please visit the District website at:

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