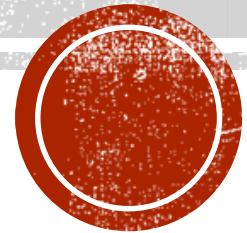


# **BUDGET DISCUSSION**

## **2022 - 2023**

**WW-P Board of Education**  
**Budget Hearing**  
**April 26, 2022**



# **WW-P MISSION STATEMENT**

**Building upon our tradition of excellence,  
the mission of the West Windsor-Plainsboro  
Regional School District is to empower all learners  
to thoughtfully contribute to a diverse and  
changing world with confidence, strength of  
character, and love of learning.**



# PROPOSED BUDGET: 2022 – 2023

## ■ **WHAT IS A SCHOOL BUDGET?**

- Budget is a planning tool
- Budget considers contingencies
- Budget manages risk
- Budget must be fiscally responsible
- Budget is a reflection of our values
- Budget must consider safeguards and buffers



# **BUDGET PROCESS & TIMELINES**

- Summer/Fall: Finance Committee preliminary discussions; A&F Committee discussion of capital projects; Curriculum Committee discussion of the Program of Studies.
- December: BOE budget meetings.
- Mid-Year Budget Review with county office.
- November-February: Meetings with budget managers.
- January-March: BOE public budget discussions.
- March 10: Governor's address and release of state aid numbers (anticipated 48 hours after the budget address, March 8).
- March 28: Adoption and filing of the preliminary budget with the county superintendent. (Adopted at the March 15<sup>th</sup> BOE Meeting)
- April 26: Public hearing and adoption of the budget.



# DISTRICT ACCOLADES

- Certificate of Excellence for CAFR (Association of School Business Officials International) - thirteen (13) consecutive years
- Meritorious Budget Award for Excellence in the Preparation and Issuance of Budget (Association of School Business Officials International) - seven (7) consecutive years



# **PROPOSED BUDGET: 2022 - 2023**

## **■ BIG PICTURE BUDGET TOPICS**

- Salary Increases
- Health Care Costs
- Transportation
- Special Services
- Capital Projects
- Technology
- Staffing Needs



# BUDGET DISCUSSION

## 2022-2023 Budget Stressors:

**Salary Increases** – As per negotiated agreements

**Health Care Cost** – Increase district cost for NJ Educator Health Care Plan and Garden State Health Care Plan

**Staffing Needs** – Special education, program growth

**Special Services** – Tuition Increases

**Facilities** - Custodial Contract Renewal

**Transportation** – Cost of route renewals/CPI (Consumer Price Index), Non-renewal of long-standing regular education routes, Driver shortages and fuel increases



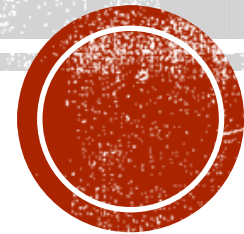
# **ALLOCATED INCREASES WITHIN THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES**

- **Salary Increases – Increase of \$2.2M**
- **Special Education – Increase of \$800K**
- **Transportation – Increase of \$1.25M**
- **Technology – Increase of \$330K (Staffing, Licensing & Wireless Infrastructure)**
- **Building and Grounds – Increase of \$800K**
- **Capital Projects – \$12,500,000**





# BUDGET CONSIDERATIONS



# BUSINESS OFFICE

- Health Care - Completing first year of being self-insured
- Building and Grounds – year 3 of bringing back skilled facility mechanics along with building Operations Foreman. Transition to ABM for cleaning services has had initial success and we will be entering into year 3 of their contract.
- Minimum Wage – Increases from \$12 to \$13 hour.
- Substitute Costs



# TRANSPORTATION

- Route Renewals
- Gas Prices
- Lack of Drivers



# **ABM – BUILDING AND GROUNDS**

- Annual Renewal – Year 3 of 5
- Renewal rate plus additional square footage



# INSURANCE AND SALARIES

- Increase in contractual costs
- Increase in insurance renewals
  - COVID
  - Natural Disasters
  - Theft
- The district will need to purchase an independent Cyber Security Insurance policy



# TECHNOLOGY

- Technology refresh and upgrades
- Licenses and renewals
- Staffing



# **INSTRUCTIONAL CONSIDERATIONS**

- Digital Tools
- Professional Development
- Intervention Services
- Utilization of Federal Funds



# **SPECIAL EDUCATION**

- Staffing
- Programs
- COVID-19 Challenges
- Increase in number of students (Age 22)





# STAFF INCREASES

- Nursing - ESSER III Funds
- UBHC Clinician – Rutgers – ESSER III Funds
- Dance Teacher
- BCBA
- Instructional Assistant
- Special Education Staff



# CAPITAL PROJECTS AND REFERENDUM

- Completion of ESIP Projects
- Wicoff Expansion
- Various HVAC Projects
- Media Center Renovations



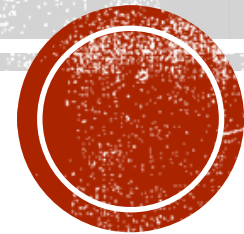
# **ADDITIONAL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS TO BE AWARDED**

- High School North Renovations – Culinary
- Wicoff ES Fire Alarm
- Wicoff ES HVAC
- Contingency – ROW work
- Wicoff Renovations
- Media Center Renovations
  - HSN Media Center
  - DN/MRES Media Centers
  - Hawk, Village, Town Center, Wicoff Media Centers
- Additional Contingency

▪ **Totals Not Yet Awarded - \$12,398,464**



# BUDGET PARAMETERS



# **UNKNOWN BUDGET CONTRIBUTORS**

- Negotiations with WWPSA
- Prescription Increases in December 2022
- Health Care Benefits Increase in December 2022
- Fuel Cost and bus route renewals



# TOWNSHIP ENROLLMENT

## TOWNSHIP ENROLLMENT CHANGES

<b>Year</b>	<b>Plainsboro (%)</b>	<b>West Windsor (%)</b>
<b>2022</b>	41.76	58.24
<b>2021</b>	41.70	58.30
<b>2020</b>	41.85	58.15
<b>2019</b>	41.62	58.38
<b>2018</b>	42.01	57.99
<b>2017</b>	42.20	57.80
<b>2016</b>	41.87	58.13
<b>2015</b>	41.97	58.03
<b>2014</b>	42.06	57.94
<b>2013</b>	41.35	58.65



# REVENUES

- **2% General Fund Tax Increase and Allowances**
- **Allowances (Banked Cap that can be generated for future years)**
  - Health Care Adjustment - None
  - Enrollment Adjustment – None
- **Allowances (Banked Cap)**
  - Banked Cap - \$392,265 set to expire in 2022/2023.
  - Banked Cap does not exist for 2023/2024.
- **Cap Reserve Allocation – \$12,500,000**
- **State Aid Increase - State Aid Increase - \$1,662,456 in State Aid. After changes to charter school tuition and SEMI funding, the net state aid increase is \$1,621,756.**



# ALLOCATION OF REVENUES

	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 Budget	Difference	% Change
Tax Levy	173,607,792	177,079,948	3,864,421	2.23
Misc. Income	1,090,349	1,090,349	0	0
<b>Total Local Funds</b>	<b>174,698,141</b>	<b>178,562,562</b>	<b>3,864,421</b>	<b>2.23</b>
<b>State Aid</b>	<b>11,298,346</b>	<b>12,960,802</b>	<b>1,662,456</b>	<b>14.70</b>
SEMI	79,676	107,965	28,289	35.51
Gen. Fund Balance	15,960,008	13,420,353	(2,539,655)	(15.90)
Cap Res W/draw Local Share	8,761,000	12,500,000	3,739,000	42.68
Cap Res W/draw Debt Service	<u>9,102,525</u>	<u>10,059,408</u>	<u>956,883</u>	10.51
<b>Total Operating Budget</b>	<b>219,899,696</b>	<b>227,611,090</b>	<b>7,711,394</b>	<b>3.51</b>
<b>Grants &amp; Entitlements</b>	<b>2,849,064</b>	<b>3,492,219</b>	<b>643,155</b>	<b>22.57</b>
<b>Debt Service</b>	<b>11,853,976</b>	<b>11,855,795</b>	<b>1,819</b>	<b>0.01</b>
<b>Total Budget</b>	<b><u>234,602,736</u></b>	<b><u>242,959,104</u></b>	<b><u>8,356,368</u></b>	<b>3.56</b>





# TAX IMPLICATIONS

## Plainsboro

- The proposed budget would increase the tax rate to \$1.629 per \$100 of assessed property value, for an increase of 4.7 cents. For a home assessed at the township average, this would be an increase of \$323. For the owner of a home at the township average of \$457,900, school taxes are estimated to be \$7,459.



# TAX IMPLICATIONS

## West Windsor

- The proposed budget would increase the tax rate to \$1.701 per \$100 of assessed property value, for an increase of 3.3 cents. For a home assessed at the township average, this would be an increase of \$180. For the owner of a home at the township average of \$523,558, school taxes are estimated to be \$8,906.



# **BUDGET RECOMMENDATION**

## **2022 - 2023**

- **The Administration recommends the Board of Education selection of a budget to budget increase of 2.23%**
  - **2.23% = \$3,864,421 (2% + \$392,265 banked cap)**



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