



2026-2027

BUDGET OVERVIEW

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KEY FACTORS



**STATE
AID**



**TAX LEVY
& NYSED
TAX CAP**



**DECLINING
ENROLLMENT**



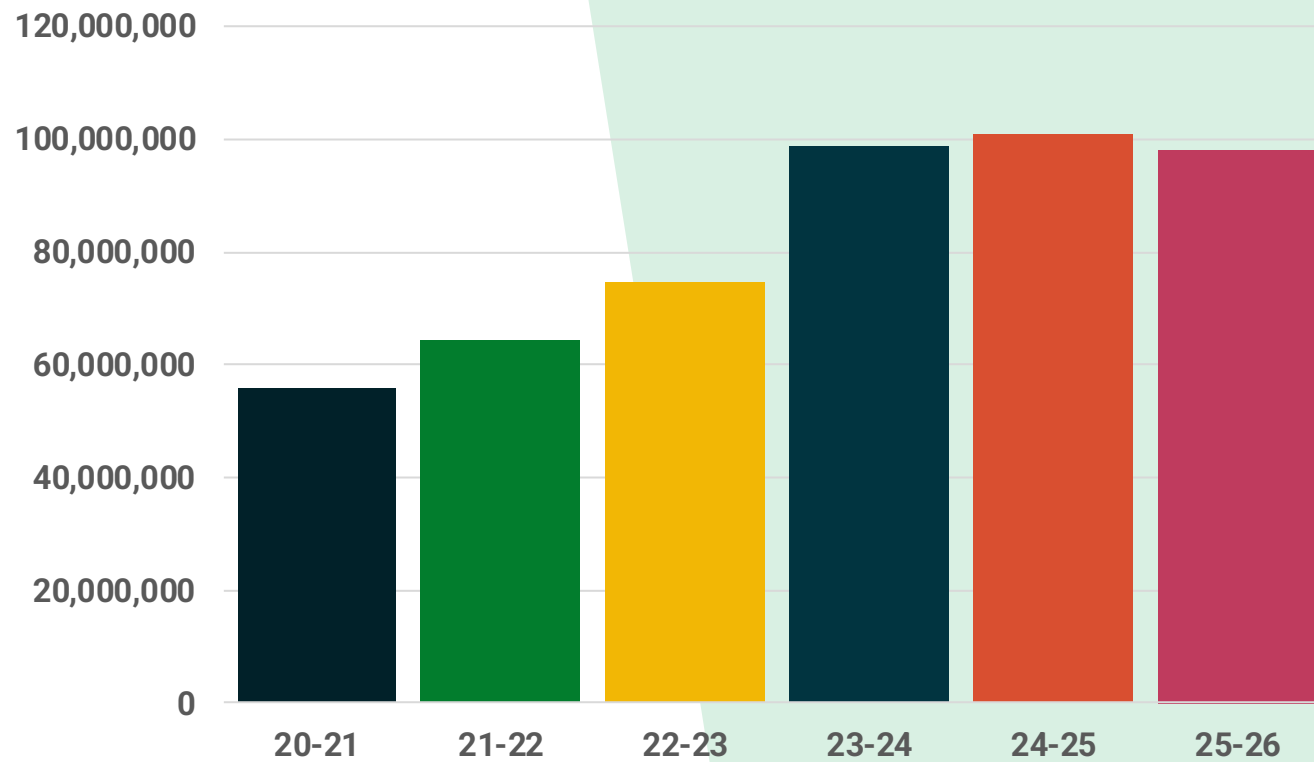
**RISING
COSTS**



STATE AID

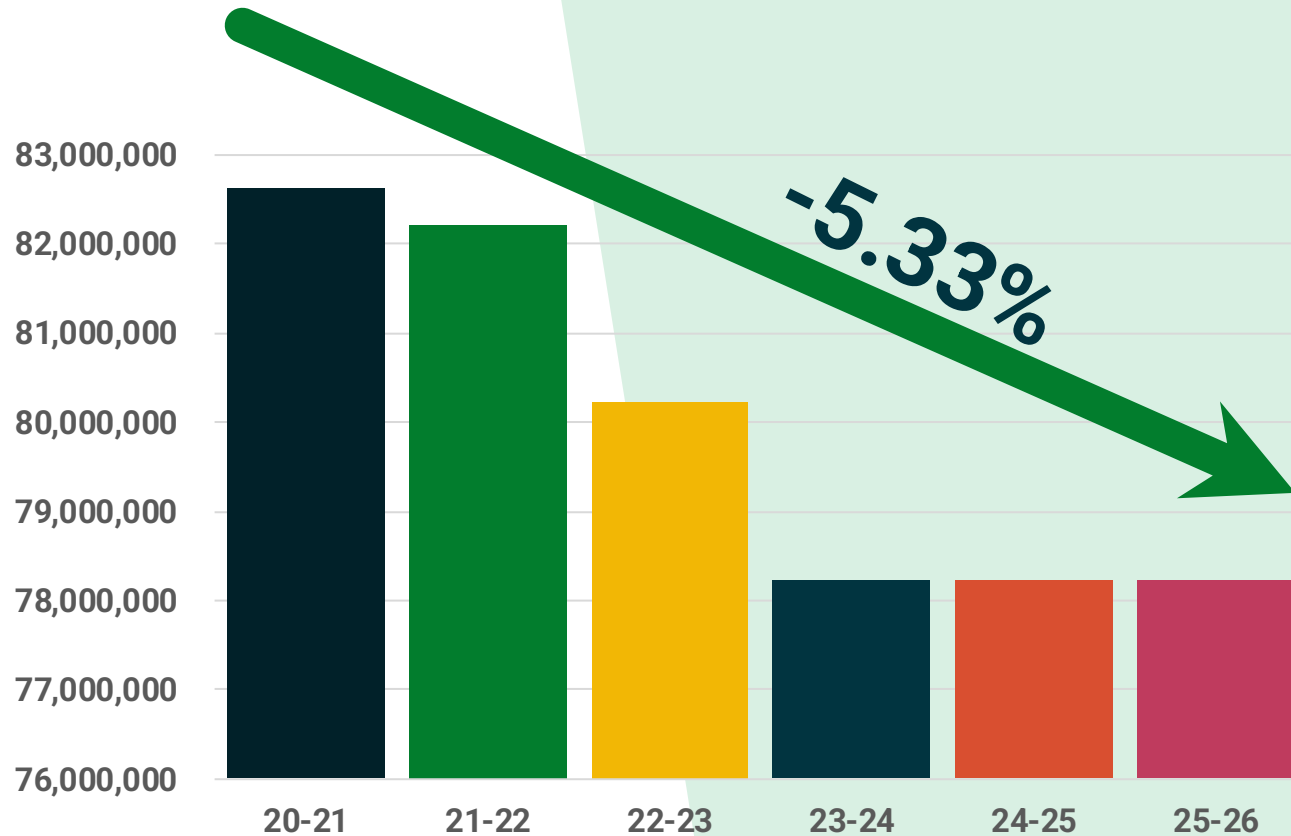
State Aid

- Foundation Aid increased **75.4%** since 20-21
- Stabilization of Foundation Aid since 23-24



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- BOE responded to increase in Foundation Aid by reducing the tax levy 3 consecutive years by **5.33%**



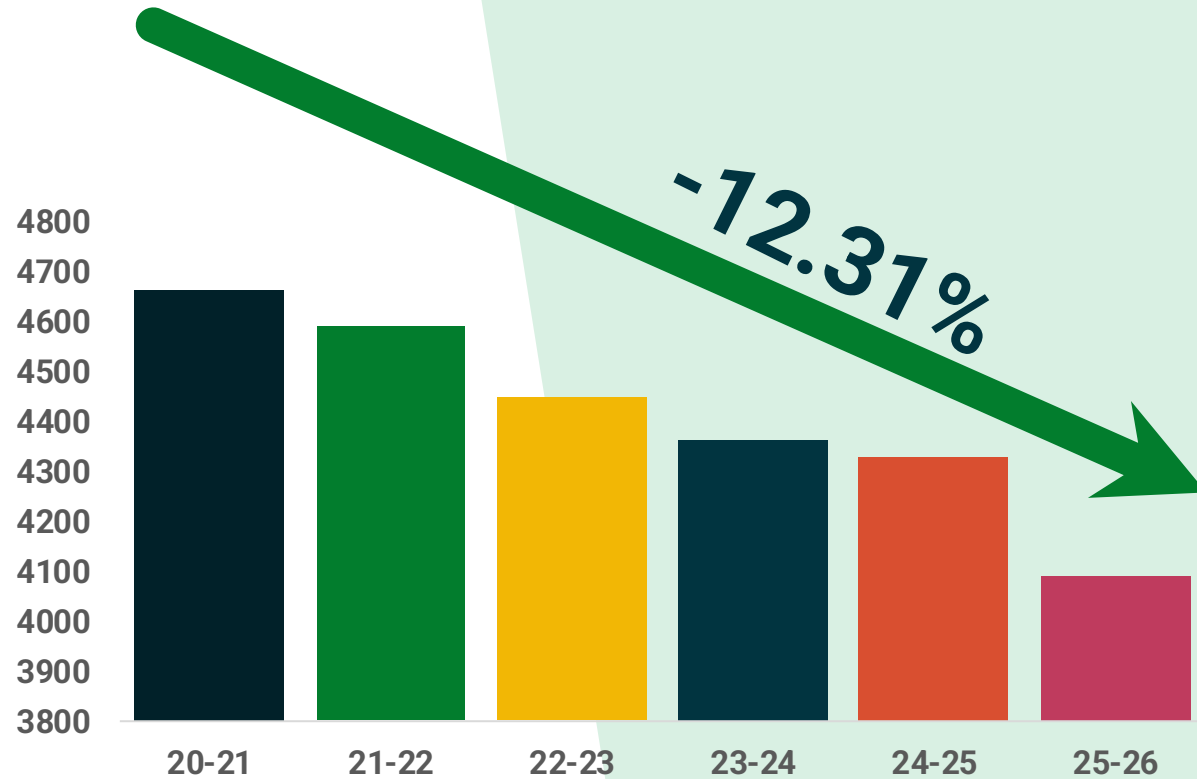
- BOE responded to the stabilization of Foundation Aid in freezing the tax levy for 2 consecutive years
- Due to rising costs, the BOE will be unable to sustain another tax freeze for the 26-27 school year

Tax Cap Levy Limit	\$81,130,250
Dollar Change	\$2,912,208
% Change	3.72%
Target Tax Increase	2.0–2.50%



DECLINING ENROLLMENT

- Enrollment has declined by 574 students or **12.31%**
- Reduced State Funding
- Retirements may not be replaced



INCREASE IN EXPENSES

DESCRIPTION	26-27	6-YR History
Health Insurance	9%	65%
Insurance: Liability, Flood, Student Accident	14%	69%
Charter School Tuition	36%	120%
Transportation Costs	3%	22%
Contractual Salary Increase	2%	20%



NEXT STEPS

- **Budget Presentations**
 - Tuesday, March 17, 2026
 - Special Meeting as needed - TBD
 - Tuesday, April 14, 2026
- **BOE Adopts Budget**
 - Tuesday, April 14, 2026
- **Budget Hearing**
 - Tuesday, May 5, 2026
- **Budget Vote**
 - Tuesday, May 19, 2026

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