



2014-15 Budget Development Updates and Essential Information

1. Preliminary Budget presented in January

- a. Nothing new
- b. Based on Governor's Budget
- c. 3.26% spending increase
- d. 6.14% tax increase
- e. NOT ACCEPTABLE

Advocacy, Analysis, Advocacy, Analysis

2. Executive Budget Proposal presented to BOE on March 18th

- a. Trimmed everywhere possible
- b. Considered impact of reductions to non-mandated programs
- c. 2.02% spending increase (2nd lowest in 10 years)
- d. 3.9% tax increase
- e. Modified revenue budget based on additional State Aid – lowered tax increase to 3.3%

Why???

3. We have a revenue problem—THIS IS THE ISSUE NOT BEING DISCUSSED THAT NEEDS TO BE DISCUSSED!

- a. Tax cap is very low
- b. 1.25% spending increase
- c. 1.81% tax increase
- d. State is not fulfilling its obligation
- e. Formula is not fully funded
- f. State is still taking nearly \$1,700,000 off of the top

4. Getting under the cap would require cutting more than \$700,000 in non-mandated programming. That would include electives, extracurricular activities, athletics, enrichment, AIS, foreign language in grade 6, instrumental music in grade 4, special programs, additional support, building use, and more.

5. WE COULD FREEZE TAXES IF THE STATE PAID ITS OBLIGATION

6. Please note the relationships and the choice:

- a. At the cap would cost approximately \$77 less than proposed budget and significant cuts would happen.
- b. 3.3% would protect programs and cost \$160 based on \$200,000 home.
- c. No choice but to cut or go over the cap.
- d. The state taking \$1,600,000 equals a 3.3% tax increase this year alone.
- e. The revenue problem is their shifting cost to you.