



Preliminary 2022-23 Budget Preparations

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Budget Challenges and Unknowns

- State Funding Levels
 - State Aid (*Legislative budget due April 1*)
- Kindergarten Enrollment Projections
- Impact of COVID-19
 - Student surveillance testing & test to stay
 - Ongoing programs to respond to student needs
 - Expand SEL, mental health & wellness
 - Academic interventions
- Environmental Health & Safety
 - Cleaning, PPE, and air quality

Key Financial Assumptions

- Reflects contractual increases for staff
- Savings related to staff retirements
- Reflects the rising costs of employee health insurance and state pension contributions
- Estimates an increase in State Aid
- Projects an increase in kindergarten enrollments
- Staff needs relating to student mental health and wellness

Tax Levy Cap Overview

- Established in 2011 (*for 12-13 and after*)
- Limits the tax levy growth by the lesser of 2% or CPI (*consumer price index*), before factoring in any allowable exclusions
- CPI for next year's tax levy is 4.7%, so it will be limited to the 2% max
- The preliminary 2022-23 **tax levy cap** for DFSD is 2.84%, when factoring in exclusions

Preliminary Tax Cap Calculation

as of February 1, 2022

Prior Year Tax Levy		\$40,943,897
	x Tax Base Growth Factor	x 1.0093
		\$41,324,675
	- Allowable Exclusions for Previous Year	- \$1,565,702
		\$39,758,973
	x Lessor of CPI (4.7%) or 2%	+ \$795,179
Tax Levy Limit		\$40,554,152
	+ Allowable Exclusions for Current Year	+ \$1,553,411
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy (2.84% Increase)		\$42,107,564

Preliminary Revenue Projections

as of February 1, 2022

Revenue Source	2021-22 Adopted	2022-23 Preliminary	Variance	
			\$	%
Property Taxes	40,943,897	42,107,564	1,163,667	2.84%
State Aid	5,686,337	6,819,707	1,133,370	19.93%
Tuitions	717,000	717,000	0	0.00%
Sales Taxes	800,000	800,000	0	0.00%
Health Services	550,000	550,000	0	0.00%
Other	332,000	317,000	-15,000	-4.52%
Total	49,029,234	51,311,271	2,282,037	4.65%

Preliminary Expenditure Projections

as of February 1, 2022

Expense Category	2021-22 Adopted	2022-23 Preliminary	Variance	
			\$	%
Salaries	27,008,159	28,214,400	1,206,241	4.47%
Benefits	10,995,374	11,918,032	922,658	8.39%
Debt Service	2,551,495	2,551,495	0	0.00%
BOCES Services	2,081,265	2,185,328	104,063	5.00%
Operations, Maint & Tech	2,068,959	2,268,959	200,000	9.67%
Transportation	1,515,700	1,591,485	75,785	5.00%
Special Education (<i>non BOCES</i>)	1,151,150	1,351,150	200,000	17.37%
Central Administration	755,160	762,712	7,552	1.00%
Other	901,972	920,012	18,040	2.00%
Total	49,029,234	51,763,573	2,734,339	5.58%
Maximum Allowable Budget based on Preliminary Revenue Projections		51,311,271		
Budget Gap to Close		-452,302		

Next Steps

- Reassess revenue estimates
- Work with Principals & Administrators to identify savings and prioritize budget requests
- Evaluate overhead expenditures to identify savings
- Look at staffing ratios and class-size

Projected Tax Rate Calculation

as of February 1, 2022

Preliminary Tax Levy <i>(based on tax cap calculation)</i>	\$42,107,564
Divided by: Estimated Taxable Assessments <i>Source: Town Assessor as of 9/15/21</i>	\$1,948,709,383
Multiplied by 1,000	
Equals: Projected Tax Rate per \$1,000 Assessment	\$21.61
(Tax Levy / Taxable Assessments x 1,000 = Tax Rate per 1,000)	

Historical Trend

as of February 1, 2022

Year	Budget-to-Budget	Tax Levy	Allowable Tax Levy Cap
2013-14	3.8%	3.5%	3.6%
2014-15	2.3%	1.8%	2.1%
2015-16	2.2%	2.2%	2.5%
2016-17	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%
2017-18	1.7%	2.5%	3.3%
2018-19	3.98%	0.97%	3.69%
2019-20	3.76%	2.80%	4.04%
2020-21	1.25%	3.87%	3.87%
2021-22	4.17%	2.86%	2.86%
2022-23 <i>(preliminary)</i>	TBD	TBD	2.84%
10 year average	2.97%	2.33%	2.88%

2022-23 Budget Preparation Calendar

- 2/01/2022** 2021-22 Preliminary Budget Preparation Presentation
- 3/01/2022** Finance Committee
- 3/08/2022** Detailed Budget Presentation
- 4/05/2022** Finance Committee
- 4/12/2022** Adoption of 2022-23 Budget
and Property Tax Report Card
- 5/10/2022** Public Hearing on the Budget
- 5/17/2022** Budget Vote & Trustee Election