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# 2024-25 Budget Study Session #2

March 19, 2024 Vergils Community Center 6:30pm

# **Budget Process & School Board Elections Important Dates**

Detail	Deadline				
Final Tax Cap Calculations Due to the State	March 1, 2024				
School Board Candidate Nominating Petitions Due*	April 22, 2024				
Last Day for BOE Adoption of Proposed Budget	April 26, 2024				
Property Tax Report Cards Due	April 29, 2024				
Required Public Hearing on Proposed Budget	May 7 - 14, 2024				
Annual Budget Vote & School Board Election	May 21, 2024				

<sup>\*</sup>Term of Joshua Feldmann expires on June 30, 2024



## 2024-25 Budget Development Process Sweet Home Dates

<b>Detail</b>	Date(s)
<b>Budget Development:</b> Update State Aid & Property Tax Cap Calculation, Meet with Administrators & Department Heads to review Budgetary Needs, Initial BOCES participation meeting, Meet with Financial Advisor to review aid projections & debt service	January 2024
<b>Budget Study Session #1:</b> Program Maintenance Budget based on Executive Proposal / Budget Development Objectives & Priorities	February 10, 2024
<b>Budget Study Session #2:</b> Preliminary Budget / Estimated Revenues & Updates / Staffing Recommendations	March 19, 2024
<b>Budget Study Session #3:</b> Budget Update Discussion / NYS Budget Completion & Final State Aid runs	April 9, 2024
Budget Hearing / BOE 2024-25 Budget Adoption	April 16, 2024
Annual Budget Vote & School Board Election	May 21, 2024



# 2024-25 Budget Overall Update

- Determine if BOE wants to go to Tax Cap & Use of Reserves
- Work through retirements / impact on staffing & budget
- Prioritize any additional staffing needs get in budget & cover approved additional staffing requests
- Monitor any updates on State Aid (Foundation Aid), Sales tax projections
- Examine / solidify salaries / work through budget line-by-line
- Finalize BOCES participation numbers
- Information on NY 44 Trust Health contribution increase, if any



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## **Update: Revenues**

- **★** Four Major Areas that impact revenue side of budget:
  - State Aid NO MOVEMENT / WAITING ON NYS BUDGET APPROVAL
  - Real Property Taxes (Tax Cap) / PILOTs FINAL TAX CAP FILED TO NYS 3.9% INCREASE
  - Sales Tax 3rd QUARTER PAYMENT FROM COUNTY DUE MARCH 29
  - Use of reserves to close potential budget gaps **ELIMINATED USE OF \$1.1M IN EMPLOYEE BENEFITS RESERVE**
- ★ New York State promised to fully fund Basic Foundation Aid by 23-24

Foundation Aid 23-24	Foundation Aid 24-25	Foundation Aid 24-25	Difference
Enacted Budget	Fully Funded	Executive	
\$21,764,913	\$23,856,725	\$23,536,375	(\$320,350)



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# **Update:** Tax Cap

#### Increase from 23-24:

**→** \$2,081,925 // 3.90%

#### **Key Factors / Notes:**

- → Growth factor 1.0160 for this year / 1.0221 last year
- → District 23-24 Budget was tax neutral
- → Town of Amherst went above cap
- → Finalized debt service & PILOTS

Tax Levy Threshold Calculation-OSC-FINAL								
	3/1/2024							
		A=0.001.=00						
A.	Total Real Property Tax Levy for Base Year	\$53,321,588						
В.	Tax Base Growth Factor (minimum of 1.0)	1.0160						
C.	Product of A * B	\$54,174,733						
D.	Base Year PILOTS	\$590,000						
E.	Sum of C + D	\$54,764,733						
F.	Base Year Capital Tax Levy	\$5,370,311						
G.	Difference of E - F	\$49,394,422						
Н.	Allowable Levy Growth Factor based on CPI	1.0200						
I.	Product of G * H	\$50,382,311						
J.	Budget Year PILOTS	\$505,000						
K.	Difference of I - J	\$49,877,311						
L.	Equals Tax Levy Limit	\$49,877,311						
M.	Budget Year Torts and Judgements above 5% of Levy	\$0						
N.	Budget Year Capital Tax Levy	\$5,526,202						
Ο.	Budget Year Pension Expense above 2% increase in rate	\$0						
	Eligible Prior Year Carryover	\$0						
P.	Tax Levy Limit Adjusted for Transfers + Exclusions (Sum L-O)	\$55,403,513						
W.	Total Tax Levy Percentage Increase	3.90%						



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## **Update: Total Revenue**

2024-25 Revenue: \$101,225,513 / Increase: \$4,338,925 / 4.5%

ACCOUNT		2020-21	2021-22	AMOUNT	PERCENT	2022-23	AMOUNT	PERCENT	2023-24	AMOUNT	PERCENT	2024-25	AMOUNT	PERCENT
CODE	ACCOUNT NAME	BUDGET	BUDGET	CHANGE	CHANGE	BUDGET	CHANGE	CHANGE	BUDGET	CHANGE	CHANGE	BUDGET	CHANGE	CHANGE
1001.0	REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$49,532,205	\$51,105,559	\$1,573,354	3.2%	\$53,321,588	\$2,216,029	4.3%	\$53,321,588	\$0	0.09	\$55,403,513	\$2,081,925	3.9%
1040.0	APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$2,420,000	\$2,420,000	\$0	0.0%	\$2,420,000	\$0	0.0%	\$2,420,000	\$0	0.09	\$2,420,000	\$0	0.0%
1040.1	USE OF RETIREMENT CONTRIBUTION RESERVE	\$825,000	\$50,000	(\$775,000)	-93.9%	\$50,000	\$0	0.0%	\$50,000	\$0	0.09	\$50,000	\$0	0.0%
1040.2	USE OF UNEMPLOYMENT RESERVE	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.09	\$0	\$0	9/1/2
1040.3	USE OF EMPLOYEE BENFITS LIAB. RESERVE	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$1,100,000	\$1,100,000	0.09	\$0	(\$1,100,000)	
1040.4	USE OF WORKERS COMP. RESERVE	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%	\$75,000	\$0	0.09	\$75,000	\$0	0 10
1040.5	USE OF TAX CERTIORARI RESERVE	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.09	\$0	\$0	0.0%
1040.6	USE OF DEBT SERVICE RESERVE	\$900,000	\$490,000	(\$410,000)	-45.6%	\$705,000	\$215,000	43.9%	\$800,000	\$95,000	13.59	\$515,000	(\$285,000)	-35.6%
1081.0	PAYMENT IN LIEU OF TAXES	\$495,000	\$589,000	\$94,000	19.0%	\$558,000	(\$31,000)	-5.3%	\$558,000	\$0	0.09	\$505,000	(\$53,000)	-9.5%
1120.0	NON-PROP TAXES-SALES TAX	\$3,120,000	\$3,620,000	\$500,000	16.0%	\$3,900,000	\$280,000	7.7%	\$4,500,000	\$600,000	15.49	\$5,000,000	\$500,000	11.1%
1315.0	COMM ED TUITION & FEES	\$115,000	\$115,000	\$0	0.0%	\$115,000	\$0	0.0%	\$95,000	(\$20,000)	-17.49	\$95,000	\$0	0.0%
2230.0	TUITION-OTH DIST-FOSTER	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%	\$75,000	\$0	0.0%	\$100,000	\$25,000	33.39	\$100,000	\$0	0.0%
2230.2	TUITION-OTHER DISTRICTS	\$575,000	\$575,000	\$0	0.0%	\$575,000	\$0	0.0%	\$300,000	(\$275,000)	-47.89	\$300,000	\$0	0.0%
2401.0	INTEREST / POTENTIAL FEMA	\$200,000	\$220,000	\$20,000	10.0%	\$150,000	(\$70,000)	-31.8%	\$140,000	(\$10,000)	-6.79	\$165,000	\$25,000	17.9%
2413.0	RENT REAL PROPERTY-BOCES	\$420,000	\$430,000	\$10,000	2.4%	\$440,000	\$10,000	2.3%	\$455,000	\$15,000	3.49	\$490,000	\$35,000	7.7%
3101.0	STATE AID-BASIC FORMULA	\$15,005,000	\$15,966,000	\$961,000	6.4%	\$17,500,000	\$1,534,000	9.6%	\$21,675,000	\$4,175,000	23.99	\$23,530,000	\$1,855,000	8.6%
3101.0	STATE AID-BUILDING AID	\$2,956,000	\$2,973,000	\$17,000	0.6%	\$2,050,000	(\$923,000)	-31.0%	\$3,300,000	\$1,250,000	61.09	\$3,400,000	\$100,000	3.0%
3101.1	ST AID-EXCESS COST	\$4,069,000	\$4,500,000	\$431,000	10.6%	\$4,555,000	\$55,000	1.2%	\$5,150,000	\$595,000	13.19	\$5,700,000	\$550,000	10.7%
3103.0	BOCES AID	\$1,280,000	\$1,450,000	\$170,000	13.3%	\$1,600,000	\$150,000	10.3%	\$1,600,000	\$0	0.09	\$1,650,000	\$50,000	3.1%
3104.0	STATE AID-CHAPTER STUDENTS	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$0	0.0%	\$50,000	\$0	0.0%	\$50,000	\$0	0.09	\$50,000	\$0	0.0%
3260.0	TEXTBOOK AID	\$205,000	\$205,000	\$0	0.0%	\$210,000	\$5,000	2.4%	\$219,000	\$9,000	4.39	\$222,000	\$3,000	1.4%
3261.0	COMPUTER HARDWARE AID	\$47,000	\$45,000	(\$2,000)	-4.3%	\$49,000	\$4,000	8.2%	\$51,000	\$2,000	3.99	\$53,000	\$2,000	3.8%
3262.0	COMPUTER SOFTWARE AID	\$56,500	\$55,000	(\$1,500)	-2.7%	\$57,500	\$2,500	4.5%	\$59,000	\$1,500	2.69	\$62,000	\$3,000	5.1%
3263.0	LIBRARY AID	\$26,500	\$20,000	(\$6,500)	-24.5%	\$20,500	\$500	2.5%	\$22,000	\$1,500	7.39	\$25,000	\$3,000	13.6%
3289.0	STATE AID-OTHER	\$0	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.0%	\$0	\$0	0.09	\$540,000	\$540,000	0.0%
	Other Receipts	\$900,485	\$895,000	(\$5,485)	-0.6%	\$875,000	(\$20,000)	-2.2%	\$846,000	(\$29,000)	-3.39	\$875,000	\$29,000	3.4%
	DISTRICT TOTALS	\$83,347,690	\$85,923,559	\$2,575,869	3.09%	\$89,351,588	\$3,428,029	4.0%	\$96,886,588	\$7,535,000	8.49	\$101,225,513	\$4,338,925	4.5%

Removes \$1.1 million in reserve usage



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# An Updated Look: Expenses / Salaries

#### ■ Updated Budgetary Impacts:

- Staffing:
  - 25 teacher retirements removed from budget
  - 24 teachers added to budget per March 12, 2024 staffing plan covers additional staffing requests
  - Health Insurance Savings of \$413,000

Teaching-Re	gular Sch	nools													
2110	120	Salaries-Elem Teachers	\$12,451,115	\$13,240,272	\$789,157	6.3%	\$13,580,407	\$340,135	2.6%	\$14,237,878	\$657,471	4.8%	\$13,672,874	(\$565,004)	-4.0%
2110	130	Salaries-Secondary Teachers	\$11,332,074	\$11,666,334	\$334,260	2.9%	\$12,414,874	\$748,540	6.4%	\$13,308,004	\$893,130	7.2%	\$12,946,282	(\$361,722)	-2.7%

Special Ed	ucation														
2250	150	Salaries-Instructional	\$3,835,520	\$4,126,857	\$291,337	7.6%	\$4,525,835	\$398,978	9.7%	\$4,418,878	(\$106,957)	-2.4%	\$4,302,619	(\$116,259)	-2.6%
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# An Updated Look: Expenses / Health Insurance



Independent Heal	С		]	20			
Plan	Coverage Tier	Monthly Cost Annual Cost		t	% Change		Monthly COBRA Rate
Traditional	Single	\$ 849.00	\$ 10,188.00		8.0%		865.98
Traditional	Enrollee + Spouse/Domestic Partner	\$ 2,119.00	\$ 25,428.00		9.5%		2,161.38
Traditional	Enrollee + Child(ren)	\$ 1,570.00	\$ 18,840.00		9.9%		1,601.40
Traditional	Family	\$ 2,482.00	\$ 29,784.00		9.5%		2,531.64
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23-24 Increase: 3-4%

Contribution Rates: SHEA 13%, SHASA 13%, SHSEA 10%

9060 800 Health Insurance \$9,906,423 \$9,920,000 \$13,577 0.1% \$10,126,800 \$206,800 2.	1% \$10,405,604 \$278,804 2	\$11,196,747	\$791,143 7.6%
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## 2024-25 Budget Snapshot

Revenue Summary	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25 Percent Increase
<b>Budgeted Revenues</b>	\$96,886,588	\$101,225,513	4.5%
Local Tax Levy	\$53,321,588	\$55,403,513	3.9%

<b>Expenditure Summary</b>	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25 Percent Increase
<b>Budgeted Expenditures</b>	\$96,886,588	\$100,471,922	3.7%

**Surplus: \$753,591** 



# 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 the tax cap limit of \$55,403,513

#### **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

S	School Tax on an Average Assessed Value Home											
	Amh	nerst	Tonawanda									
	2023-24	2023-24 2024-25 2023-24										
Equalization Rate	62.0%	100.0%	24.0%	24.0%								
Assessed Value	\$93,000	\$150,000	\$36,000	\$36,000								
Tax Rate	\$15.47	\$9.35	\$40.11	\$40.02								
Calculated Tax Bill	\$1,439	\$1,403	\$1,444	\$1,441								
Estimated Increase (Decrease)		-(\$34)		-(\$3)								



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# 2024-25 Budget Snapshot Balanced Budget

Revenue Summary	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25 Percent Increase	
<b>Budgeted Revenues</b>	\$96,886,588	\$100,471,922	3.7%	
Local Tax Levy	\$53,321,588	\$54,649,922	2.5%	

<b>Expenditure Summary</b>	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25 Percent Increase	
<b>Budgeted Expenditures</b>	\$96,886,588	\$100,471,922	3.7%	

Surplus: \$0



# 2024-25 Budget Snapshot / Tax Rates

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- Rates based on going balanced budget tax cap of \$54,649,922

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School Tax on an Average Assessed Value Home						
	Amh	nerst	Tonawanda			
	2023-24	2024-25	2023-24	2024-25		
Equalization Rate	62.0%	100.0%	24.0%	24.0%		
Assessed Value	\$93,000 \$150,000		\$36,000	\$36,000		
Tax Rate	\$15.47 \$9.23		\$40.11	\$39.48		
Calculated Tax Bill	\$1,439	\$1,385	\$1,444	\$1,421		
Estimated Increase (Decrease)		-(\$54)		-(\$23)		



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# 2024-25 Budget Snapshot Balanced Budget with Full State Aid

Revenue Summary	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25 Percent Increase	
<b>Budgeted Revenues</b>	\$96,886,588	\$100,471,922	3.7%	
Local Tax Levy	\$53,321,588	\$54,329,572	1.9%	

<b>Expenditure Summary</b>	2023-24	2024-25	2024-25 Percent Increase	
<b>Budgeted Expenditures</b>	\$96,886,588	\$100,471,922	3.7%	

Surplus: \$0





# 2024-25 Budget Snapshot / Tax Rates

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Assessed Value	\$93,000 \$150,000		\$36,000	\$36,000		
Tax Rate	\$15.47 \$9.17		\$40.11	\$39.25		
Calculated Tax Bill	\$1,439	\$1,376	\$1,444	\$1,413		
Estimated Increase (Decrease)		-(\$63)		-(\$31)		



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# 2024-25 Budget Reserve Balances

		Employee Benefits	Tax Certiorari	Workers Comp	ERS/TRS	Debt	Unemploy ment	Capital	Total Reserves
	lance 30/23	\$639,896	\$1,018,386	\$851,042	\$2,740,649	\$1,703,358	\$432,975	\$2,870,224	\$10,256,530
	terest come	\$11,052	\$14,066	\$13,925	\$44,472	\$34,454	\$6,539	\$42,977	\$167,485
	urrent Ilance	\$650,948	\$1,032,452	\$864,967	\$2,785,121	\$1,737,812	\$439,514	\$2,913,201	\$10,424,015
U	3-24 se of serve	-\$50,000	<b>\$</b> 0	-\$75,000	-\$1,100,000	-\$800,000	\$0	<b>\$</b> 0	-\$2,025,000
En	jected nding llance	\$600,948	\$1,032,452	\$789,967	\$1,685,121	\$937,812	\$439,514	\$2,913,201	\$8,399,015





# 2024-25 Budget Next Steps / District Work

- Determine if BOE wants to go to Tax Cap & Use of Reserves
- Monitor any updates on State Aid (Foundation Aid), Sales tax projections
- Vote to adopt budget on Tuesday, April 16, 2024



## **Questions from the Board**





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Congratulations Mr. Perry
Principal, Heritage Heights
Elementary School





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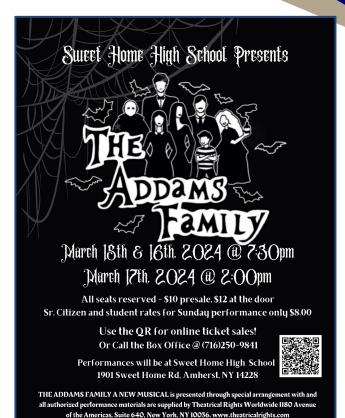
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# The Addams Family Congratulations Cast and Crew

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# Building Use Committee March 20, 2024

#### **Focus Groups**

- Space is an issue at the elementary buildings
- Elementary students should be eating lunch in the cafeterias
- All buildings should have state of the art classrooms and learning opportunities for students
- Update outdoor spaces at the elementary schools
- Outdoor drainage is an issue
- Redesign parking at all buildings
- Lighting and seating options in classrooms
- Improvements to athletic facilities at the high school
- Bathrooms
- Update aesthetics of buildings

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