



Preliminary 2021-22 Budget Preparations

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Budget Challenges and Unknowns

- Federal and State Funding Levels
 - Federal Stimulus
 - State Aid
- Enrollment Projections
 - Working with demographer
- Impact of COVID-19
 - Requirements to support school reopening
 - Student surveillance testing
 - Ongoing programs to respond to student needs
- Economic Performance
 - Interest rates & sales tax
- Open DFUT Contract

Key Financial Assumptions

- Reflects contractual increases for staff
- Reflects the rising costs of employee health insurance and state pension contributions
- Estimates a decrease in State Aid
- Projects an increase in student enrollments

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 1.23%
- The preliminary 2021-22 **tax levy cap** for DFSD is 1.98%, when factoring in exclusions

Preliminary Tax Cap Calculation

as of February 9, 2021

Prior Year Tax Levy		\$39,804,331
x	Tax Base Growth Factor	x 1.0097
		\$40,190,433
-	Allowable Exclusions for Previous Year	- \$1,290,705
		\$38,899,728
x	Lessor of CPI (1.23%) or 2%	+ \$478,467
Tax Levy Limit		\$39,378,195
+	Allowable Exclusions for Current Year	+ \$1,213,328
Maximum Allowable Tax Levy (1.98% Increase)		\$40,591,523

Preliminary Revenue Projections

as of February 9, 2021

Revenue Source	2020-21 Adopted	2021-22 Preliminary	Variance	
			\$	%
Property Taxes	39,804,331	40,591,523	787,192	1.98%
State Aid	5,279,394	5,156,432	-122,962	-4.74%
Tuitions	605,000	605,000	0	0.00%
Sales Taxes	480,000	480,000	0	0.00%
Health Services	535,000	535,000	0	0.00%
Interest	50,000	20,000	-30,000	-60.00%
Other	312,000	302,000	-10,000	-3.21%
Total	47,065,725	47,689,955	624,230	1.33%

Preliminary Expenditure Projections

as of February 9, 2021

Expense Category	2020-21 Adopted	2021-22 Preliminary	Variance	
			\$	%
Salaries	26,018,419	27,600,112	1,581,693	6.08%
Benefits	10,456,953	11,229,903	772,950	7.39%
Operations & Maint	1,960,015	2,285,415	325,400	16.60%
Special Education (non BOCES)	1,099,325	1,153,150	53,825	4.90%
Debt Service	2,531,495	2,199,121	-332,374	-13.13
Transportation	1,417,200	1,527,700	110,500	7.80%
BOCES Services	1,999,828	2,121,493	121,665	6.08%
Other	1,582,490	1,678,267	95,777	6.05%
Total	47,065,725	49,795,161	2,729,436	5.80%
Maximum Allowable Budget based on Preliminary Revenue Projections		47,689,955		
Budget Gap to Close		-2,105,206		

Next Steps

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

Projected Tax Rate Calculation

as of February 9, 2021

Preliminary Tax Levy <i>(based on tax cap calculation)</i>	\$40,591,523
Divided by: Estimated Taxable Assessments <i>Source: Town Assessor as of 9/15/20</i>	\$1,809,294,264
Multiplied by 1,000	
Equals: Projected Tax Rate per \$1,000 Assessment	\$22.43
(Tax Levy / Taxable Assessments x 1,000 = Tax Rate per 1,000)	
A single family home with an average assessed value of \$810,200 would see an approximate tax increase \$199.00	

Historical Trend

Year	Budget-to-Budget	Tax Levy	Allowable Tax Levy Cap
2012-13	1.4%	2.0%	2.3%
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 <i>(preliminary)</i>	TBD	TBD	1.98%
10 year average	2.20%	2.00%	2.82%

2021-22 Budget Preparation Calendar

- 2/09/2021** 2021-22 Preliminary Budget Preparation Presentation
- 3/02/2021** Finance Committee
- 3/09/2021** Detailed Budget Presentation
- 4/13/2021** Adoption of 2021-22 Budget
and Property Tax Report Card
- 5/04/2021** Public Hearing on the Budget
- 5/18/2021** Budget Vote & Trustee Election