



**ONTEORA CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

# **2024-2025 Proposed Budget**



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## Consolidation Update

- NYSED has approved our 2024-2025 District-wide grade configuration
- Phoenicia Elementary School will no longer be utilized as a school building effective June 30, 2024.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be moved to the MS effective September 2024
- Current Phoenicia K-3 students will transition to Bennett effective September 2024
- Current Woodstock 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will stay in Woodstock to enter 4th grade effective September 2024
- Current Bennett 4<sup>th</sup> graders will stay at Bennett to enter 5th grade effective September 2024



## 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

- 2024-2025 Budget \$62,325,500
- 2023-2024 Budget \$61,322,550
- Increase of \$1,002,950 or 1.64%
- **Additional Proposition for Capital Project**
  - \$1.95 million From the Capital Reserve
  - No additional tax implication for taxpayers
- **Appropriated Fund Balance**
  - Dependent on State Budget



## Budget Highlights

- » Continued replacement of technology
- » Continued active learning space initiative
- » Continued afterschool homework & extracurricular opportunities
- » Continued work on our Multi-Tiered System of Support (MTSS) process
- » Continued implementation of MTSS Data System (Branching Minds) to support student growth
- » Continued multisensory reading & math training for staff
- » Continued professional learning in math, literacy, and science
- » Continued funding for mental health support
  - Astor
  - Parent training and support
  - Morningside K-6





## Proposed Transportation Contract

- » Current contract expires 6/30/2024
- » New Five Year Transportation Contract was bid January
- » First Student submitted winning bid
- » Five Year Contract Costs *(estimated based on 6 less runs)*
  - > \$22,596,566 Home to School
  - > \$812,762 Field Trips/Sports Trips
  - > \$604,173 Summer School Special Education
- » Year One Contract Costs *(estimated based on 6 less runs)*
  - > \$4,247,645 Home to School
  - > \$153,088 Field Trips/Sports Trips
  - > \$ 113,749 Summer School Special Education





## Proposed 2024-2025 Levy

Current Year 2023-2024 Levy

\$47,023,416

Maximum 2024-2025 Levy

\$48,434,118 a 3% increase

*Below the allowable tax levy limit of 3.64%  
only requiring a 50% majority*



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## Historical Levy Increases

### District Wide

Year	Total District Levy	Tax Levy Change
2018-19	\$42,587,879	3.1%
2019-20	\$43,619,050	2.4%
2020-21	\$44,741,340	2.6%
2021-22	\$45,455,321	1.6%
2022-23	\$46,087,286	1.4%
2023-24	\$47,023,416	2.0%



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## Historical Assessment/Tax Rate Town of Hurley

Year	Total Town Assessment	Assessment Change	Town Tax Levy	Tax Levy Change	Tax Rate	Tax Rate Change
2018-19	\$549,151,631	.39%	\$6,471,710	.98%	\$11.78	.59%
2019-20	\$550,043,928	.16%	\$6,561,726	1.39%	\$11.93	1.27%
2020-21	\$551,602,591*	3.65%	\$6,646,386	1.29%	\$12.04	.92%
2021-22	\$555,335,169*	.67%	\$6,462,344	(2.77)%	\$11.64	(3.32)%
2022-23	\$562,053,179*	17.26%	\$6,722,306	4.02%	\$11.96	2.75%
2023-24	\$567,034,544*	9.65%	\$6,831,884	1.63%	\$12.05	.75%

\* Equalization Rate changes below 100%:

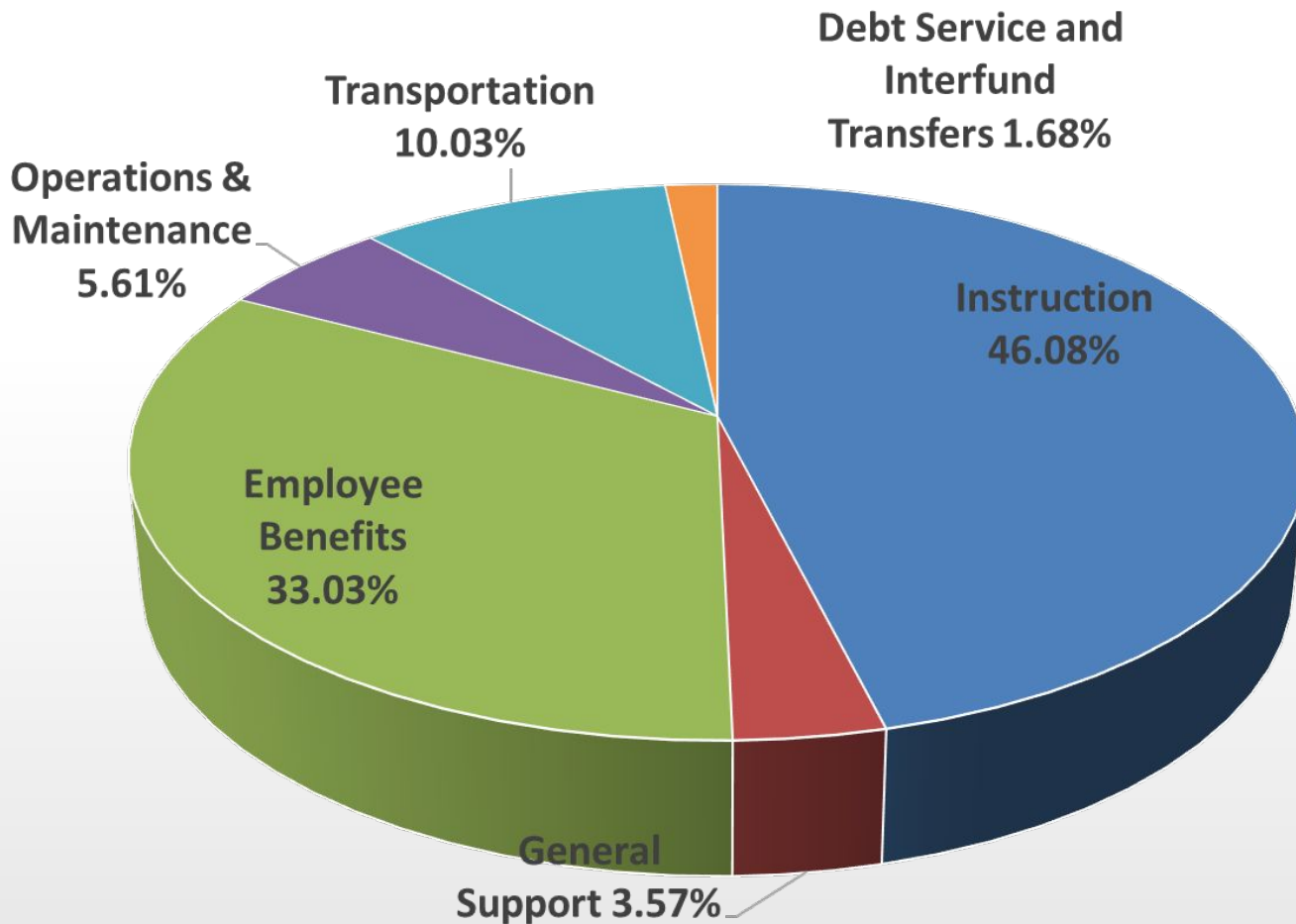
- 2020-21 = 96.5% or 3.5% higher than assessed
- 2021-22 = 96.5% or 3.5% higher than assessed
- 2022-23 = 76.4% or 23.6% higher than assessed
- 2023-24 = 64.4% or 35.6% higher than assessed





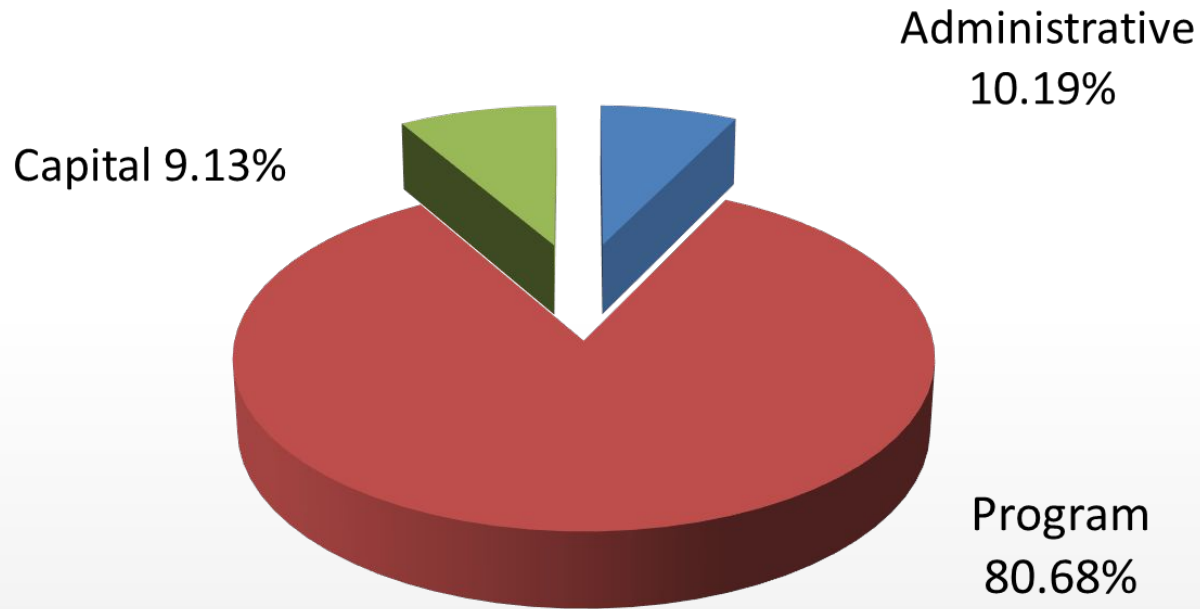
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## Budget Components (%)





## **Three Part Budget**





## **Capital Projects Funded within Budget**

**Transfer to Capital Allocation = \$500,000**

### **Transfer to Capital \$500,000**

Corridor Ceiling repair at MS/HS

Upgrade the Route 28 crosswalk

Parking Lot Repair at the MS/HS

Additional support as needed for MS  
Transition

Additional support as needed for  
Bennett Transition



## Ballot

### » Proposition #1

- > \$62,325,550 Expenditure Budget

### » Proposition #2

- > Shall the Board of Education of the Onteora Central School District be authorized to expend the maximum amount of \$1.95 million from the 2021 & 2023 Capital Reserve Fund to fund any additional costs, if needed, for the HS Generator Project, the Phoenicia/Woodstock Exterior Door Project, and the Classroom Renovation Phase III project that includes classroom & gymnasium updates, roof repair, a security vestibule and canopy at the MS/HS Campus along with a new serving line in the MS/HS Cafeteria

### » Board Candidates

- > Voting for 2 Open Board Seats
- > Both positions starting July 1, 2024
- > 3 year terms



# Contingency Budget

If the budget fails on May 21, 2024:

District can submit the same budget a second time, a different budget or go to a contingent budget

A second budget vote would be held on June 18, 2024

If a budget is defeated a second time, then the District would be required to go to a contingency budget

In a contingent budget, the 24-25 tax levy would remain at the same level as the 23-24 school year.

Other contingency rules would apply

- No purchase of equipment

  - \$450,000 in recommended budget

- Administrative Component Cap

- Fees must be charged for Facilities Use

- (including PTA/Booster Club and town rec)

23-24 Tax Levy	\$ 47,023,416
24-25 Proposed Tax	\$ 48,434,118
23-24 Tax Levy at Contingency	\$ 47,023,416
Difference between Tax Levy Limit and Contingency	\$ 1,410,702



## Budget Timeline

- May 7, 2024 Public Hearing at Board of Education meeting at MS/HS Auditorium
- May 21, 2024 Budget Vote and Board Elections  
2pm - 9pm
- Voting will take place at Bennett, Phoenicia and Woodstock schools
  - Eligible voters can vote in any of the three buildings
- June 18, 2024 Budget Revote if Necessary



## Questions? Comments?

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