

# City School District of Albany

## Community Budget Committee

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# Agenda

- Debt Service
- Tax Cap Calculation
- Discussion around community priorities
- Next Meeting Dates

# 2021-22 Initial Revenue vs Rollover Expense

Budget Comparison February 11, 2021

<b>2021-22 Initial Revenue based on Governor's State Aid Proposal</b>	<b>2021-22 Initial Rollover Budget</b>	<b>Difference</b>
\$ 260,262,808	\$ 256,592,399	\$ 3,670,409

# Rollover Expense Adjustments

- Charter School Tuition rate reduction and Charter School Supplemental Tuition Revenue reduction are proposed, but contingent on whether NYS receives additional federal funds

Budget Area	Amount
Property & Student Accident Insurance	\$32,943
BOCES Service Rates	\$54,663
Possible Charter School Tuition Increase	\$1,667,024
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,754,630</b>

# Budget Variables

- State Aid (typically not finalized until end of March)
- Health Insurance increases (finalized in late March)
- Tax levy (set in early April with BOE budget adoption)
- Impact of Retirements
- Continuing Impact of COVID 19

# Debt Service

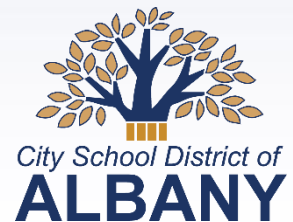
- Expense associated with capital construction projects on district schools and buildings
- Includes cost for:
  - Long-term borrowing (bonds) associated with finished construction
  - Short-term borrowing (BANs) associated with construction in progress

# Debt Service

- **Projects in construction for 2021-22:**
  - **Albany High Phase 3**
  - **North Albany Middle School**
  - **Five Year Plan**
    - **Arbor Hill interior and exterior renovations**
    - **Gym AC (SPA, DCES, Montessori, PHES)**
    - **Giffen including classroom flooring, doors, student bathrooms**
    - **TOAST including student bathrooms and playground**
    - **Work in 9 additional buildings**

# Debt Service Projections

<b>SUMMARY OF DEBT SERVICE AND ESTIMATED BUILDING AID</b>			
<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>TOTAL Debt Service</b>	<b>Estimated Building Aid</b>	<b>Estimated Net Local Share</b>
2020-21	\$ 17,576,575	\$ 12,118,500	\$ 5,458,075
2021-22	\$ 19,300,394	\$ 12,675,404	\$ 6,624,990
2022-23	\$ 18,821,690	\$ 12,340,220	\$ 6,481,470
2023-24	\$ 20,498,308	\$ 13,916,440	\$ 6,581,868
2024-25	\$ 20,731,489	\$ 13,738,089	\$ 6,993,400
2025-26	\$ 21,908,463	\$ 13,494,160	\$ 8,414,303
2026-27	\$ 21,955,440	\$ 13,416,966	\$ 8,538,474
2027-28	\$ 21,294,093	\$ 12,959,352	\$ 8,334,741
2028-29	\$ 21,007,443	\$ 12,944,502	\$ 8,062,941
2029-30	\$ 20,184,265	\$ 12,584,003	\$ 7,600,262





# Tax Cap Calculation

- **Must be submitted to NYSOSC by March 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **Calculation is impacted by multiple variables:**
  - **Tax Base Growth Factor (calculated by Department of Taxation & Finance)**
  - **Allowable Levy Growth Factor (calculated by OSC)**
- **Exclusions are also calculated – most common is the Capital Tax Levy Exclusion**
  - **OSC will indicate whether the Teachers Retirement System or Employees Retirement System Exclusions are able to be taken in a particular year – driven by % change in employer contribution year over year**

# Tax Cap Calculation 2021-22

## Tax Levy Limit, Before Adjustments and Exclusions

✓ <a href="#">Real Property Tax Levy FYE 2021</a>	\$120,118,833
✓ <a href="#">Tax Cap Reserve Offset from FYE 2020 Used to Reduce FYE 2021 Levy</a>	\$0
✓ <a href="#">Total Tax Cap Reserve Amount (Including Interest Earned) from FYE 2021</a>	---
✓ <a href="#">Tax Base Growth Factor</a>	1.0029
✓ <a href="#">PILOTs Receivable FYE 2021</a>	\$7,269,000
✓ <a href="#">Tort Exclusion Amount Claimed in FYE 2021</a>	\$0
✓ <a href="#">Capital Tax Levy Exclusion FYE2021</a>	\$6,025,859
✓ <a href="#">Allowable Levy Growth Factor</a>	1.0123
✓ <a href="#">PILOTs Receivable FYE 2022</a>	\$6,933,843
✓ <a href="#">Available Carryover from FYE 2021</a>	---
<b>Tax Levy Limit Before Adjustments/Exclusions</b>	<b>\$116,273,513</b>

Set by Tax  
& Finance

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OSC

# Tax Cap Calculation 2021-22

Exclusions	
✔ <a href="#">Tort Exclusion</a>	\$0
✔ <a href="#">Capital Tax Levy Exclusion FYE2022</a>	\$5,719,520
✔ <a href="#">Teachers' Retirement System Exclusion</a>	\$0
✔ <a href="#">Employees' Retirement System Exclusion</a>	\$0
<b>Total Exclusions</b>	<b>\$5,719,520</b>
<b>Your FYE 2022 Tax Levy Limit, Adjusted for Transfers plus Exclusions</b>	<b>\$121,993,033</b>

- The Allowable Levy Limit is \$1,874,200 greater than the 2020-21 Tax Levy approved by voters in June 2020
- This is equal to 1.56%
- Maximum is the increase that requires simple majority voter approval
- Initial Revenue projection is \$0 increase in Tax Levy for 2021-22

<b>Maximum Allowable 2021-22 Levy</b>	<b>\$ 121,993,033</b>
<b>Adopted 2020-21 Levy</b>	<b>\$ 120,118,833</b>



# Community Priorities Discussion

Questions posed to Community Budget Committee Members at the meeting on February 22, 2021:

- What priorities should the district look to maintain?
- What are the areas of flexibility in the budget?
- What are the areas/priorities the district should enhance?

# Community Priorities Feedback

- **Programs to maintain/enhance**
  - **Highest quality instruction possible**
  - **Equity as a priority**
  - **District as part of the community – building access in compliance with BOE Facilities Use policy**
  - **Focus on student achievement; closing learning gaps (impact of COVID 19)**
  - **SEL investments – mental health, wellness – supporting students so post COVID they can excel**
    - **Consider contracts in 2021-22 for additional supports**

# Community Priorities Feedback cont.

- **Other things to consider:**
  - **Possibly renegotiation of contracts for better pricing**
  - **Platform for community volunteers to support students (tutoring, SEL, etc.)**
  - **Restore elementary swim and instrumental music**
  - **Extracurricular and other activities that support student engagement and interaction with their friends**
  - **Keep more robust remote virtual learning platform (noted this will require action by NYSED to allow)**
  - **Seek additional grant support**

# Continuing Community Priorities Discussion

- Any further thoughts on priorities?
- What would the top five be?

# Upcoming Meeting Dates

- TBD (April) –
  - Review proposed budget



# Questions



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