

# **Board of Education Adopted Budget** 2023-24

# I. Budget Highlights:

- Maintains scope and quality of effective programs and services
- Supports learning recovery from pandemic impacts invests federal stimulus funds in incremental student support
- Advances school improvement priorities including Equity & Inclusion; Safety & Wellness; and Student Learning
- Equitable provides resources to ensure similar outcomes at all schools
- Fiscally responsible tax levy increase **under** the Tax Cap limits
- Provides flexibility for Pandemic learning recovery and safety needs
- Continues development of reserves, including Capital Reserves that, by law, are limited to funding capital projects and cannot be used for General Fund expenditures.

### II. Recommended Budget:

•	Total Budget	\$161,779,198
•	Budget to Budget Increase	\$ 10,153,230 (6.7%)
•	Tax Rate Increase	No more than 1.98%
•	Tax Levy Increase	Under the cap

### **III.** Expense Factors Driving the Budget:

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•	Employee Benefits (health insurance, etc.)	+ \$2,046,916	(+5.4%)
•	BOCES (Special Ed & Technology)	+ \$2,200,211	(+11.4%)
•	Instructional salaries	+ \$2,277,826	(+4.7%)
•	Non-instructional wage increase	+ \$ 916,362	(+4.8%)
•	Contractual costs (utilities)	+ \$1,253,048	(+15.8%)
•	Interfund Transfers (bus purchases)	+ \$ 833,398	(+10.0%)
•	Other	+ \$ 625,469	

# **IV.** Revenue Projections:

•	State Aid (Foundation Aid)	+ \$ 9,028,326 (+18.4%)
•	Federal Stimulus funds	- \$ 1,000,000
•	Real Property Taxes:	+ \$ 2,373,436 (+2.7%)
•	Tax Rate Increase	+ 1.98%
•	Reserve & Fund Balance Usage	- \$ 900,000
•	Other Revenue	+\$ 211.468

#### V. Stimulus Utilization included in Expenses above (total \$3.1M):

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•	Hourly rate increase for retention / recruitment	+ \$	1,230,000
•	Teaching, coaching and AIS support positions	+ \$	810,000
•	Technology, security, etc.	+ \$	840,000
•	Summer, tutoring, SEL supports	+ \$	220,000

#### VI. Prior Year Comparisons:

	Budget Change	Tax Rate Change	Tax Levy Change	School Tax Rate (per \$1,000 Assessed Value)
2023-24 (est.)	6.7%	1.98%	2.7%	17.90
2022-23	7.5%	-7.42%	3.0%	17.55
2021-22	4.3%	-0.71%	2.0%	18.95
2020-21	2.5%	-3.71%	3.8%	19.09
2019-20	4.0%	-1.28%	3.5%	19.82
2018-19	1.9%	0.21%	3.5%	20.08

#### **VII.** Tax Rate Increase impact in Dollars:

Assessed Value of Home	Current School Tax Rate (per \$1,000)	Proposed School Tax Rate (per \$1,000)	Proposed School Tax Rate Increase (per \$1,000)	Proposed School Tax Rate Increase
\$150,000	17.55	17.90	.35	\$52
\$200,000	17.55	17.90	.35	\$70
\$250,000	17.55	17.90	.35	\$87
\$300,000	17.55	17.90	.35	\$105

# VIII. Monroe County School Tax Rates – Prior Year (2022-23)

(Per \$1,000 of Assessed Value)

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District	Tax Rate	District	Tax Rate	District	Tax Rate	
1	29.21	7	23.54	13	19.85	
2	27.16	8	23.27	14	19.33	
3	24.84	9	22.58	15	18.44	
4	24.23	10	21.33	RH	17.55	
5	24.14	11	20.94	17	17.37	
6	24.04	12	20.46			

# IX. Budget Propositions

- 1. Authorization of the Expenditure budget for \$161,779,198
- 2. Approval to expend \$3,600,000 for the replacement of buses
- 3. Capital project for \$26.6M for safety and school improvements
- 4. Purchase of 4.7 acres adjacent to the High School for \$275,000

Note: Propositions 2, 3, and 4 will have **no additional impact** on the tax rate.



**Tuesday, May 16, 2023** 

Vote at the Transportation & Operations Center 1133 Lehigh Station Road 6 AM – 9 PM Parker Administration Building 2034 Lehigh Station Road 6:30 PM

**Meet the Candidates** 

Thursday, April 27, 2023