### EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2024-2025 Proposed Budget

## Budget Hearing



Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Clarence Ellis, Superintendent of Schools

Mrs. Natalie Espinal, Assistant Superintendent of Business



# Proposed Strategic Budget 2024-2025





### **Budget Decision Making Framework**

"Is it Good for Kids?" is the guiding question that encapsulates the principles below used to frame discussions and decision making for budgetary recommendations:

- Prioritize students and student learning;
- Remain aligned to the East Ramapo Central School District Strategic Academic Plan, mission, vision, listed priorities, core beliefs, and to our critical role in the community;
- Maintain equitable access to quality public education for all students;
- Prioritize equity, diversity, and inclusion in discussions and when building consensus;
- Protect East Ramapo's strengths and long-term viability to establish fiscal solvency;
- Comply with federal and state mandates; and,
- Fulfill contractual obligations.



### **Budget Decision Making Framework**

### "Is it Good for Kids?"



### 2024-2025 Budget ENSURES THAT WE ...

- → keep and hire all needed classroom teachers
- → keep art and music programs
- → keep full high school athletic programs
- → keep social emotional supports
- → hire transportation employees

### 10,409 Public School Students

5,884
English language learners

1,368
Students With Disabilities

**1,547**Homeless

1,679

**8,152**Hispanic

**578**Other

30,000
Non-Public School
Students
(estimated)



### Revenue (Funding) Sources



State governments provide significant funding to school districts, often based on student enrollment and needs.

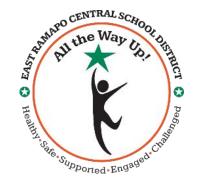




Federal programs like Title I support schools serving low-income communities and students with special needs.



Property taxes paid by
homeowners and businesses are
the primary source of local funding
for schools, providing stability and
flexibility.



### **Expenditure (Spending) Sources**



#### Instruction

The largest portion of the budget goes towards teacher salaries, classroom resources, and curriculum development.

#### Administration

Funding is allocated for district leadership, human resources, and other central office functions.

#### Operations

This includes costs for transportation, maintenance, utilities, and other day-to-day school operations.





2024-2025 Proposed Revenue

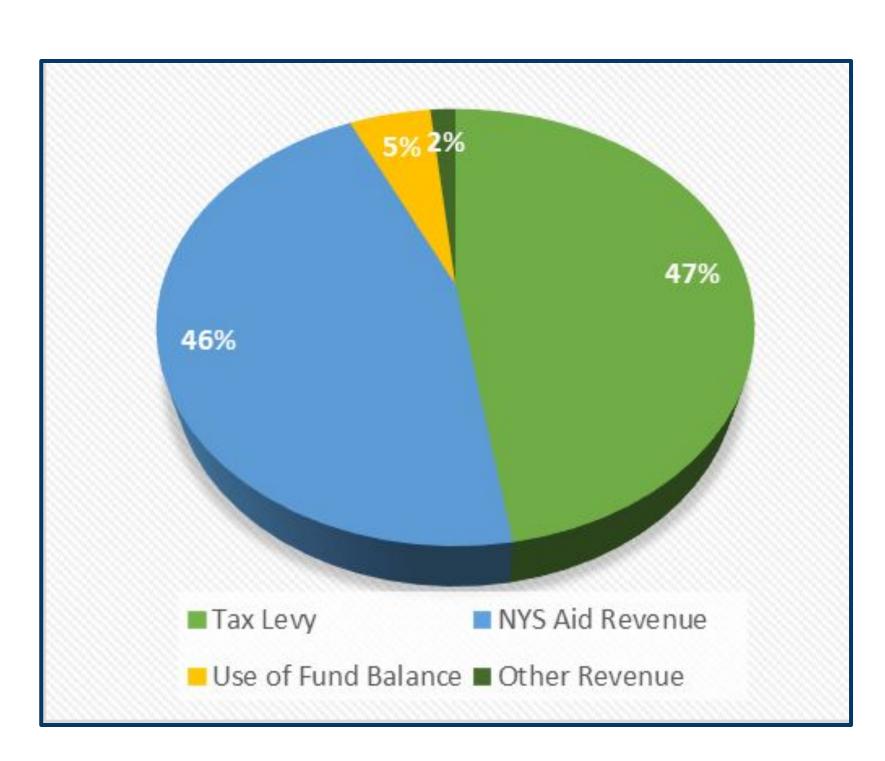
- Revenue Assumptions & Considerations
- Tax Levy Information
- State Aid Analysis
- Proposed Revenue Budget



### Revenue

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## Assumptions & Considerations



**Tax Levy** increase of 1.99% or approximately \$3 million as per Board of Education proposal

**State Aid** will increase by \$16.8 million as per Legislative enacted budget dated 4.16.2024

**Fund Balance** of \$17.6 million use to cover revenue shortfall as per Board of Education proposal

**Other Revenue** will likely decrease (includes interest, use of facilities, and other medical billing)

### Tax Levy Limit Calculation - submitted to OSC 3/1/24

### 2024-2025

EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  DUE MARCH 1, 2024  2024-2025 TAX LEVY LIMIT CALCULATION (Preliminary)  (Real Property Tax Cap)									
Must submit before 3/1/24									
PRIOR YEAR TAX LEVY	\$154,490,227								
Multiply by:									
TAX BASE GROWTH FACTOR	1.0172								
	\$157,147,459								
Adjusted Tax Levy:									
ADD PRIOR YEAR PILOTS	\$252,602								
LESS PRIOR YEAR EXEMPTIONS (CAP. LEVY)	\$2,879,652								
ADJUSTED PRIOR YEAR LEVY	\$154,520,409								
Multiply by:									
ALLOWABLE GROWTH FACTOR	1.02								
Tax Levy including Growth Factor:	\$157,610,817								
LESS PILOTS FOR COMING YEAR	\$252,602								
ADD AVAILABLE CARRYOVER FR 6/30/23	\$2,379,882								
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TAX LEVY LIMIT (before exclusions)	\$159,738,097								
EXCLUSIONS(TRS,CAP. LEVY)	\$3,059,206								
MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE LEVY	\$162,797,303								

The 2024–2025 preliminary budget assumptions reflects a levy increase of \$3,074,356

1.99%

Based on the NYS Office of the State Comptroller's formula, the district board can opt to increase the tax levy by up to

\$8,307,076

Increase in comparison to the prior years levy by

5.38%



MAXIMUM LEVY AMOUNT INCREASE

Super majority voter approval (over 60%) is required if district proposes an increase over the tax cap.

\$8,307,076

5.38%

TAX CAP

<sup>\*</sup>Any increase to the Tax Levy is subject to 50% +1 voter approval.

### Tax Comparisons

					EAST RAMA	APO CENTRAL SCHOOL	DIS	TRICT				
						TAX COMPARISON						
				Actual	Actual Actual Actual					Actual	Actual	
				2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021		2021-2022	2	2022-2023		2023-2024
Budge	ted Tax Le	evy	\$	151,461,007.00	\$ 154,490,227.00	\$ 154,490,227.00	\$	154,490,227.00	\$ 1	.54,490,227.00	\$	154,490,227.00
Assess	ed Value										500	
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	Haverstrav	W		15.199123	16.041940	16.431190		16.907006	1	6.878385		16.092204
Equaliz	zation Rat	<u>e</u>										
	Ramapo			0.1190	0.1160	0.1144		0.1146		0.1030		0.0851
(	Clarkstowr	n		0.3150	0.3000	0.2975		0.3035		0.2705		0.2427
J	Haverstrav	N		0.9392	0.8678	0.8253		0.7971		0.7112		0.6129

### Estimated Tax Impact

Estimated 2024-2025 Tax Rate Impact with Levy @ \$157,564,583 (1.99% increase)

			Change in Tax	1.99% Levy Increase		
	Effective Market Value	Assessed Value	Rate (Per Thoudsand)	Monthly	Yearly	
Town of Clarkstown	\$450,000	\$105,660	\$0.83	\$7.31	\$87.70	
	\$500,000	\$117,400	\$0.83	\$8.12	\$97.44	
	\$550,000	\$129,140	\$0.83	\$8.93	\$107.19	
	\$700,000	\$164,360	\$0.83	\$11.37	\$136.42	
Town of Haverstraw	\$300,000	\$174,780	\$0.34	\$4.95	\$59.43	
	\$350,000	\$203,910	\$0.34	\$5.78	\$69.33	
	\$400,000	\$233,040	\$0.34	\$6.60	\$79.23	
	\$700,000	\$407,820	\$0.34	\$11.55	\$138.66	
Town of Ramapo	\$500,000	\$42,550	\$2.30	\$8.16	\$97.87	
	\$550,000	\$46,805	\$2.30	\$8.97	\$107.65	
	\$600,000	\$51,060	\$2.30	\$9.79	\$117.44	
	\$700,000	\$59,570	\$2.30	\$11.42	\$137.01	

<sup>\*</sup> The tax rates are based on if the current assessed value by each of the town assessors.

Above is based on 2024 estimated assessed values and equalization rates as of 4.10.24

#### EQUALIZATION RATE

Town of Clarkstown 0.2348
Town of Haverstraw 0.5826

Town of Ramapo 0.0851 (2023 information)

(Data from each town assessor and orpts)

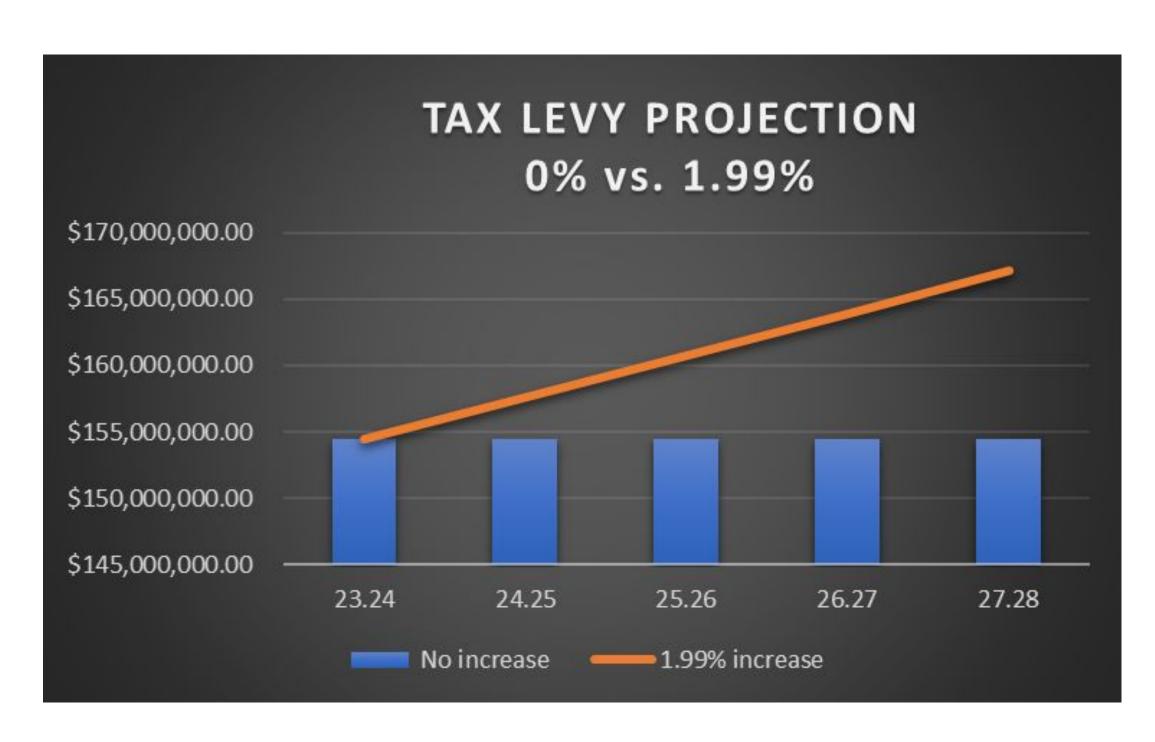
### State Aid Revenue Analysis

	State Aid 2024	Executive Proposal as of 1.16.24	Legislative  Enacted Budget  as of 4.16.24		
STATE Aid Category	2023-2024	2024-2025	2024-2025	\$ Change	% Change
FOUNDATION AID	\$ 85,718,024	\$ 90,739,415	\$ 92,272,980	\$ 6,554,956	8%
HIGH TAX AID	729,146	729,146	729,146	\$ -	0%
TRANSPORTATION AID	35,419,887	45,726,148	45,726,148	\$ 10,306,261	29%
BUILDING AID	2,635,320	1,910,382	1,910,382	\$ (724,938)	-28%
BOCES AID	3,162,565	2,902,302	3,318,367	\$ 155,802	5%
PUBLIC EC HIGH COST AID	2,177,650	2,699,818	2,693,466	\$ 515,816	24%
PRIVATE EXCESS COST AID	816,126	691,100	696,884	\$ (119,242)	-15%
SOFTWARE AID	619,573	633,999	644,814	\$ 25,241	4%
LIBRARY MATERIALS AID	258,500	264,519	269,031	\$ 10,531	4%
TESTBOOK AID	2,378,755	2,363,261	2,473,994	\$ 95,239	4%
HARDWARE & TECH. AID	420,383	445,534	453,135	\$ 32,752	8%
Total	\$ 134,335,929.00	\$ 149,105,624.00	\$ 151,188,347.00	16,852,418	13%

Please note: Universal Pre-Kindergarten Aid is not included in the General Fund

### Implications of Passing the Budget

- **Commitment** to improve the district's financial situation and alignment to academics.
- Stronger funding base for restoring and building instructional programs in future years
- Community wide success





### Proposed 2024-2025 Revenue Budget

### PROPOSED 2024-2025 REVENUE BUDGET

1.99% tax levy = tax levy increase of \$3,074,356

	2024 - 2025 2024 - 2025 2023 - 2024						23/	24 to 24/25	23/24 to 24/2
	Exec	utive Proposal	Leg	islative Enacted				==	
		(1.16.24)	В	udget (4/16/24)					
Description	Ori	ginal Estimated	Rev	vised * Estimated	Add	pted Revote		Change	0/ Change
Description		Budget		Budget (5.7.24)		Budget	3	Change	% Change
Tax Levy	\$	157,564,583	\$	157,564,583	\$	154,490,227	\$	3,074,356	1.99%
NYS Aid Revenue *	\$	149,105,624	\$	151,188,347	\$	134,335,929	\$1	6,852,418	12.54%
PILOTs	\$	252,602	\$	252,602	\$	252,602	\$	8,53	0.00%
Health Services	\$	150,000	\$	150,000	\$	350,000	\$	(200,000)	-57.14%
Non-Resident, Foster, OPWDD Tuition	\$	1,403,000	\$	1,403,000	\$	1,403,000	\$	1858	0.00%
Chapter Tuition - STAC	\$	500,000	\$	500,000	\$	500,000	\$	_	0.00%
BOCES Refund for Prior Year Surplus	\$	500,000	\$	500,000	\$	700,000	\$	(200,000)	-28.57%
Workers Comp & Ins. Reimbursement	\$	93,318	\$	93,318	\$	93,318	\$	-	0.00%
Medicaid	\$	800,000	\$	800,000	\$	1,120,000	\$	(320,000)	-28.57%
Use of Facilities	\$	180,631	\$	180,631	\$	157,631	\$	23,000	14.59%
Interest & Misc Revenue	\$	1,500,000	\$	1,500,000	\$	2,150,000	\$	(650,000)	-30.23%
Interfund Trans. for Debt Svs	\$	53,055	\$	53,055	\$	53,055	\$	-	0.00%
Appropriated Fund Balance *	\$	18,020,846	\$	17,696,449	\$		\$1	7,696,449	
Use of Restricted Funds - Reserve Funds (ERS) *	\$	1,758,326	\$	-	\$	-	\$	721	
TOTAL Estmated Revenue	\$	331,881,985	\$	331,881,985	\$ 2	295,605,762	\$3	6,276,223	12.27%

<sup>\*</sup> The revised estimated revenues reflect an increase in \$2,082,723 from the original State Aid amount. Due to this increase in State Aid, the district has reduced reliance on Fund Balance and Reserve funds. The total estimated revenue budget remains the same.





## 2024-2025 Proposed Expenditure

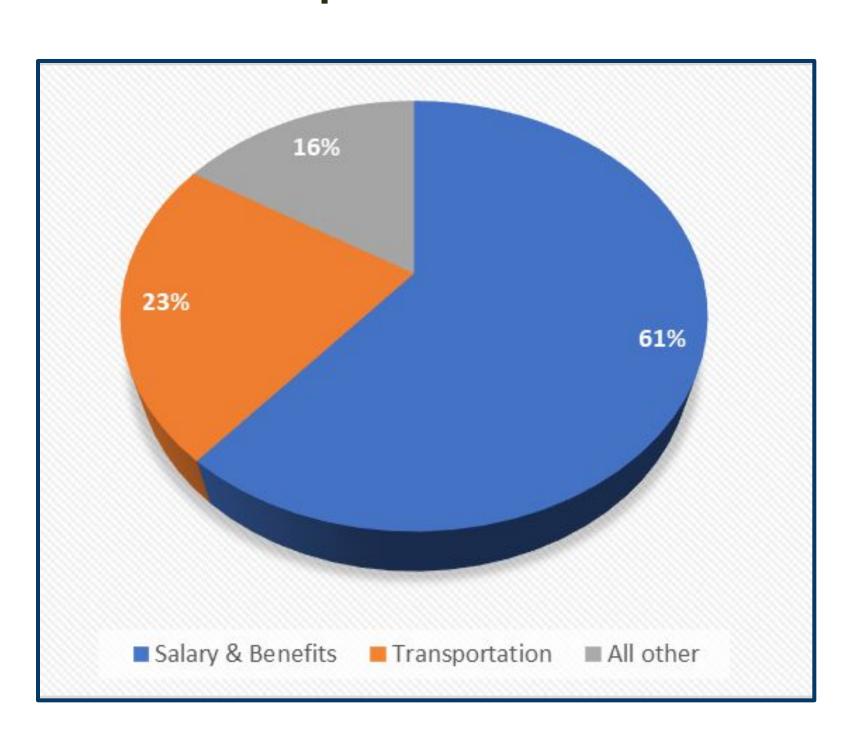
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- Budget Expenses and Efficiencies
- Proposed Expenditure Budget



## Expenditure

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### Assumptions & Considerations



### Salary

increases due to contractual obligations, full time employees, and additional assignments based on recruitment and retention challenges

**Transportation** will increase as it did this year as a result of market competition and increase to both the public and private enrollment

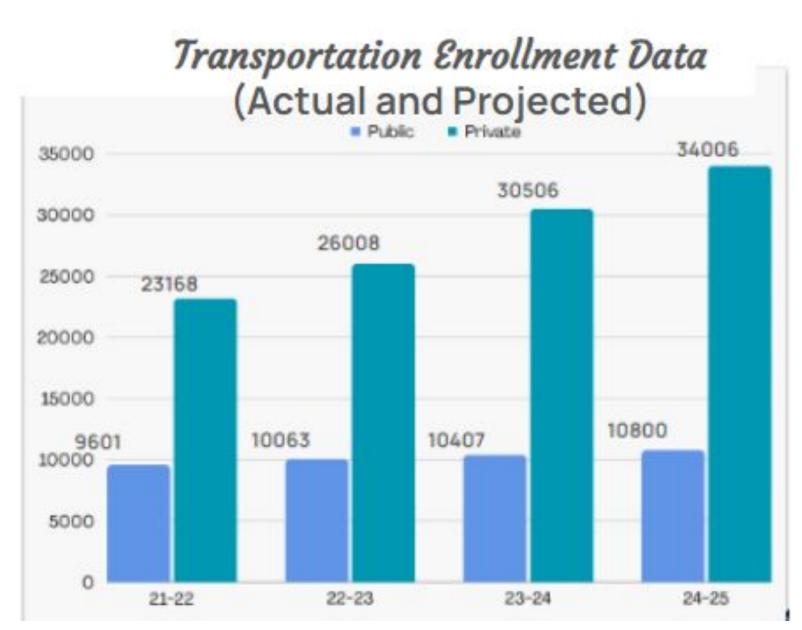
Benefits will increase proportionally to salary increases

**Other Revenue** will result in "unexpected expenses" to the general fund budget

### Transportation Expenses

### Annual Transportation Expenses (Actual and Projected)





- 23-24 school year total expenditures are projected based on actual monthly expenditures over \$6 million dollars.
- 24-25 school year transportation enrollment and estimated expenditures are based on historical trend analysis.

### Active Initiatives to Improve Transportation



- Installation of Cameras Bus Patrol
- Upgrade to Software focus on application processing, real-time data, information for parents
- Restructure of Transportation Department (additional route safety inspector & Assistant Director, Director)
- Reduce Costs rebid most expensive contracts, renew the least expensive
- Safety training through contracted consultant

## Other

## Considerations

### Infrastructure BCS Summary

### **BCS** Estimates

BUILDING		TOTAL
SVHS	5	21,359,698.93
HES	S	11,466,279.20
PMS	5	23,219,311.52
KSA	S	20,855,670.74
FWES	5	16,044,516.63
SPES	S	10,531,002.37
GVES	S	11,453,142.95
MES	5	11,304,117.81
RHS	S	25,616,657.06
LKES	S	12,233,499.15
EWES	S	12,250,631.67
CRMS	S	18,096,252.33
ELES	\$	12,953,539.42
CA	S	11,282,101.14
то	5	8,032,203.87
WH	S	1,975,580.31
BG	S	3,392,039.34
TG	5	1,693,467.60
BDKS	\$	1,211,198.10
NCK	S	1,296,721.38

Budget Estimates reflect current 2023 construction values with 18 Months Escalation.

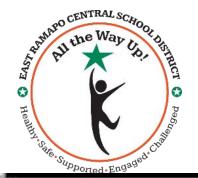
Presented to BOE 6.20.23

CS**ARCH** 

CATEGORY	TOTAL				
ARCH	\$	66,878,042.62			
MEP	\$	97,057,851.00			
SITE	\$	72,331,737.90			
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\$ 236,267,632

Due to the poor infrastructure emergencies have become a trend amounting to an average of approximately \$500k annually in the last



### Proposed 2024-2025 Expenditure Budget

#### EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

#### PROPOSED 2024-2025 EXPENDITURE BUDGET

	2025	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Salaries	\$ 136,189,319	\$ 114,202,746	\$ 21,986,573	19.25%
Benefits	66,416,716	57,575,833	8,840,883	15.36%
Materials and Equipment	4,910,358	4,962,817	(52,459)	-1.06%
Contractual and Other	40,034,037	40,767,636	(733,599)	-1.80%
Contractual -Legal	1,262,500	2,168,301	(905,801)	-41.77%
Contractual -Transportation	76,025,817	62,787,869	13,237,948	21.08%
Debt Services	6,493,238	5,782,963	710,275	12.28%
Transfer to Capital (H)		6,357,597	(6,357,597)	-100.00%
Transfer to Special Aid Fund (F)	550,000	1,000,000	(450,000)	-45.00%
Total Proposed Expense	\$ 331,881,985	\$ 295,605,762	\$ 36,276,222	12.27%

# Proposed Estimated BALANCED BUDGET

\$331,881,985 = \$331,881,985

ESTIMATED REVENUES = ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES







## Contingency Budget

Will require the additional use of restricted fund reserves

## Contingency

## Budget

Under a **Contingency Budget**, the District's Tax Levy for 2024-2025 must be the same (or less) than the Tax Levy for 2023-2024 (0% increase).

A contingency budget funds only teachers' salaries and those items the board determines to be "ordinary contingent expenses." Ordinary contingent expenses have been defined under law to include:

- •legal obligations;
- •expenditures specifically authorized by statute;
- •and other items necessary to maintain the educational program, preserve property and ensure the health and safety of the students and staff.

# Failed Budget = Contingency Budget 2024-2025

### The contingency budget assumes:

1. Tax levy is reduced to same amount as last year.

- 2. The Board can decide to reduce Expenses OR
- 3. The Board can decide expenses remain the same as proposed While using Additional restricted funds

EAST RAMAPO CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PROPOSED 2024-2025 REVENUE BUDGET (IF Contingency)

0% tax levy

The contingency budget reflects a 0% tax levy	change and an increase in the use of rese	rve funds in the amount of \$3,07	4,330.
	2025	2025	
Description	Revised * Estimated Budget (5.7.24)	Contingency Budget	\$ Change
Tax Levy	\$ 157,564,583	\$ 154,490,227	\$ (3,074,356)
NYS Aid Revenue	151,188,347	151,188,347	_
PILOTs	252,602	252,602	-
Health Services	150,000	150,000	2
Non-Resident, Foster, OPWDD Tuition	1,403,000	1,403,000	-
Chapter Tuition - STAC	500,000	500,000	2
BOCES Refund for Prior Year Surplus	500,000	500,000	-
Workers Comp & Ins. Reimbursement	93,318	93,318	2
Medicaid	800,000	800,000	-
Use of Facilities	180,631	180,631	-
Interest & Misc Revenue	1,500,000	1,500,000	-
Interfund Trans. for Debt Svs	53,055	53,055	2
Use of Unassigned Fund Balance	17,696,449	17,696,449	-
Use of Reserve Funds (ERS, TRS, workers' comp		3,074,356	3,074,356
TOTAL Estmated Revenue	\$ 331,881,985	\$ 331,881,985	

## Timeline

## Board Budget Actions

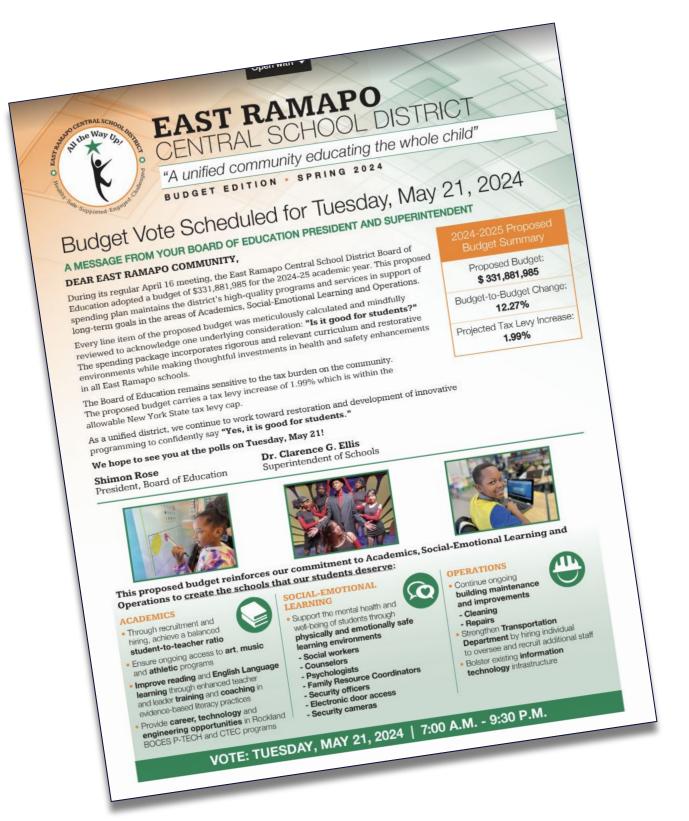


# Is it Good for Kids?

As a unified district, we will continue to work towards restoration and innovation of programming to confidently say "Yes, It is Good for Kids."

## Why Vote?

This proposed budget reinforces our commitment to Academics, Social-Emotional Learning and Operations to create the schools that our students deserve.









#### **ACADEMICS**

Through recruitment and hiring, achieve a balanced student-to-teacher ratio

- Ensure ongoing access to art, music and athletic programs
- Improve reading and English Language learning through enhanced teacher and leader training and coaching in evidence-based literacy practices
- Provide career, technology and engineering opportunities in Rockland BOCES P-TECH and CTEC programs

#### **SOCIAL-EMOTIONAL LEARNING**

Support the mental health and well-being of students through physically and emotionally safe learning environments

- Social workers
- Counselors
- Psychologists
- Family Resource Coordinators
- Security officers
- Electronic door access
- Security cameras

#### **OPERATIONS**

- Continue ongoing building maintenance and improvements
- Cleaning
- Repairs
- Strengthen Transportation Department by hiring individual to oversee and recruit additional staff
- Bolster existing information technology infrastructure

### Key Budget Strategies and Communications

- Budget efficiencies by district leaders weekly bank/underwriter meetings and Board updates
- Building level budget reviews (one-on-one with principals)
- ❖ Budget development work sessions with the Board of Education
- Communicate the budget calendar to community
- Distribution of budget newsletter to all community stakeholders (to be mailed May 3)
- Superintendent town halls at public and nonpublic schools
- Family University budget discussions and the importance of voting
- ❖ Voter registration drive at the high schools
- Lawn signs for community posted at all buildings
- Superintendent budget roundup video will be posted on the district website.
- ❖ Budget flyer for distribution to community at schools
- Proactively informing voters where their poll sites are (app for voting sites)
  - This year polling site information is combined with the newsletter, one mailing only





#### East Ramapo Central School District

A unified community educating the whole child

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2024-25 Budget

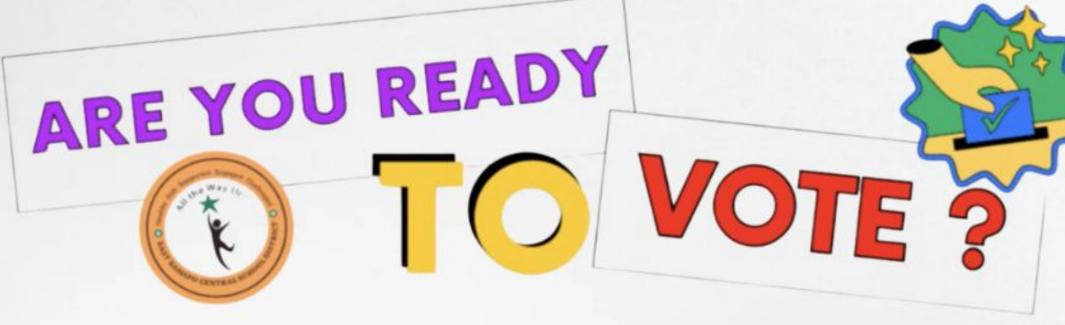
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△ 2024-2025 Budget Presentation. 4.10.24 Meeting
 △ Budget Development Calendar for the 2024-2025 Budget













**ENGLISH** 

**HAITIAN CREOLE** 

**YIDDISH** 

**SPANISH** 

**UKRANIAN** 

**URDU** 





### **Budget Vote 2024**

ercsd.org.BudgetVote24

All registered voters in ALL wards vote on the budget

Only voters in Wards 1, 4 and 7 vote on trustees

Voters are citizens, age 18 or older, resident of the District for at least 30 days prior to May 21, 2024 and registered to vote

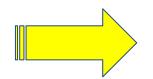
#### **VOTER REGISTRATION FORM**

https://www.rocklandcountyny.gov/?navid=105

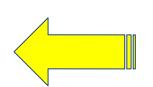
Must be registered at least 10 days prior to the

Vote Date

BUDGET VOTE DATE - 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.



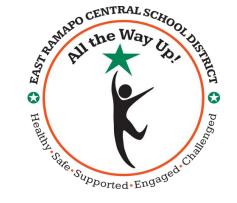
May 21, 2024





### **Important Dates**

- > Wednesday, May 8, 2024 Last date to register to vote,
- Wednesday, May 8, 2024 Budget & Voter Newsletter goes to post office
- Tuesday, May 14, 2024 Last date to request an Absentee or Early Vote ballot to be mailed back to the voter
- Monday, May 20, 2024 Last date to request an Absentee or Early Vote ballot for pickup by the voter or designee
- 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, 2023 Deadline to return Absentee or Early Vote ballots to District Clerk's Office, 105 South Madison Avenue, Spring Valley
- May 21, 2023 Budget Vote & Trustee Election 7:00 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.





## Public Comment on the 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

At this time, East Ramapo residents are given the opportunity to address the Board of Education. Please be mindful that all questions/comments must be directed to the Board of Education, and that the Board, will not, in general, answer questions at the same meeting at which they are posed. Each speaker will be allowed to address the Board once, for a maximum of three (3) minutes. In order for the District Clerk to maintain accurate records of the meeting, each individual addressing the Board is requested to completely fill out a speaker card and to state his/her name, address and/or organization affiliate. Speaker cards must be given to the District Clerk by the scheduled start time of the meeting.

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## Budget Hearing



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