Eastchester UFSD

SPECIAL BOE MEETING

May 26, 2026

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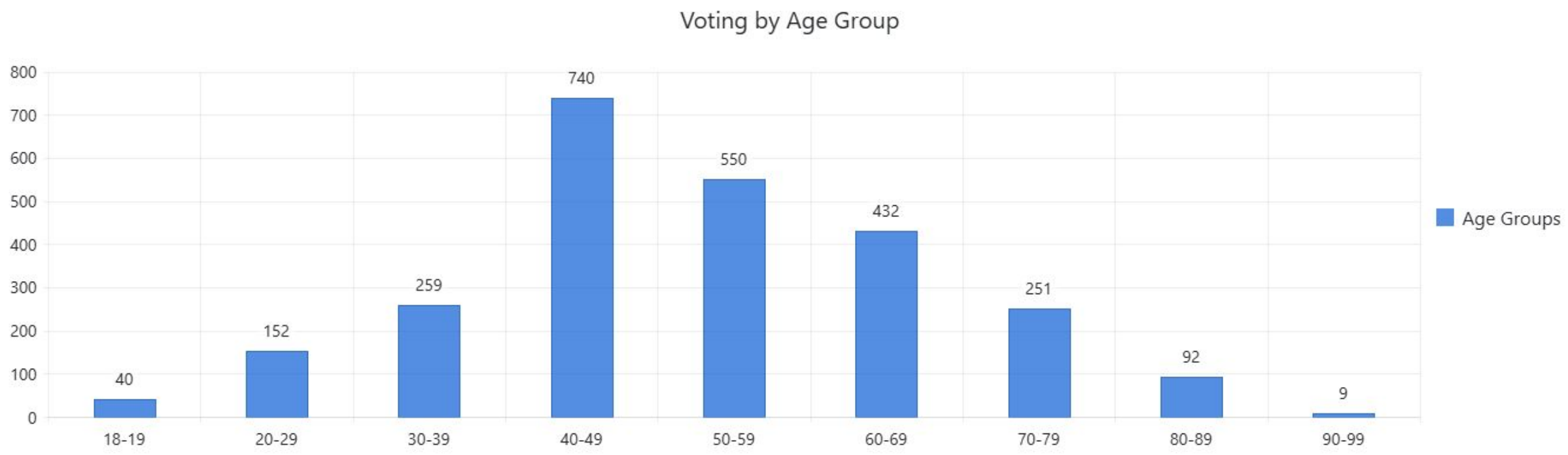
Revised Budget for REVOTE



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RESULTS OF VOTING AGE DEMOGRAPHICS

Votes By Age Group

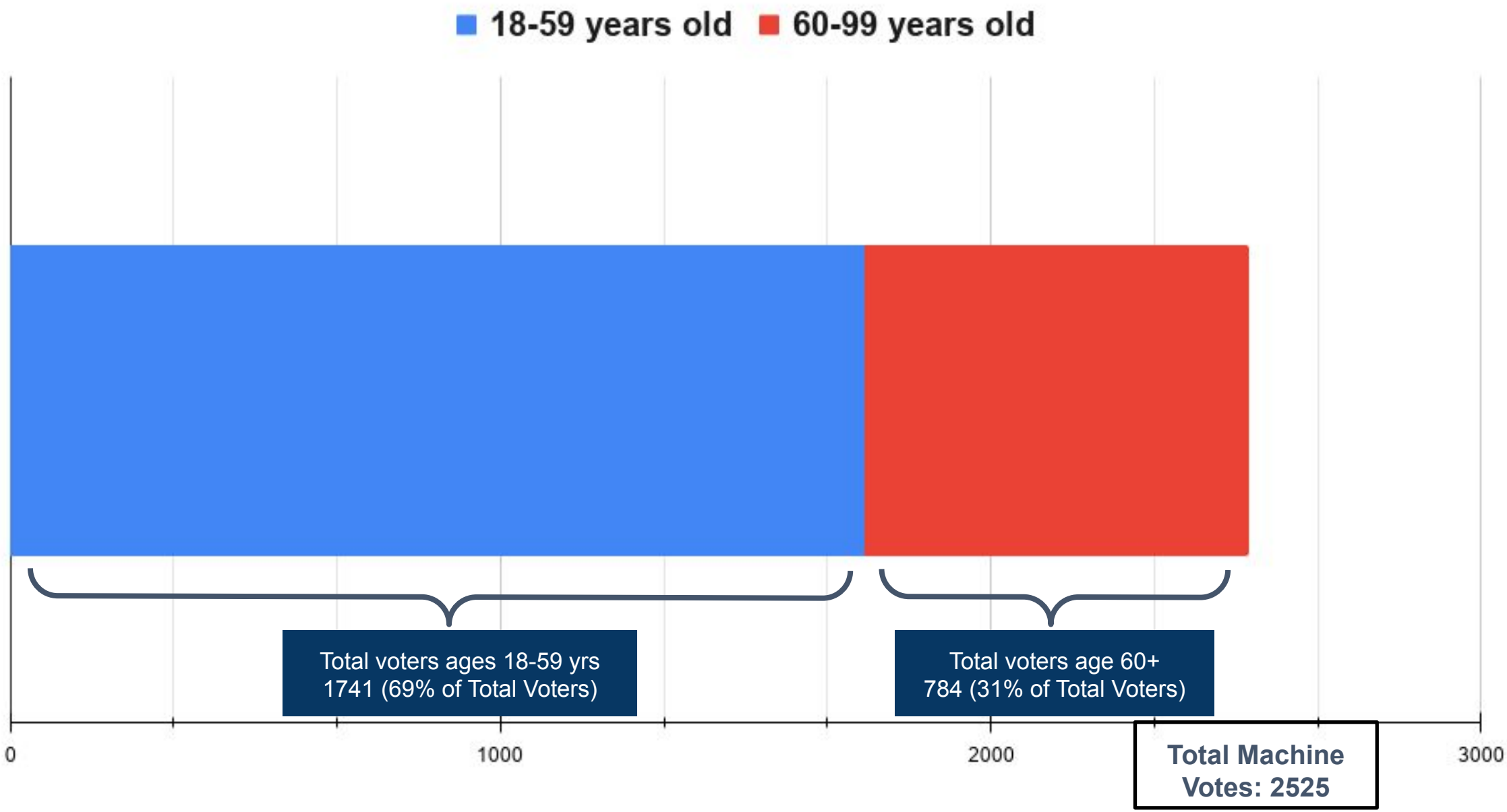


Typically still have school aged children					Can go either way	Most likely no longer have school aged children			
18-19	20-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80-89	90-99	Total
40	152	259	740	550	432	251	92	9	2525
Total Under 60y = 1741 (69% of total voters)					Total Over 60y = 784 (31% of total voters)				2525
								60% of Total voters	1,515

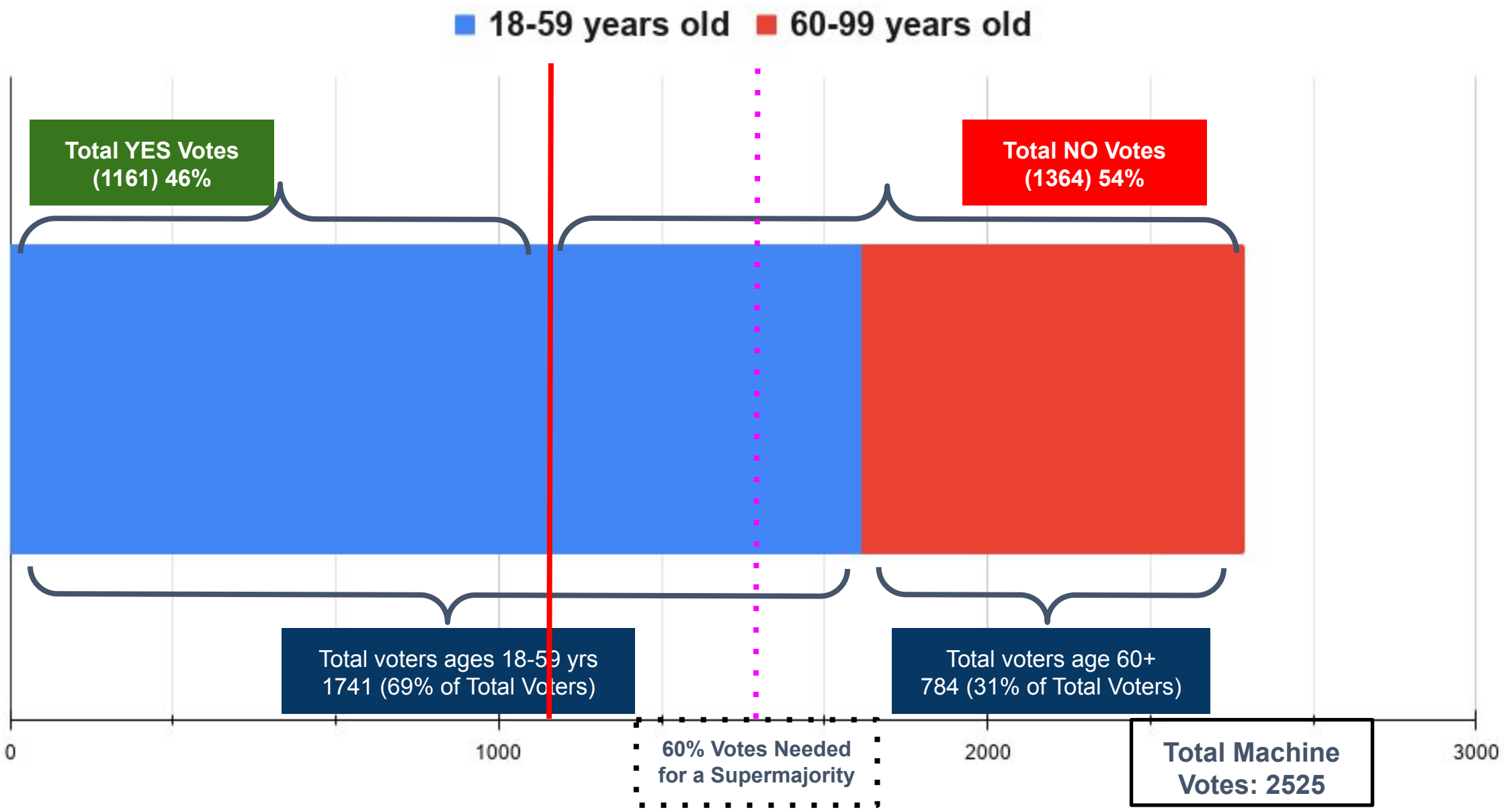
RISK ANALYSIS - TOO MUCH OF A RISK TO END UP IN CONTINGENCY
All the Reasons Why We Shouldn't Go to Another SuperMajority Position

- 226 more voters between 18-59 yrs than 60% of the total # of voters
- 1161 voters or 46% voted yes
- 1364 voters or 54% voted no
- **IF all (100%)** of voters over 60 yrs voted **NO,** an additional **580 voters between 18-59 yrs also voted NO** to total 54% of the No vote.
- It is more likely that More than 580 voters between 18-59 yrs voted NO.
- We would need a minimum of **200 more votes** just to get to **50%**
- We would need a minimum of **354 more votes** just to get to **60%**

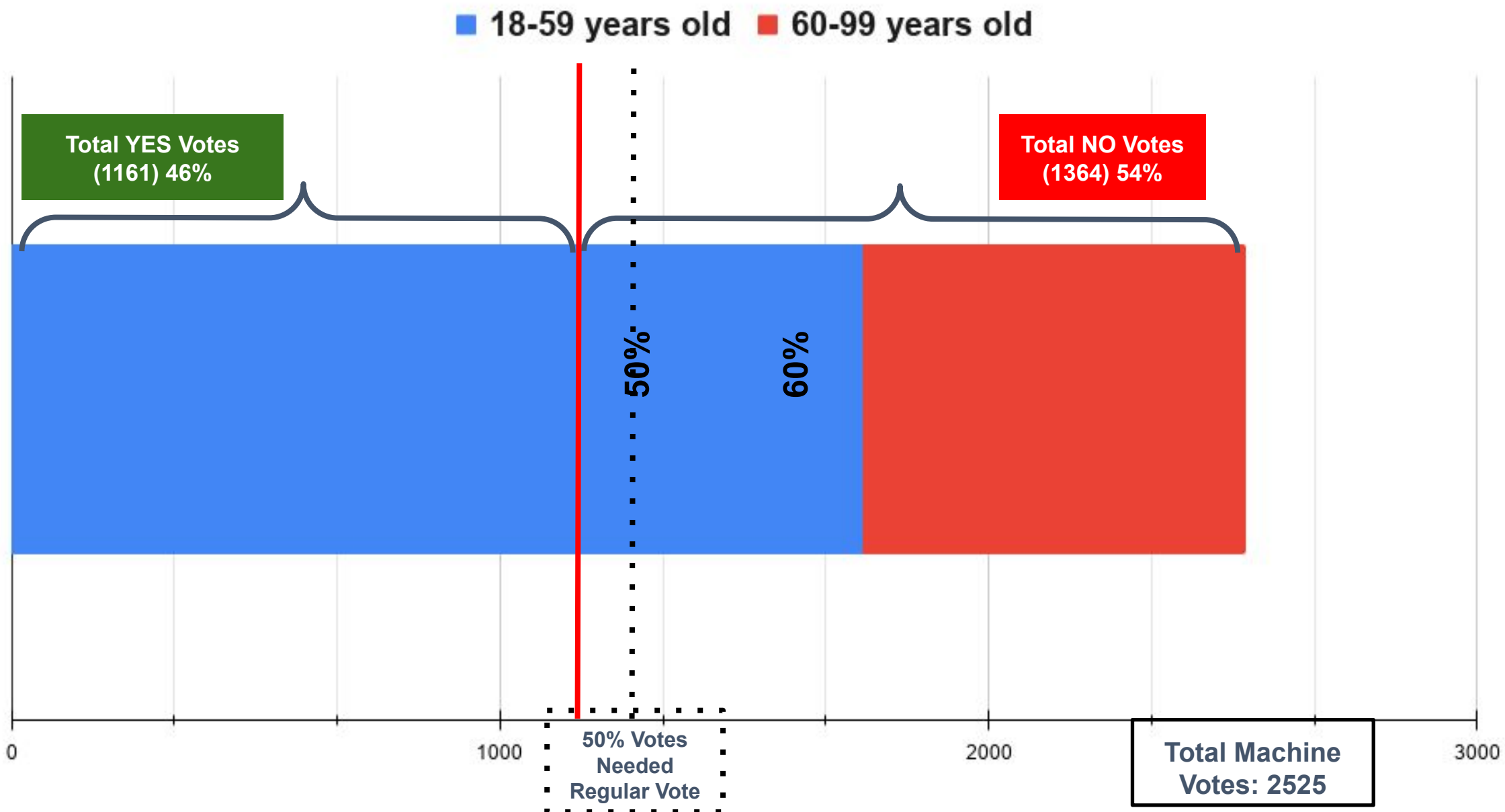
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OVERRIDE CONFIDENCE LEVELS

Proposed 2026-2027	2025-2026	2024-2025	2023-2024
✅ Bronxville ✅ Byram Hills ⊗ Eastchester *46% on first vote	✅ Mamaroneck (4.98%) ✅ New Rochelle (3.95%)	✅ Harrison (4.49%) ✅ Rye (6.91%) ✅ Scarsdale (4.45%) ⊗ Chappaqua *32% on first vote ✅ Pass on second vote at Tax Levy	⊗ Blind Brook (10.85%) *56% on first vote ✅ Pass on second vote with lower number @ supermajority.

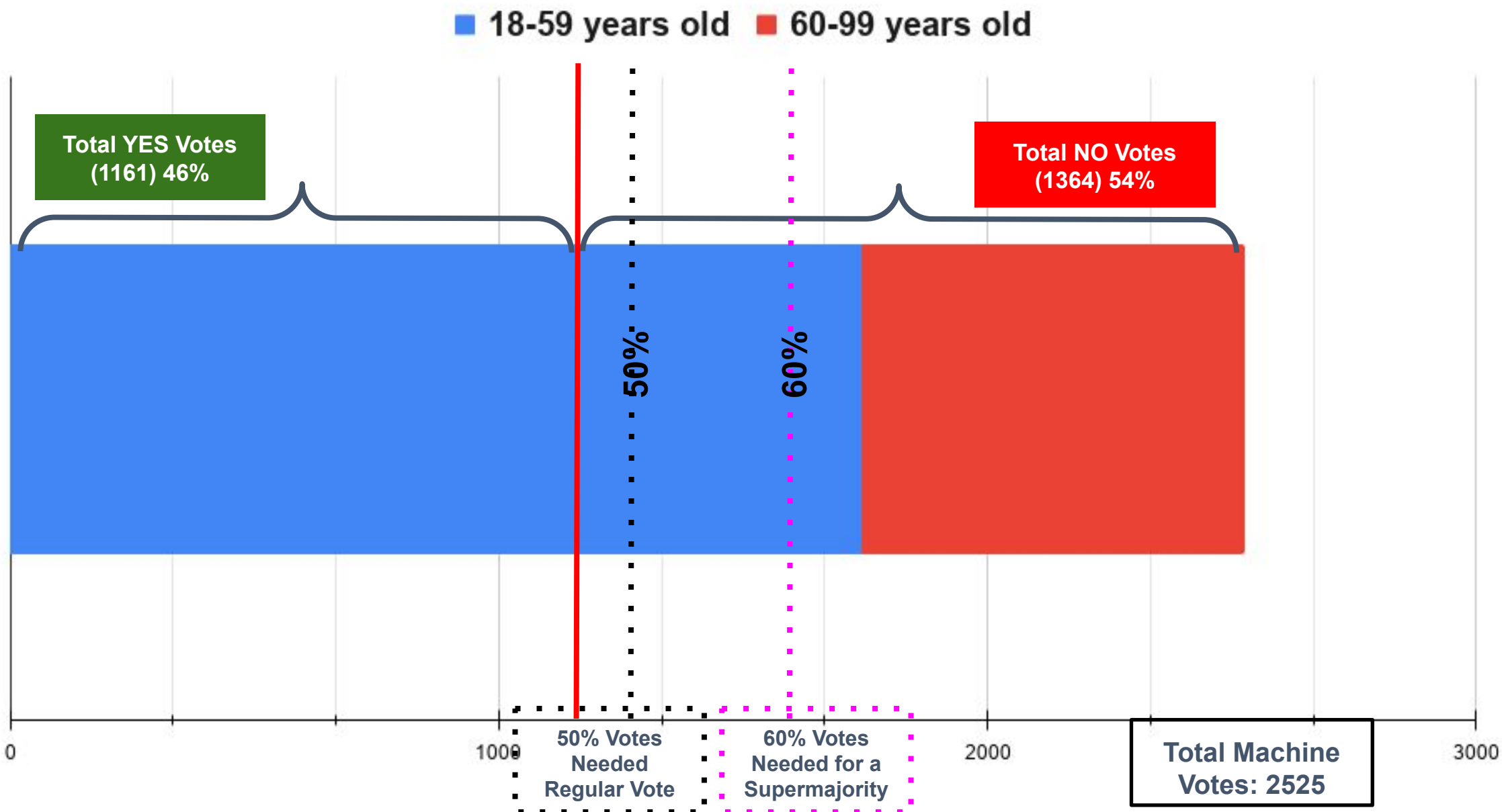
Will the District Attempt Another Supermajority Vote?

A Risk Analysis

Will we try for a second supermajority?

- A failing budget between 54-59% would've been a strong indicator that a second vote at a lower budget % would have a chance of passing with a supermajority of 60%.
- Because we only earned 46% Yes votes and **failed by 14%** there is **insufficient confidence** to take the risk of piercing the cap for a supermajority of 60% again.
- A contingency budget is DIRE. And the risk of being placed in a contingency budget must be taken pragmatically and seriously.
- **The goal now:** is to ensure we get a **minimum 50%.**

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Revised for Revote

Tax Levy at Allowable Increase of 2.35% With No Overage

Prior Year Tax Levy		$ 83,593,100
Multipled times the Tax Base Growth Factor	X	1.0041
		$ 83,935,832
Add Prior Year Pilot Payments	+	$ -
		$ 83,935,832
Capital Local, Debt and Lease Expenditures (minus building aid)	-	$ 4,416,878
Resulting Adjusted Prior Year Tax Levy		$ 79,518,954
Multipled by Allowable Levy Growth Factor (CPI or 2%)	X	1.0200
Resulting Tax Levy Limit Reportable to Comptroller		**$ 81,109,333**
Plus Coming School Year Exemptions:		
Est. Capital Local, Debt and Lease Expenditures (minus bldg. aid)	+	$ 4,447,033
ERS Exemption Est. Does not exceed 2%	+	$ -
TRS Exemption - Est. does not exceed 2%	+	$ -
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy		**$ 85,556,366**

Allowable Increase **$ 1,963,266**

Allowable Increase 2.35%

Revised for Revote
2026-2027 (FY27) Total Proposed Tax Levy Increase at 2.35%

Current Total Adopted 2025-2026 (FY26) Levy	Proposed Total 2026-2027 (FY27) Levy	Total Dollar Increase from Current Adopted Levy to Proposed Levy	Total % Tax Levy Increase
$83,593,100	$85,553,358	+$1,960,258	2.35%

Revised for Revote
2026-2027 (FY27) Total Budget to Budget Increase

Current Total Adopted 2025-2026 (FY26) Budget	Proposed Total 2026-2027 (FY27) Budget	Total Dollar Increase from Current Adopted to Proposed Budget	Total % Increase from Budget to Budget
$110,914,498	$112,730,666	+ $1,816,168	1.64%

A 2.35% Second Budget Tax Levy Proposal will require an additional reduction of -$4,127,766 from the originally approved 6.31% Tax Levy Adopted budget.

2 Reduction Scenarios to Get to the 2.35% Tax Levy Budget

Reduction Scenarios

Scenario 1 Reductions*

- Personnel Reductions (32.9 FTE)..... ($2,134,811)
- Transportation (3-Tier)..... ($494,000)
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Total..... ($4,122,766)

Scenario 2 Reductions*

- Personnel Reductions (4.5 FTE)..... ($353,603)
- Transportation (State Req. Mileage) ($2,280,208)
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Scenario 1

Reductions:

58.3 Full Time Employees will be cut

Round 1 Personnel Reductions 25.4 FTE

Personnel Reductions by Department

- **Facilities** 1.0 FTE - EHS
- **Secretarial** 3.0 FTE - Central Office, EHS, EMS
- **Technology** 1.0 FTE - District Wide
- **Monitors** 2.0 FTE - District Wide
- **Permanent Building Substitutes - 5.0** FTE - All Schools
- **Permanent Substitute Monitors - 2.0** FTE - GV, AH
- **Administrator** 0.5 FTE - Central Office Special Education
- **WV Teachers** 1.0 FTE - Math Coach
- **AH Teachers** 3.5 FTE - Math Coach, Gr. 2, Gr. 3, Library
- **GV Teachers** 2.0 FTE - Math Coach, Gr. 4
- **EHS Teachers** 3.0 FTE - Science, English, Library
- **EMS Teachers** 1.4 FTE - Technology/Digital Citizenship/Health

Round 2 Personnel Reductions 32.9 FTE

Community:

- School Resource Officer (SRO) (2.0 FTE)

Special Education*:

- Sped Teacher (4.0 FTE)
- T. Assistant (8.0 FTE)
- Nurse (0.9 FTE)
- SLP (0.3 FTE)
- Counselor (2.0 FTE)

Elementary:

- FLES Teacher (2.0 FTE)
- Library (0.5 FTE)
- Literacy Coach (2.0 FTE)
- MTSS (1.0 FTE)
- Teacher (1.0 FTE)

Middle School:

- Specialized Reading (0.5 FTE)
- FL 6th Gr. (1.0 FTE)
- Add'l Teachers by Department (4.3 FTE)
- Science; Math; PE; Art; Health

High School:

- Add'l Teachers by Department (3.4 FTE)
- Social Studies; Math; Physical Education; TV Production

Total:

($2,134,811)

Scenario 1: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel

Total Reductions in $115,955

ATHLETICS

Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
Combine JV & Varsity Bus Transport to Contests/Events	$20,000	0	$20,000	Fewer opportunities for students to be part of a team across all three seasons.
Fall Sports: Modified Boys Soccer RED (20 athletes)	0	$11,072	$11,072	
Modified Girls Volleyball RED (16 athletes)	0	$10,398	$10,398	
Winter Sports: Freshman Basketball (High School- 16 athletes)	0	$15,382	$15,382	
Modified Boys Basketball RED (15 athletes)	0	$11,081	$11,081	
Modified Girls Basketball RED (12 athletes)	0	$11,081	$11,081	
Spring Sports: Modified Boys Baseball RED (18 athletes)	0	$10,590	$10590	
Spring Sports: Freshman Boys Baseball (TBD athletes)	0	$12,902	$12,902	
Year Round: Strength & Conditioning Coach at MS (stipend)	0	$13,449	$13,449	Reduction in formalized strength and conditioning support for students.
Total	$20,000	$95,955	$115,955	

Scenario 1: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel
Total Reductions in $494,000

DISTRICT WIDE TRANSPORTATION

Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
3-TIER BUS MODEL	$400,000	0	$400,000	This would require three separate start and end times across EHS/EMS, AHS/GV, and Waverly.
Transportation for Field Trips Pay to Participate	0	$94,000	$94,000	Parents would be expected to pay for field trips.
Total	$400,000	$94,000	$494,000	

Scenario 1: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel
Total Reductions in $270,000

ARTS/ADVISORY				
Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
Arts in Education	$40,000	$15,000	$55,000	Reduction in assemblies.
Advisory - Reduce Assembly Policy	0	$30,000	$30,000	Restructuring of advisory and reduction of assemblies.
Auditorium Lighting - Rig and Lights Permanently Fused	$150,000	$0	$150,000	Delayed until a future date.
Theater and Performances (Pay to Participate)	0	$25,000	$25,000	Participants will be expected to pay a portion to participate.
Cap Extracurriculars at EHS / EMS based on participation	0	$10,000	$10,000	Reduction of low participation extracurriculars.
Total	$190,000	$80,000	$270,000	

Scenario 1: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel

Total Reductions in $336,000

BOCES				
Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
BOCES (Principal/AP Workshops)	$3,000	0	$3,000	Reduction in professional development for administrators.
Collegial Circles - Teacher Professional Learning	$10,000	0	$10,000	Reduction in professional development for teachers at BOCES.
Textbooks (All Schools/Departments)	0	$3,000	$3,000	Reduction in new textbooks across departments.
Limit BOCES Students (50 Student Cut Off)	0	Beginning 2027-2028	TBD	Limit to number of students able to access BOCES.
Technology Software/Equipment (District Wide)	$100,000	0	$100,000	Reduced access to platforms and available software.
Reduce contracts with IDE Consultants / Mossflower Consultants	$100,000	$20,000	$120,000	Reduction in professional development support at both high school and elementary literacy.
Technology Devices (BYOD)	0	$100,000	$100,000	Will not be upgrading fleet of student computers.
Total	$213,000	$123,000	$336,000	

Scenario 1: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel

Total Reductions in $177,000

DISTRICT SPECIFIC LINES

Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
Conference & Workshop Travel (All Locations)		$10,000	$10,000	Reduction in conferences and workshops districtwide.
Office Supplies (All Locations)		$7,000	$7,000	Reduction in office supplies.
Facilities Conferences (District Wide)		$8,000	$8,000	Delays facilities upgrades.
Facilities Equipment (District Wide)		$15,000	$15,000	Delays in equipment upgrades.
Furniture and equipment - STEM Labs	$30,000		$30,000	No new equipment and furniture in STEM labs.
Teacher Supplies - not school supplies	$20,000		$20,000	Teachers will not have access to as many new supplies.
50% Dept. Chair position stipends		$50,000	$50,000	Reduction of Department Chairs at EMS.h
Cut summer programming & summer school / Alg. Bridge / test prep		$30,000	$30,000	No summer school or additional summer prep.
Destination Imagination		$7,000	$7,000	End of extracurricular enrichment for select elementary students.
Total	$50,000	$127,000	$177,000	

Scenario 1: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions
Total Reductions in $145,000

SPECIAL EDUCATION - INCLUDING PERSONNEL				
Category	**Initial Cuts**	**Additional Cuts**	**Total Reduction**	**Operational Impact**
All Points, DBT & G/R Contracts (Special Education)	$35,000	$10,000	$45,000	**Reduction in consultant behavioral and inclusion support.**
Special Education Legal Line	$100,000	0	$100,000	**Decrease in legal counsel.**
Total	**$135,000**	**$10,000**	**$145,000**	

Scenario 1: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel
Total Reductions in $360,000

SAFETY/SECURITY				
Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
SRO CONTRACTS		$360,000	$360,000	SRO at Secondary & one rotating elementary schools; Security guards will remain in all schools.
Total		$360,000	$360,000	

Scenario 1: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel
Total Reductions in $90,000

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
Giving Retrievers (K-5)	$35,000	0	$35,000	100% of Giving Retrievers removed.
JCK Foundation	0	$10,000	$10,000	Reduction in EHS mental health support.
RULER - Social Emotional Curriculum	0	$5,000	$5,000	End of partnership with Yale Ruler SEL Programming.
WJCS (Mental Health Clinic) at EMS/EHS	0	$40,000	$40,000	Ending outside mental health support for students.
Total	$35,000	$55,000	$90,000	

Class Sizes & Sections

District Wide Class Sizes

Preserve Class Sizes with the exception of specials classes at the Middle School level

	2025-26	2026-27
Kindergarten	21-22	21-22*
1st Grade	20-21	21-22
2nd Grade	20-21	20-21
3rd Grade	20-21	22-23
4th Grade	21-22	20-21
5th Grade	18-19	21-22
Middle School Core Classes	21-22	21-22
Middle School Special Classes	25-26	27-28
High School - Averages	22-23	23-24

*TBD based on enrollments.

Scenario 1 Reductions Summary and Takeaways

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Scenario 1 Takeaways

- Preserve Class Sizes with the exception of specials classes at the Middle School level
- **HS experience is impacted with less mental health supports and reduced programming in advisory.**
- Summer experiences are removed.
- **Reduction in School Resource Officers across elementary schools**
- Elimination of all second modified athletic teams and freshman sports
- **Three tier bus model**
- Deep reductions in professional learning for faculty/staff
- **Removal of support positions (instructional coaches, etc)**

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Scenario 2

Moderates the level of Cuts. Introduces State Guidelines in Transportation .

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BUSING: ED LAW 3635

To explore all possible busing options, the following questions were explored to ensure we are within Education Law 3635 and the cost analysis of any potential savings for the district moving forward year over year.

1. Is EUFSD Required by law to provide transportation (busing) to students?

Yes EUFSD is required, pursuant to Education Law 3635 to transport students **depending on mileage limits**.

- For K-8 districts have to provide for more than 2 miles.
- For nine through twelve (9-12), it is more than 3 miles.

These limits may be modified by voter proposition to decrease the limits. EUFSD is not allowed to cut **all busing absent complying** with distance limitations of the statute.

2. If so, can EUFSD follow NYS guidelines as written?

Yes, this is possible with change impact to stakeholders. As long as students live within the mileage parameters outlined in Ed Law 3635 as adopted by the district via policy, then you do not have to provide transport to any students outside of those parameters.

3. If EUFSD has to provide transportation - how come districts like Bronxville and Pelham do not have to provide transportation?

The students who attend Bronxville and Pelham all live within Education Law 3635 mileage parameters.
Their policy reflects mileage in accordance with State guidelines.

Current District Bus Policy

CURRENT 2025-2026 BUS & WALKING ENROLLMENT				
School	Total Student Enrollment	Current 25-26 policy Mileage	Current 25-26 students that walk the current posted mileage	Current 25-26 students that receive busing because they live beyond the posted mileage
EHS	**884**	**0.8 Miles**	325	559
EMS	**723**	**0.8 Miles**	245	478
AH	**435**	**0.4 Miles**	89	346
GV	**495**	**0.4 Miles**	46	449
WV	**428**	**0.25 Miles**	16	412

EMS/EHS Bus Ridership

	Total Capacity of Bus (Max # of Seats on Bus)	# of Students Assigned to Bus	# of Students who ACTUALLY rode the bus AVERAGE of AM & PM (Ridership)	% of Bus that is being utilized based on Max Seats Available	Utilization (Low, Med, High)
Secondary: EMS and EHS					
Bus 1	66	51	35	53.03%	Med
Bus 2	66	121	22.5	34.09%	Low
Bus 3	66	58	21	31.82%	Low
Bus 4	66	25	9	13.64%	Low
Bus 5	66	45	14	21.21%	Low
Bus 6	66	62	31	46.97%	Med
Bus 7	66	60	33	50.00%	Med
Bus 9	66	60	15	22.73%	Low
Bus 10	66	57	20	30.30%	Low
Bus 11	75	68	33.5	44.67%	Med
Bus 12	66	53	18	27.27%	Low
Bus 13	75	47	21	28.00%	Low
Bus 14	66	45	20	30.30%	Low
Bus 15	66	60	18	27.27%	Low
Bus 16	66	41	12.5	18.94%	Low
Bus 17	66	88	34	51.52%	Med
Bus 18	66	62	19.5	29.55%	Low
Bus 19	66	53	15	22.73%	Low

Elementary Schools Bus Ridership

	Total Capacity of Bus (Max # of Seats on Bus)	# of Students Assigned to Bus	# of Students who ACTUALLY rode the bus (Ridership)	% of Bus that is being utilized based on Max Seats Available	Utilization (Low, Med, High)
Elementary: Ann Hutch					
Bus 1	66	55	32	48.48%	Med
Bus 2	66	67	37	56.06%	Med
Bus 3	66	57	35	53.03%	Med
Bus 4	66	63	28	42.42%	Med
Bus 5	66	68	47	71.21%	High
Elementary: Greenvale					
Bus 6	66	70	50	75.76%	High
Bus 7	66	64	40	60.61%	High
Bus 9	66	58	45	68.18%	High
Bus 10	66	69	40	60.61%	High
Bus 11	75	62	42	56.00%	Med
Bus 12	66	51	35	53.03%	Med
Bus 13	75	79	55	73.33%	High
Elementary: Waverly					
Bus 14	66	68	55	83.33%	High
Bus 15	66	52	35	53.03%	Med
Bus 16	66	47	40	60.61%	High
Bus 17	66	59	37	56.06%	Med
Bus 18	66	72	41	62.12%	High
Bus 19	66	55	30	45.45%	Med

Transportation Reduction Scenario to Consider

INCREASE THE WALKING MILEAGE TO THE MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE BY STATE

- 2026/2027 Savings: **~$2,280,208**

The following Mileage Increase scenario will limit the severity of cuts and preserve our goals/student experience.

Requirements To Be Upheld

Please note the following before reviewing the following scenarios:

- Any changes we make to transportation policy/operations impacts ALL EUFSD schools and off district schools (Ursuline, Iona, etc.)

- **Special Education transportation as required by IEP must still be provided.** This means we must maintain buses, vans and specialty vehicle contracts as per IEP requirements.

- **Athletic transportation still needs to be provided.** We have combined JV and Varsity game buses. It would be VERY difficult to require families to provide after school athletic transport to games and contests.

- Of our current 18 bus fleet, if we were to look at eliminating ALL buses, we would still need a minimum of four (4) large yellow buses contracted based on the current enrollment of Waverly children (146 students) and EMS students (11 students) that live beyond the State's mileage requirements.

BUS SCENARIO

ADHERE TO NY STATE WALKING MILEAGE

Proposition to adjust current walking mileage to NY state guidelines to **3 miles for secondary students (6-12)** and **2 miles for elementary students (K-5).**

*CORRECTED Slide

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Cost Savings

Cost Savings - # OF VEHICLES REDUCED					
school year	# of Buses Eliminated	Cost of Single Bus x 10 mths	# of Vans Eliminated	Cost of Single Van x 10 mths	Total Dollar Amount SAVED
26/27	14	$128,772	5	$95,480	~$2,280,208
27/28	14	$133,279	5	$95,480	~$2,343,306
28/29	14	$137,944	5	$95,480	~$2,408,616

School	Total Student Enrollment	Change policy Mileage	Current 25-26 walkers would feel no change	Used to receive bus and now no longer receive bus to walk	Still get busing
EHS	884	3.0 Miles	325	559	0
EMS	723	3.0 Miles	245	467	11
AH	435	2.0 Miles	89	346	0
GV	495	2.0 Miles	46	449	0
WV	428	2.0 Miles	16	266	146
Sped	N/A	N/A	Per IEP	N/A	N/A
Athletics	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
TOTAL # of STUDENTS IMPACTED BY CHANGE				2087 Students	

Cost Savings *Corrected

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BUS SCENARIO 2

INCREASE THE WALKING MILEAGE TO 2.0 MILES & 1.5 MILES

Proposition to increase walking mileage to the maximum allowable by state requirements to **2 miles for secondary students (6-12)** and **1.5 miles for elementary students (K-5).**

Scenario 2

Cost Savings - # OF VEHICLES REDUCED					
school year	# of Buses Eliminated	Cost of Single Bus x 10 mths	# of Vans Eliminated	Cost of Single Van x 10 mths	Total Dollar Amount SAVED
26/27	13	$128,772	5	$95,480	**~$2,055,956**
27/28	13	$133,279	5	$95,480	**~$2,114,547**
28/29	13	$137,944	5	$95,480	**~$2,175,192**

School	Total Student Enrollment	Change policy Mileage	Current 25-26 walkers would feel no change	Used to receive bus and now no longer receive bus to walk	Still get busing
EHS	**884**	**2.0 Miles**	325	518	41
EMS	**723**	**2.0 Miles**	245	447	31
AH	**435**	**1.5 Miles**	89	346	0
GV	**495**	**1.5 Miles**	46	393	56
WV	**428**	**1.5 Miles**	16	233	179
TOTAL # of STUDENTS IMPACTED BY CHANGE				**1937 Students**	

BUS SCENARIO 3

INCREASE THE WALKING MILEAGE TO 1.5 MILES & 1.0 MILES

Proposition to increase walking mileage to the maximum allowable by state requirements to **1.5 miles for secondary students (6-12)** and **1.0 miles for elementary students (K-5).**

Scenario 3

Cost Savings - # OF VEHICLES REDUCED					
school year	# of Buses Eliminated	Cost of Single Bus x 10 mths	# of Vans Eliminated	Cost of Single Van x 10 mths	Total Dollar Amount SAVED
26/27	12	$128,772	4	$95,480	**~$1,927,184**
27/28	12	$133,279	4	$95,480	**~$1,981,268**
28/29	12	$137,944	4	$95,480	**~$2,037,248**

School	Total Student Enrollment	Change policy Mileage	Current 25-26 walkers would feel no change	Used to receive bus and now no longer receive bus to walk	Still get busing
EHS	**884**	**1.5 Miles**	325	355	204
EMS	**723**	**1.5 Miles**	245	311	167
AH	**435**	**1.0 Miles**	89	346	0
GV	**495**	**1.0 Miles**	46	357	92
WV	**428**	**1.0 Miles**	16	181	231
Sped	**N/A**	**N/A**	Per IEP	**N/A**	**N/A**
Athletics	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**	**N/A**
TOTAL # of STUDENTS IMPACTED BY CHANGE				**1550 Students**	

Proposition on the Budget Ballot

Changing current 'bus mileage' to mirror the State of NY Guidelines requires a vote.

- A proposition is put on the ballot and voters must vote yes or no.

Cuts in Transportation

vs.

Reductions in Personnel & Resources?

Scenario 2 Reductions:

29.4 Full Time Employees will be cut

Round 1 Personnel Reductions 25.4 FTE

Personnel Reductions by Department

- **Facilities** 1.0 FTE - EHS
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Round 2 Personnel Reductions 4.5 FTE

Community:

N/A

Special Education*:

1

Elementary:

2

Middle School:

3

High School:

4

Total:

($353,603)

Scenario 2: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel

Total Reductions in $115,955

ATHLETICS

Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
Combine JV & Varsity Bus Transport to Contests/Events	$20,000	0	$20,000	Fewer opportunities for students to be part of a team across all three seasons.
Fall Sports: Modified Boys Soccer RED (20 athletes)	0	$11,072	$11,072	
Modified Girls Volleyball RED (16 athletes)	0	$10,398	$10,398	
Winter Sports: Freshman Basketball (High School- 16 athletes)	0	$15,382	$15,382	
Modified Boys Basketball RED (15 athletes)	0	$11,081	$11,081	
Modified Girls Basketball RED (12 athletes)	0	$11,081	$11,081	
Spring Sports: Modified Boys Baseball RED (18 athletes)	0	$10,590	$10590	
Spring Sports: Freshman Boys Baseball (TBD athletes)	0	$12,902	$12,902	
Year Round: Strength & Conditioning Coach at MS (stipend)	0	$13,449	$13,449	Reduction in formalized strength and conditioning support for students.
Total	$20,000	$95,955	$115,955	

Scenario 2: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel
Total Reductions in $494,000

DISTRICT WIDE TRANSPORTATION

Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
3-TIER BUS MODEL	$400,000	0	$400,000	This would require three separate start and end times across EHS/EMS, AHS/GV, and Waverly.
Transportation for Field Trips Pay to Participate	0	$94,000	$94,000	Parents would be expected to pay for field trips.
Total	$400,000	$94,000	$494,000	

Scenario 2: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel
Total Reductions in $270,000

ARTS/ADVISORY				
Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
Arts in Education	$40,000	$15,000	$55,000	Reduction in assemblies.
Advisory - Reduce Assembly Policy	0	$30,000	$30,000	Restructuring of advisory and reduction of assemblies.
Auditorium Lighting - Rig and Lights Permanently Fused	$150,000	$0	$150,000	Delayed until a future date.
Theater and Performances (Pay to Participate)	0	$25,000	$25,000	Participants will be expected to pay a portion to participate.
Cap Extracurriculars at EHS / EMS based on participation	0	$10,000	$10,000	Reduction of low participation extracurriculars.
Total	$190,000	$80,000	$270,000	

Scenario 2: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel

Total Reductions in $336,000

BOCES				
Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
BOCES (Principal/AP Workshops)	$3,000	0	$3,000	Reduction in professional development for administrators.
Collegial Circles - Teacher Professional Learning	$10,000	0	$10,000	Reduction in professional development for teachers at BOCES.
Textbooks (All Schools/Departments)	0	$3,000	$3,000	Reduction in new textbooks across departments.
Limit BOCES Students (50 Student Cut Off)	0	Beginning 2027-2028	TBD	Limit to number of students able to access BOCES.
Technology Software/Equipment (District Wide)	$100,000	0	$100,000	Reduced access to platforms and available software.
Reduce contracts with IDE Consultants / Mossflower Consultants	$100,000	$20,000	$120,000	Reduction in professional development support at both high school and elementary literacy.
Technology Devices (BYOD)	0	$100,000	$100,000	Will not be upgrading fleet of student computers.
Total	$213,000	$123,000	$336,000	

Scenario 2: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel

Total Reductions in $177,000

DISTRICT SPECIFIC LINES

Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
Conference & Workshop Travel (All Locations)		$10,000	$10,000	Reduction in conferences and workshops districtwide.
Office Supplies (All Locations)		$7,000	$7,000	Reduction in office supplies.
Facilities Conferences (District Wide)		$8,000	$8,000	Delays facilities upgrades.
Facilities Equipment (District Wide)		$15,000	$15,000	Delays in equipment upgrades.
Furniture and equipment - STEM Labs	$30,000		$30,000	No new equipment and furniture in STEM labs.
Teacher Supplies - not school supplies	$20,000		$20,000	Teachers will not have access to as many new supplies.
50% Dept. Chair position stipends		$50,000	$50,000	Reduction of Department Chairs at EMS.h
Cut summer programming & summer school / Alg. Bridge / test prep		$30,000	$30,000	No summer school or additional summer prep.
Destination Imagination		$7,000	$7,000	End of extracurricular enrichment for select elementary students.
Total	$50,000	$127,000	$177,000	

Scenario 2: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions
Total Reductions in $145,000

SPECIAL EDUCATION - INCLUDING PERSONNEL				
Category	**Initial Cuts**	**Additional Cuts**	**Total Reduction**	**Operational Impact**
All Points, DBT & G/R Contracts (Special Education)	$35,000	$10,000	$45,000	**Reduction in consultant behavioral and inclusion support.**
Special Education Legal Line	$100,000	0	$100,000	**Decrease in legal counsel.**
Total	**$135,000**	**$10,000**	**$145,000**	

Scenario 2: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel
Total Reductions in $360,000

SAFETY/SECURITY				
Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
SRO CONTRACTS		$360,000	$360,000	SRO at Secondary & one rotating elementary schools; Security guards will remain in all schools.
Total		$360,000	$360,000	

Scenario 2: Tax Cap Compliant Budget

Additional Reductions: Non-Personnel
Total Reductions in $90,000

MENTAL HEALTH & WELLNESS

Category	Initial Cuts	Additional Cuts	Total Reduction	Operational Impact
Giving Retrievers (K-5)	$35,000	0	$35,000	100% of Giving Retrievers removed.
JCK Foundation	0	$10,000	$10,000	Reduction in EHS mental health support.
RULER - Social Emotional Curriculum	0	$5,000	$5,000	End of partnership with Yale Ruler SEL Programming.
WJCS (Mental Health Clinic) at EMS/EHS	0	$40,000	$40,000	Ending outside mental health support for students.
Total	$35,000	$55,000	$90,000	

Scenario 2 Reductions Summary and Takeaways

Scenario 2 Reductions*

- **Personnel Reductions (4.5 FTE)**..... ($353,603)
- **Transportation (NYS Guidelines)**..... **($2,280,208)**
- **Athletics**..... ($115,955)
- **Arts/Advisory**..... ($270,000)
- **BOCES**..... ($336,000)
- **Special Ed**..... ($145,000)
- **District Specific Lines**..... ($177,000)
- **Safety/Security** ..... ($360,000)
- **Mental Health and Wellness** ..... ($90,000)

Total..... **($4,122,766)**

Scenario 2 Takeaways

- Elimination of busing for students outside of the minimum NYS guidelines for walking mileage of 3.0 & 2.0 miles.
- **Drastically decreased number of personnel reductions. Mitigated to only an additional 4.5 FTE positions.**
- Preserve Class Sizes with the exception of specials classes at the Middle School level
- **HS experience is impacted with less mental health supports and reduced programming in advisory.**
- Summer experiences are removed.
- **Reduction in School Resource Officers across elementary schools**
- Elimination of all second modified athletic teams and freshman sports
- Deep reductions in professional learning for faculty/staff
- **Removal of support positions (instructional coaches, etc)**

*These scenarios are in addition to the $3M of cuts as part of the first 6.31% budget scenario

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Reduction Scenarios

Scenario 1 Reductions*

- Personnel Reductions (31.7 FTE)..... ($2,134,811)
- Transportation (3-Tier)..... ($494,000)
- Athletics..... ($115,955)
- Arts/Advisory..... ($270,000)
- BOCES..... ($336,000)
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Budget Summary

Scenario 1 Reductions

- **Three tier bus model**
- **(32.9 FTE) Extreme number of reductions in faculty & staff (Total of 58.3 FTE)**
- Preserve Class Sizes with the exception of specials classes at the Middle School level
- Extreme reductions/elimination to programs - FLES, Mental Health, Advisory,

Scenario 2 Reductions

- Elimination of busing for students outside of the minimum NYS guidelines for walking mileage of 3.0 & 2.0 miles.
- **(4.5 FTE) Drastically decreased number of personnel reductions. Mitigated to a Total of 29.4 FTE.**
- Preserve Class Sizes with the exception of specials classes at the Middle School level

Reduction in transportation allows us to put forward a budget that is acceptable to the community while preserving as much as we can of the student experience

If We Fail the Second Vote, What Does a Contingency Budget Mean?

Contingency Budget Information

Budget Re-Vote on June 16

@ 2.35% (reduction of $4,122,766)

Approved

Budget Adopted

Failed

BOE Adopts Contingency Budget Required by State

Contingency Budget Reduction =

$5,273,406

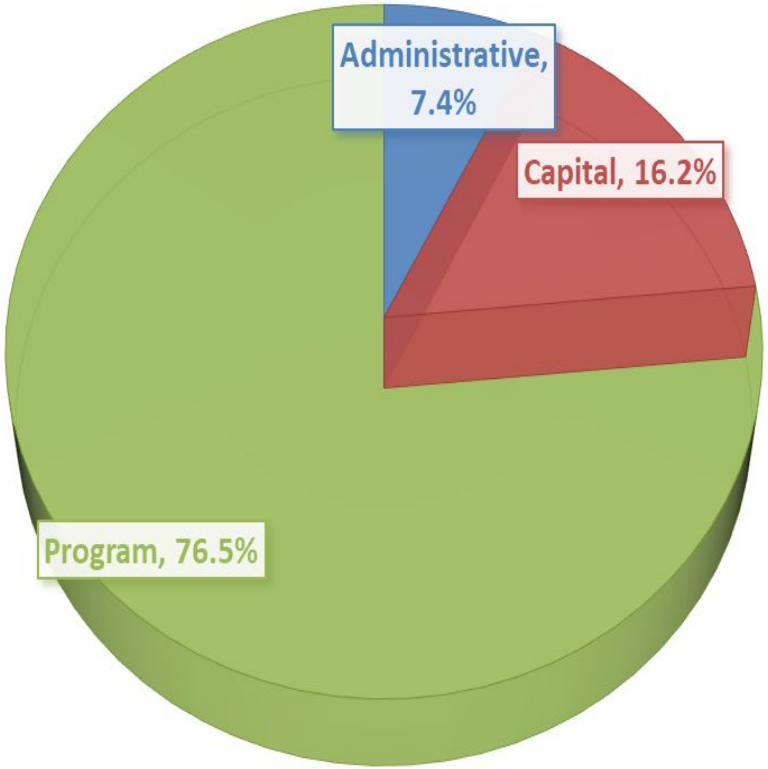
Contingency: Budget Reductions

- **Category 1: Administration [$8,207,583]**
  - 7.4% of total budget under regulations of a contingency budget.
  - Reduce leadership and support positions
  - Reduce remaining supply lines & professional development lines

- **Category 2: Capital [$18,046,756]**
  - 16.2% of total budget under regulations of a contingency budget.
  - Reduce an additional 10 positions
  - Eliminate various stipend positions (Extra-curricular clubs, coaches, dept. chairs)
  - Elimination of JV sports

- **Category 3: Program [$85,330,687]**
  - 76.4 % of total budget under regulations of a contingency budget.
  - Reshape Graduation and Moving Up Ceremonies (Eliminate and high cost items and hole in gymnasium)
  - Reduce Facilities Use for Non EUFSD specific Events (Restrictions on limited community use)
  - Additional capital projects not permitted under regulations

CONTINGENCY REQUIRED:
Expenses FY 26 to FY 27 - By Category



Expense Category	FY 2025-2026 $ Amount of Total ACTUAL Budget	FY 2025-2026 % Amount of Total ACTUAL Budget	FY 2026-2027 $ Amount of Total Proposed Budget	FY 2026-2027 % Amount of Total Budget
Administrative	$8,812,491	**7.9%**	$8,207,583	7.4%
Capital	$17,298,477	**15.6%**	$18,046,756	16.2%
Program	$84,803,530	**76.5%**	$85,330,687	76.4%
TOTAL	**$110,914,498**	**100%**	$111,585,026	100%

Based on the Contingency Budget Requirements, the following reductions MUST BE MADE in these three categories

Contingency: Community Use of Facilities

Adopting a contingency budget prohibits a district from spending any money in certain areas, including community use of school facilities.

- Summer School
  - Credit Recovery
- PTA
- Extra Summer Programming
  - SAT Prep
  - Algebra Bridge
  - PreCalc Bootcamp
  - College Essay Writing
- Field and Gym Use
- Sports Boosters/ Club
- Theater Programs
- Parks & Recreation Camps & Programs

Contingency Requirements for Community Use

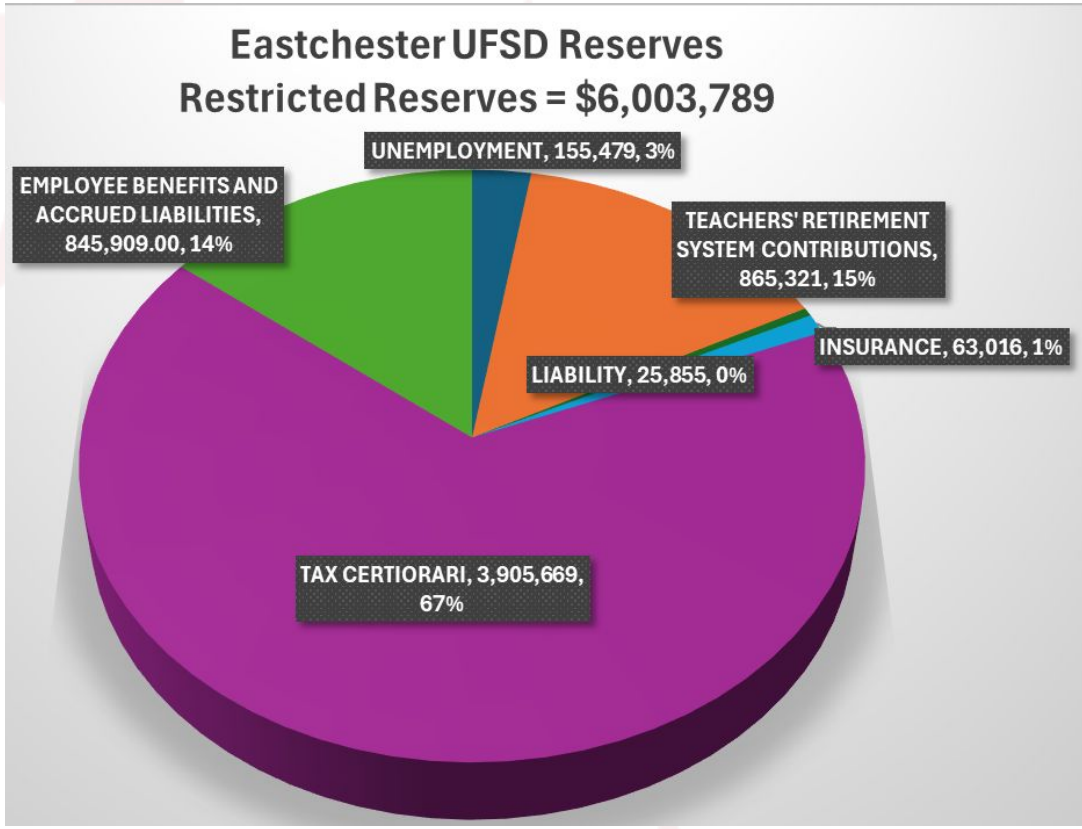
What Will It Cost The Tax Payer?

* Estimate - based on total Assessed Valuation as provided by the Town of Eastchester. Projection for 2026-2027

	For Average Home with a Value of $940,000	For Average Home with a Value of $940,000	Difference
Total Proposed 26-27 Levy Increase %	6.31% (2.35% + 3.96%)	2.35%	3.96%
Total Proposed 26-27 Levy $ Amount	$88,866,507	$85,553,358	$3,313,149
TAXES (Annual)	$15,086	$14,524	$562
~Additional Annual Taxes	$866	$309	$557
~Additional 26-27 Monthly addition	~$72	~$26	~$46

Reserve Fund Balances YTD

Description - Name of Restricted Reserve	YTD Balance
Reserve for Unemployment	$155,479.42
Reserve for Teachers' Retirement System Contributions	$865,321.38
Reserve for Liability	$25,854.73
Reserve for Insurance	$63,015.59
Reserve for Tax Certiorari	$3,905,669.06
Reserve for Employee Benefits and Accrued Liabilities	$845,909.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED RESERVE FUNDS	**$5,861,249.18**



Description - Name of Unrestricted Reserve	YTD Balance	% of remaining balance (Maximum 4% allowed)
Fund Balance - Unreserved/Unrestricted	$3,069,240.87	2.9%
Assigned, Appropriated Fund Balance (FY27)	- $1,740,000.00	(-**48% less** than used in previous years)
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	**$1,329,240.87**	**1.14%**

Eastchester Schools Revised Proposed Budget for Re-Vote:

With an additional reduction of - $4,122,766

Current Year 2025-2026	Proposed 2026-2027	Dollar Increase	% Increase
$83,593,100	$85,553,358	+ $1,960,258	2.35%

EUFSD EASTCHESTER
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UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT

2026-27 School Budget

What are **you** investing in?

What does it mean to invest in the future of your school district? It means we hold on to the time and effort that was put in to grow our students' programs and opportunities over the years. It means we are responsive to how children learn today and the support they need to excel. It means we continue to innovate and push ourselves to think of the future...moving forward one step at a time to continue investing in what it took to get where we are today.

Eastchester Invests

Academics

- AP participation for 10th graders increased from **15**% to **54**% since 2021.
- Young learners engaged with global languages through the **K-5 FLES Program** and **World Language Exploratory** at EMS.
- Expanded access to Algebra from **95** 8th graders in 2022 to **246** in 2025.
- The number of students attending highly selective colleges continues to increase.

Special Education

- Increased access to higher-level and college courses for students with disabilities.
- Grew **School-to-Work** program to strengthen employability skills, career readiness, and real-world experience.
- Introduced more special education programming, including adding new classes at Waverly, to better address diverse student needs and provide more individualized instructional support.

Security

- Eastchester Police School Resource Officers stationed at each school campus.
- Strengthened entrance vestibules at every school through Capital.

Wellness

- Enhanced student support services through vital partnerships with **WJCS**, **Sandy Hook Promise** and **RULER**.
- Robust assembly program and advisory experiences for all students designed to promote emotional regulation and wellness.
- Designated spaces for **FSP** for immediate on-site counseling support.

Space & Student Experience

- Overhauled HVAC systems in district buildings.
- Added **12** new student clubs at EHS since 2024 to increase total to **66**.
- Rennovated playground areas at elementary schools.

Athletics

- Added **5** new modified and **2** new freshman teams since 2022.
- Added full-time athletic trainer **and** 2nd strength & conditioning coach.
- Partnered with HUDL for live streaming broadcasts of contests.

2,967
students

500,000+ sq ft.
space across 5 school buildings

26
AP Courses offered . . . and growing!

40+ acres
district property

560+
student-athletes

80+
athletic teams (modified - varsity)

Four Campuses, Four Pillars, One Goal: Elevate Eastchester.



Waverly students celebrate the opening of their new outdoor classroom/pergola.


Varsity cheerleaders embody school spirit at EHS pep rally.


EMS Players Club dazzle the audience with performance of 'Newsies Jr."



Anne Hutch students debate in the school's rennovated auditorium.


Greenvale students build inclusive and belonging classrooms with one another.



EHS Senior Joey Piergiovanni takes the stage at first-ever TEDx Eastchester.

2026-2027 School Budget Vote
Tuesday May 19
6 AM - 9 PM
@EMS Gymnasium

2026-2027 Re-Vote Voter Information

Voters may contact the District Clerk, **Ms. Lori Perrotta** at lperrotta@eufsdk12.org or (914) 793-6310 x 4201 from 8AM-4PM with questions regarding:

- **Voter registration status**
- **Early voting**
- **Absentee ballots**



BUDGET QUESTIONS

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☆Re-Vote☆

Tuesday, June 16 2026

6AM-9PM

EMS Gymnasium

Budget Debriefs
BOE: May 20, 2026, 6PM
District: May 22, All Day

Budget Workshop & Adoption
May 26, 2026, 7PM

Budget Virtual Q&A Meeting
June 4, 2026, 7PM

Budget Hearing
June 9, 2026, 7PM

A Sampling from the Class of 2026



End of Presentation

Re-Vote on June 16

10 Year Tax Levy History

- Over the last 10 years, the district has gone up to the allowable tax levy
- In 19-20 the levy was slightly below the allowable increase
- In 23-24 the allowable tax levy increase was 0.77% and the district took a 0% levy

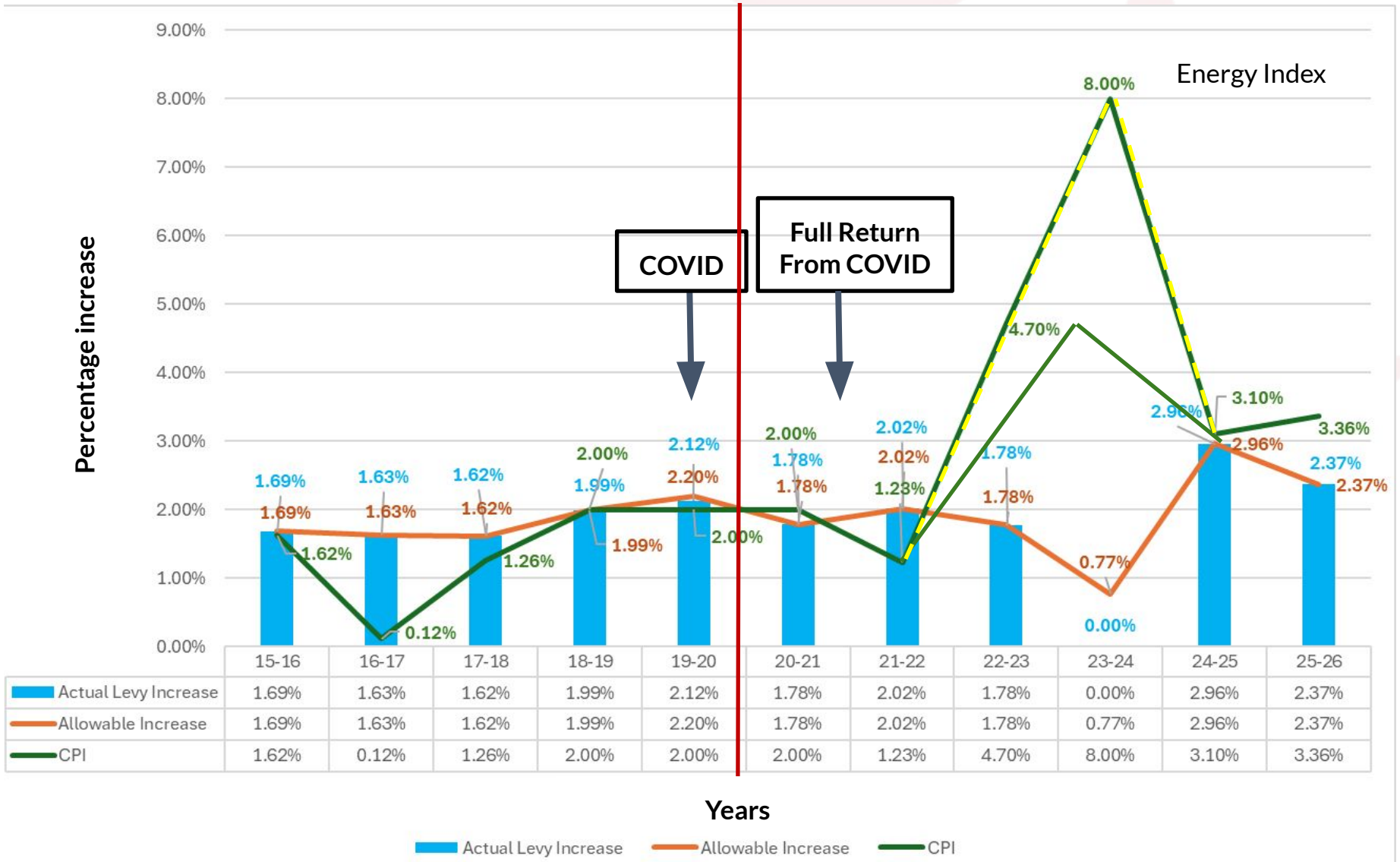


	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Actual Levy Increase	1.69%	1.63%	1.62%	1.99%	2.12%	1.78%	2.02%	1.78%	0.00%	2.96%	2.37%
Allowable Increase	1.69%	1.63%	1.62%	1.99%	2.20%	1.78%	2.02%	1.78%	0.77%	2.96%	2.37%

10 Year Tax Levy Comparison to CPI

- CPI and tax levy cap more stable prior to Covid
- After Covid, more volatility in CPI
- **<u>Increased student need</u>** after 2020-2021
- EUFSD remains at allowable tax levy or absorbs 0% while CPI levels increase

*CPI Data taken from US Bureau of Labor Statistics



	15-16	16-17	17-18	18-19	19-20	20-21	21-22	22-23	23-24	24-25	25-26
Actual Levy Increase	1.69%	1.63%	1.62%	1.99%	2.12%	1.78%	2.02%	1.78%	0.00%	2.96%	2.37%
Allowable Increase	1.69%	1.63%	1.62%	1.99%	2.20%	1.78%	2.02%	1.78%	0.77%	2.96%	2.37%
CPI	1.62%	0.12%	1.26%	2.00%	2.00%	2.00%	1.23%	4.70%	8.00%	3.10%	3.36%