





Budget Development

Public Forum – February 4, 2015

Foundational Principles:

- Adherence to Legal and Contractual Obligations
 - Transparent Process Involving all Stakeholders
 - A Disciplined and Proactive Approach
 - Focused on Preservation of Quality Program and Services
 - Curtailing Significant Program Reductions
 - Review and Analyze Multiple Options and Scenarios
 - Sensitive to the Implications of Tax Cap Limits
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Forum Agenda:

- Two Sides of Budget
 - Additions to Expenditure Budget
 - Review of Reserve Plan
 - Revenues leading to Reserves
 - State of NYS and Education
 - NYS Tax Freeze
 - NYS Projections
 - Tax Levy Limit Estimate
 - Recommendation
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Expenditure Budget

- ▶ Proposed Increases
 - Reinstatement of some positions

Budget Requests for Consideration

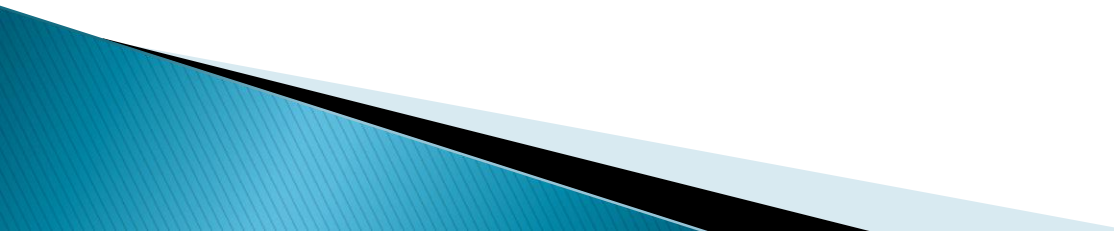
2015-2016

- ▶ Special Education Teacher – Need additional teacher for 2014-2015
- ▶ Shift 1:8:1 Students back to Silver Creek
 - 1:12:1 MS Program – Need 1 Teacher and 1 Aide
- ▶ Shared Director of Curriculum
 - Do not renew .4 Staff Development co-ser
- ▶ Technology Integrator
 - BOCES Co-ser for 2nd half of 2014-2015
 - Additional .5 Tech Integrator and .4 Technician for 2015-2016
- ▶ Elementary School/Middle School Counselor/Social Worker

Budget Requests for Consideration 2015-2016

- ▶ Increase in AIS and AIT
 - ES – Add 1.0 AIS Teacher
 - MS – Add 1.0 Reading Teacher
 - HS – Add .5 ELA Teacher (based on course requests)
 - HS – Add .5 Spanish Teacher (based on course requests)
- ▶ Bus Monitor(s)
- ▶ BG Truck/Plow – \$40,000

Revenue Budget

- ▶ Local Tax Levy
 - ▶ Native American Aid
 - ▶ Federal Title Grants
 - ▶ State Aid
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- ▶ Relation of Revenues to Reserves
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The State of NYS and Education

- New Assembly Speaker
- NYSUT
- Commissioner vacancy
- Regents elections
- No aid runs, increase contingent on reform

NYS School Aid Projections

Governor said:

- ▶ 1.7% or \$377 Million increase (based on the growth cap tied to statewide personal income growth)

Or

- ▶ 4.8% or \$1.1 Billion increase

(Last Year Governor Announced – A 3.4 percent or \$722 million increase in School Aid for 2014–15 based on the growth cap tied to statewide personal income growth)

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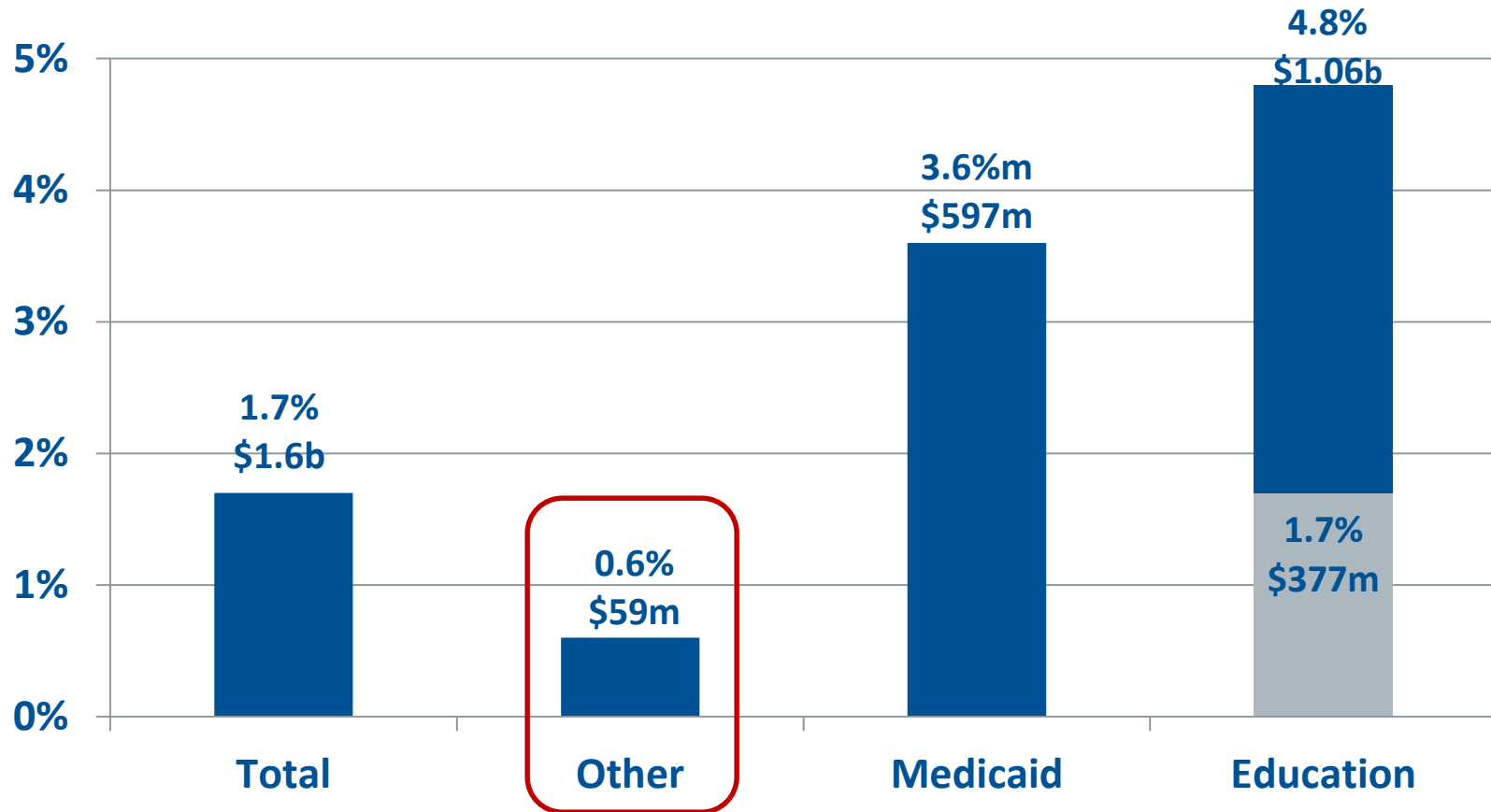
Reality is:

- ▶ 4.8% or \$1.1 Billion increase with Reform Legislation

OR

- ▶ ZERO Increase
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The Big Picture: Increases in Governor Cuomo's Proposed 2015-16 State Budget



SOURCE: Governor's "State of Opportunity" Address, January 21, 2015

School Aid

- ▶ \$1.013 billion increase – if Education Reform legislation is enacted
- ▶ If reform legislation is not enacted, no district receives an increase over the base year (2014–15) – ever
- ▶ No formula changes proposed – no distribution for the \$1.013 billion increase
- ▶ Current law formulas remain in effect: If no reform legislation is enacted, districts could lose aid – 146 districts would lose aid under November data base

Focus on lack of State Aid runs diverts attention from bigger issues

- ▶ \$1.013 billion is not enough
 - Gap Elimination Adjustment: \$1.035 billion
 - Current Law (mostly expense based aids): \$309.2 million
 - Aid for very poor districts not helped by GEA ending
 - Initiatives???
- ▶ Lump sum is likely to focus debate on allocating the \$1.013 billion, not adding to it (bigger version of 2012–13).

NYS Tax Freeze

1. Remain within levy limit
2. Demonstrate 1% Shared Services Savings

Levy Options – Simple Majority Vote

	Levy Amount	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
2013–2014 Tax Levy	\$5,661,824		
2014–2015 Levy at 2% Increase	\$5,775,060	\$113,236	2%
Levy Limit Without Exclusions With Carryover	\$5,803,030	\$141,206	2.49%
Levy Limit With Exclusions and Carryover	\$5,803,030	\$141,206	2.49%

Levy Options – Simple Majority Vote

	Levy Amount	Dollar Increase	Percent Increase
2014–2015 Final Tax Levy	\$5,777,850		
2015–2016 Levy at 2% Increase	\$5,893,407	\$115,557	2%
Levy Limit Without Exclusions With Carryover	\$5,933,891	\$156,041	2.7%
Levy Limit With Exclusions and Carryover	\$5,933,891	\$156,041	2.7%

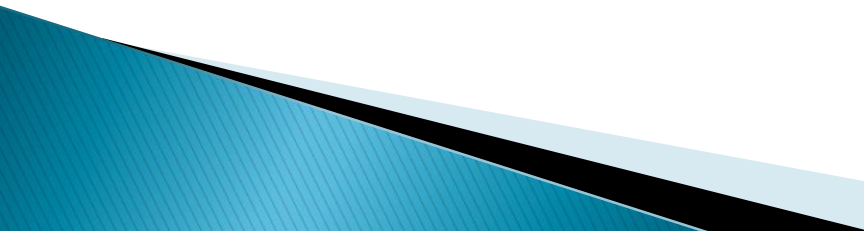
Items to Consider:

- ▶ Impact Aid
 - District Application
- ▶ Appropriation of Reserves
 - Determine amount appropriated for purpose of reducing tax levy and/or meeting Expenditure Budget
 - Add additional Vehicle Reserve in the recommended amount of \$1.2 million

10 Year Reserve Plan

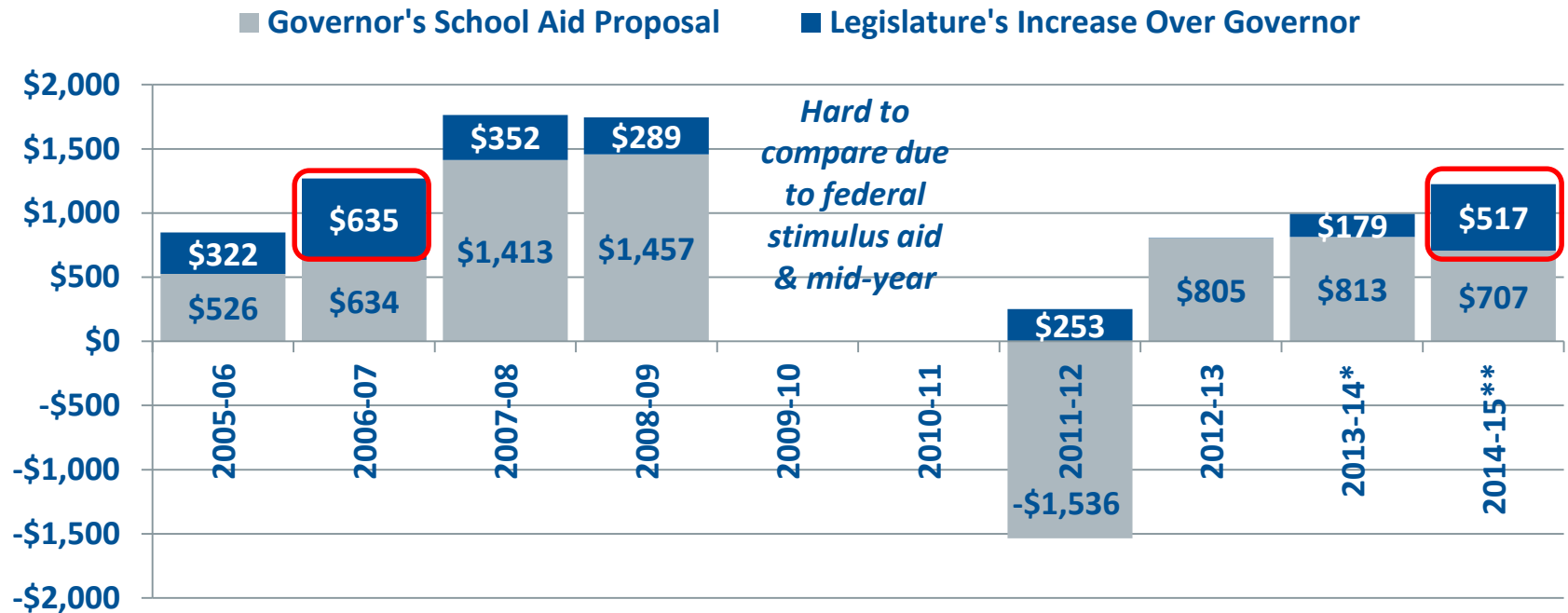
- ▶ Recommendation for Use in 2015–2016
- ▶ Difficult Decision – Do we budget expecting some increase in NYS Aid? If so, at what rate?
 - 1.7% of \$13,004,368 = \$221,074
 - 4.8% of \$13,004,368 = \$644,211
 - Difference = \$403,137

Focused Budget Discussions:

- ▶ February 4 – Staff Forum
 - ▶ February 4 – Public Forum
 - ▶ February 11 – Technology Budget
 - ▶ February 25 – Stakeholder Feedback
 - ▶ March 7 – Revenue and Instructional Budgets
 - ▶ April 22 – Budget Adoption
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Annual Change in School Aid (Amounts in millions)



* Governor's total includes unallocated \$203 million Fiscal Stabilization Fund

** Estimated figures; do not include funding for Full-Day PreK expansion

SOURCE: Council analysis of NYS Division of the Budget data

Questions?



Budget Must Be:

Sustainable

And

Responsible

