

# 2025-2026 Budget



## Educational Program Expenditure Update & Revenue Budget

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# Objective



To strategically utilize the district's fiscal resources to support student educational outcomes for the 2025-2026 school year and beyond in a fiscally responsive manner.



# Budget Presentation Goals



Update on program continuation expense reduction efforts

- Salaries and Benefits
- Supplies, Contractual, and Equipment
- Other Non-Instructional Impacts

Revenue budget

- State Aid
- Draft Tax Cap
- Other Aid
- Reserves and Appropriated Fund Balance

Working budget gap and next steps





# Update Program Continuation Expense Reduction Efforts



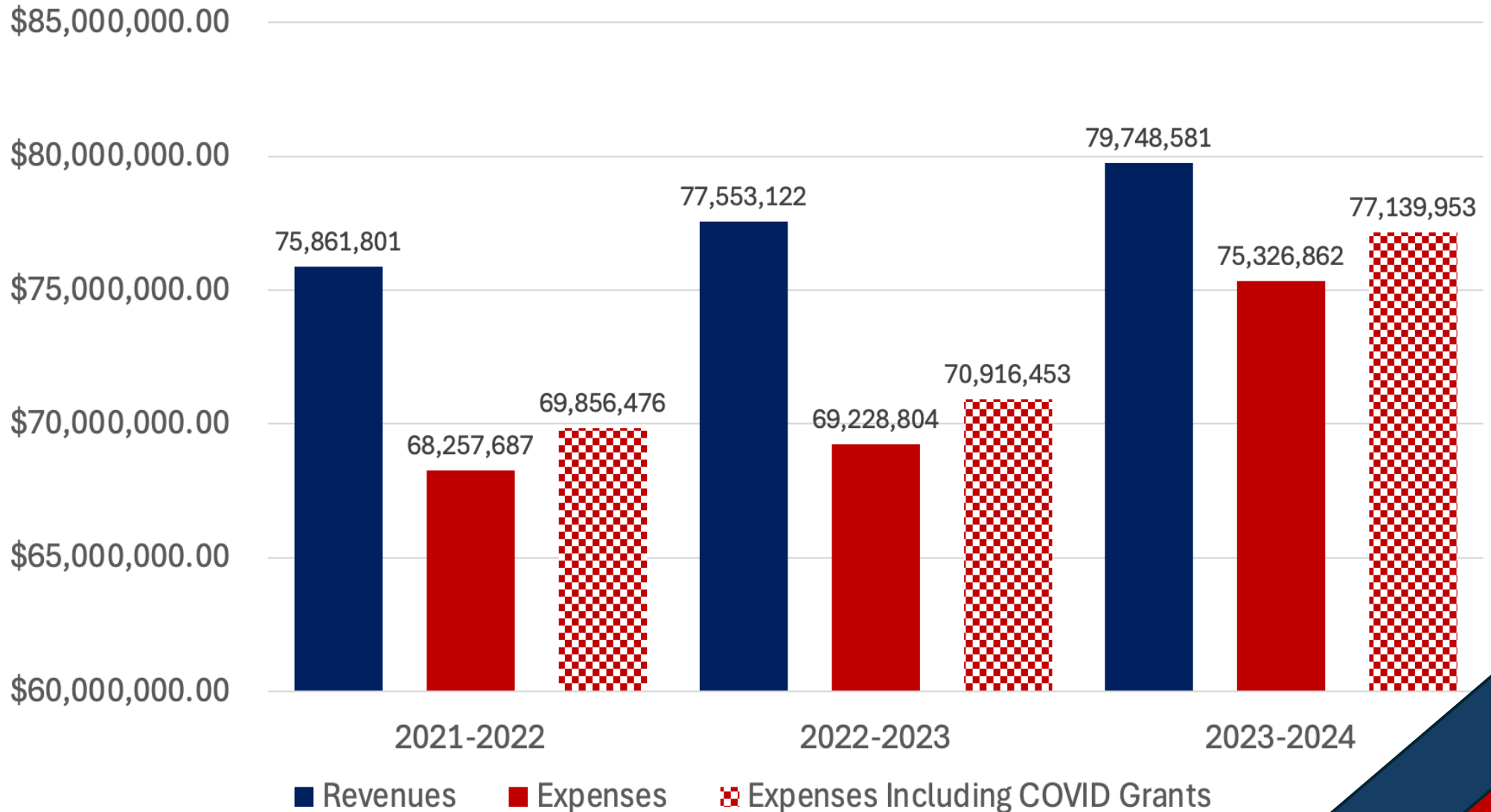
# External Audit

## Year over Year Revenues and Expenses

Source: *Drescher & Malecki* Fiscal Year End External Audit, Page 16



The checkered bar represents estimated district general fund expenses if COVID relief funds were not available based on the grants' final cost reports.



# January Program Continuation Net Changes



Category	Net Change	Description
Employee Salaries (Does not include retirement savings)	\$4,512,875	Contractual increases*
Employee Benefits (Does not include retirement savings)	\$2,186,075	Mandated benefits per salary increases*
Instructional Supports (Supplies & Equipment)	\$512,909	Reallocation of BOCES special classes Lead water testing Transportation fuel and additional bus purchase**
BOCES Support Services	\$379,695	Estimated BOCES increases includes CTE tuition
Debt Service	(\$2,247,450)	Past capital projects have been paid***
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,344,105</b>	<b>Anticipated 2025-2026 Program Continuation Expense</b>

\*Federal grant programs have encompassed associated salary and benefits. These salaries and benefits are excluded from the general fund program increases identified above.

\*\*Anticipated reduction of \$273,194 in transportation aid with twenty-five buses purchased in July of 2020 no longer generating aid for the 2026-2027 school year.

\*\*\*Anticipated reduction in equivalent revenue (building aid) for the 2025-2026 school year.



# Expense Reduction Efforts



Category	Net Change	Description
Employee Salaries	(\$54,610)	Reduction of fund balance in salary lines.
	(\$50,000)	Elimination of instructor summer curriculum hours.
	(\$34,000)	Elimination of the <i>Homework Club</i> , <i>Overtime Goals</i> , and <i>Rebound</i> .*
	(\$6,750)	Reduction in athletic supervision timesheets for maximum efficiencies.
	(\$8,500)	Aligning district alternative transportation practices to policy.
	(\$20,000)	Reduction of Work Based Learning transportation from 4 to 3 days per week.
	<b>(\$173,860)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Employee Benefits	(\$25,438)	Corresponding reductions based on salary reductions.
Equipment	(\$19,500)	Reduction of equipment lines to academic buildings, music instrument purchases, and athletics.



\*Programs were originally created with COVID-19 federal grant money.

# Expense Reductions Efforts Continued



Category	Net Change	Description
Supplies & Contractual	(\$62,559)	Reduction in various central office lines; primarily cleaning supplies, purchasing fees, and contractual expenses.
	(\$123,381)	Reduction in various instructional supports; primarily conferences and non-classroom supplies.
	<b>(\$185,940)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Other	(\$5,000)	WNY only music festivals and reduction of athletic non-league events.
	(\$25,000)	Reduction of color printing and copying for most academic programs.
	TBD	Individual Deskjet printers and utilizing existing toner inventory.**
	<b>(\$30,000)</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Net Initial Reductions</b>	<b>(\$434,738)</b>	<b>Reductions do not include any staff positions.</b>



Building level equipment, textbook, and software lines will be consolidated to district-level codes to ensure maximum efficiency.

\*\*Will enter the first of a three-year phaseout of individual Deskjet printers with an estimated annual savings of \$12,000.

# February Program Continuation Net Changes



Category	Net Change	Description
Employee Salaries (Does not include retirement savings)	\$4,339,015	Contractual increases net February reductions
Employee Benefits (Does not include retirement savings)	\$2,160,637	Mandated benefits per salary increases*
Instructional Supports (Supplies & Equipment)	\$277,469	Supports net February reductions
BOCES Support Services	\$379,695	Estimated BOCES increases includes CTE tuition
Debt Service	(\$2,247,450)	Past capital projects have been paid
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$4,909,366</b>	<b>Program Continuation Expense Budget (February)</b>



# 2025-2026

## February Draft Working Expense Budget



2024-2025 Approved General Fund Budget	\$83,510,000
Anticipated 2025-2026 (February) Program Continuation Net Changes	\$ 4,909,366
2025-2026 (February) Draft Working Expense Budget	\$88,419,366

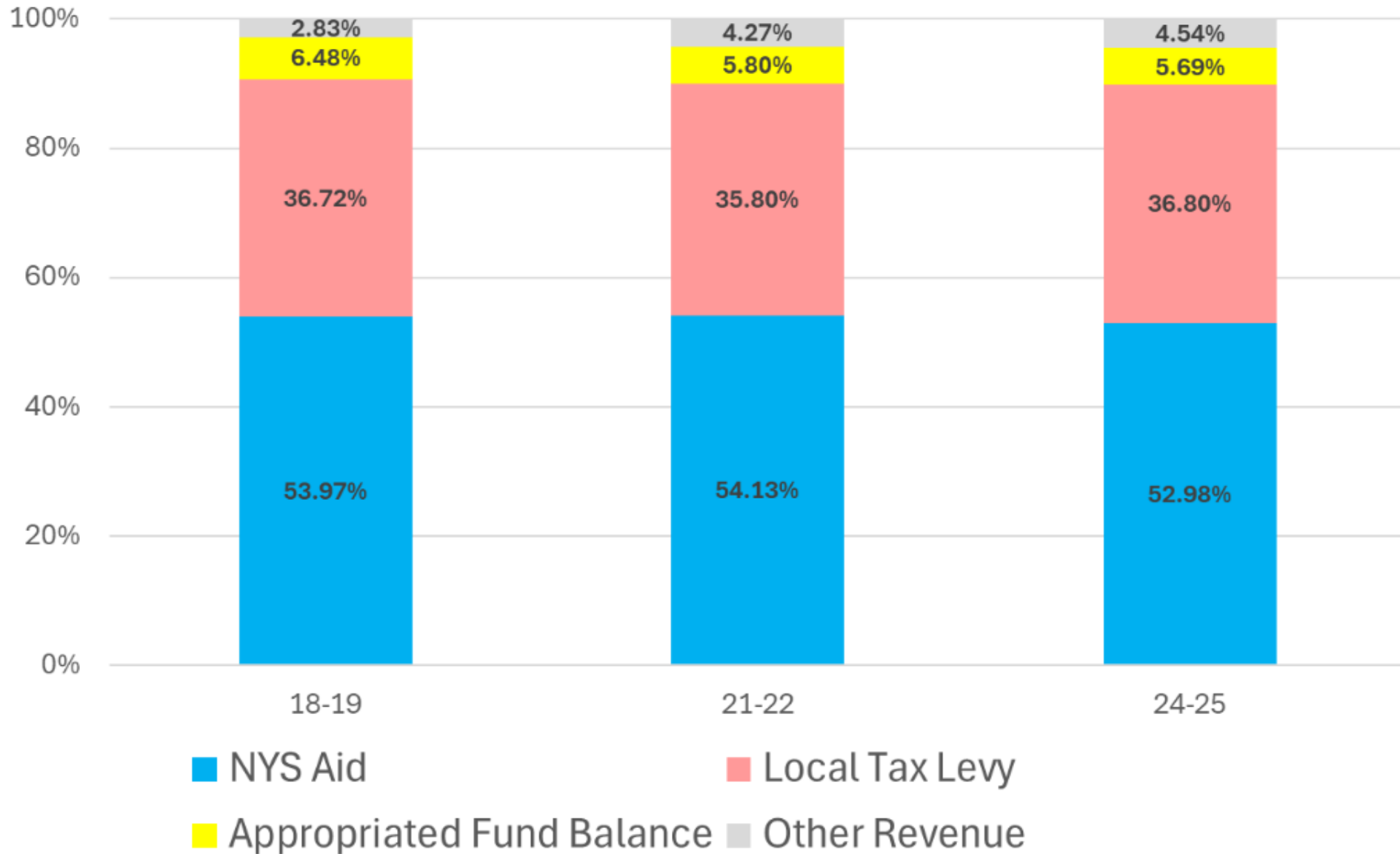




# Revenue Budget



# Historical Revenues



# Budgeted State Revenue



Category	2024-2025 (Budget)	2025-2026 (Budget)	Net Difference
State Foundation Aid	\$31,815,825	\$32,452,141	\$636,316
BOCES Aid*	\$2,434,319	\$2,758,727	\$324,408
Special Education High-Cost Aid	\$2,419,580	\$2,153,197	(\$266,383)
Transportation Aid*	\$3,405,920	\$3,215,116	(\$190,804)
Building Aid	\$5,860,334	\$3,598,305	(\$2,262,029)
Categorical Aid	\$328,150	\$326,055	(\$2,095)
<b>Total Budgeted State Aid</b>	<b>\$46,264,128</b>	<b>\$44,503,541</b>	<b>(\$1,760,587)</b>



\*Adjustments from the Executive Budget have been made based on forecasted year end expenditures.

# Projected Tax Cap



		<u>Tax Cap Calculation</u>	
<b>Tax Levy (2024-2025)</b>		\$	30,730,000
<b>Growth Factor</b>	x		<u>1</u>
		\$	30,730,000
<b>2024-2025 PILOTS</b>	+	\$	246,931
		\$	<u>30,976,931</u>
<b>Tax Levy Judgements-Torts</b>	-	\$	-
<b>2024-2025 Capital Tax Levy Exclusion</b>	-	\$	611,158
		\$	30,365,773
<b>CPI Allowed Increase (2.0%)</b>	x		<u>1.02</u>
		\$	30,973,088
<b>2025-2026 PILOTS (Estimated)</b>	-	\$	312,951
<b>Subtotal</b>		\$	<u>30,660,137</u>
<b>2025-2026 Capital Tax Levy Exclusion</b>	+	\$	605,906
<b>ERS/TRS Exemption</b>	+	\$	-
<b>Tax Levy Limit</b>	=	\$	<u><u>31,266,043</u></u>
<b>Levy Increase</b>		\$	536,043
<b>Available Levy Carryover</b>	+	\$	<u>-</u>
<b>Adjusted (Maximum) Levy Increase</b>		\$	<u>536,043</u>
<b>Adjusted Tax Levy Limit</b>		\$	<u>31,266,043</u>
<b>Percent Levy Increase</b>			<u>1.74%</u>

## Tax Cap Input Decoding

**Blue** = Predetermined inputs given to the District by the state or are hard coded figures from last year's tax cap.

**Red** = Figures determined by the District for the upcoming fiscal year.

**Yellow** = Tax Cap formula outcome.

<b>Proposed Maximum Levy</b>	<u>\$ 31,266,043</u>
<b>Levy Increase</b>	<u>\$ 536,043</u>
<b>Percent Levy Increase</b>	<u>1.74%</u>
<b>Amount under Levy Limit</b>	<u>\$ (0)</u>

# Forecasted Other Revenue



Category	2024-2025 (Budget)	2025-2026 (Budget)	Difference
Community Tax Levy (Tax Cap Max)	\$30,730,000	\$31,266,043	\$536,043
Local Revenues	\$2,605,931		(\$2,605,931)
Payments in Lieu of Taxes (PILOTS)		\$312,591	\$312,591
Interest and Penalties on Real Property		\$120,000	\$120,000
Tuition from other Districts		\$20,000	\$20,000
Health and Other Services from Other Districts		\$62,500	\$62,500
Interest and Earnings		\$300,000	\$300,000
Rental of Real Property for Individuals and BOCES		\$174,360	\$174,360
Refund of BOCES Services		\$150,000	\$150,000
Refund for Prior Year Expenditures		\$100,000	\$100,000
Gifts and Donations		\$10,000	\$10,000
Sales of Scrap and Excess Materials		\$5,000	\$5,000
Self-Insurance Recoveries		\$250,000	\$250,000
Commissions		\$500	\$500
Unclassified Revenues		\$50,000	\$50,000
Miscellaneous Other		\$5,000	\$5,000
Medicaid Reimbursement		\$300,000	\$300,000
Interfund Transfers		\$215,000	\$215,000
<b>Total Budgeted Other Revenue</b>	<b>\$33,335,931</b>	<b>\$33,340,994</b>	<b>\$5,063</b>

# Budgeted Reserves and Appropriated Fund Balance



Category	2024-2025 (Budget)	2025-2026 (Budget)	Net Difference
Appropriated Fund Balance*	\$4,750,000	\$3,500,000	(\$1,250,000)
Workers' Compensation Reserve	\$0	\$0	-
Unemployment Insurance Reserve	\$0	\$0	-
Employees' Retirement System	\$400,000	\$0	(\$400,000)
Teachers' Retirement System	\$0	\$0	-
Employee Benefit Accrued Liability Reserve	\$0	\$0	-
Repair Reserve	\$0	\$0	-
Debt Service**	\$400,000	\$250,000	(\$150,000)
<b>Total Budgeted Appropriated Fund Balance &amp; Reserves</b>	<b>\$5,550,000</b>	<b>\$3,750,000</b>	<b>(\$1,800,000)</b>



\*Reduction of appropriated fund balance conforms to the District's limitations to carry a maximum of 4% unassigned fund balance from year to year based on state law.

\*\*Use of the debt service reserve can impact's the District's annual tax cap calculation.

# Forecasted Total Revenue

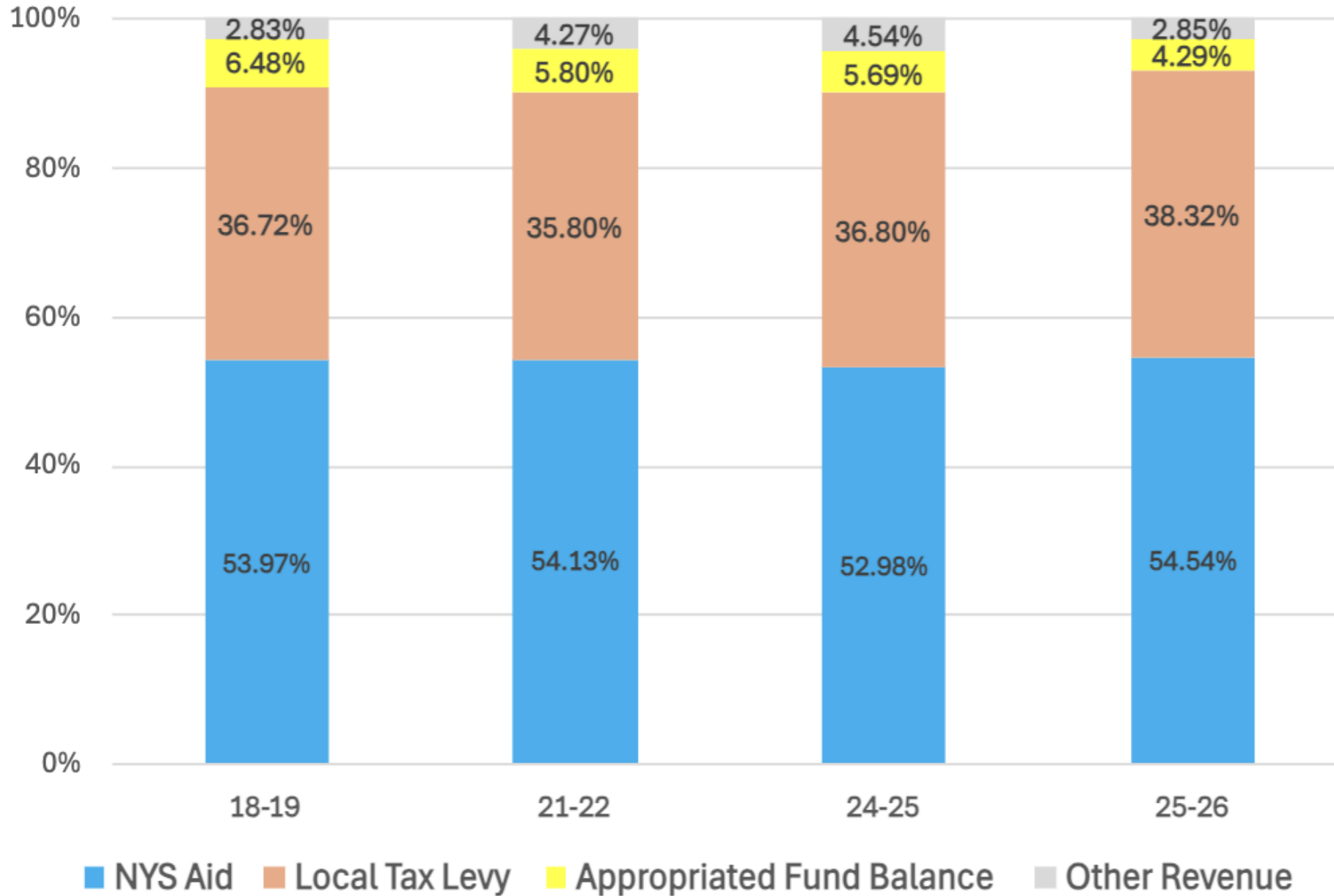


2025-2026 (February) Budgeted State Revenue	\$44,503,541
2025-2026 (February) Budgeted Other Revenue	\$33,340,994
2025-2026 (February) Budgeted Appropriated Fund Balance & Reserves	\$3,750,000
2025-2026 (February) Draft Working Revenue Budget	\$81,594,535



\*Draft working revenue budget does not consider any additions potential use of reserves beyond the Debt Service reserve.

# Historical Revenues vs Budgeted





# Working Budget Gap & Next Steps



# February Working Budget



2025-2026 (February) Draft Working Expense Budget	\$88,419,366
2025-2026 (February) Draft Working Revenue Budget	\$81,594,535
2025-2026 (February) Working Budget Gap	(\$6,824,831)



\*February draft working revenue budget does not consider any potential use of reserves except for the Debt Service reserve.

# Important Next Steps – Ongoing



- Continue to identify non-mandated potential expense reductions in this year's budget that minimize programmatic impacts.
  - Potentially use savings to supplant required 2025-2026 technology expenses and drive additional expense-based state aid.\*
- Prioritize required instructional programming based on projected student enrollment.

\*Supplanting 2025-2026 technology expenses in the current fiscal year will result in a reduction in state aid in the 2026-2027 school year.

\*\*It is unknown if the state's legislative revenue budget will be approved along with a final state budget prior to budget adoption.



# Important Next Steps – March 5th



- Firm BOCES budget expense projection.
- Recognize initial staff retirements and calculate salary breakage.
  - o Potential staff position adjustments will still be occurring.
- Presentation of the initial 2025-2026 academic program; homerooms and core classes K-8.
- Finalize the tax cap limit with initial levy recommendations.
- Gather initial reflective thoughts.



# Important Next Steps – March 19th



- Presentation of finalized BOCES expenses.
- Recognize staff position adjustments to calculate finalized retirement breakage.
- Presentation of the finalized 2025-2026 academic program with position adjustment.



# Important Next Steps – April 2nd



- Finalize the 2025-2026 budget.

