



# Enlarged City School District of Troy BOE Workshop

2016 – 2017 Budget Report

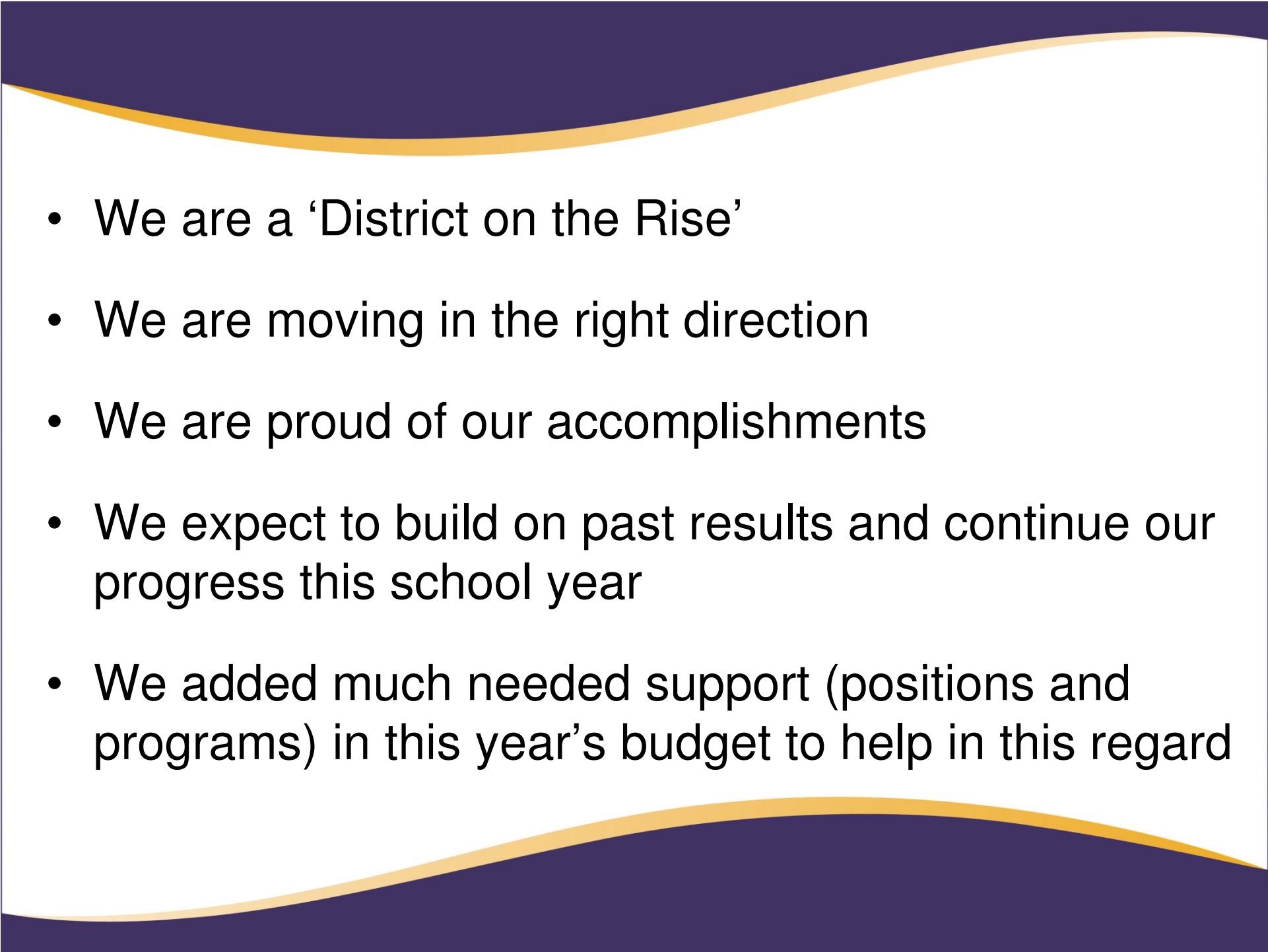
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## **TROY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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- We are 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 added much needed support (positions and programs) in this year's budget to help in this regard

# Budget Goal

- We need to develop a budget that is fiscally responsible and educationally sound.
- It will be harder to do than ever before

# Tax Cap

- With the Tax Cap where we anticipate it being, we will 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 advocacy efforts have already begun

# Reactions to Executive Budget

- Significantly less than recommended and requested by the Board of Regents and the Educational Conference Board
- Alliance for Quality Education Executive Director Billy Easton  
“His school aid proposal of almost \$1 billion falls almost \$2 billion short of what our schools need. **Once again Governor Cuomo has ignored the Campaign for Fiscal Equity and the tremendous inequities between rich and poor schools.** There is almost \$9,000 per student spending gap between rich and poor schools but his budget only provides \$266 million of the \$4.4 billion in foundation aid that is due as a result of CFE lawsuit.”
- Dr. Rick Timbs, executive director of the Statewide School Finance Consortium  
“Unfortunately, the extremely brief overview of the Executive Budget proposal once again falls short — far short — in providing the financial support public education desperately needs. **The proposed \$991 million in “new” state aid is over \$1.4 billion less than what the Regents thoughtfully recommended to essentially maintain the status quo for our neediest children and school districts.** Bottom line, with well over \$4 billion in Foundation Aid still owed to schools, the Executive Budget plan is clearly insufficient. We have much work to do over the next several weeks to help craft a final budget that is fair and sufficient.”

# Proposed Budget Draft 1

- 2015-2016 Budget \$ 108,163,850
- 2016-2017  
(Draft 1) \$ 109,590,960
- Dollar Change \$ 1,427,110
- Percent Change 1.32%
- Draft 1 Revenues \$ 108,398,443
- Shortfall \$ 1,192,517



# Proposed Budget Draft 1

- Rollover of current budget with built-in cost increases
- Requests from administration on additions for their buildings/ departments have been placed in two tiers.
  - Tier 1
    - Increase in Elementary sections - 7 additional sections (to maintain class size)
    - Principal's Assistant
    - Assistant Director, PPS
  - Retiring Administrator - Budget Neutral
- Tier 2
  - Because of our precarious position, we will prioritize the Tier 2 requests and wait to include them in the budget if and when we get additional aid from the State.

# Cost Increases

- **Salaries**
  - Built-in step and/or contractual increases
  - We are in negotiations with two of the unions
  - Additional Elementary sections
- **BOCES**
  - Anticipating 3% increase in costs
- **Benefits/Insurance**
  - Health - Anticipated 8% increase
  - Prescription - Anticipated 10% increase
- **Tuition**
  - Charter School
  - Special Education

# Cost Savings

- Retirement Rates
  - ERS has decreased from 18.2% to 15.5%
  - TRS has decreased from 13.26% to 12%
  - This translates to a budget savings of over \$300,000

# Next Steps

- Analyze the Governor's Executive Budget
- We will analyze and prioritize all "Tier 2" requests from Administration, as well as all current programs
- Continue thorough, comprehensive review/analysis of the budget
- Advocacy – more important than ever



**We Can.**

**We Will.**

**End Of Story**