



**SWEET HOME CENTRAL  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**OUR MISSION: EVERY STUDENT,  
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**2024-25 Budget Hearing &  
Meet the Candidates Night**

**Tuesday, May 7, 2024  
6:30pm  
Vergils Community Center**

**2023-2024  
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# 2024-25 Budget Summary

**2024-25 Proposed Budget: \$100,410,422**

- ⇒ Maintains programming at all current levels and school configurations
- ⇒ Under the State imposed Property Tax Cap of 3.90% / 24-25 proposed levy increase: 1.8%
- ⇒ Maintains annual bus purchases (6 new buses for 24-25; including 3 electric)
- ⇒ Seeking authorization to spend \$52,920 spread over next to budgetary years to maintain Maplemere temporary classroom lease for 24-25 and 25-26 school years

**2024-25 Proposed Budget: \$100,410,422**

**2023-24 Budget: \$96,886,588**

**Budget to Budget Increase: \$3,523,833**

**Percentage Increase: 3.64%**

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# Three Part Budget

**Budget must be presented in three (3) parts:**

***Administrative*** - The administrative component of the budget provides for the overall general support and management activities including the Board of Education, superintendent's office, curriculum and staff development, printing and publishing and supervision and support in each of the six schools. Also included are expenses for legal services, liability and property insurance and salaries and benefits for the administrative staff.

***Program*** - The instructional component accounts for instruction and educational support for the district's 3,400 students. Salaries of teachers, guidance counselors, psychologists, social workers, coaches, therapists, teachers aides, computer technicians and related clerical/support staff are included, as are their fringe benefits. Transportation, instructional computers, supplies and textbooks, special education services and expenses for summer school are included in this component.

***Capital*** - Includes buildings and grounds salaries, equipment, vehicles, utilities, repairs, rentals, contracts and supplies for all the custodial, grounds, and maintenance of all district buildings. Includes judgments and claims and refund of prior year property taxes due to reassessments and/or town clerical errors. Includes debt service principal and interest and interfund transfers for existing capital projects. Includes all fringe benefits for above employees.



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# Three Part Budget / Total Budget: \$100,410,422

## Administrative

**2023-24: \$7,486,677**

**2024-25: \$7,975,762**

## Program

**2023-24: \$73,860,212**

**2024-25: \$75,882,180**

## Capital

**2023-24: \$15,539,699**

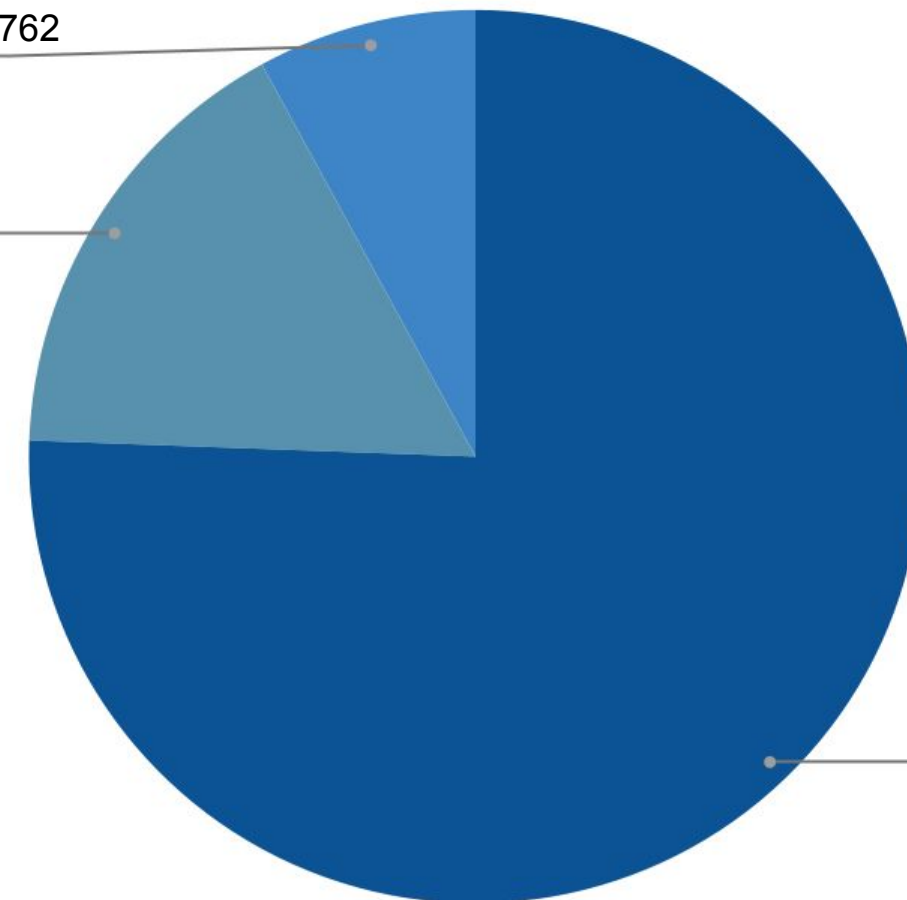
**2024-25: \$16,552,479**

### Three Part Budget

Administrative \$7,975,762  
7.9%

Capital \$16,552,479  
16.5%

Program \$75,882,180  
75.6%



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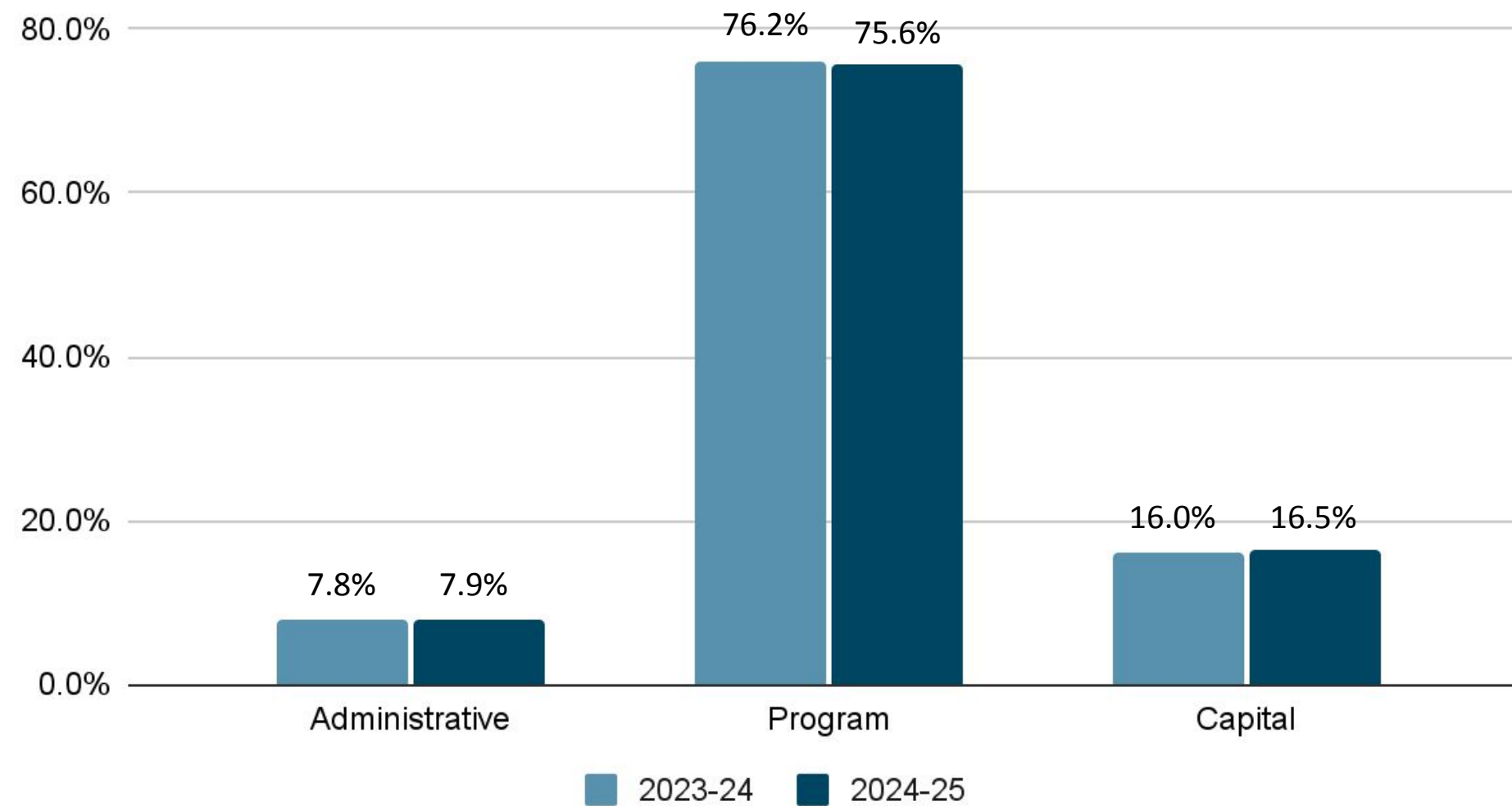


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# Three Part Budget Comparison

Three Part Budget Comparison 2023-24 vs 2024-25



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# Revenue Budget: \$100,410,422

Revenue	Budget Percentage
Real Property Taxes	54.0%
State Aid	35.1%
Reserves & Fund Balance	2.8%
Debt Reserve	0.5%
Sales Tax	5.1%
Other (PILOTS, Tuitions, Interest)	2.5%

## 2024-25 Revenue Impacts:

- **\$3.1 million increase in Foundation and expense driven aids**
- **\$600,000 increase in sales tax projections from current year**
- **Use of \$345,350 in reserves to help offset lack of State Aid**
- **Use of \$515,000 in debt service reserve to continue to exhaust that reserve**

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# 2024-25 Proposed Tax Levy

<b>Proposed Tax Levy</b>	<b>\$54,268,072</b>
<b>Tax Levy Increase</b>	<b>\$946,484</b>
<b>Tax Levy Percentage Increase</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

**2024-25 proposed tax levy falls within the NYS Tax Cap limit. Proposed budget only needs a simple majority to pass on Tuesday, May 21, 2024.**

- **2024-25 Tax Cap limit for Sweet Home CSD: 3.90%**

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# 2024-25 Budget Snapshot / Tax Rates

## Assumptions:

- **Assessed Values remain at 2023 levels for Tonawanda**
- Amherst Equalization Rate **increased** from 62% to 100%
- Tonawanda Equalization Rate reduced from 29% to 24%
- Rates based on going to a balanced budget tax cap of \$54,268,072

## Town of Amherst Taxable Assessment Values

- **Homestead: \$1,166,200,477 / 2023-24**
- **Homestead: \$2,050,183,407 / 2024-25**
- **Non-Homestead: \$1,158,217,124 / 2023-24**
- **Non-Homestead: \$1,980,827,570 / 2024-25**

*\*Information provided by Town Assessor Office*

School Tax on an Average Assessed Value Home				
	Amherst		Tonawanda	
	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25
<b>Equalization Rate</b>	62.0%	100.0%	24.0%	24.0%
<b>Assessed Value</b>	\$93,000	\$150,000	\$36,000	\$36,000
<b>Tax Rate</b>	\$15.47	\$9.16	\$40.11	\$39.20
<b>Calculated Tax Bill</b>	\$1,439	\$1,374	\$1,444	\$1,411
<b>Estimated Increase (Decrease)</b>		-\$65		-\$33





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# 2024-25 Budget Voter Propositions

## **Proposition #1:** Approval of \$100,410,422 / 2024-25 Budget

- *Budget increase of 3.6% // Tax levy increase of 1.8% over current year*

## **Proposition #2:** Use of General Funds to Extend Maplemere Temporary Classroom Lease through October 31, 2026

- *Allowance to spend total of \$52,920 over the next two budget years to maintain the temporary classrooms on Maplemere campus*

## **Proposition #3:** Election of two (2) Board of Education Members

- *Term of Joshua Feldmann expires on June 30, 2024 / Remainder of term of seat vacated by Kailey McDonald resignation*
  - *Top vote-getter receives a five-year term expiring on June 30, 2029*
  - *Second place finisher receives remainder of Ms. McDonald's term / One (1) year - term expires June 30, 2025*
  - *Candidates for two Board positions are: Danyelle Anthon, Bill Kenney, Jonathan Makeley, Alan Plath and Dirk Rabenold*





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# Questions from the Board



**ANY  
QUESTIONS?**



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**Meet our 2024-25 Board  
of Education candidates:**

***Danyelle Anthon  
Bill Kenney  
Jonathan Makeley  
Alan Plath  
Dirk Rabenold***



**SWEET HOME CSD  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MEET THE CANDIDATES**

**2024-25 DISTRICT BUDGET VOTE**

**SWEET HOME HIGH SCHOOL, MAY 21, 2024 7AM-9PM**