



SCHOOL DISTRICT OF
CHELTENHAM TOWNSHIP

Where Excellence Begins With Education

2013-14 Proposed Final Budget Hearing

April 30, 2013

7:00pm

Agenda

- Review the 2013-14 Budget
- Board Comment
- Public Comment
- Upcoming Budget Milestones

Historical Perspective

Budget Year	Tax Increase	Expenditure Decreases
2011-12	0%	\$4 million in budget
2012-13	0%	\$1.7 million via C3 (ongoing efficiencies)
2013-14	1.7%	\$1.7 million in budget & \$2 million via C3 (ongoing efficiencies)

How we accomplished this?

- Recognition that gradual change = stability and requires long-range planning
- Committing to maintain programs, while modifying delivery
- Reviewing operational efficiencies (i.e. copiers/printers, transportation, business & technology support functions)
- Re-competing services (i.e. food service, transportation, support functions)
- Increasing cooperative services (i.e. healthcare trust, joint purchasing)
- Continuing to align to county labor and economic trends
- Advocating for state support of public education & mandate waiver
- Pursing alternative revenues via our Educational Foundation \$22,000 in 2013-14

The Changing Landscape of Education

Knowledge

Skills

Elements



**Real-World
Applications**

Reasoning

Connections

SDCT MUST MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS FOR ALL STUDENTS

Proposed Final Budget Overview

- 1.7% Tax increase – offset by a TBD homestead/farmstead exclusion

Impact of Tax Increase on home “assessed value”

Market Value	Asessed Value	Current Tax Bill	New Tax Bill	Est. Monthly Increase
\$ 50,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 1,206.40	\$ 1,226.91	\$ 1.71
\$ 100,000.00	\$ 58,000.00	\$ 2,412.80	\$ 2,453.82	\$ 3.42
\$ 150,000.00	\$ 87,000.00	\$ 3,619.20	\$ 3,680.73	\$ 5.13
\$ 200,000.00	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 4,825.60	\$ 4,907.64	\$ 6.84
\$ 250,000.00	\$ 145,000.00	\$ 6,032.00	\$ 6,134.54	\$ 8.55
\$ 300,000.00	\$ 174,000.00	\$ 7,238.40	\$ 7,361.45	\$ 10.25
\$ 400,000.00	\$ 232,000.00	\$ 9,651.20	\$ 9,815.27	\$ 13.67

2013-14 Proposed Final Budget Overview of Revenues

Currently a proposed 1.7% increase in property taxes

-Caution in assessment base due to the Land Conservancy and Cheltenham Mall assessment appeals

State revenues are held constant except reimbursements for PSERS & Social Security subject to final legislative approval in June

Decline in federal revenues due to loss of entitlement funding resulting from sequestration & census update by \$200,000

	2013	2014
Revenues	Budget	Budget
Real Estate Taxes	70,476,918	72,724,000
Act 511 Taxes	3,330,300	3,470,300
Other Local Income	4,002,001	3,924,000
Basic Instructional and Operating Subsidy	4,477,000	4,447,000
Revenue for Specific Educational Programs	2,244,407	2,244,407
Other State Revenue	9,212,381	10,280,765
Federal Revenue	792,000	653,000
Other Financing Sources	921,404	500,000
TOTAL REVENUES	95,456,411	98,243,472

2013-14

Proposed Final Budget Overview of Expenditures

Maintain current programs

Salary increase results from horizontal movement of professional staff and 1 FTE budgeted for changes in enrollment

Salary and Benefits reflect recent contract negotiations, yet rising due to healthcare cost trend (5% medical & 0% prescription) and mandatory local contribution to PSERS.

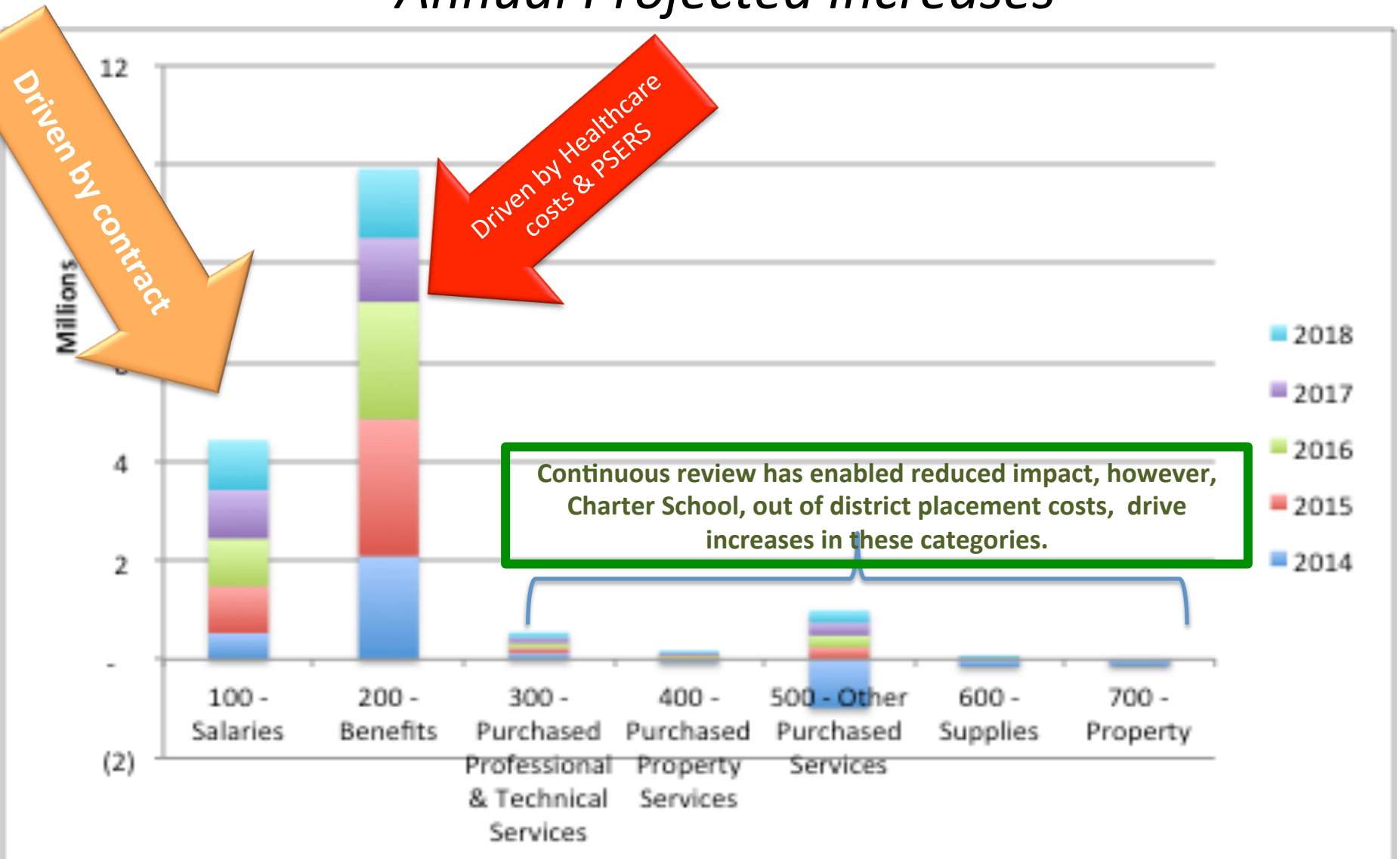
Other expenditures, while reduced as an aggregate through efficiencies (discussed in the next slide) reflect an increase in charter school payments of 278% since 2009

Debt service increasing to fund completion of Cheltenham Elementary School

	2013	2014
Expenditures	Budget	Budget
100 - Salaries	47,351,428	48,007,642
200 - Benefits	18,108,435	20,735,747
300 - Purchased Professional & Technical Services	4,572,762	4,621,265
400 - Purchased Property Services	1,845,200	1,785,803
500 - Other Purchased Services	11,975,548	10,996,340
600 - Supplies	2,370,142	2,187,558
700 - Property	433,658	316,136
800 - Other Objects	1,277,271	8,637,981
900 - Other Financing Uses	7,521,967	955,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	95,456,411	98,243,472

Expenditure Projection/Outlook

Annual Projected Increases



Changes in 2013- 14 Budget from 2012-13

A reduction in spending by \$1.7 million

- Implement cyber program
- Re-compete of transportation
- Reduced maintenance costs with “old” elementary schools
 - either renovate, replaced or in modular school
- Carry over savings from 2012-13 budget budgeted at \$450,000

Changes in 2013- 14 Budget from 2013

A reduction in spending by \$1.7 million

- Reduction in required placement costs
- Attritional savings in personnel costs
 - All position openings evaluated to maintain programs, meet needs and review option for reduction in baseline costs.
Budget target savings will be up to \$905,000 through attrition of 1 administrator, 3 specialists (nurse, elementary library, high school guidance), 1 support staff position
- Ongoing initiatives to reduce personnel costs within contract constraints and funding provided
 - Title I funding reduction by \$200,000. Attritional savings will address this shortfall.
- Migrate twilight program to the day

New Initiatives

- Expand math enrichment in grade 2
- Implement software for expanded learning
- Obtain above-level testing resources
- Contract with additional support for twilight program during day of 1 counselor
- Complete Cheltenham Elementary
- Begin Wyncote Elementary
- Budgeted for potential enrollment needs due to the completion of new buildings

New Initiatives (cont.)

- Increase smart boards in classrooms
- Install security cameras at CHS
- Continue to implement technology aligned to district technology plan
- Expand programs such as study island, PSSA support and opportunities for differentiated instruction

Public Comment

RESIDENTS OR CHELTENHAM TAXPAYERS WHO ARE IN THE AUDIENCE WILL BE PERMITTED TO COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS AT THE SCHEDULED TIMES. SPEAKERS' COMMENTS WILL BE LIMITED AT THE BOARD'S DISCRETION TO 5 MINUTES OR LESS.

Abusive or profane language will not be tolerated. Individuals may not yield their time to another speaker. Petitions or other written material may be presented to the presiding officer of the board prior to the call to order or following the meeting. Speakers are asked to state their name and portion of the township where they reside before addressing the board.

Future Milestones

May 7, 2013 @ 7:45pm

Board Approval of Preliminary Budget

June 11, 2013 @ 7:45pm

Board Approval of Final Budget

June 18, 2013

Director of Business Affairs files final Budget
with PA Department of Education

June 30, 2013 ???

PA Legislature passes budget & Governor
Corbett signs???