



SUFSD Budget Update



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Agenda for Budget Discussion

- Recap Current Year's Budget
- Preliminary 2024-25 Budget
- Proposed 2024-25 Tax Levy
- Key Cost Budget Drivers
- Budget Assumptions
- Proposed Vehicle Purchases
- Proposed Capital Reserve for Electric Buses and Required Infrastructure

Recap of Current 2023-2024 Budget

2023-2024 Budget	\$ 51,918,432
2022-2023 Budget	\$ 50,411,139
Increase Amount	\$ 1,507,293
Percent Increase	2.99%

2023-2024 Budgeted Levy	\$ 32,533,937
2022-2023 Tax Levy	\$ 32,002,692
Increase Amount	\$ 531,245
Percent Increase	1.66%

Overview of Preliminary 2024-25 Budget

Preliminary 2024-25 Budget	\$ 53,938,245
2023-2024 Budget	\$ 51,918,432
Increase Amount	\$ 2,019,813
Percent Increase	3.89%

Preliminary 2024-25 Tax Levy	\$ 33,086,739
2023-2024 Tax Levy	\$ 32,533,937
Increase Amount	\$ 552,802
Percent Increase	1.70%

2024 - 2025 Proposed Tax Levy

● Real Property Tax Levy 2023-24	\$32,533,937
● Maximum Tax Levy 2024-25 (Tax Cap)	\$33,346,580
● Maximum Tax Levy Increase	\$812,643
● Maximum % Increase	2.50%
● Proposed Tax Levy 2024-25	\$33,086,739
● Proposed Tax Levy Increase	\$552,802
● Proposed % Increase	1.70%

Key Cost Budget Drivers

Preliminary 2024-2025 Budget

● Salaries	\$26,289,897
● Health Insurance	\$8,950,000
● BOCES	\$4,777,500
● ERS & TRS Retirement	\$2,900,000
● Debt Service	<u>\$2,787,014</u>
● Total of Key Drivers	\$45,704,411
● Percentage of Budget	85%
● Total Budget	\$53,938,245

Budget Assumptions

- Salaries: Current collective bargaining agreements in place and estimates for contracts ending June 30, 2024
- BOCES Services: increase in cost and participation in BOCES services
- Special Education Tuition: increased based on historical trends
- Health Insurance: estimated increase in premiums
- Debt Service: No additional borrowings

Budget Assumptions *(continued)*

- .8 Foreign Language Teacher
- 1.0 Special Education Teacher
- .2 Music Teacher
- 1 Transportation Vehicle
- 1 Facilities Vehicle
- Additional Facilities Equipment
- Expansion of Pre-K Program

Proposed Vehicle Purchases

Transportation -

7-passenger Caravan - approximately \$44,500*

Facilities -

Silverado Pickup Truck - approximately \$75,000*

*subject to quotes from state contract vendors

Proposed Vehicles to Be Replaced

Bus # 50 2016 Quest Caravan - Over 140,000 miles with multiple mechanical issues. Cost-prohibitive maintenance/repairs to pass DOT inspection.

2012 F350 Pickup Truck - Over 84,500 miles; rusting body, frame, and fuel lines. Mechanical issues with plow attachment.

Establishment of Capital Reserve for Purchase of Electric Buses & Facility Upgrades

Capital Reserve - Electric Buses to be used to pay the costs associated with the purchase of electric buses and required upgrades and/or renovations to district facilities (mechanical, electrical, equipment, etc).

Establishment of and spending from the Capital Reserve must be voter approved.

Proposition to establish Capital Reserve Fund be placed on the May 21st ballot.

Reserve would be funded from unexpended funds and/or unappropriated fund balance.

Proposed Terms: Maximum funding of \$10 million over 10 years.

Benefits of a Capital Reserve Fund

- Reduce/eliminate need to borrow funds for purchase of electric buses and required upgrades to district facilities.
- Cost savings of expenses associated with borrowings (interest payments, closing costs, legal fees).
- Proactive planning/saving for state electric bus mandates.
- Uncertainty of future state aid allocations and availability of other funding sources.

2024-2025 Budget Calendar

- **March 5th** **Budget Discussion - Update**
- **March 19th** **Superintendent's Recommended Budget**
- **April 9th** **Board Adoption of the Budget**
- **May 7th** **Required Public Budget Hearing**
- **May 21st** **Budget Vote/Trustee Election**