



East Ramapo Central School District

Community Budget Meeting

Monday, May 2, 2022, 6:30 PM

Dr. Clarence Ellis & Mrs. Linda Macias



Our Mission

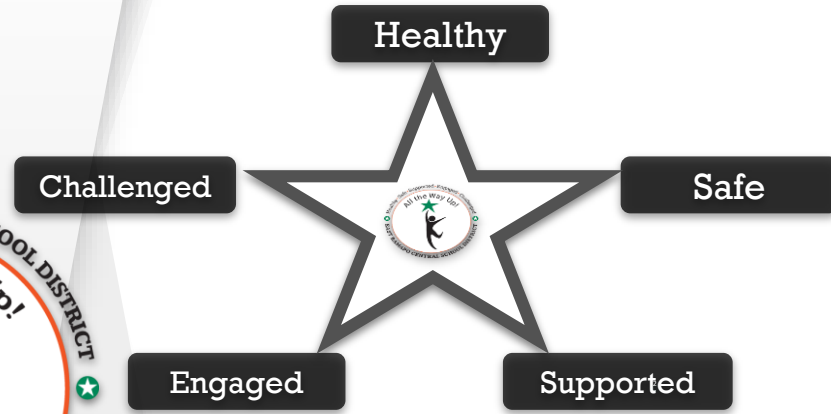
As a unified community, the East Ramapo Central School District is committed to educating the whole child by providing a healthy, safe, supportive, engaging and challenging learning environment.

Our Vision

We will become proficient in all that we do.



Our 5-Point Plan



Our Priority Goals

Goal 1: Success in the Early Years

Every student will demonstrate social, emotional, and academic readiness to meet or exceed grade-level standards by the end of second grade.

Goal 2: Healthy, Safe, Supported, Engaged, and Challenged

Every student will be challenged, in a safe learning environment, to be a productive and engaged citizen capable of meeting high expectations

Goal 3: Motivated, Confident, Empowered Critical Thinkers

Every student will demonstrate ownership of his/her education and be fully engaged in becoming critical, creative-thinking goal-setters

Goal 4: Mastery of Academic Subjects and the Arts

Every student will meet or exceed standards in all subjects, including the arts, at the end of key transition grades.

Goal 5: High School Graduation and Readiness for College and Careers

Every student will graduate from high school prepared for college, career, and post-secondary experiences.





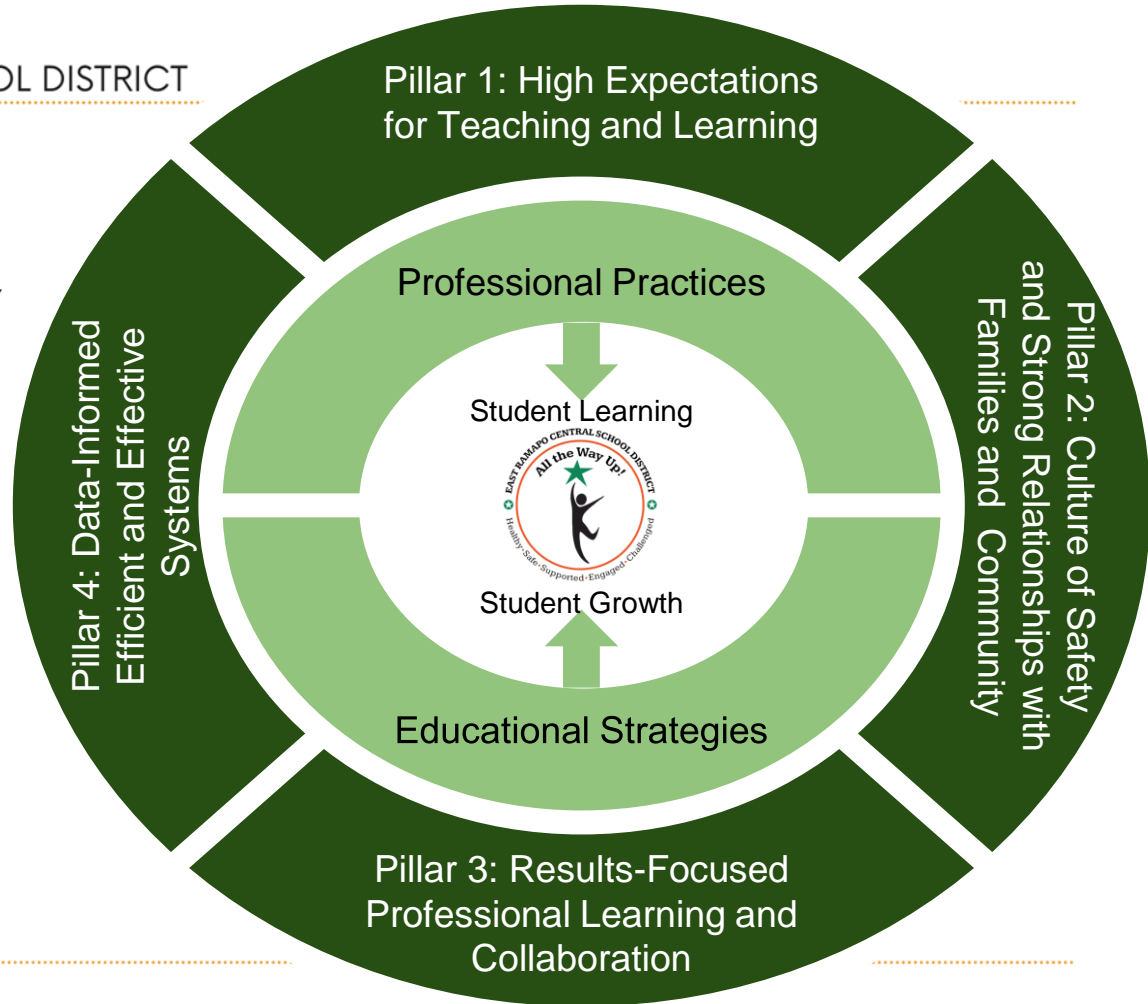
Our Theory of Action

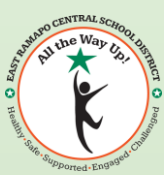
IF educators individually and collectively exercise key professional practices and educational strategies framed by our four pillars and geared towards building student competencies and confidence for success,

THEN students will

- (1) demonstrate success in the early years,
- (2) exhibit healthy, safe, supported, engaged, and challenged behaviors;
- (3) be motivated confident, and empowered critical thinkers;
- (4) show mastery of academic subjects and the arts;
- (5) graduate from high school and show readiness for college and careers,

AND we will realize our Vision of being proficient in all that we do.



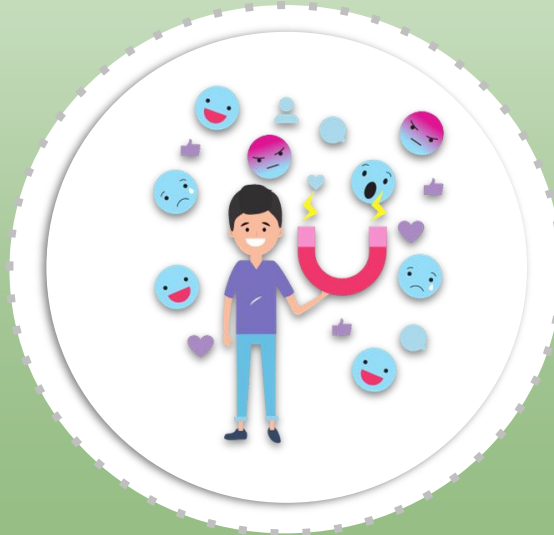


2021-2022 Commitments

Academic/Instructional
*Accelerate Academic
Achievement*

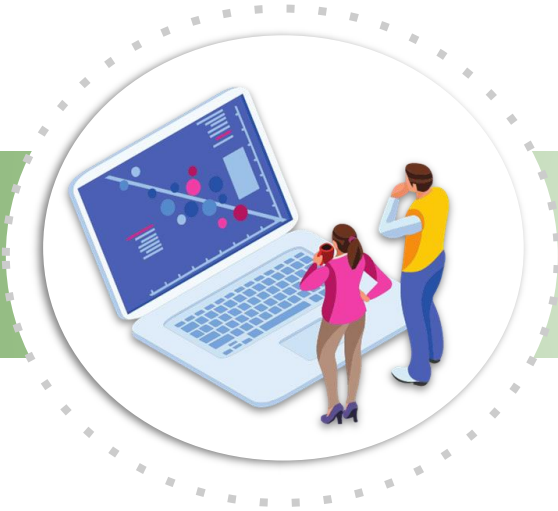


Social Emotional Learning
*Social, Emotional and Mental
Health*



Operations
*Prioritize the Health and safety of
students, staff and families*





Operations

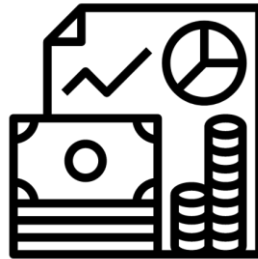
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EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2022-2023

Proposed Strategic Budget





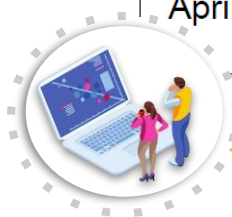
Budget Development for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

March 29- April 2, 2022	Legal notice of school budget hearing and budget vote. Must advertise four times within seven weeks of the vote with first publication at least 45 days before date of budget vote
April 2022	Finalize 2022-23 educational plan and budget (including BOCES budget) before April 25, 2022 due date for property Tax Report Card
April 2022	Prepare absentee ballot applications, absentee ballot, related envelopes, and directions.
April 2022	Deadline for submission of petitions for nominations of BOE candidates (30 days before election)
April 2022	Final draft of budget presented to Board of Education, appointment of election inspectors for budget vote)
April 2022	Date for drawing by District Clerk for determination of order for listing Board candidates on ballot or voting machine.
April 2022	Property tax report card must be submitted to local newspaper of general circulation

Operations *Prioritize the Health and safety of students, staff and families*

BOARD OF EDUCATION BUSINESS MEETING

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Budget Development for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

April 18, 2022	Deadline for submission of petitions for propositions to be place on ballot (30 days preceding budget vote)
April 18, 2022	Inform candidates of legal requirement for all candidates for election to Board of Education to file sworn statements of campaign contributions and distribute informational material. First sworn statement to be filed with the District Clerk and Commissioner of Education thirty days prior to vote date.
April 22, 2022	Final date for the adoption of the property tax report card by the Board of Education. Budget document available to the public. Arrange for pickup and return of voting machines with the Board of Elections.
April 25, 2022	Property tax report card must be submitted to SED within 24 hours of adoption, but no later than April 25, 2022
May 2022	Conduct voter registration with board of registration (if applicable)
May 2022	Mail District newsletter (include full disclosure information)
May 2022	Prepare voting machine inserts and transmit to county Board of Elections. Physically examine voting machines for ballot placement and sign statement at board of elections

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Budget Development for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year

May 3-10, 2022	Budget hearing - budget statement and required attachments available 7 days prior to budget hearing
May 4-11, 2022	Budget notice must be mailed to eligible voters after the budget hearing, but no later than six days prior to the vote
May 11-16, 2022	District Clerk must maintain a list of names of those residents who were given absentee ballots and make such list available for public inspection and legal challenge until the day of election (Public posting no longer required)
May 12, 2022	Second sworn statement of campaign contributions or loans by candidates for membership on the Board of Education to be filed with the District Clerk and Commissioner of Education five days prior to vote date
May 12-16, 2022	Sworn statement of campaign contributions or loans in excess of \$1,000, received before vote date and not previously reported, to be filed with the District Clerk and Commissioner of Education within twenty-four hours of receipt by candidates for membership not he Board of Education
May 17, 2022	Statewide annual meeting / board election / budget vote day
June 6, 2022	Last date to file with District Clerk and Commissioner of Education final sworn statement of campaign contributions by candidates for membership on Board of Education. Due 20 days after the election/budget vote EL §1529(l)(c)
June 21, 2022	Statewide budget revote day
July 1, 2022	Implement 2022-23 Budget

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What we will cover:

Proposed Revenues

- State Aid Analysis
- Tax Levy
- Proposed Revenue Budget
- Revenue Considerations

Proposed Expenditures

- Proposed Expenditure Budget
- Expenditure Considerations
- The Establishment of Reserves

Contingency Budget

Monitor - Partnership & Collaboration

NYS Legislators





EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Proposed 2022- 2023 Budget Revenues

*For the 21/22 fiscal year, the district anticipates receiving \$1,000,000 in Legislative Grant funding for full day Kindergarten and Arts in Elementary Schools.

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NY State Approved Budget



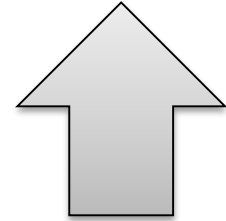
<u>2021-2022 Base Aid Year Aids</u>		<u>2022-2023 Estimated Aid</u>
Foundation Aid	46,221,431	54,005,184
BOCES	3,580,635	2,703,021
High Cost Excess Cost	1,911,432	1,142,216
Private Excess Cost	772,925	781,153
Hardware & Technology	347,033	302,533
Software, Library, Textbook	3,046,966	3,222,351
Transportation incl summer	30,030,778	38,792,506
Building & Building Reorg Incentive	1,079,877	773,104
High Tax Aid	729,146	729,146
Sub Total:	87,720,223	102,451,214
Potential Transportation Aid Deduction		(7,800,000)
Sub Total:	87,720,223	94,651,214
Federal:		
Universal Pre-Kindergarten	6,225,681	11,467,622
Total State Aid:	93,945,904	113,918,836



State Aid Takeaways

State Aid Increases

- Foundation Aid increase of \$7.7MM
- Transportation Aid increase of \$8.7MM



Uncertain State Aid Deduction [may be forgiven, not yet approved at SED]

- Transportation Aid – approximately \$7.8MM

State Aid Revenue used to Fund the
2022-2023 Budget: \$94,651,214



Tax Levy History

Uncollected Revenue for Program

Fiscal Year	Max Allowable Levy	Tax CAP	Tax Levy	Difference
2018-2019	154,817,065	2.22%	151,461,007	3,356,058
2019-2020	159,493,891	5.30%	154,490,227	5,003,664
2020-2021	159,871,908	3.82%	154,490,227	5,381,681
2021-2022	158,613,756	2.67%	154,490,227	4,123,529

Represents \$17,864,931 of uncollected revenue for program



Local Tax Effort Relative to Property Value



East Ramapo is in the bottom 20% of districts when it comes to local tax effort.

Comparable Districts:
(student body)

DISTRICT	NAME	SCHOOL YEAR	Data As Of:	LOCAL REVENUE EFFORT RATE
500402	EAST RAMAPO	2019-20	June 17, 2021	13.92
500101	CLARKSTOWN	2019-20	June 17, 2021	18.72
500301	S. ORANGETOWN	2019-20	June 17, 2021	19.73
500308	PEARL RIVER	2019-20	June 17, 2021	20.86
500304	NYACK	2019-20	June 17, 2021	21.44
500401	SUFFERN	2019-20	June 17, 2021	22.02
500108	NANUET	2019-20	June 17, 2021	26.84
500201	HAVERSTRAW-ST	2019-20	June 17, 2021	31.18

DISTRICT	NAME	SCHOOL YEAR	Data As Of:	LOCAL REVENUE EFFORT RATE
500402	EAST RAMAPO	2019-20	June 17, 2021	13.92
261600	ROCHESTER	2019-20	June 17, 2021	19.34
131500	POUGHKEEPSIE	2019-20	June 17, 2021	19.53
280208	ROOSEVELT	2019-20	June 17, 2021	19.82

Source data: NYSED



Tax CAP Formula / Tax Levy Limit

Tax Cap Formula/Property Tax Cap Calculation = determines the levy limit



Allowable levy growth is the lesser of 2% or CPI

- Thresholds control the allowable increases to the tax levy
 - Tax Base Growth Factor¹
 - Allowable Levy Growth Factor²
 - PILOTs (\$~235k)
 - Capital Tax Levy³ TRS and/or ERS Exclusions (~\$2.7MM)

¹Set by NYS Department of Real Property Tax, 1.0088

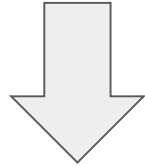
²Based on CPI and set by NYS OSC, 1.02

³includes capital projects, building aid, and debt service, ~\$2.5MM)

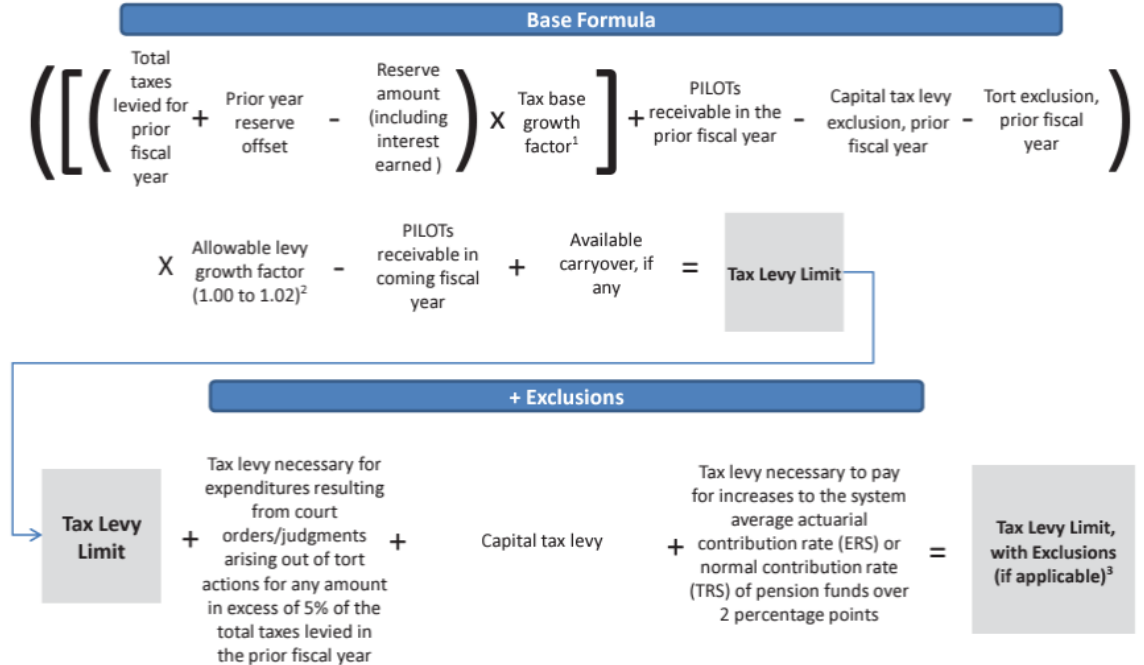


Tax CAP Formula / Tax Levy Limit

Complex



Multi-Step Formula





2022-2023 Tax Levy Limit Calculation

DUE MARCH 1, 2022
TAX LEVY LIMIT CALCULATION

2022-2023 TAX LEVY CALCULATION

PRIOR YEAR TAX LEVY	\$154,242,013
<i>Multiply by:</i>	
TAX BASE GROWTH FACTOR	1.0088
	\$155,599,343
<i>Adjusted Tax Levy:</i>	
ADD PRIOR YEAR PILOTS	\$257,663
LESS PRIOR YEAR EXEMPTIONS (CAP. LEVY)	\$2,590,102
ADJUSTED PRIOR YEAR LEVY	\$153,266,904
<i>Multiply by:</i>	
ALLOWABLE GROWTH FACTOR	1.02
Tax Levy including Growth Factor:	\$156,332,242
LESS PILOTS FOR COMING YEAR	\$235,569
ADD AVAILABLE CARRYOVER FR 6/30/21	\$1,781,641
TAX LEVY LIMIT (before exclusions)	\$157,878,314
EXCLUSIONS (TRS, CAP. LEVY)	\$2,735,178
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY	\$160,613,492
MAXIMUM LEVY AMOUNT INCREASE	\$6,371,479
TAX CAP	4.13%

The 2022-2023 budget proposal will include a **3.96% levy increase over the prior years levy**

Based on the NYS Office of the State Comptroller's formula, the district can opt to increase the tax levy by up to **\$6,371,479**

3.96% increase in comparison to the prior years levy

**Any increase to the Tax Levy is subject to 50% +1 voter approval. The district is not seeking a super majority voter approval (over 60%) because we are staying within the tax cap.*



Tax Levy

Impact to Homeowners

Estimated Tax Impact 2022-2023					
	Effective Market Value	Assessed Value	Increase in Tax Rate (Per Thousand)	Based on Levy Increase	
				Monthly	Yearly
Town of Clarkstown	450,000	136,575	1.83	20.83	249.93
	500,000	151,750	1.83	23.14	277.70
	550,000	166,925	1.83	25.46	305.47
Town of Haverstraw	300,000	239,130	0.29	5.78	69.35
	350,000	278,985	0.29	6.74	80.91
	400,000	318,840	0.29	7.71	92.46
Town of Ramapo	500,000	57,300	4.85	23.16	277.91
	550,000	63,030	4.85	25.47	305.70
	600,000	68,760	4.85	27.79	333.49





Proposed 2022-2023 Revenue Budget

	2021-2022 <i>Approved Budget</i>	2022-2023 <i>Proposed Budget</i>	\$ Difference
Tax Levy	\$154,490,227	\$160,613,492	\$6,123,265
NYS Aid Revenue	\$87,867,659	\$94,651,214	\$6,783,555
PILOTs	\$250,000	\$252,602	\$2,602
Health Services	\$475,000	\$475,000	-
Non-Resident, Foster, OPWDD Tuition	\$1,600,000	\$1,678,313	\$78,313
Chapter Tuition - STAC	\$1,920,000	\$1,541,840	(\$378,160)



Proposed 2022-2023 Revenue Budget

	<i>2021-2022 Approved Budget</i>	<i>2022-2023 Proposed Budget</i>	<i>\$ Difference</i>
BOCES Refund for Prior Year Surplus	\$850,000	\$830,399	(\$19,601)
Workers Comp & Ins. Reimbursement	\$150,000	\$93,318	(\$56,682)
Medicaid	\$1,000,000	\$989,000	(\$11,000)
Use of Facilities	\$228,000	\$236,081	\$8,081
Misc Revenue	\$1,315,000	\$1,130,453	(\$184,547)



Proposed 2022-2023 Revenue Budget

	2021-2022 <i>Approved Budget</i>	2022-2023 <i>Proposed Budget</i>	\$ Difference
Interfund Transfers from Debt Service	\$53,218	\$53,055	(\$163)
Fund Balance & Appropriated Reserves	-	-	-
CARES Funding	\$22,250,529	-	(\$22,250,529)
Total Revenues:	\$272,449,633	\$262,544,765	(\$9,904,868)



Revenue Considerations

State Aid

- Possible transportation aid deduction

Tax Levy

- Final after budget vote



Use of Federal Funding Sources

- Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) **\$66,418,114**
 - **\$34.5M used in 21/22 budget**
 - **\$31.8M to be used in 22/23 budget**
- American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 **\$150,445,511** *Approved by NYSED on 2/18/22

*Any excess General Fund monies will be recommended to be placed in allowable reserves



Proposed 2022- 2023 Budget Expenses





Proposed 2022-2023 Expenditure Budget

	<i>2021-2022 Approved Budget</i>	<i>2022-2023 Proposed Budget</i>	<i>\$ Difference</i>
Salaries	\$112,632,486	\$116,410,625	\$3,778,139
Benefits	\$55,899,206	\$58,690,653	\$2,791,448
Materials & Equipment *	\$28,434,103	\$4,470,840	(\$23,963,263)
Contractual	\$14,402,142	\$39,266,219	\$24,864,077
Contractual - Legal **	\$1,500,000	\$2,088,084	\$588,084
Contractual - Transportation ***	\$46,000,106	\$61,868,506	\$15,868,400

* BOCES expenses shifted to contractual line, ** Increase is based on projected actuals for 21/22,

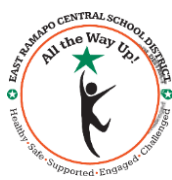
*** Increase is based on projected actuals for 21/22 + CPI



Proposed 2022-2023 Expenditure Budget

	<i>2021-2022 Approved Budget</i>	<i>2022-2023 Proposed Budget</i>	<i>\$ Difference</i>
CARES Expenditures	\$15,800,000	-	(\$15,800,000)
Debt Payment	\$26,880,107	\$5,561,162	(\$21,318,946)
Legal Settlement	\$5,446,140	-	(\$5,446,140)
Transfer to Other Funds (F,H) *	-	\$6,062,134	\$6,062,134
Transfer from Special Aid Fund	(\$34,544,657)	(\$31,873,457)	\$2,671,200
Totals Expenditures:	\$272,449,633	\$262,544,765	(\$9,904,868)

* F: to support Special Education Services; 4201 and Summer Handicap, H: Renovation of secondary instructional areas for PE



Expenditure Considerations

Expenditure Reduction

- CARES to nonpublic sharing
- Legal settlements have been paid in full
- Reduction in workforce due to retirements
- Repayment of debt

Expenditure Increases

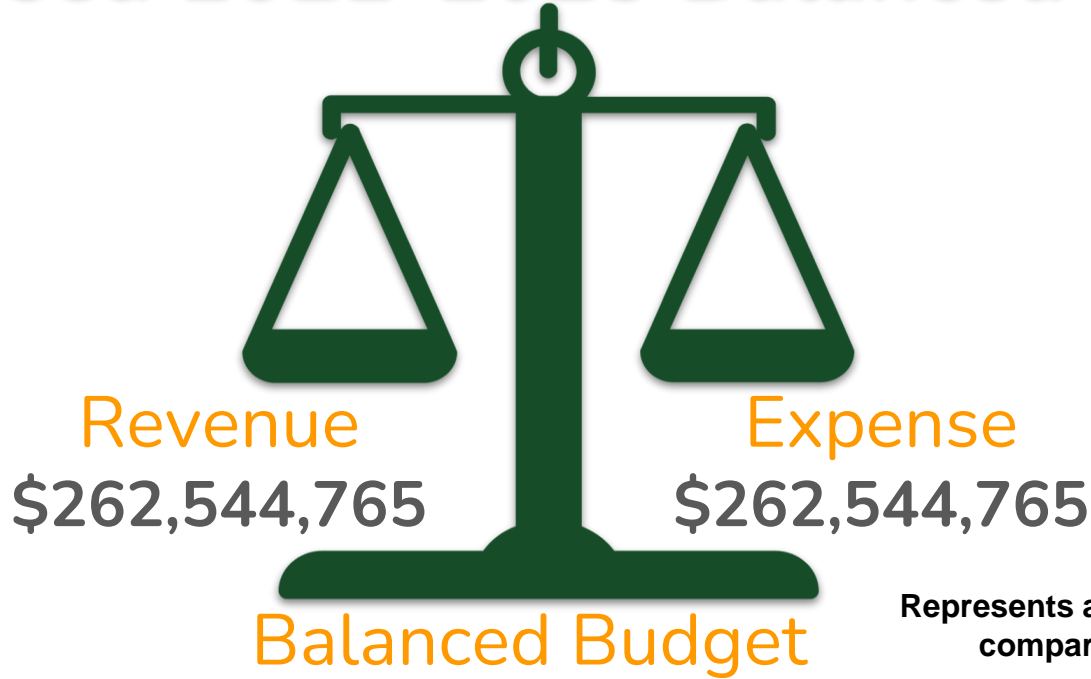
- Benefits
- Transportation Expenses

** Contractual increases have been incorporated into the 22/23 budget*





Proposed 2022-2023 Balanced Budget



Represents a 4% reduction in budget compared to the prior year



Contingency Budget

Under a **Contingency Budget**, the District's Tax Levy for 2022-2023 must be the same (or less) than the Tax Levy for 2021-2022 (0% increase).

For the 2022-2023 proposed budget, the District is proposing a 3.96% tax levy increase (\$6,371,479).

If the budget is defeated, the District will be tasked with reducing program and/or staff in the amount of \$6,371,479.

A defeat of the budget will result in cuts to handicap accessibility and renovation of secondary instructional areas for Physical Education.



Fiscal Monitor - Partnership & Collaboration



- **Maximizing Revenue**
 - Working with legislators to increase foundation and transportation aid
 - Working with external partners to address missed opportunities for revenue
 - STAC
 - Building Aid
 - Revenues
 - Parentally Placed Special Ed Students
 - Health & Welfare
 - Foster Billing
- Instituting **Procedures and Protocols** that maintain the integrity of reportable data
 - Transportation Department
 - Free & Reduced Lunch Applications
- **Sound Business Practices**
 - Development of a solid business office support staff
- **Public Relations**
 - Community Outreach

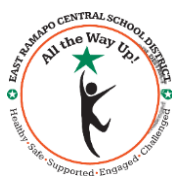


THANK YOU

on behalf of the East Ramapo Community



- **NYS Legislators who represent East Ramapo**
 - The East Ramapo Central School District will see a \$7.6 million increase in **Foundation Aid** for a total \$54 million; representing a 16.4% increase year over year.
 - **Universal Pre-K**
 - As a result of the hard work and dedication of our advocates in the Senate and Assembly, East Ramapo has been allocated 969 new slots and a \$5,241,941 increase over prior year's funding.



Questions?

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