



# Enlarged City School District of Troy BOE Workshop

2014 – 2015 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.

# State Aid

- We received our numbers this morning.
- State Aid Increase of \$1,453,077 in additional aid, mainly due to GEA Restoration

## **Advocacy Efforts Paid Off!**

Thank you very much to all of those that assisted!

# Two Lenses

## Educational

- Need to maintain programs for our students
- Need to keep our focus on the District Mission, Vision and Goals
- Need to ensure that all future graduates will have same or better educational experiences and opportunities as previous graduates

## Financial

- Need to close the Gap
- Need to be good stewards of the taxpayers' money
- Need to be fiscally responsible
- Need to make the most efficient and effective use of all of the district's resources

# 2014-2015 Overview

- We have balanced the two lenses very well
- We have maintained all programs
- No staffing cuts included in this budget
- We have creatively found savings with as little negative impact on students as possible
- We have been fiscally responsible to our taxpayers

# Charter Tuition Rate

- Districts can choose between “frozen” and “unfrozen” rate
- At this time, we do not know our “unfrozen” rate
- State will reimburse the District for the difference in the two rates if the “unfrozen” rate is lower
- Still many unanswered questions

# Tax Cap

- Tax Cap readjusted to 3.61%, based on PILOTS
- Need to consider effects beyond next year's budget
- Need to strategically plan for the next three to five years

# Property Tax Freeze

- Modified version of Governor's proposal in final budget
- For 2014-2015, taxpayers from school districts who stay under the tax cap will have no increase in their property taxes. This will come in the form of a rebate/credit from the State.
- In 2015-2016, for districts that stay under the tax cap and that share services, taxpayers will again see a rebate for the full amount of the tax increase.



# 2014-2015 Budget

Draft 1	\$109,558,179	27.21% Levy Increase
Expenditure Changes		
Removal of 6 Requested Positions		(358,524)
Revised BOCES Rates		( 2,993)
Increase in Health Insurance Rates		482,748
TRS rate reduction		( 65,648)
Debt Service Reduction		(150,000)
Draft 2 Expenditures		
\$109,463,762		20.36% Levy Increase
Revenue Change		
State Aid		2,248,923

# 2014-2015 Budget

Draft 2 \$109,463,762

20.36% Levy Increase

## Expenditure Changes

Savings From Durham Contract

(372,023)

Retirement Savings

(400,000)

Reduction In Debt Service

(80,000)

Health Insurance Rate Change

(213,023)

Charter School Reduction

(1,242,112)

Charter School Reduction - Ark

(1,358,810)

Draft 3 \$105,797,794

9.64% Levy Increase

# 2014-2015 Budget – Draft 4

Draft 3 Expenditures \$105,797,794

9.64% Levy Increase

## Changes since Draft 3

Retro Aid	1,813,353
Increase in State Aid	1,453,077
Additional Retirement Incentive	(40,000)
Private Tuition Reduction	(75,000)
Reduction in BOCES Services	(125,000)
Ark Closing - Transportation	(35,000)
Ark Closing – Special Ed & Psych Services	(125,000)
Ark Closing – Aided Materials	(15,000)
Technology Equipment Reduced	(236,439)

Draft 4 Expenditures \$106,959,708

3.49% Levy Increase

With our Increase in Aid, Tax Levy Increase

**3.49%**

# Tax Levy Options

**With a levy  
increase of...**

**To close the gap,  
we would need to cut...**

**Which translates  
to cutting...**

2.99%	\$171,000	2 Teachers
2.49%	\$344,000	3 Teachers 2 TAs
1.99%	\$514,000	4 teachers 3 TAs 1 Monitor

# Reminder...

- What happens if Budget is voted down?
- New SED regulations require 0% tax levy increase on a contingency budget
- From the \$106,959,708 (3.49%), that would mean an additional **\$1,194,624** in expenditure cuts

This would obviously be devastating!!



**TODAY'S  
STUDENTS.**

**TOMORROW'S  
LEADERS.**

**TROY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**