# 2025-2026 BUDGET OUTLOOK

**JANUARY 07, 2025** 







### **AGENDA**

- Key factors to consider
- Foundation Aid basics
- State Fiscal Status
- Current Status of District & Challenges
- Overview of key budget factors
- Initial Assumptions





### ROCKEFELLER REPORT

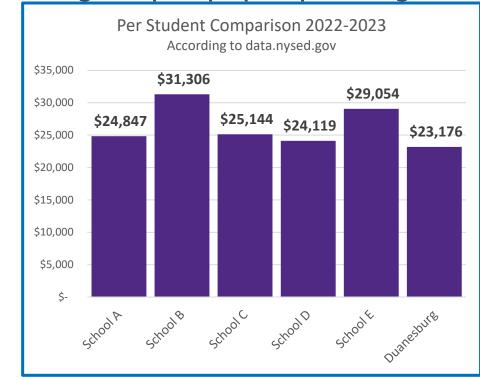
 Report opens with discussion about New York's education spending per pupil (\$29,873), ranking it #1 in the country against a national average of \$15,633.

Small districts with under 1500 students do require higher per pupil spending to

reach academic standards.

Duanesburg's per pupil spending is \$23,176

"As we craft the upcoming Executive Budget, the Governor believes we should avoid proposals that would negatively impact school budgets, such as eliminating the hold-harmless provision of the Foundation Aid formula" covering such reductions, the statement from Hochul's office said.





### FOUNDATION AID ASSUMED

2024-2025 Foundation Aid (As of November 2024)	\$5,341,759
2025-2026 Foundation Aid Estimate based on current law	\$5,341,759
Change in Foundation Aid	\$0

Save-Harmless funding within Foundation Aid assumed for 2025-26 \$352,530 % of 2025-26 Foundation Aid is Save-Harmless 6.6%



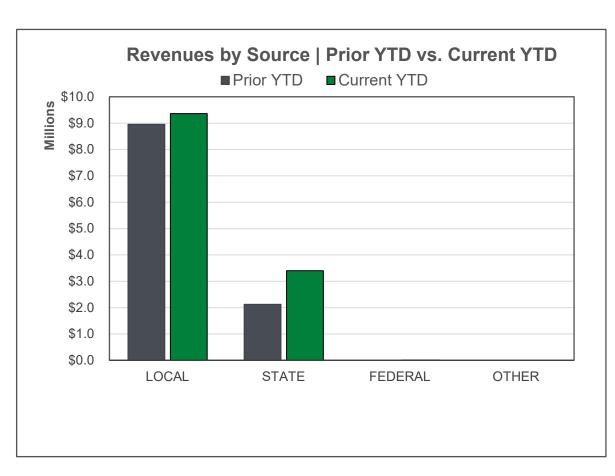
### ECONOMY OUTLOOK

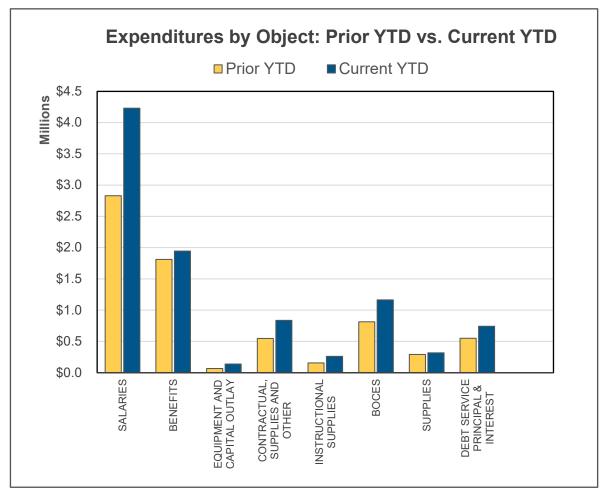


- NY State Budget
  - As of September NY State budget balance 3.2 billion above budgeted assumption
  - Through September 2024, General Fund Receipts, including transfers from other funds, totaled \$54.6 billion, \$1.2 billion (2.3 percent) above the initial estimate
  - General Fund spending, including transfers to other funds, totaled \$48.6 billion, \$2
     billion (3.9 percent) below the initial estimate
- Inflation is currently near pre-pandemic levels 2.7% in November 2024
  - Come a long way down from June 2022 when it was 9.1%



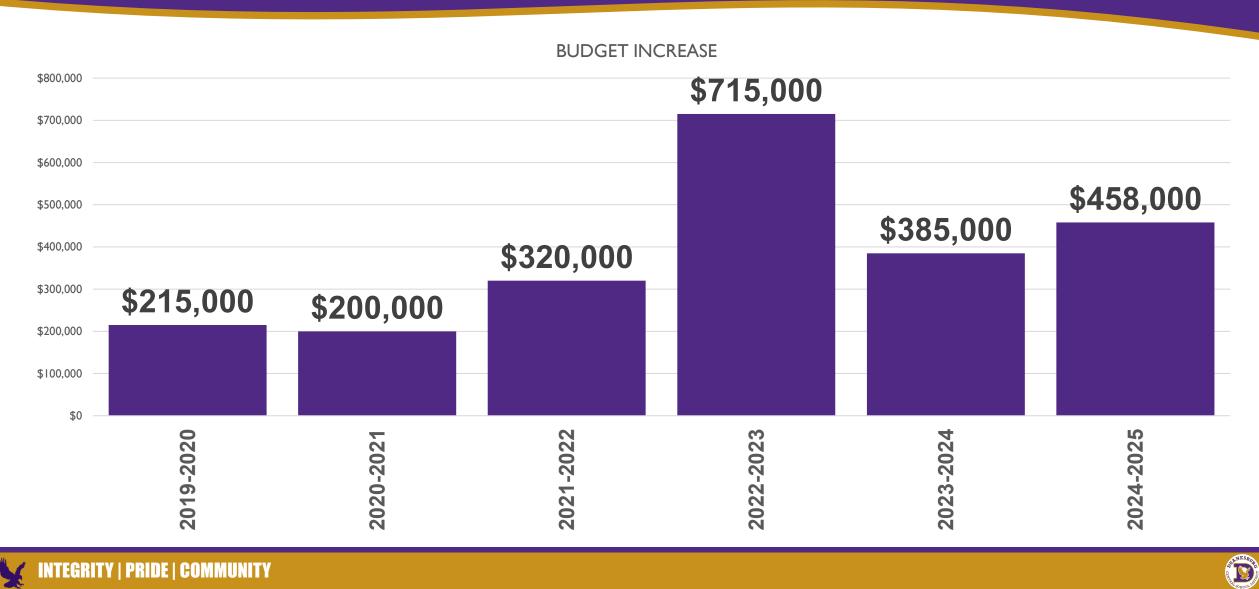
# CURRENT STATUS OF THE DISTRICT





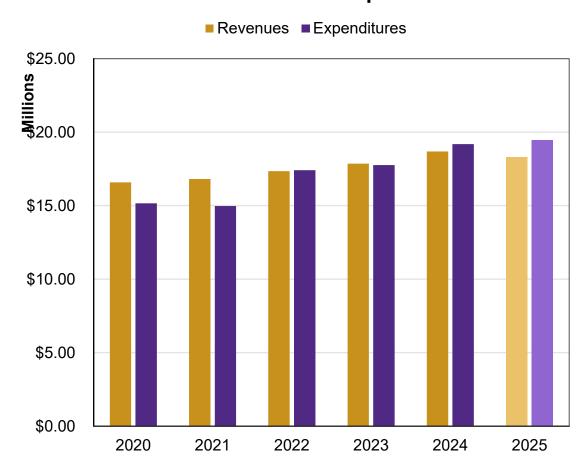


# HISTORICAL BUDGET INCREASES



# HISTORICAL REVENUE VS. EXPENDITURE

#### Revenues Vs. Expenditures





# HISTORICAL BUDGET DATA

What have the last five years looked like?

	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024
REVENUE	\$16,579,974	\$16,806,393	\$17,345,542	\$17,851,185	\$18,683,194
<b>EXPENSES</b>	\$15,154,759	\$14,969,384	\$17,408,621	\$17,756,848	\$19,179,723
NET POSITION	\$1,425,215	\$1,837,010	-\$63,079	\$94,337	-\$496,529



### ASSUMED CHALLENGES OF THE 2024-2025 BUDGET





**TRANSPORTATION** 

Expenses increased over 12% from 2023 to 2024



SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DISTRICT, PROVIDED SERVICES & OUTPLACEMENTS



CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS & RENEWALS

Currently unsettled union contracts



ENROLLMENT
Declined for the past decade, but leveled in recent years.



EMPLOYEE
BENEFITS
Uncertain of Health
Insurance

### FUNTIONS OF THE BUDGET



#### **GENERAL SUPPORT**

Maintain support for all district services including business operations, legal, personnel services, data processes, insurances, and administrative.



#### **ACADEMIC PROGRAMS**

Maintain and grow existing programs and continue initiatives for improved opportunities for all students.



#### **OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE**

Maintain clean, safe, and healthy facilities for students to learn. Maintain HVAC, plumbing, electrical, and communications needs.



#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Maintain transportation services of students to and from school, athletics, and field trips. Includes transportation staff and all other bus garage operations.



#### **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS**

A large portion of the budget that accounts for health insurance, dental, retirement, and unemployment benefits.



#### **DEBT**

As a school the two debts that the district carries are building construction and school bus debts.



### INITIAL REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS

- Tax Cap
  - Initial cap estimate near 3.5% (More on this in February)
- State Aid
  - Current assumption is flat foundation aid
    - Assumed does not reflect current CPI/inflation
  - Assume increases for expense based aids based on current year expenses
- Other
  - Building aid anticipated to increase to offset debt costs



#### INITIAL EXPENSES ASSUMPTIONS

- Instructional Salaries Expenses (will be based on 2025-26 staffing and new contract)
- Non-Instructional Expenses (will be based on 2025-26 staffing and new contract)
- Retirement Assume continued increases for years to come
- Utilities/Energy Assume 3%+
- Special Education District should always consider significant fluctuations
- Health Insurance is currently stable, but represents a large portion of the budget
- Debt Significant increases to budget, but offset by building aid



