

2008-2009 Preliminary Budget Presentation



South Orange-Maplewood
School District

January 28, 2008

Overview of Presentation

- Guiding principles: Excellence, Equity, and Innovation
- Alignment to district goals
- Mandated v. discretionary
- How do we spend the money?
- Specific proposed reallocations
- Revenue sources
- Potential tax impact
- Next steps

Guiding Principles

Excellence: continue current programs that make our district strong to the extent possible

Equity: enhance early childhood investments, create opportunities to move up levels, redesign support for struggling students K-5

Innovation: create CIO, build technology studios at the middle schools, transition to knowledge management, devolve funds to schools

Alignment to district goals

Student Learning: redesign ELA, increase content support K-5, enhance assessment tools, create growth model, expand kindergarten, continue extended time, build knowledge management system

Professional Staff: enhance candidate pool data collection, support teachers pursuing national board teacher certification, partner to support aspiring leaders

Alignment to district goals

Communication: create and maintain a user friendly district website, send regular e-newsletter, extend EdLine, translate key documents

Resource management: provide health insurance opt-out, study out of district trends and feasibility of program creation, distribute heat more efficiently, increase support for facilities management

What are we mandated to spend on?

- Salaries
- Benefits
- Core curriculum content standards
- Special education
- Transportation
- Energy
- Insurance

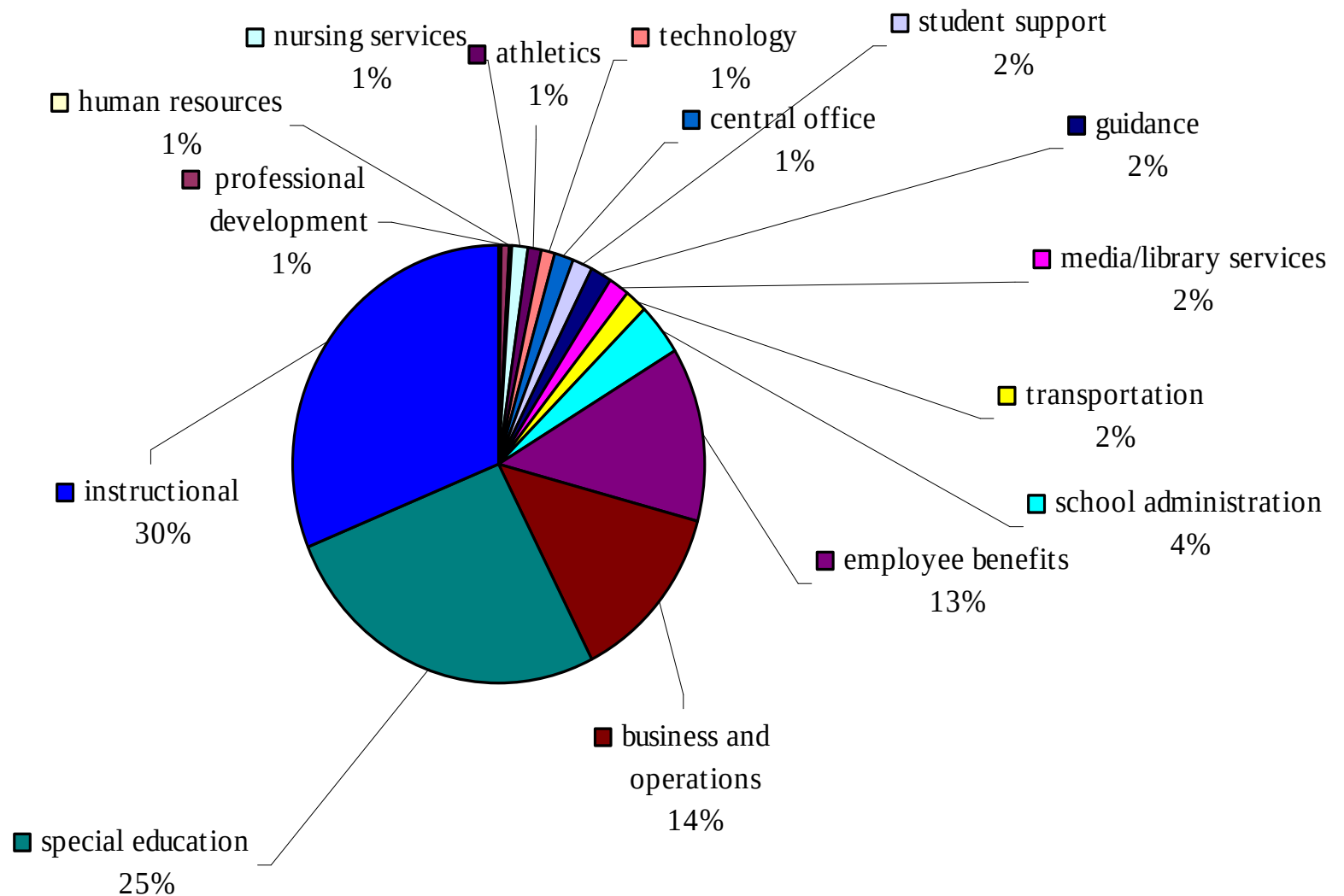
Where do we have discretion?

- Class size
- Administrative structure
- Curriculum and materials
- Programs such as art, music, extracurricular activities, world languages, enrichment beyond what is mandated by the state
- Credits required for graduation beyond what the state mandates
- Counseling and guidance
- Professional development

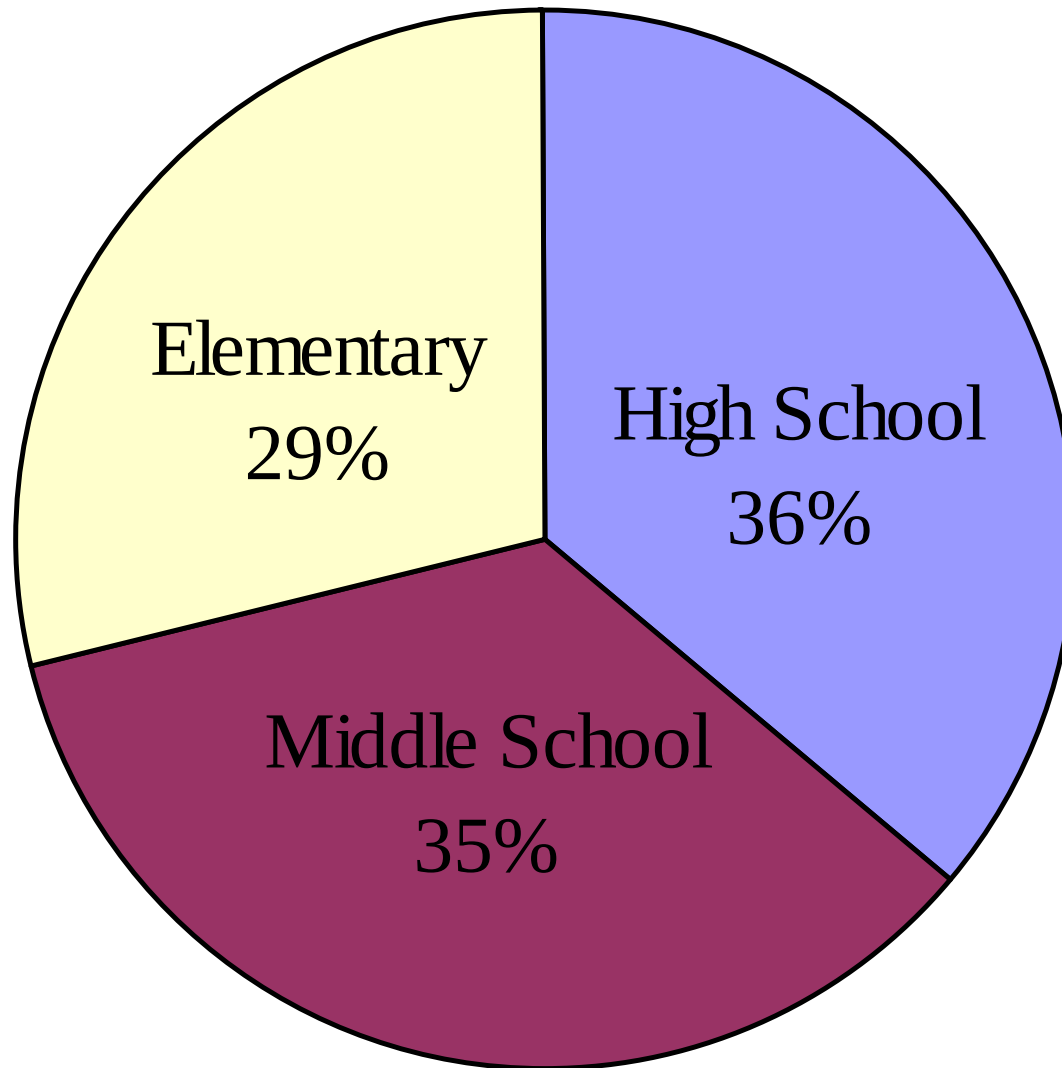
How do we spend the money?

- Service category
- Per pupil by level
- Personnel v. non-personnel
- Administration
- Special education – categories and trends
- Transportation
- Energy

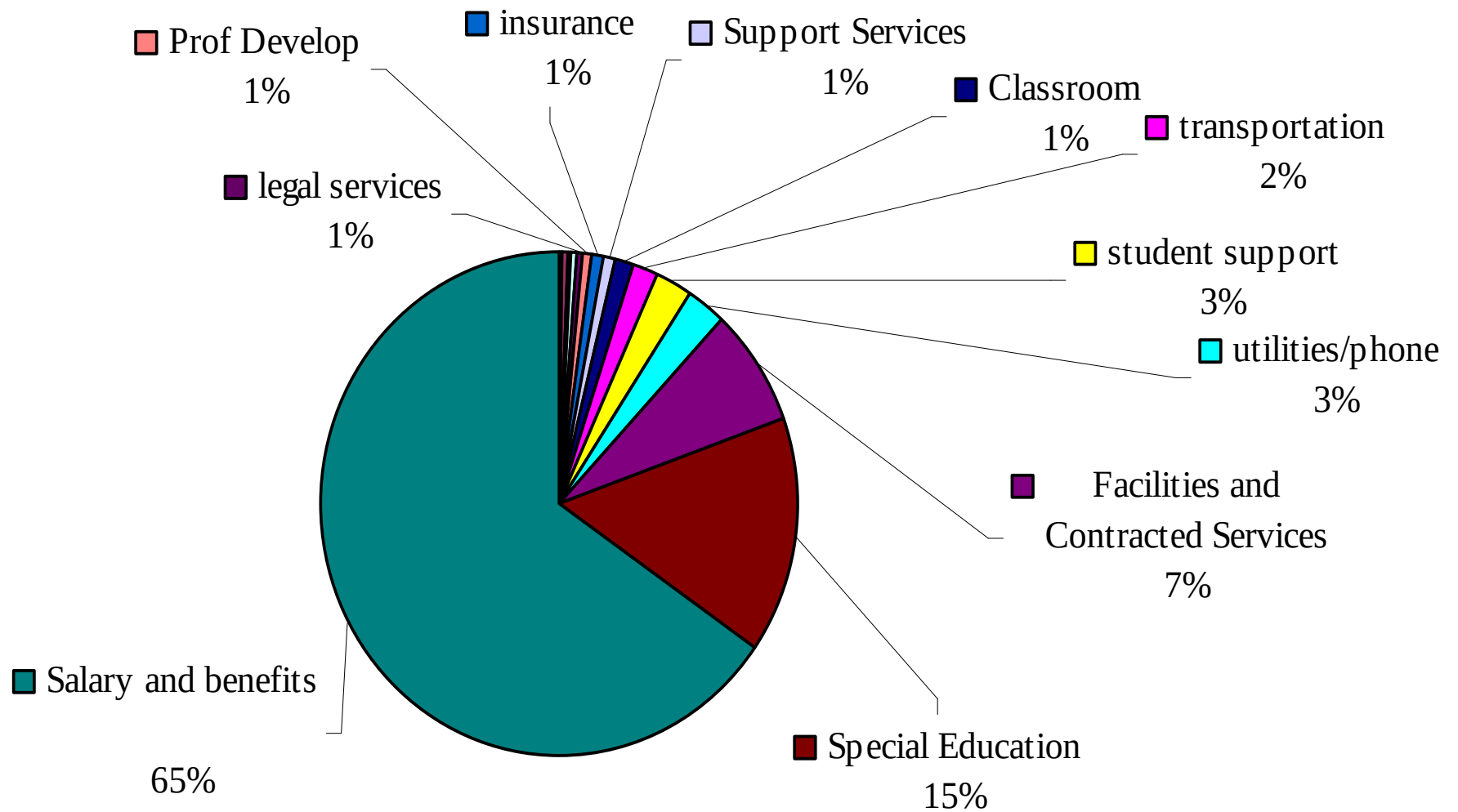
Distribution by Service Category



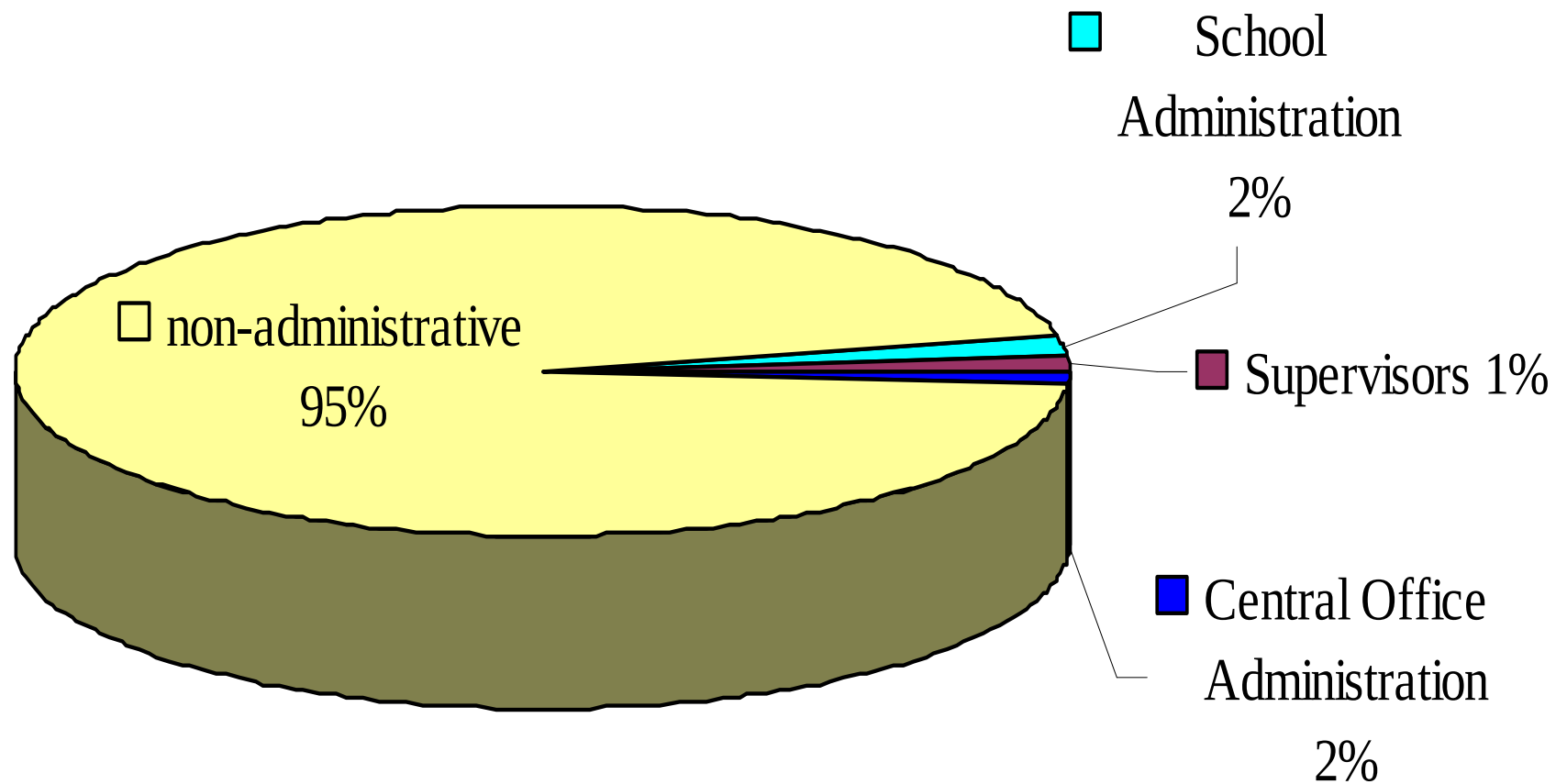
Level (elementary, middle, high)



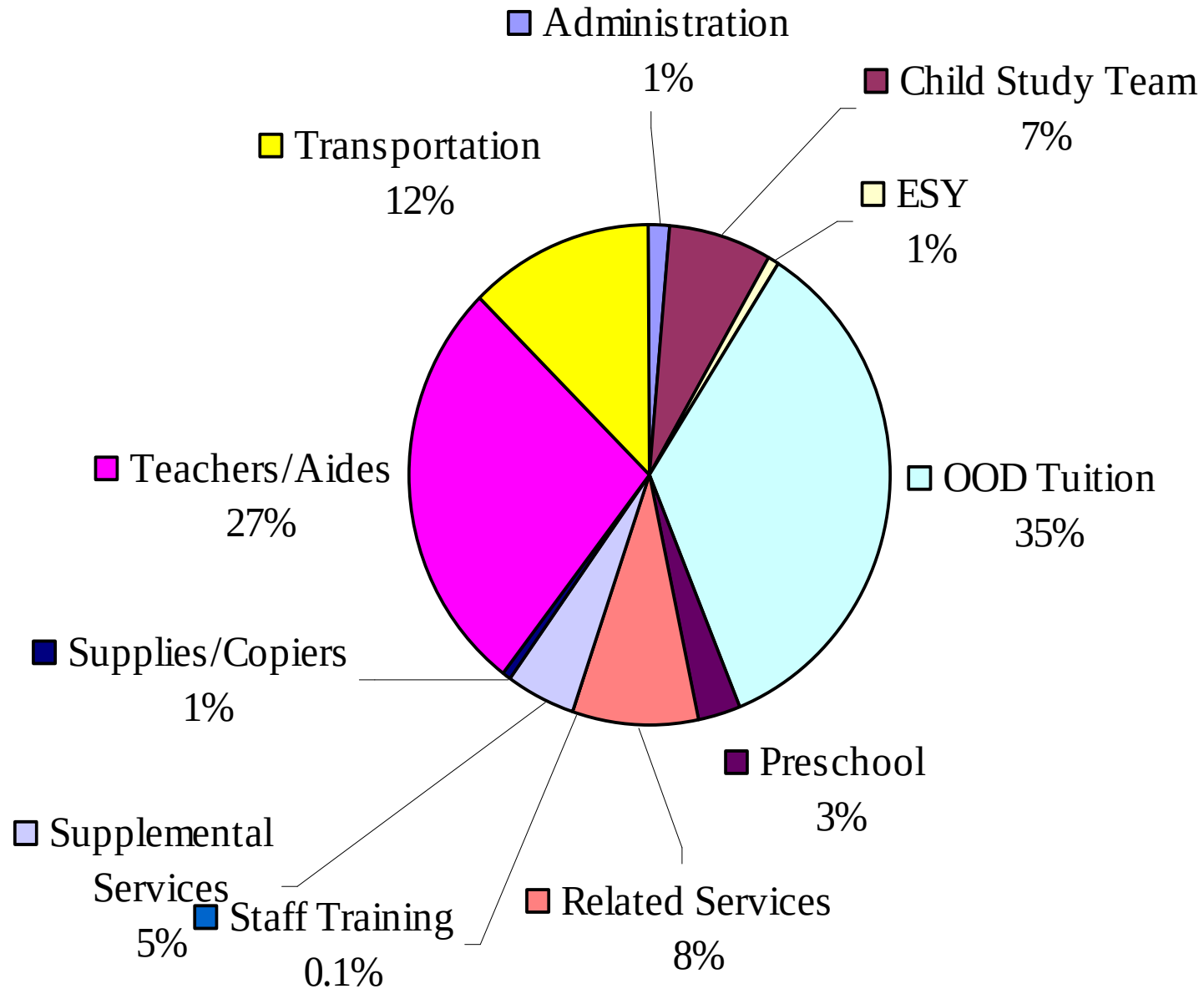
Personnel v. Non-personnel



Administration costs compared to total expenses

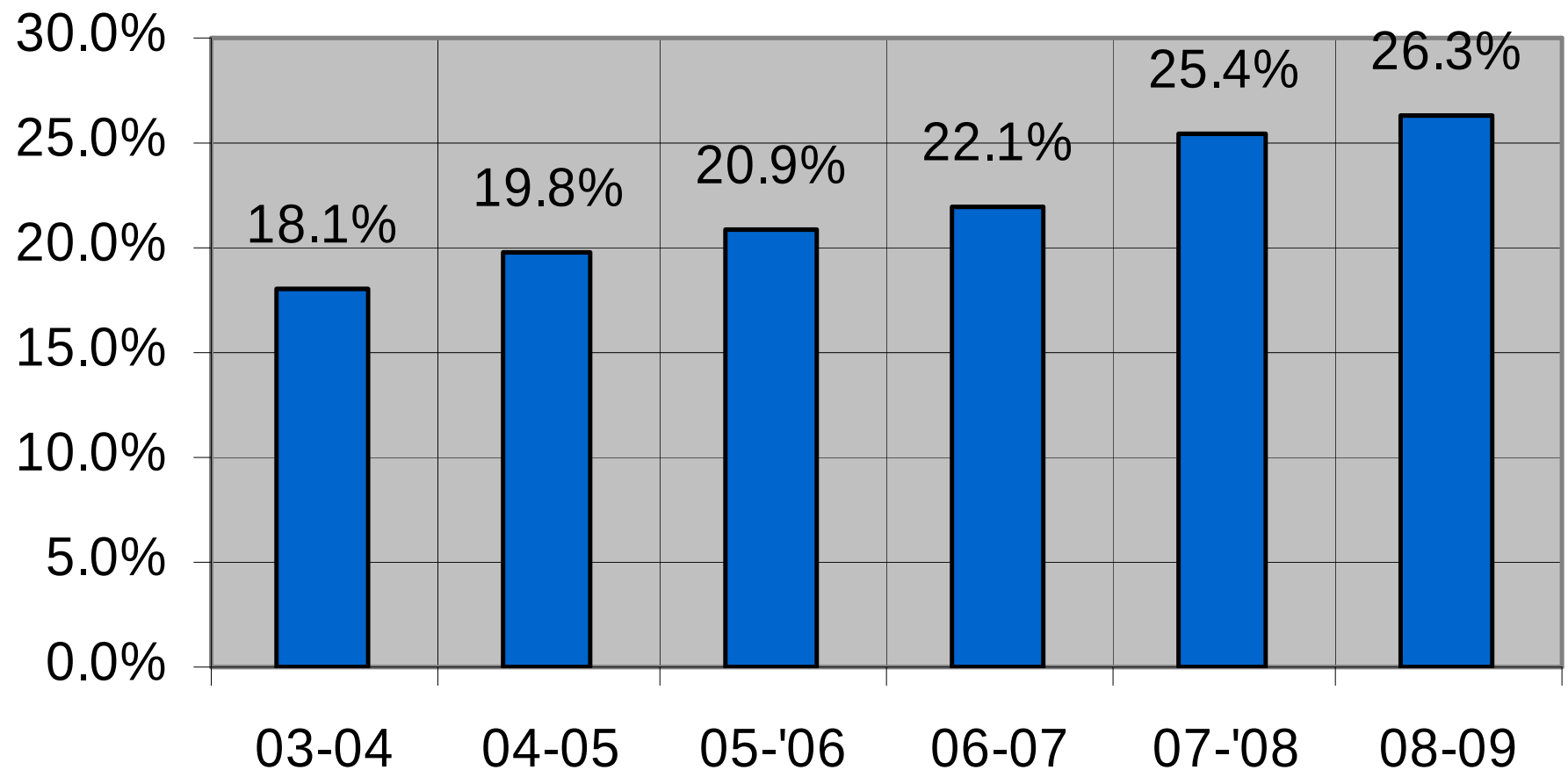


Special Education Categories

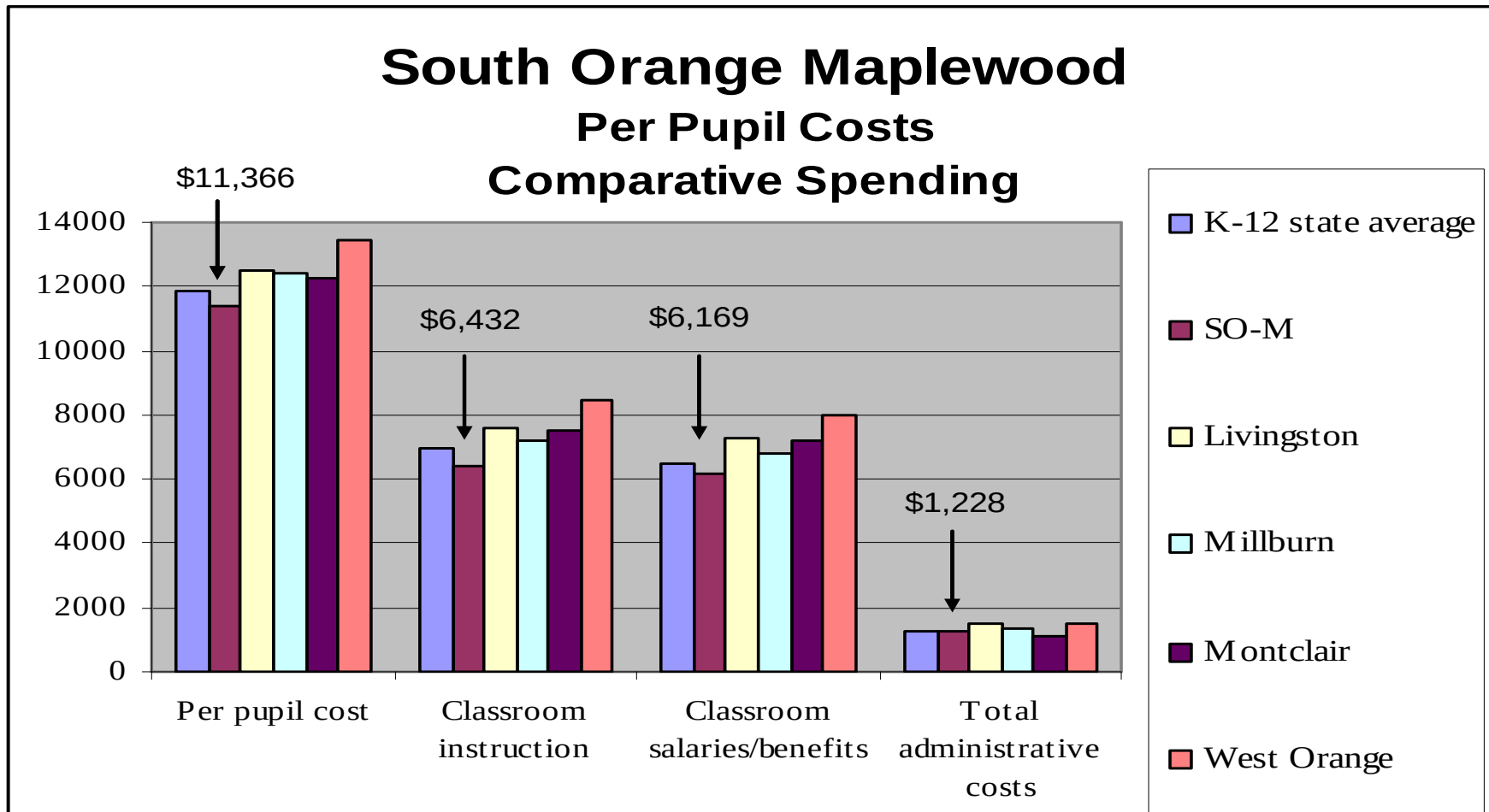


Special Education percent of total

special ed percent of total budget



How do we compare with other like districts or state averages?



Source: Dept. of Education Comparative Spending Guide Actual 2005-06

What are the proposed reallocations?

Full-day kindergarten in two phases

Phase I: 08-09 \$1,193,400 separate proposal

Phase II: 09-10 and beyond

- 7 additional classrooms (build or lease)
- Approximately \$1.5M in additional operating

What are the proposed reallocations?

A legacy of excellence

- No cuts in music, arts, athletics, fitness, enrichment or high-end classes
- No changes to class size policy
- Continued high graduation standards at CHS
- No reduction in student support services
- Addition of AP statistics section (+\$17,240)
- Assistance in continued attention to facilities (+\$78,000)

What are the proposed reallocations?

A commitment to equity

- Autonomy for accountability at school level
- Step-up classes for students to advance levels (\$20,000)
- Priority placement of at-risk students in full-day K
- Elementary Language Arts audit recommendations to improve quality and efficiency (\$75,000)

What are the proposed reallocations?

Support for innovation

- CIO to lead technology solutions
- Technology studios and classes in middle schools to replace home economics program
- Virtual High School pilot program (\$20,000)
- Web-based knowledge management system (\$168,000)
- Across-the-board reduction in materials to encourage reduction in reliance on hard materials

What are the proposed reallocations?

Enhanced internal and external communications:

- Part-time webmaster (\$35,000)
- Blackberries for administrators (\$20,000)
- Earlier CHS schedule notification
- Extend guidance hours to troubleshoot schedules (\$15,000)
- Early notification of Kindergarten placement

What are the proposed reallocations?

Special Education

- New team leader positions in secondary schools (+\$15,000)
- Review of out-of-district placement practices
- Focused, full-time director position

Commitment to Early Learning

- Implement recommendations of ELA audit
- Content expert support – add Supervisor (+\$120,000)
- All Elementary full-time Assistant to Principal (+\$65,000)

What are the proposed reallocations?

Reallocate principal on special assignment position to CIO

Reallocate health insurance to savings by offering employees to share savings by opting out (-\$60,000 net)

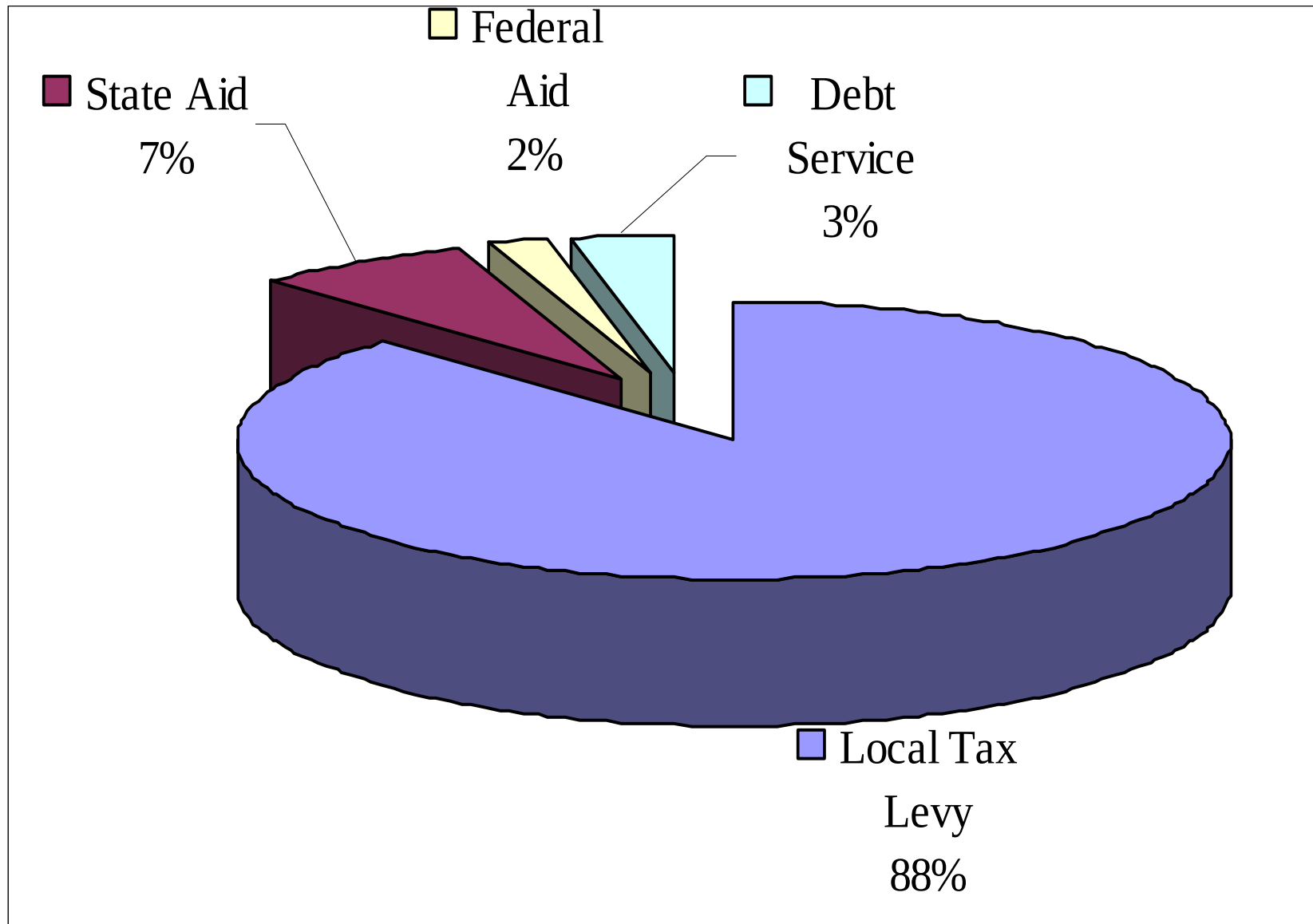
Reallocate pull-out program resources to use by schools
(-\$454,600 net)

Reallocate staff to meet enrollment projections (\$-86,200 net)

Reallocate middle school home economics to technology instruction

Reallocate reliance on hard materials to use of technology
(-\$110,000)

Where does the money come from?



What is the estimated tax impact of the scenarios?

	Scenario I	Scenario II	Scenario III
Tax Levy CAP	\$90,099,548	\$90,099,548	\$90,099,548
State Aid	(\$489,675)	(\$489,675)	(\$489,675)
CAP Waiver	0	\$1,000,000	\$1,446,623
Sep Proposal	0	\$1,193,400	\$1,193,400
Debt Service	\$3,363,462	\$3,363,462	\$3,363,462
Local Tax	\$93,952,685	\$96,152,685	\$96,599,308
Impact (est.)	3.68%	6.12%	6.62%

What next? Budget Calendar

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| Mon, Jan 28 | Supt introduce/BOE discuss preliminary budget |
| Mon, Feb 4 | BOE consider preliminary budget |
| Mon, Feb 25 | BOE consider/adopt preliminary budget to send to Co Supt for approval to advertise |
| Mon, Mar 3 | BOE consider/adopt proposed budget to be submitted to the BSE for funding |
| Wed, Mar 5 | BOE/BSE workshop to establish understanding of proposed budget |
| Wed, Mar 19 | BSE Public Hearing/action to levy 2008-09 school tax |
| Mon, Apr 7 | BOE adopt 2008-09 budget and action by BSE |
| Tue, Apr 15 | BOE Elections |