



**TROY**  
CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# 2017-2018 Budget Development

Draft 1

Presented February 15, 2017



*Today's Students.  
Tomorrow's Leaders.*

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MISSION STATEMENT**

The Troy City School District will provide a strong educational and social foundation to graduate all students college and career ready.



- We continue to be a 'District on the Rise'
- We are moving in the right direction
- We are proud of our accomplishments
- We expect to build on past results and continue our progress this school year
- We have added much needed support (positions and programs) the last few years to help in this regard



# Budget Goal

- We need to develop a budget that is fiscally responsible and educationally sound.
- Reminder from the last presentation:
  - Educationally Sound
    - What do our students need to be successful?
      - Staffing/Programs
      - Supports
      - Academic Achievement on the rise – still much work to do
  - Fiscally Responsible
    - Good stewards of the taxpayers' money
      - Under the tax cap for the last five years
      - 0% Tax Levy increase this school year
      - Continue to search for other funding sources
      - Mindful of our overburdened taxpayers



# Tax Cap

- 2% is not necessarily 2%
- This year, the CPI (Consumer Price Index) is 1.26%
- Our Tax Cap is .45%
  - This is mainly due to our PILOTs
  - This will only generate approximately \$160,000 in additional revenue
- We desperately need a corresponding increase in State Aid in order to balance our budget



# State Aid

- Our optimism about High-Needs districts like ours being given an appropriate, and much needed, increase in State Aid did not materialize in the Executive Budget
- Our proposed increase in Foundation Aid is not even close to what we need
- Our total Aid increase, without building aid, is less than \$400,000 – a .8% increase



# Reactions to Executive Budget

- Significantly less than recommended and requested by the Board of Regents and the Educational Conference Board
- Educational Hearing – Tuesday, February 14, 2017 – State Education Commissioner MaryEllen Elia repeated her request for \$2.1 billion in Aid increase
- Governor proposes to eliminate Foundation Aid formula in future years

“I want to make it clear that any repeal of Foundation Aid in the is budget by the Executive, is just completely unacceptable.”

-Assembly Education Chair Cathy Nolan



# Advocacy

- Our advocacy efforts have already begun
  - Early visits to our legislators
  - Letter campaign
  - Flyer
  - Maisto Bill





# Proposed Budget Draft 1

2016-2017 Budget	\$ 112,909,509
Transfer to Capital	\$ 3,500,000
2016-2017 Operational Budget	\$ 109,409,509
2017-2018	
(Draft 1)	\$ 113,587,468
Dollar Change	\$ 4,177,959
Percent Change	3.82%
Draft 1 Revenues	\$ 110,990,426
Shortfall	\$ 2,597,042



# Cost Increases

## Salaries

- Built-in step and/or contractual increases
- Added mandated positions this school year – ESL, Special Education
- TMS Special Class

## BOCES

- Anticipating 3% increase in overall costs

## Benefits/Insurance

- Health - anticipated 6-7% increase
- Prescription - anticipated 10% increase

## Workers' Compensation

- Deficit Payback

## Tuition

- Charter School
- Special Education

## Transportation

- New contract
- Special Education



# Budget Requests

Requests from administration on additions for their buildings/ departments have been placed in three tiers.

- Tier 1
  - TMS Special Class (mandated due to student IEPs)
- Tiers 2 and 3
  - Because of our precarious position, the remaining requests have been prioritized into Tier 2 and Tier 3 requests. We will have to wait for the state budget to be finalized before we can consider including them in our budget



# Cost Savings

- Retirement Rates
  - ERS has decreased from 15.5% to 15.3%
  - TRS has decreased from 11.72% to 9.8%
  - This translates to a budget savings of approximately \$500,000
- Staff retirements
  - Savings will be included in Draft 2



# Next Steps

- We will analyze and prioritize all current programs, as well as “Tier 2” and “Tier 3” requests from Administration
- Continue thorough, comprehensive review/analysis of the budget
- Advocacy – more important than ever



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**We Can.**

**We Will.**

**End Of Story**