DUNKIRK CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Learning for all... whatever it takes!

Budget Update

February 28, 2024

Long Range Plan Presentation - Summary

Projected Expenses > Projected Revenues

Projected Trajectory is Reduction/Elimination of Fund Balance and Reserves within 4 years

Must Reduce Actual Expenses While Maximizing Revenue

Factors Impacting Revenues

Reduction / Elimination of State Aid Increases

- 2024-2025 - 4.9% increase in Foundation Aid
  - Executive Budget = $1,577,065
  - Based on Formula = $1,660,542

Expiration of Federal Funds

- All must be expended by September 30, 2024
- Impacts Fund Balance

Tax Cap

- Increases impact on community members
- Cumulative impact over time

Maximize Grant Programs

- Often restrictions on utilization of these funds
- Often involve “overhead” to maintain the grant (data collection, reporting…)
- Often competitive and have expiration / renewal timeframes

Factors Impacting Expenses

- **Increased Compensation:**
  - Minimum Wage Increase
  - Competition from corporate businesses - fast food etc...
  - Competition for professional staff, shortages:
    - Teachers, Nurses, Service Providers, Administrators...
- **Student Needs:**
  - Students with disabilities
  - Students with extreme behavioral issues
    - Biting, Kicking, Punching, Spitting, Elopement...
  - Lack of Placement Options (BOCES, Randolph, OLV...)
  - Mental and Physical health needs
  - Victims of trauma - physical/sexual abuse, drugs/narcotics, anxiety, poverty
  - Academic needs, literacy
- **Transportation**:
  - Electric Bus Mandate
  - Lack of Drivers, Increased driver and aide compensation

Tax Cap - Submission
Due to NYS Comptroller's Office by March 1, 2024

The Tax Cap Form is required by the NYS Comptroller

This form calculates the allowable local tax levy and includes:

- Capital Exclusions
- PILOTS Receivable
- Allowable Growth Factor
- Employee Retirement System (ERS) Exclusions

The form automatically calculates the allowable local tax level once the information is submitted on the form. The completed form is in the next slide - **this has not yet been submitted but will need to be submitted after the meeting.**

Tax Cap Form

Dunkirk City School District (060512000000)
Fiscal Year Ending: 06/30/2025

Summary

	Tax Levy Limit, Before Adjustments and Exclusions	
✔	Real Property Tax Levy FYE 2024	$10,574,607
✔	Tax Cap Reserve Offset from FYE 2023 Used to Reduce FYE 2024 Levy	$0
✔	Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount (Including Interest Earned) from FYE 2024	---
✔	Tax Base Growth Factor	1.0021
✔	PILOTs Receivable FYE 2024	$208,419
✔	Tort Exclusion Amount Claimed in FYE 2024	$0
✔	Capital Tax Levy Exclusion FYE2024	$38,830
✔	Allowable Levy Growth Factor	1.0200
✔	PILOTs Receivable FYE 2025	$249,326
✔	Available Carryover from FYE 2024	$123,730
	Tax Levy Limit Before Adjustments/Exclusions	**$10,856,135**
	Exclusions	
✔	Tort Exclusion	$0
✔	Capital Tax Levy Exclusion FYE2025	$63,443
✔	Teachers' Retirement System Exclusion	$0
✔	Employees' Retirement System Exclusion	$4,530
	Total Exclusions	**$67,973**
	Your FYE 2025 Tax Levy Limit, Adjusted for Transfers plus Exclusions	**$10,924,108**
✔	Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount Used to Reduce FYE 2025 Levy	---
✔	FYE 2025 Proposed Levy, Net of Reserve	$10,924,108
	Difference Between Tax Levy Limit and Proposed Levy	**$0**
✔	Do you plan to override the Tax Cap for FYE 2025 ?	No

History

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Carryover Calculation

Form Status: Unsubmitted

Step 6 of 15 - Carryover

You are allowed to carry over the lesser of the two calculation results. Using all (or a portion) of your available carryover will increase your current tax levy limit.

Calculation #1	OR	Calculation #2
$123,730		$160,475

How is Available Carryover Calculated?

If the total property taxes levied was less than the levy limit in the prior year, a local government or school district is permitted to carryover the lesser of the difference between what was actually levied and the levy limit without exclusions (Calculation #1), or 1.5 percent of the prior year levy limit without exclusions (Calculation #2).

Please note that if there is a carryover, you may use the full carryover amount, a portion of the amount available, or none. Using the full amount or a portion of the Available Carryover in the current year's calculation will increase your current year tax levy limit.

If you had an error on the prior-year form and this amount is incorrect, you may calculate your carryover separately and enter it below or contact our office to resubmit your prior-year form.

Available carryover is calculated based on the information you have entered in both your prior year and current year forms.

Calculation #1:

2024 Levy Limit	$10,698,337
-2024 Actual Levy + Reserve Offset	-$10,574,607
	$123,730

Calculation #2:

2024 Levy Limit	$10,698,337
x1.5%	x .0150
	$160,475

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Allowable Tax Levy Under the Tax Cap Calculation

- The allowable tax levy for the Dunkirk City School District for the 2024-2025 school year is **$10,924,108**.

- The allowable tax levy for 2024-2025 is an increase of **$349,501, or 3.31%**, from the 2023-2024 levy which was **$10,574,607.**

- The Board of Education may exceed the allowable tax levy, however approval would require at least a **60%** of district voters to approve the levy. If the allowable levy is not exceeded, at least **51%** of district voters must approve the levy.

- The Board does not need to make a decision now on the levy amount, the only decision necessary in order to submit this form whether or not to exceed the cap of 3.31%.

Updated Budget Calendar for March/April 2024

Wednesday, March 6, 2024:

- Finance Committee Meeting - Draft - Final Budget

Wednesday, March 13, 2024:

- Board of Education Meeting - Proposed Budget Draft to Board of Education

Wednesday, March 20, 2024:

- Board of Education Workshop (if necessary) - Proposed Budget Draft Update

Wednesday, April 10, 2024:

- Board of Education Meeting - Approval of 2024-2025 Budget

QUESTIONS / DISCUSSION