



2023-2024 Proposed Final Budget

Northwestern Lehigh School District
Board Workshop Meeting
May 3, 2023

2023-2024 Budget Summary

	Early Look	March	Proposed	Change from
	2023-2024	2023-2024	Final	2022-203
	2023-2024	2023-2024	2023-2024	2022-203
Building & Departments	2,921,120	3,139,069	3,144,294	128,638
Salaries	21,366,358	21,180,026	21,178,915	472,436
Benefits	12,994,397	12,937,246	12,883,789	603,397
District Wide & Grants	13,894,126	13,806,225	13,871,582	(309,889)
Total Expenditures	51,176,000	51,062,566	51,078,580	894,582
Total Revenue	47,236,466	47,725,522	48,041,547	(293,749)
Surplus/(Shortfall) before FB	(3,939,534)	(3,337,044)	(3,037,033)	
Proposed Millage Increase 4.1%	1,260,762	1,263,074	1,264,146	
Revised Shortfall	(2,678,772)	(2,073,970)	(1,772,887)	
Use of fund balance	1,600,000	1,600,000	1,772,887	
	(1,078,772)	(473,970)	(0)	

Changes from March

REVENUES	Change from March
Increase in Local Sources	(+)104,000
Increase in State Funding	(+) 137,000
Increase in Federal Funding	<u>(+) 75,000</u>
NET CHANGE	(+) 316,000

EXPENDITURES	Change from March
Buildings/Dept	(+) 5,000
Salaries	(-) 1,000
Benefits	(-) 53,000
District Wide/Grants	<u>(+) 65,000</u>
NET CHANGE	(+)16,000

Revenues

	Actual 2021-22	Final Budget 2022-23	Proposed Final Budget 2023-24	Increase/ (Decrease) over Prior Year
Local	\$32,353,766	\$32,950,412	\$34,757,173	\$1,806,761
State	\$13,867,563	\$14,169,305	\$14,208,520	\$39,215
Federal	<u>\$1,358,150</u>	<u>\$1,215,579</u>	<u>\$340,000</u>	<u>\$(875,579)</u>
Total	\$47,579,479	\$48,335,296	\$49,305,693	\$970,397

* Proposed Final Budget includes a millage increase of \$1,264,146

Revenues-Local Variances

Category	Increase /(Decrease) over Prior Year
Real Estate Taxes(not including millage increase)	\$219,000
Interim Real Estate Taxes	(6,000)
Earned Income Tax	332,000
Delinquent Real Estate Taxes	(127,000)
Earnings on Investments	100,000
IU Federal Pass Through	22,000
All other Local Sources	<u>2,000</u>
Total Variance	\$542,000
Millage Increase	<u>\$1,264,146</u>
Net Increase	<u>\$1,806,761</u>

2023-2024 Millage Recommendation

	.7518 mills (4.1%)
Total New Tax Revenue Generated	\$1,264,146
Average Assessed Value (Residential)	\$220,000
Dollar (\$) Increase to Avg Taxpayer	\$165.40
Assessed Value	\$100,000
Dollar (\$) Increase to Taxpayer	\$75.18
Assessed Value	\$400,000
Dollar (\$) Increase to Taxpayer	\$300.72

Revenues-State Variances

Category	Increase /(Decrease) over Prior Year
Basic Education Funding	\$194,000
Special Education Funding	99,000
Transportation	(150,000)
Nonpublic Transportation	(15,000)
Rental Sinking Fund Reimbursement	75,000
Health Services	(3,000)
Social Security Reimbursement	25,000
State Property Tax Reduction Allocation	<u>(148,000)</u>
Retirement Reimbursement	<u>(38,000)</u>
Total Variance	\$ 39,000

Revenues-Federal Variances

Category	Increase /(Decrease) over Prior Year
Title I	95,000
Title II	5,000
ESSER Funding	<u>(975,000)</u>
Total Variance	\$ (875,000)

Millage Rate History

Year	Millage	Increase in Mills	% Increase	Estimated Value of 1 Mill
2023-2024	19.0908	0.7518	4.10%	\$1,615,277
2022-2023	18.3390	0.6030	3.40%	\$1,618,326
2021-2022	17.7360	0.5165	3.00%	\$1,613,453
2020-2021	17.2195	0.6057	2.60%	\$1,613,191
2019-20	16.6138	0.3735	2.30%	\$1,610,424
2018-19	16.2403	0.2772	1.74%	\$1,594,088
2017-18	15.9631	0.00	0.00%	\$1,543,819
2016-17	15.9631	0.00	0.00%	\$1,503,317
2015-16	15.9631	0.00	0.00%	\$1,498,438
2014-15	15.9631	0.00	0.00%	\$1,453,559
2013-14 * reassessment	15.9631	0.00	0.00%	\$1,385,373

Summary of Professional Staffing Recommendations for 2023-2024

- Addition of 1 FTE for an elementary special education position
- Addition of 1 FTE School Psychologist
- ESSER funded positions eliminated
 - (1) School Social Worker
 - (3) Part-time Interventionist(s) at Northwestern Elementary, Weisenberg Elementary and Middle School
- Reallocated one special education position from middle school to elementary only for the 23-24 school year
- Reassign gifted and academic intervention duties to Team Lynx(8th grade) instead of a reduction due to certification(s)
- Replace all other professional retirements and resignations

Expenditure Changes from 2022-2023

Category	Change from 2022-2023
Salaries (100)	(+) 472,000
Benefits (200)	(+) 603,000
Professional & Tech Services (300)	(+) 136,000
Property Services (400)	(+) 185

Category	Change from 2022-2023
Other Services (500)	(-) 170,000
Supplies (600)	(-) 289,000
Property (700)	(-) 218,000
Other Financing Uses (800/900)	<u>(-) 77,000</u>
NET CHANGE	894,000

100-Salaries

Actual 2021-2022	Final Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Final Budget 2023-2024	Increase
\$20,048,141	\$20,706,479	\$21,178,915	\$472,436

- Annual salary increases
- Projections for professional staff based on current and proposed staffing needs which include three retirements, reduction of intervention services, new psychologist, two additional special education professionals
- Changes to budgeted hours based on historical trend and anticipated needs

200-Benefits

Actual 2021-2022	Final Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Final Budget 2023-2024	Increase
\$11,493,658	\$12,280,392	\$12,883,789	\$603,397

- +12.35% increase to premiums for medical, prescription, and +3.0% dental premiums
- Prior year open enrollment/opt-out changes & mid-year plan design changes
- Increase for additional positions
- Increases to other benefits (FICA, Life, LTD, W/C) based on projected staffing

300-Contracted Professional Services

Actual 2021-2022	Final Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Final Budget 2023-2024	Increase
\$2,121,546	\$2,353,124.00	\$2,389,575	\$136,451

- Special education services and placements

400- Purchased Professional Services

Actual 2021-2022	Final Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Final Budget 2023-2024	Increase
\$582,915	\$648,875	\$649,060	\$185

500-Other Purchased Services

Actual 2021-2022	Final Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Final Budget 2023-2024	Decrease
\$4,174,657	\$4,721,309	\$4,551,377	(\$169,932)

- Decrease to cyber/charter tuition payments based on projected enrollment & increase to tuition rate calculation
- LCTI increase
- LCCC decrease

600-Supplies

Actual 2021-2022	Final Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Final Budget 2023-2024	Decrease
\$2,757,157	\$3,436,619	\$3,146,273	(\$289,346)

- Decrease of supplies and software

700-Property

Actual 2021-2022	Final Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Final Budget 2023-2024	Increase
\$240,922	\$441,354	\$659,526	\$218,172

- Increase for replacement equipment/fleet

800/900-Other

Actual 2021-2022	Final Budget 2022-2023	Proposed Final Budget 2023-2024	Decrease
\$4,722,611	\$5,696,846	\$5,620,065	(\$76,781)

- Decrease to debt service payments based on payment schedule

Estimated Use of Fund Balance

Estimated Shortfall – Proposed Final	(\$ 3,037,033)
RESTRICTED	
Scholarship	\$21,000
COMMITTED	
Emmaus Bond Pool Stabilization	\$200,000
OPEB	50,000
Healthcare Stabilization	200,000
Energy Stabilization	179,000
TOTAL COMMITTED	<u>\$629,000</u>

ASSIGNED	
State and Federal Uncertainty(Curriculum)	\$472,887
Fleet Replacements-Bus/Van	<u>250,000</u>
TOTAL ASSIGNED	<u>\$722,887</u>
UNASSIGNED	
Budgetary Reserve	<u>\$400,000</u>
REMAINING SHORTFALL TO BE FUNDED	(\$1,264,146)
PROPOSED TAX INCREASE	<u>\$1,264,146</u>

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	2023-2024
Total Revenues	\$48,041,547
Total Expenditures	<u>\$51,078,580</u>
Shortfall	(\$3,037,033)
Proposed Tax Increase	<u>\$1,264,146</u>
Final Operating Shortfall	(\$1,772,887)

**This budget includes a 0.7518 TAX MILLAGE INCREASE,
and includes fund balance use of \$1,772,887.**

**Additional updates will occur as the budget is refined for
Final Budget Adoption in June.**