

LaFayette Central School District Budget Hearing

May 8, 2024

Budget Calendar

- February 14 BOE Budget Workshop 1
 - Review preliminary expenses
- March 13 BOE Budget Workshop 2
 - Review anticipated revenues
- March 27 BOE Workshop 3
 - Budget adoption/ Property tax approval
- **May 8** **Budget Hearing**
- May 21 Budget Vote

Mission, Vision, and Core Beliefs

Mission: At LaFayette, we put students first. Our mission is to educate, honor and develop students to have self-respect, a commitment to the community, and a passion for excellence.

Vision: Inspire, empower, and prepare all students to achieve excellence

Core Beliefs:

- We believe in a safe and secure learning environment.
- We believe in a supportive and rigorous learning environment.
- We are an institution of learning for all.
- All students are known and are treated with dignity, respect, and compassion.
- We embrace creativity and innovation.

Adopted by the Board of Education on March 15, 2018



2024-2025 Budget Goals

- Create a fiscally responsible budget while adhering to the property tax cap percentage
- Meet contractual obligations, including potential salary increases, maintenance contracts, BOCES contracts, and more
- Fully implement District school improvement plans utilizing available grant funds and supplementing with General Fund dollars as needed
- To sustain current positions currently funded by federal grants



Student Board Member- Proposition for Voters

“Should a high school senior student be designated to serve as an ex-officio member of the Board of Education, and thereby be entitled to sit with the Board members at all its public meetings, and participate therein, but without authority to vote on matters before the Board or to attend executive sessions?”



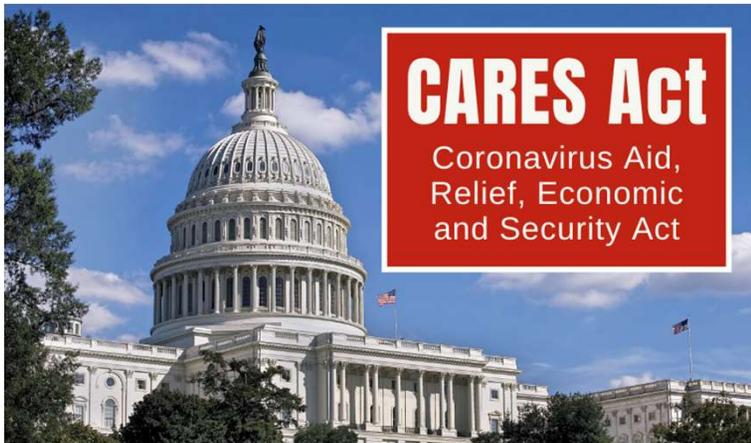
Establish Capital Reserve and Vehicle Reserve— Proposition for Voters

- **Capital Reserve** - a new ten-year capital reserve in an amount not to exceed \$5,000,000, inclusive of investment earnings, to be used for renovations and additions to all District facilities, including purchase of equipment, technology upgrades, classroom equipment and/or school infrastructure equipment, site development, athletic field and playground improvements, storm and sanitary sewer, driveways, and parking lots.
- **Vehicle Reserve** - establish a new ten-year capital reserve in an amount not to exceed \$2,000,000, inclusive of investment earnings, to be used for the acquisition of vehicles.

The purpose of both is to offset the local share of debt related to construction or vehicle purchases with any prior year-end surplus monies that are unassigned.

Both reserves require voter approval to establish and voter approval to use.

Executive Budget Proposal



CARES Federal funds were one-shot funding and will end September 30, 2024. We have shown effort to share in the cost and plan to try to maintain the created positions next year with local funds.



2024-25 Preliminary Budget *Expenditure Summary*

Preliminary Administrative Budget

ADMINISTRATIVE	2023-2024 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024-25 DRAFT BUDGET	% CHANGE
Central Services - BOE, Business Office, District Office, Legal, Central Printing & Mailing, Insurance, BOCES Admin. & Capital Costs	\$ 841,662	\$ 849,764	1.0%
Curriculum Development & Supervision - Regular School	<u>721,051</u>	<u>691,046</u>	(4.2%)
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$ 1,562,713	\$ 1,540,810	(1.4%)



Preliminary Capital Budget

OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE	2023-24 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024-25 DRAFT BUDGET	% CHANGE
Operation of Plant	\$ 1,133,503	\$ 1,251,349	10.4%
Maintenance of Plant	<u>463,701</u>	<u>544,037</u>	17.3%
Total Operations & Maintenance	\$ 1,597,204	\$ 1,795,386	12.4%



Preliminary Capital Budget

DEBT SERVICE AND INTERFUND	2023-24 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024-25 DRAFT BUDGET	% CHANGE
Construction Bond Principal & Interest	\$ 1,940,000	\$ 2,555,475	31.7%
Bus Bond Principal & Interest	369,070	381,848	3.5%
Construction BAN Principal & Interest	608,280	0	(100%)
Capital Transfer Interfund (Capital Outlay)	<u>122,000</u>	<u>105,000</u>	(13.9%)
Total Debt Service & Interfund	<u>\$ 3,039,350</u>	<u>\$ 3,042,323</u>	(0.1%)
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$ 4,636,554	\$ 4,837,709	4.3%

2024-25 Capital Outlay Project

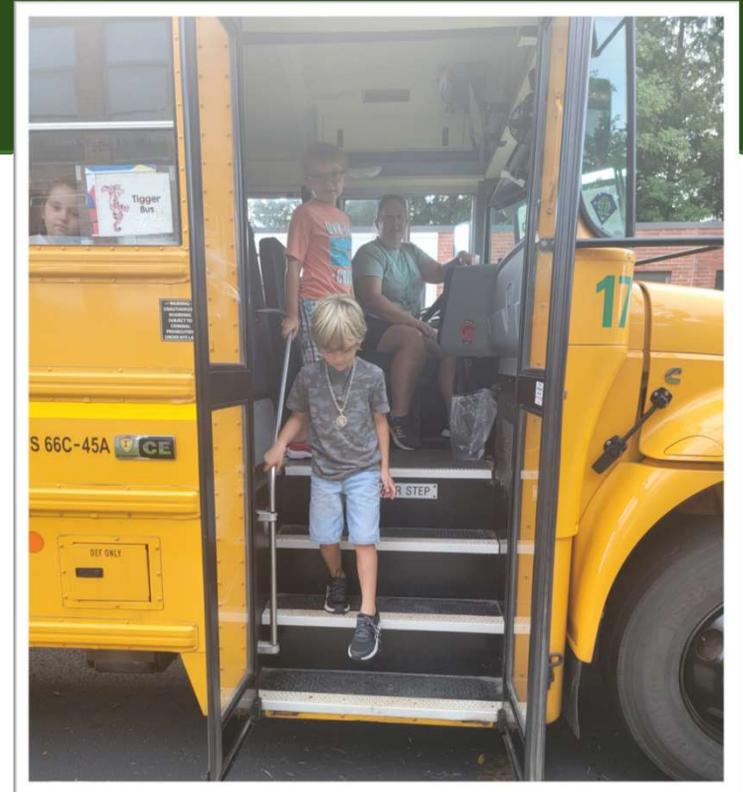
- \$100,000 per District each year.
- Must go through the regular building aid process.
- Allows for the aid to be in next year's funding rather than spread out over 15 years
- Project Scope: Complete Lighting at HS.



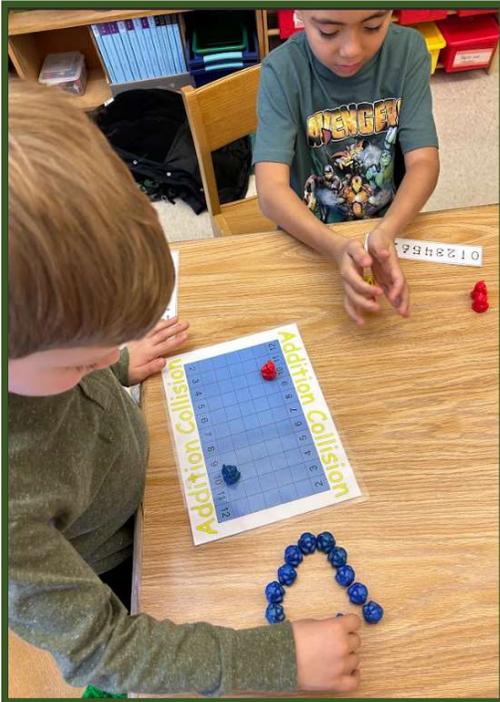
2024-25 Bus Proposition

Three 66-passenger buses for a total cost of \$556,000

- Vehicles are purchases with bonds spread over a 5-year period. Aid is received over the same five years at 87.7% for all student transportation vehicles.



Preliminary Program Budget



PROGRAM SERVICES	2023-24 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024-25 DRAFT BUDGET	% Change
Teaching – General Education	\$ 5,947,280	\$ 6,004,499	1.0%
Teaching – Special Education	2,393,165	2,350,413	(1.8%)
Instructional Support (Library, Guidance, Health, Technology, Co-curricular, Athletics)	2,160,990	2,381,368	10.2%
Transportation	<u>1,285,672</u>	<u>1,293,737</u>	0.6%
TOTAL PROGRAM SERVICES	\$ 11,787,107	\$ 12,030,017	2.1%

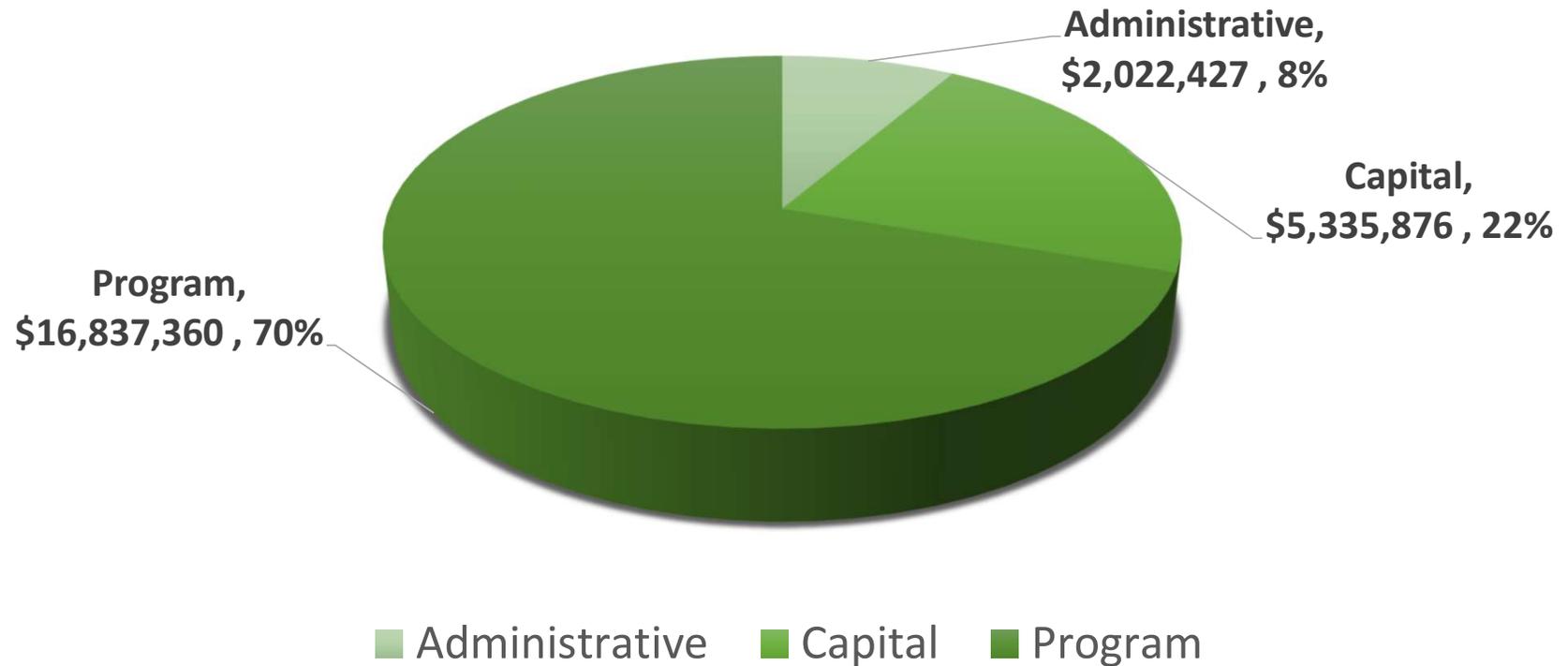
2023-24 Preliminary Benefits Budget

BENEFITS	2023-24 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024-25 DRAFT BUDGET	% CHANGE
Benefit Liability	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	0%
ERS	331,083	342,099	3.3%
TRS	934,083	943,064	0.9%
Social Security	816,000	818,893	0.4%
Workers' Compensation	132,722	125,000	(5.8%)
Unemployment Insurance	20,000	20,000	0.0%
Health, Vision & Dental	3,351,000	3,388,070	1.1%
TOTAL BENEFITS	\$5,735,408	\$ 5,787,127	0.9%

Three Part Preliminary Budget

	2023-24 Adopted Budget	% of Total	2024-25 Proposed Budget	% of Total
<i>Administrative</i>	\$ 2,037,717	8.6%	\$ 2,022,427	8.4%
<i>Capital</i>	5,101,945	21.5%	5,335,876	21.1%
<i>Program</i>	<u>16,582,119</u>	69.9%	<u>16,837,360</u>	69.6%
Total	23,721,781		\$ 24,195,663	

2024-25 Preliminary 3 Part Budget





2024-25 Preliminary Budget

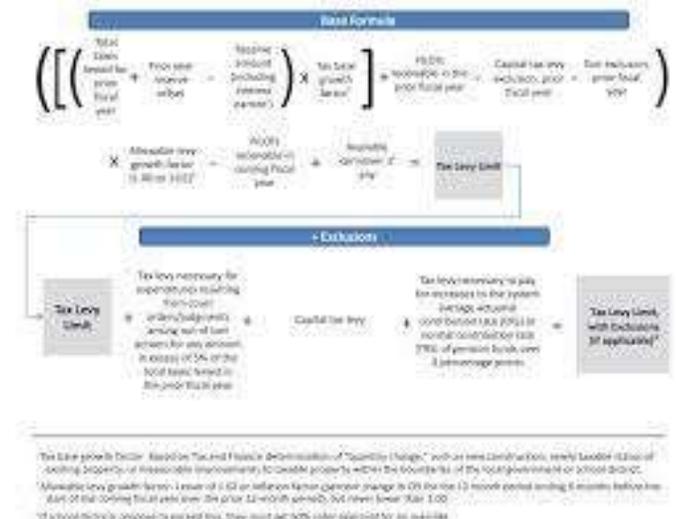
Revenue Budget



2024-25 Tax Levy Limit Calculation

Tax Levy Cap Calculation (also known as the Property Tax Cap)

- Must follow an eight-step formula determined by NYS
- If the tax levy increase is greater than the levy limit, the budget must have 60% or more of the voters voting 'yes' to pass
- Currently, our property tax cap is at 4.07%



TAX LEVY LIMIT CALCULATION

1. Total Real Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year Ending (FYE) 6/30/2024	\$ 6,726,408
2. Tax Base Growth Factor, if any	1.0076
3. PILOTS receivable in FYE 6/30/2024	22,963
4. Capital Tax Levy for FYE 06/30/2024	(388,597)
5. Allowable levy growth factor (This is limited to 2.00- known as the 2% Tax Cap)	1.02
6. PILOTS receivable in FYE 06/30/2025	(21,935)
TOTAL LEVY LIMIT BEFORE EXCLUSIONS	\$6,354,896
<u>EXCLUSIONS:</u>	
Capital Tax Levy for FYE 06/30/2025	479,061
Employee Retirement System Exclusion	<u>3,031</u>
TOTAL TAX LEVY LIMIT PLUS EXCLUSIONS	\$ 7,000,290
Increase from 2024-2025	\$273,882/ 4.07%

On March 27, 2024, the Board will approve the tax levy for voter approval on May 21, 2024

Proposed 2024-25 Tax Rate Change

	Tax Levy	Tax On True rate
Current year 2023-24	\$6,726,408	\$14.29 per thousand
Proposed 2024-25	\$6,994,791	\$14.86 per thousand

An increase of 57¢ per \$1,000

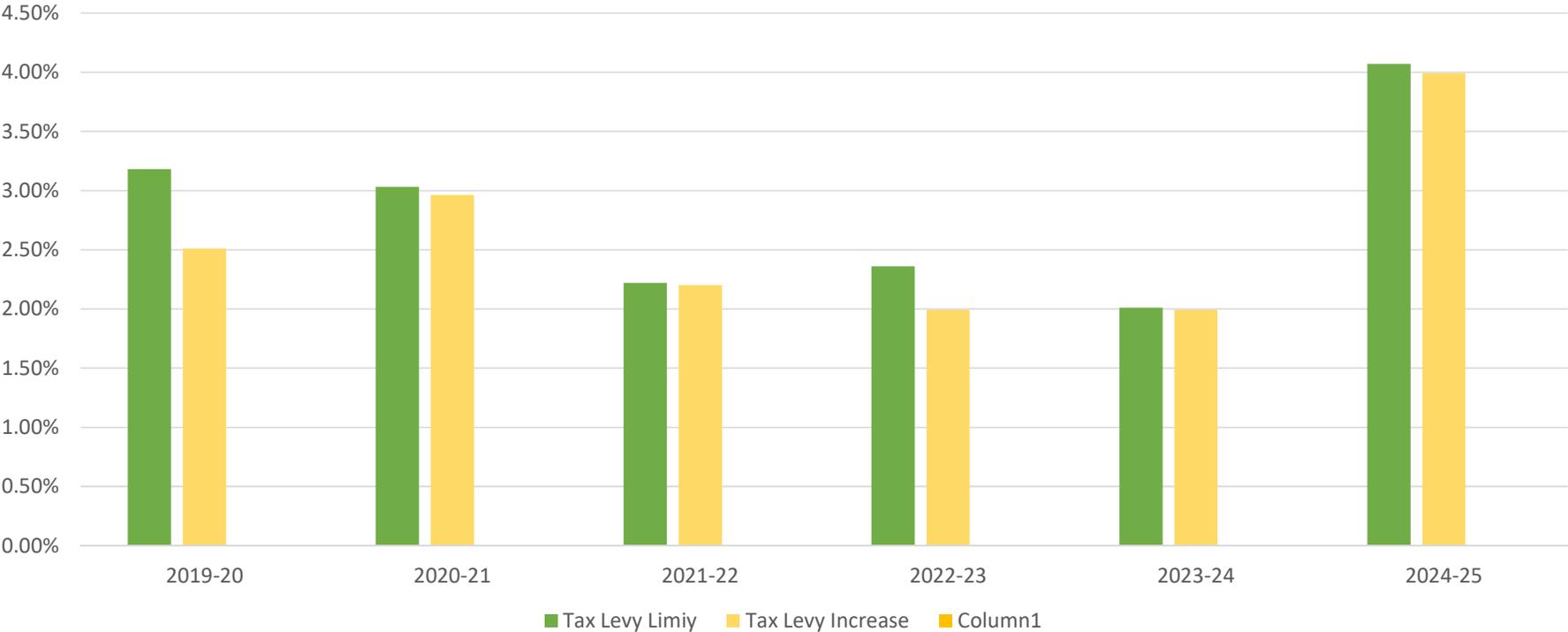
For example, for a property assessed at \$100,000 would have a tax increase of \$57.00

Proposed 2024-25 Tax Rate Change

	Tax Levy	LaFayette Tax Rate
Current year 2023-24	\$6,726,408	\$21.32 per thousand
Proposed 2024-25	\$6,994,791	\$22.17 per thousand

An increase of 85¢ per \$1,000

Tax Levy Limit Vs. Tax Levy Increase



2024-25 Preliminary Revenue Budget

	2023-24 ADOPTED BUDGET	2024-25 DRAFT BUDGET	% CHANGE
Property Tax	\$ 6,726,408	\$ 6,994,792	3.99%
Fees	33,000	33,000	0.00%
Tuition and Transportation	3,045,000	2,915,000	(4.27%)
Use of Money – Interest Earnings and other	177,500	262,500	47.89%
Sale of Equipment	2,000	2,000	0.00%
Miscellaneous – Refunds and Reserves	1,005,900	1,020,900	1.49%
New York State Aid	11, 694,912	11,469,869	(1.92%)
Medicaid	30,000	30,000	0.00%
Appropriated Fund Balance	<u>1,007,061</u>	<u>1,467,602</u>	45.73%
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 23,721,781	\$ 24,195,663	2.0%

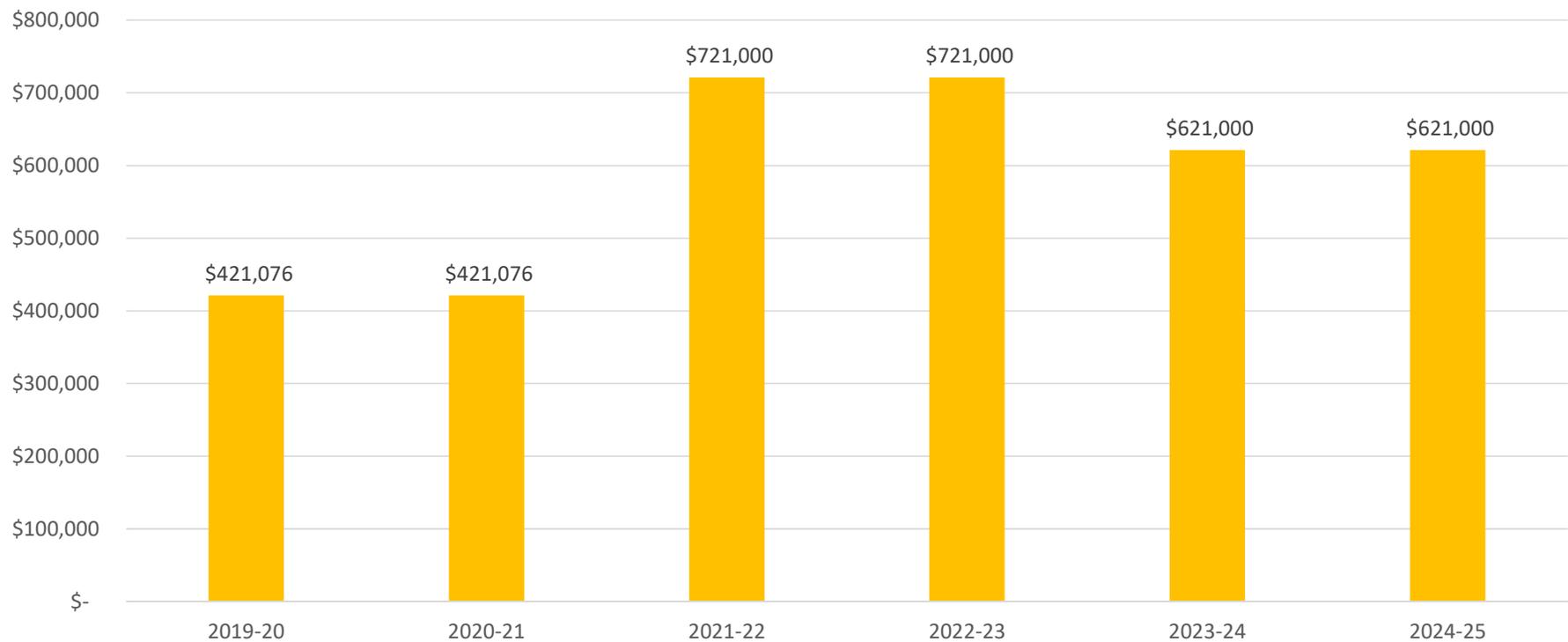
2024-25 Preliminary Budget – State Aid

	2023-24 BUDGET	2024-25 DRAFT BUDGET	Change Budget to Budget	% CHANGE
Foundation Aid	\$ 7,130,147	\$7,090,328	(\$ 39,819)	(0.56%)
Excess Cost Aid	292,680	191,397	(101,283)	(34.61%)
Textbooks/Library/Hardware/Software	72,024	68,713	(3,311)	(4.60%)
Transportation Aid	735,699	790,390	54,691	7.43%
BOCES Aid	1,070,945	1,001,542	(69,403)	(6.48%)
Building Aid	2,393,418	2,327,499	(65,919)	(2.75%)
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 11,694,912	\$ 11,469,869	(\$ 225,044)	(1.92%)

Updated Legislative Budget Proposal Budget to Budget

- Foundation Aid down ~~-\$39,819~~ -\$98,805
 - Excess Cost, textbooks, hardware, etc. down ~~-\$104,594~~-\$106,991
 - Proposes to fund expense-based aids
 - BOCES Aid down ~~-\$69,403~~ up - \$30,094
 - *(this is assuming we spend all the estimated BOCES expenses this year)*
 - Transportation Aid up +\$54,691
 - Construction/ Building Aid -\$65,919
- Overall change in state aid budget to budget ~~-\$225,044~~-\$186,930

Budget Use of Reserves



What if the budget is defeated?

- If the proposed budget is defeated, the District may do one of the following:
 1. Resubmit the defeated budget
 2. Submit a Revised Budget
 3. Adopt a Contingent Budget*

*A contingent budget must maintain the educational program, preserve property and assure the health and safety of students and staff.

- 0% increase to the tax levy
- Equipment purchases are eliminated
- \$100,000 Capital Outlay is removed

LaFayette Contingent Budget

	2024-25 Proposed Budget	2024-25 Contingent Budget	Variance	
Administrative	\$ 2,022,427	\$2,010,427	\$ 12,000	Miscellaneous Administrative expenses will need to be reduced
Capital	5,335,876	5,179,492	156,384	Miscellaneous Capital expenses such as equipment and capital outlay will be reduced
Program	<u>16,837,360</u>	<u>16,737,360</u>	<u>100,000</u>	Miscellaneous Program expenses, such as equipment, will need to be reduced
TOTAL	\$ 24,195,663	\$23,927,279	\$268,384	

Reminder...

Budget Vote on **May 21, 2024**, 1:00 pm –
9:00 pm at LaFayette Jr/ Sr High School



Any questions?