

#### **Overview**

#### The Challenge of Budget Development



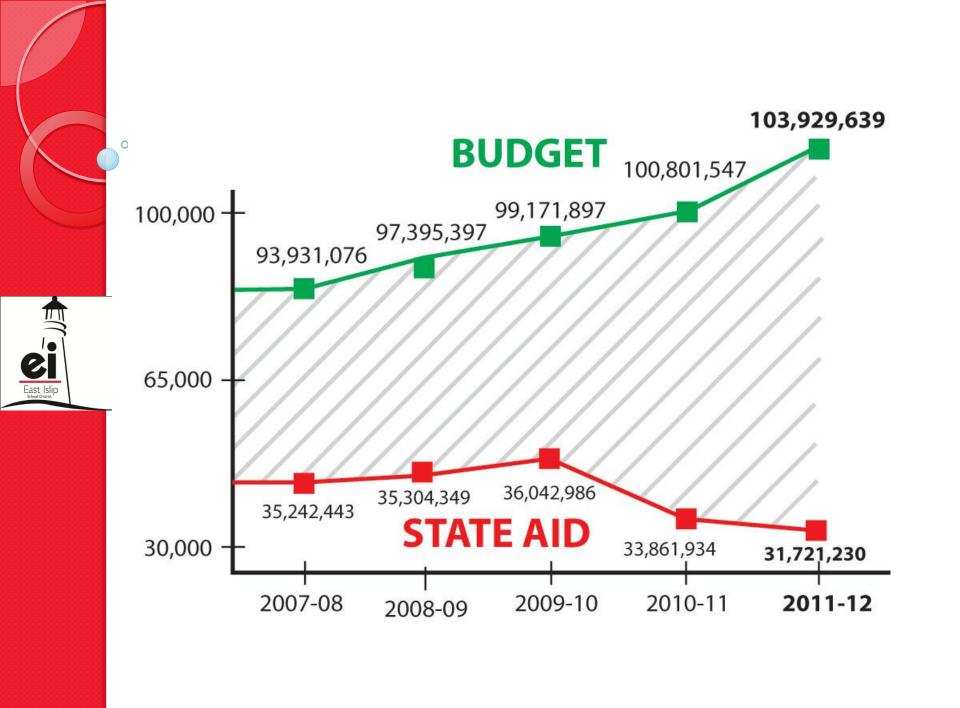
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# Major Challenges Define the 2012-13 School Year



- Net Increase in State, Federal Aids is Essentially \$0
- Other Revenue Has Decreased
- Property Tax Cap Limits Revenue That Can Be Raised
- Contractual Salary Costs Will Increase
- Benefits Costs Will Increase
- Instructional Mandates, Other Mandates Consume Resources







State Aid Increased. But Federal Jobs Fund Aid Decreased.

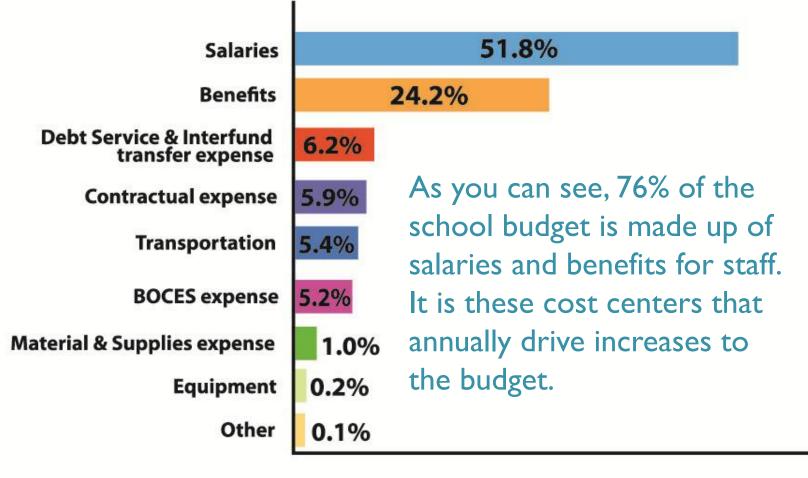
The net total increase in aid is essentially \$0.

Other Revenue is projected to decline.





#### **2012-13 Expense**





# Contractual Salary and Benefit Costs: Significant Increase



\$2.6 Million

Salaries are scheduled to increase approximately 4.8% for the faculty and other collective bargaining groups.

Pension contributions and health care costs are driving the increase in benefits.

\$1.6 Million

**Benefits** 

**Salaries** 



## The Tax Levy Cap

- 1. A proposed tax levy increase up to the cap requires approval of 50% (plus I) of participating voters.
- 2. Beginning in 2012/13, a proposed tax levy increase in excess of the cap requires approval of 60% of voters.



#### The Tax Levy Cap



For 2012-13, we estimate our tax levy cap to be 3.05%. This raises \$1.9 million in additional revenue for the district over 2011-12. (This amount must be certified by the NYS Comptroller).



#### The Budget Gap

If all existing programs and activities in the current budget were maintained (including changes in requirements, contracts, and mandates), the tax levy would increase \$6.7 million.

Based on the 3.05% tax levy cap (which raises \$1.9 million) there would be a funding shortfall of \$4.8 million.



#### **Application of Reserves**

Current year (2011-12) and next year (2012-13):

\$1.9 million in appropriated fund balance, \$1.6 million in reserves.

Following year (2013-14)

Unlikely to be applied, as they will have been drawn down.





### The Proposed Tax Cap Budget

3.05% Tax Levy Increase, which is a

\$213 Increase for Average Household





#### **Proposed Tax Cap Budget**

Current Budget (2011-12)

\$103,929,639

Proposed Tax Cap Budget: (2012-13)

\$105,260,603

Difference:

\$1,330,964

Budget Increase:

1.28%

Tax Levy Increase:

3.05%



#### **Major Increased Cost Drivers**

Salaries \$2,629,027

Employee Benefits \$1,604,680

BOCES Special Education Expense \$404,291

Staff Impact of Eliminated Fed Funds \$218,342

Interfund Transfer/Debt Service \$205,641

Contingency Teaching Positions \$120,030

Special Education TA/Para Positions \$111,368







# Program Impacts of Proposed

#### **Budget**

- 9 Period to 8 Period Day at MS and HS
- Reduce Full Day Kindergarten to Half Day
- Reduce Music Programs in Grades 3-12
- Eliminate All Athletic Programs
- Reduce BOCES Career & Tech Ed
- Eliminate Elementary Co-Curricular Program
- Reduce HS and MS Co-Curricular Program
- Discontinue BOCES Summer School



### Staff Impacts of Proposed

### **Budget**

**Teachers** 23.3 FTE

Instructional Support Staff 4.0 FTE

**Teaching Assistants** 8.0 FTE

4.0 FTE Clerical

I.O FTE Security

Total Loss of Staff

40.3 FTE





#### **Detailed Staff Reductions**

7.0 Kindergarten Teachers

6.3 MS Teachers Due to 8 Period Day

7.0 TA Positions in Computer Labs

1.0 Guidance Counselor

1.0 Administrator

4.0 Clerical Positions

I Kindergarten TA

2.0 HS Teachers Due to 8 Period Day

8.0 Music Teachers (grades 3-12)

1.0 Elementary Level Librarian

1.0 Social Worker

1.0 Security

NOTE: I.0 FTE Additional Social Worker Reduction Included in BOCES Expense





#### Is Restoration Possible?

Restoration of programs and staff that are projected for reduction or elimination would trigger a tax levy increase that is in excess of the tax cap.

This would require voter approval at a rate of 60%.

