



# **Financial Strategy for Budget Adoption**

**April 21, 2020**

**Ms. Zimmerman, Assistant Superintendent for Business**

# Strategy Number 1

**Q:** With potential mid-year State Aid cuts and no set date for the school budget vote, how should our district proceed with finalizing its budget and planning for a vote?

**A:** The enacted State Budget includes three periods during 2020 in which the state will compare anticipated revenues and budgeted spending with actual revenues and spending. If revenue is more than one percent short of forecasted or spending one percent more than budgeted, then the state will cut its budget accordingly. The first review period runs from April 1-30. We should know in early May if, and to what degree, there will be cuts.

The three measurement periods are April 1 to April 30; May 1 to June 30; and July 1 to December 31, 2020

✓ ***Move the Budget Adoption to May 5, 2020***

## Strategy Number 2

**Q.** What impact, if any, does the recently approved Federal Stimulus Package have on District finances?

**A.** The recently approved Federal Stimulus Package drove funding to the District in the amount of +\$1,037,000. This funding is being used to offset the state aid reduction known as a “Pandemic Adjustment,” which reflects a reduction of state aid in the amount of (\$1,037,000).

✓ **Recalibration of State Aid after April 30<sup>th</sup>**

# Strategy Number 3

**Q.** How long will the District be closed and what is the continued “positive” impact on spending?

**A.** Project year end revenues and expenditures for most likely scenarios (closed through mid-May; closed through end of school year). Initiate spending freeze to conserve funds. Further, allocate these funds to reserves which will assist in mitigating anticipated losses of state aid in the future.

✓ Understand how our actions impact our future

# Strategy Number 4

**Q:** What will the impact be on mandated Teachers' Retirement and Public Employees' Retirement system contributions?

**A:** We will most likely see rates increase in the future budget years as the rate has been established for fiscal year 2020-21.

✓ Bolster reserves going forward to smooth increase for fiscal year 2021-22.

# Strategy Number 5

**Q:** How will we navigate our financial plan going forward based on so many unknowns?

**A:** We have developed a budget model that maintains all programs as they exist today. Navigation of financial forecasting, reserve spending, loss of revenues all need to be considered and developed into a multi-year financial plan that anticipates turbulence and plans for soft landings.

 **Maintains the Peekskill Promise**

# Strategy Number 6

**Q:** What is the status of Phase One of the Capital Project

**A:** The District has received project approval from the State Education Department to move forward with the project. Bids are being prepared to put out on the street. The summer construction timeline is still viable. We are looking to award bids on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

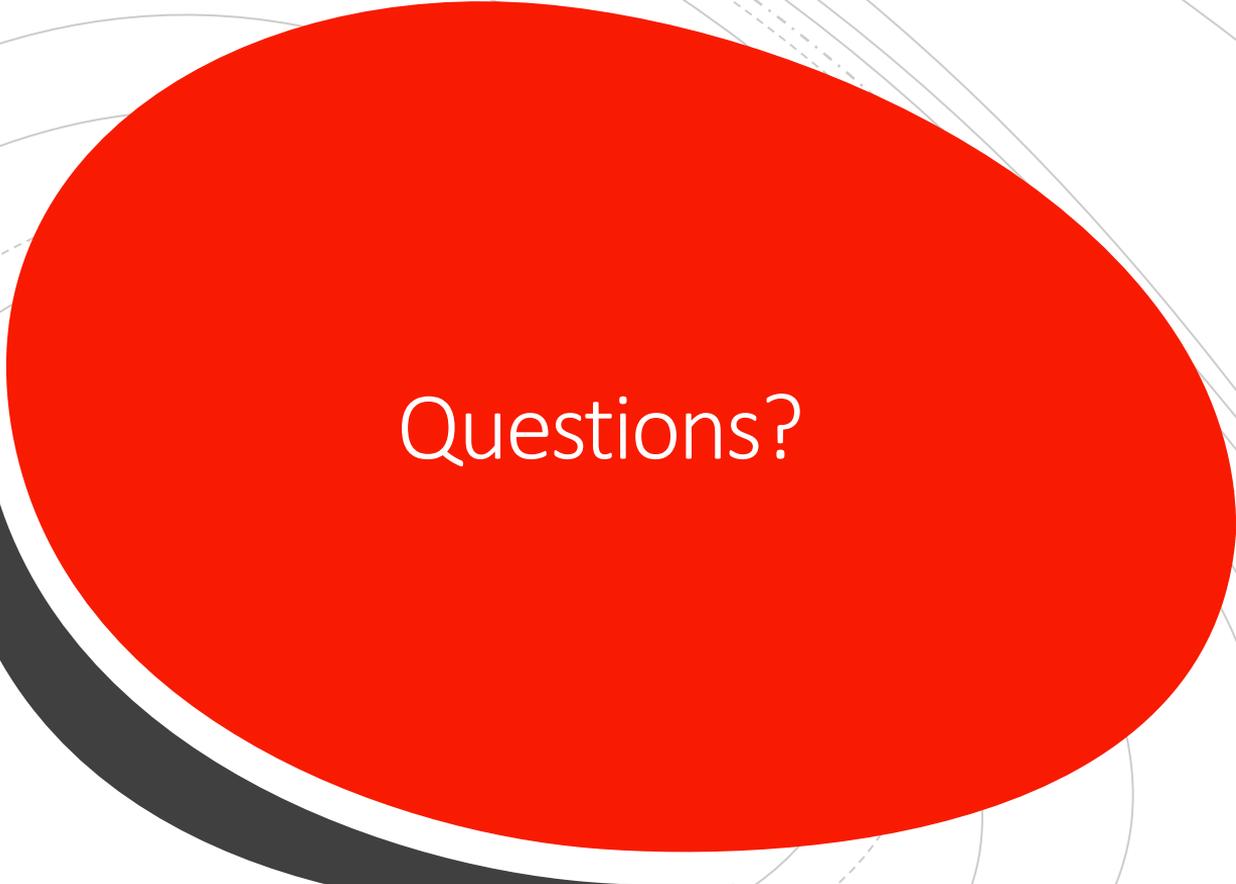
# What We Still Don't Know

## Important Dates & Timelines

<b>SCHOOL BUDGET</b>	<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>JUNE 02</b>
BUDGET VOTE	MAY 19	JUNE 02
MAIL BUDGET NOTICE	NO LATER THAN MAY 13	NO LATER THAN MAY 27
BUDGET HEARING	MAY 05 - 12	MAY 19 - 26
BOARD'S BUDGET MADE AVAILABLE (NO LATER THAN 7 DAYS BEFORE HEARING)	APRIL 28 - MAY 05	MAY 12 - 19
<b>ADMINISTRATOR SALARY DISCLOSURE</b>	<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>JUNE 02</b>
COMMISSIONER POSTS	MAY 15	MAY 29
SUBMIT TO SED	MAY 05 - 12	MAY 19 - 26
MAKE AVAILABLE WITH BUDGET	APRIL 28 - MAY 05	MAY 12 - 19
<b>PROPERTY TAX REPORT CARD</b>	<b>MAY 19</b>	<b>JUNE 02</b>
COMMISSIONER POSTS	MAY 08	MAY 22
MAKE AVAILABLE WITH BUDGET	APRIL 28 - MAY 05	MAY 12 - 19
BOE APPROVE AND SUBMIT TO SED	APRIL 27	MAY 11

Budget Adoption May 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

Tax Warrant Approval Must Be Approved by Start of June



Questions?