



# **2018-19 Budget Update**

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# **AGENDA**

- I. City, State & Federal Budget Updates**
- II. State Budget Impact on Syracuse City School District**
- III. Changes From Proposed Budget**
- IV. Balancing the Budget**
- V. Upcoming Dates & Next Steps**

# City of Syracuse Budget



## Property & School Tax:

- Property and School **Tax Rates** will remain flat for 2018-19 at \$17.35 per \$1,000
- **Assessed Property Values** have increased approximately \$25 million to \$3.79 billion
- Resulting in an additional \$420,208 of **School Tax & STAR Levy** for a total of \$65.75 million in 2018-19

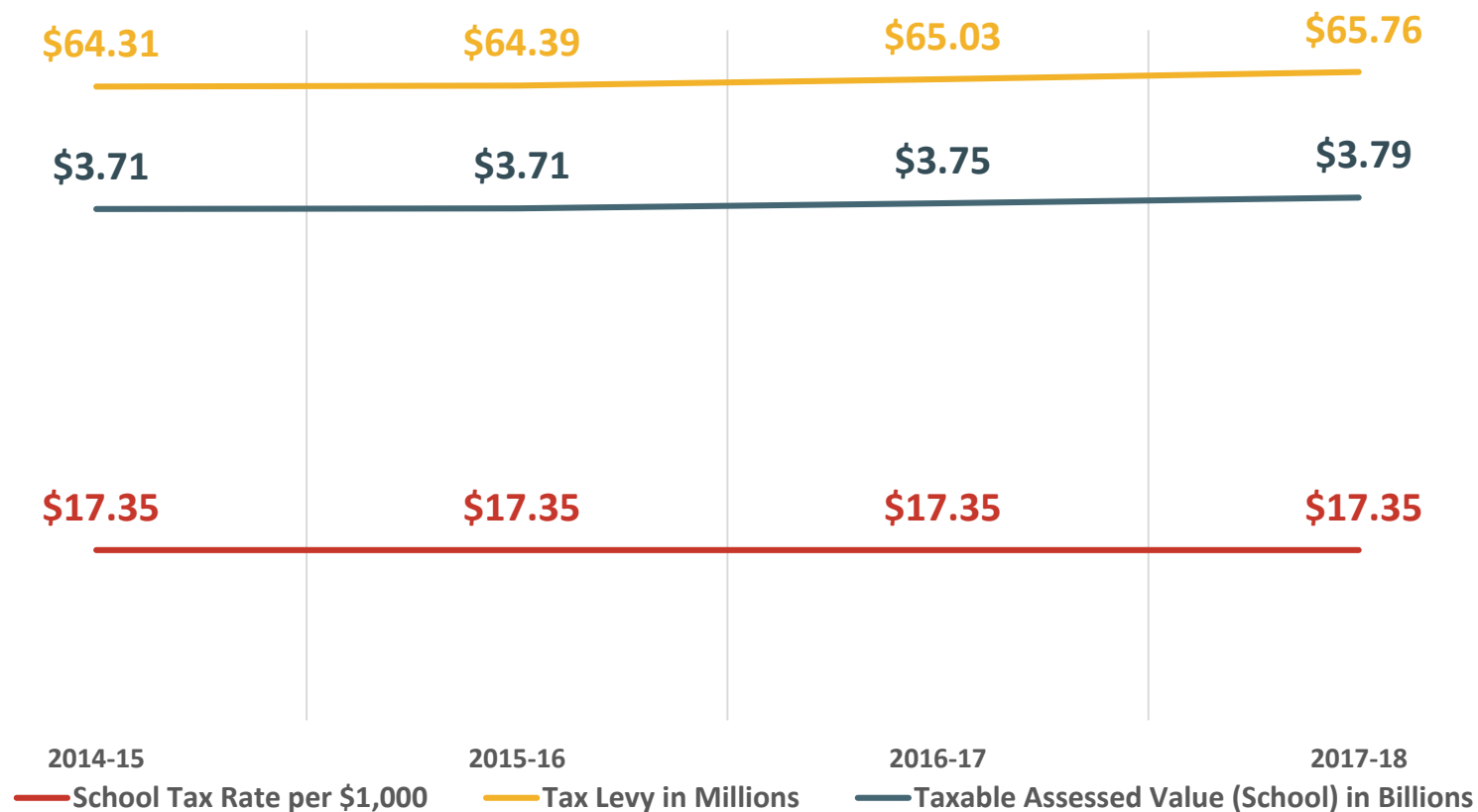
## Mental Health Services:

- Continuation of \$1 million as local share to Onondaga County
- This collaboration drives \$14 million investment of grant funds by the County that provides over 160 professional staff in our schools

# City of Syracuse Budget



## School Tax History



# 2018-19 Federal Budget Highlights

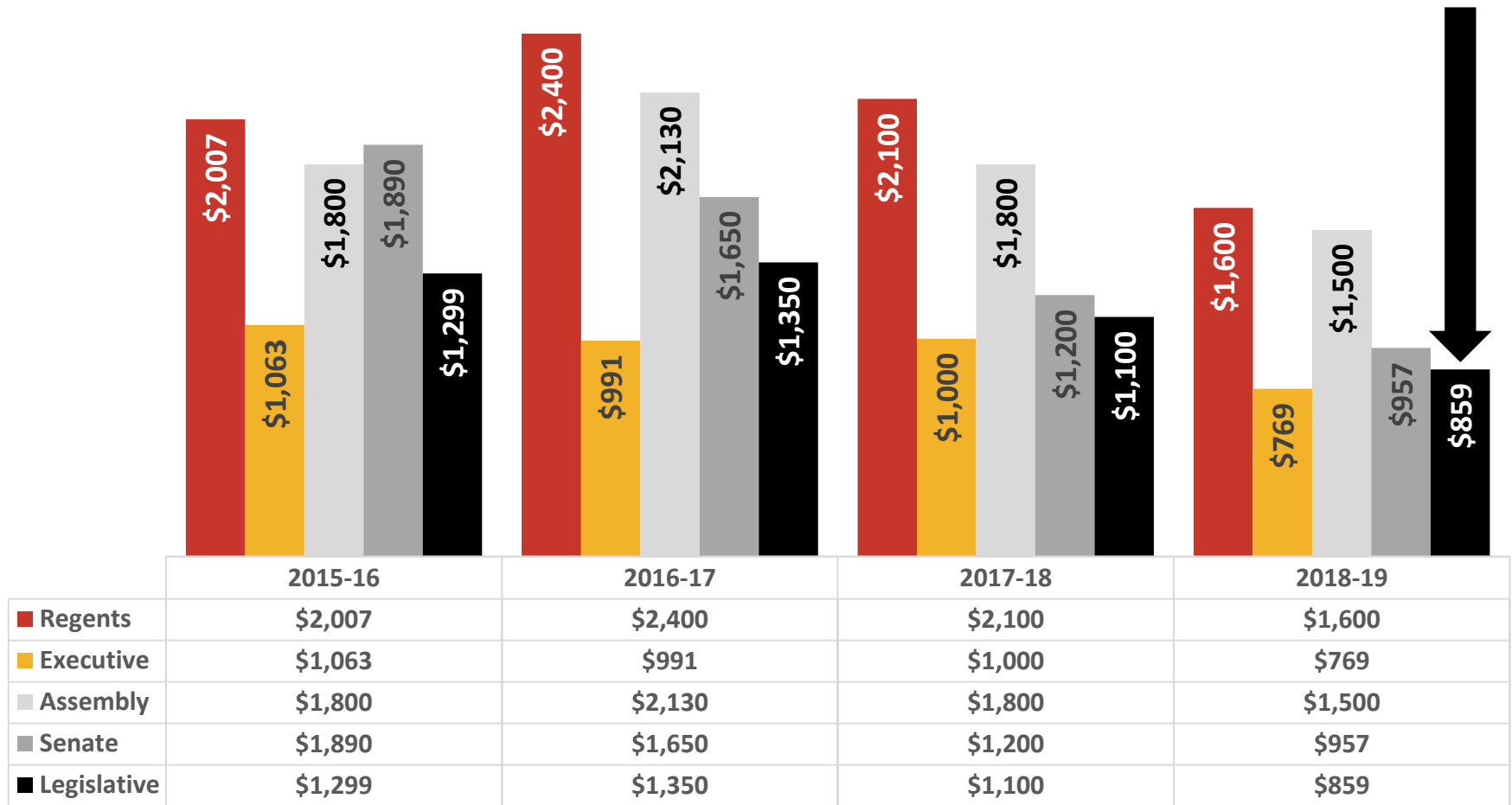


- **Title I** (Improving Academic Achievement of The Disadvantaged) increased by \$300 million to \$15.8 billion (restored to 2016-17 funding level)
- **Title II** (Professional Development) is flat funded at \$2.1 billion
- **Title IV** (Safe & Drug Free Schools & Communities) is increasing from \$400 million to \$1.1 billion
- **Special Education** Grants increase by \$299 million to \$13.1 billion
- **21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers** increase of \$20 million to \$1.2 billion
- \$75m from the Comprehensive School Safety Initiative redirected to fund the **STOP School Violence Act** which can be used for physical security upgrades for schools and violence prevention efforts
- Congressman Katko announced **\$2.3 billion for School Safety & Mental Health** that school districts can apply for to cover school resource officers, mental health counseling, bullying and harassment prevention programs.
- **Federal Aid to Charter Schools** increases \$58 million to \$400 million



# 2018-19 New York State Legislative Budget State Aid Update

# NYS Public Education State Aid Increase



\$ In Millions

# Notable New York State Budget Bill Highlights



- Rejected cap on **expense driven aids**
- \$225 million to fund the State's match of savings from shared services actions included in **property tax savings** plans
- Expand **PreK** \$15 million to expand ½ day to full-day
- Continue **Empire After School** Program
- \$9 million to grow **Early College High Schools**
- Annually on July 1<sup>st</sup> - 75 districts have to submit **Building Level Budgets** (all funds) to State Education Department (SED) & Department of Budget (DOB) with pupil demographic information (*Failure to submit could result in losing the state aid increase*)
- Authorization for school districts to create **charitable funds** to support the district and offset the impact of federal tax plan that caps the SALT Deduction (*Taxpayers who contribute may also claim a State Tax Credit equal to 85% of the donation amount in the following tax year*)



# Syracuse Budget Requests

**Phase-in of Foundation Aid** – full phase-in would increase Syracuse City School District's annual state aid by \$45 million. We are requesting an increase of **\$8.5 million** over the Governor's proposal of \$4.1 million for a total Foundation Aid increase of **\$12.6 million**

**Firm 3-year Timeline** for phase-in of Foundation Aid

**Proper Weighting of Student Need** – Revisit formula for poverty, disability, enrollment growth, and ELL's

**Career & Technical Education (CTE)** – as we continue to grow the CTE program offerings in Syracuse, we need funding increased to include 9<sup>th</sup> grade students and the amount of funding increased to reflect current costs



# Syracuse Budget Requests

## **Eliminate School Budget Reporting & Approval Requirement**

## **Reject 2% Cap on Expense-Driven Aids**

- Unpredictability of expense-driven aid severely impacts our ability to plan fiscally responsible budgets and multi-year financial projections
- The Syracuse Community continues advocating for a pilot program to transport students at 1 mile

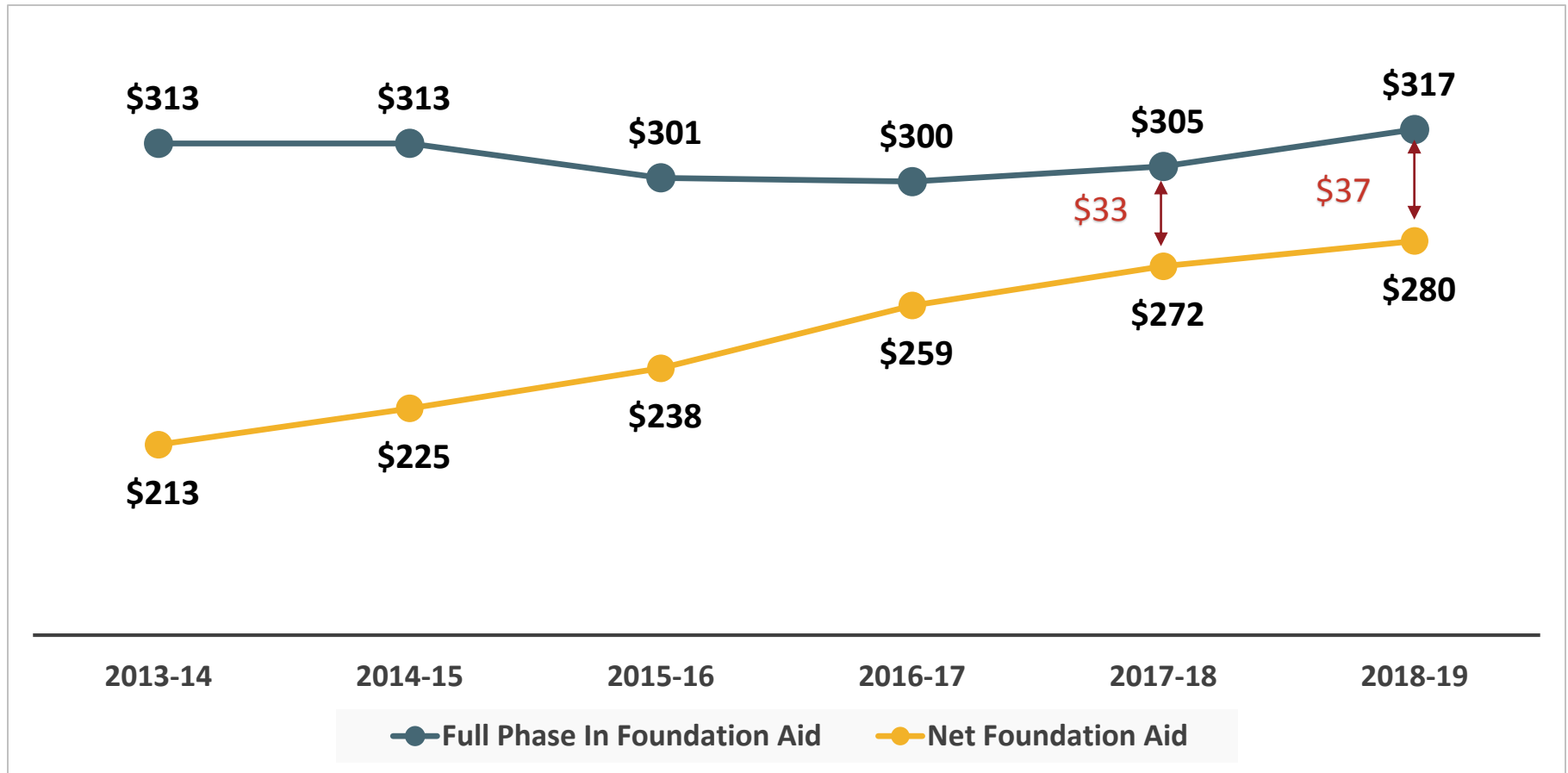
## **Limit Number of Charter School Approvals**

- Charter school saturation in Syracuse has increased to over 8% this school year
- Students enrolling in charter schools from every school and every grade level in the District limiting offsetting reductions in existing District programs and classrooms

## **Continue Community Schools Grant Initiative (\$5.0 million)**

- These grant funds have been deployed at 8 district schools. If some portion of this grant funding is not continued in 2018-19, promising community schools initiatives are at risk of discontinuance due to lack of funding

# Foundation Aid History for Syracuse City Schools



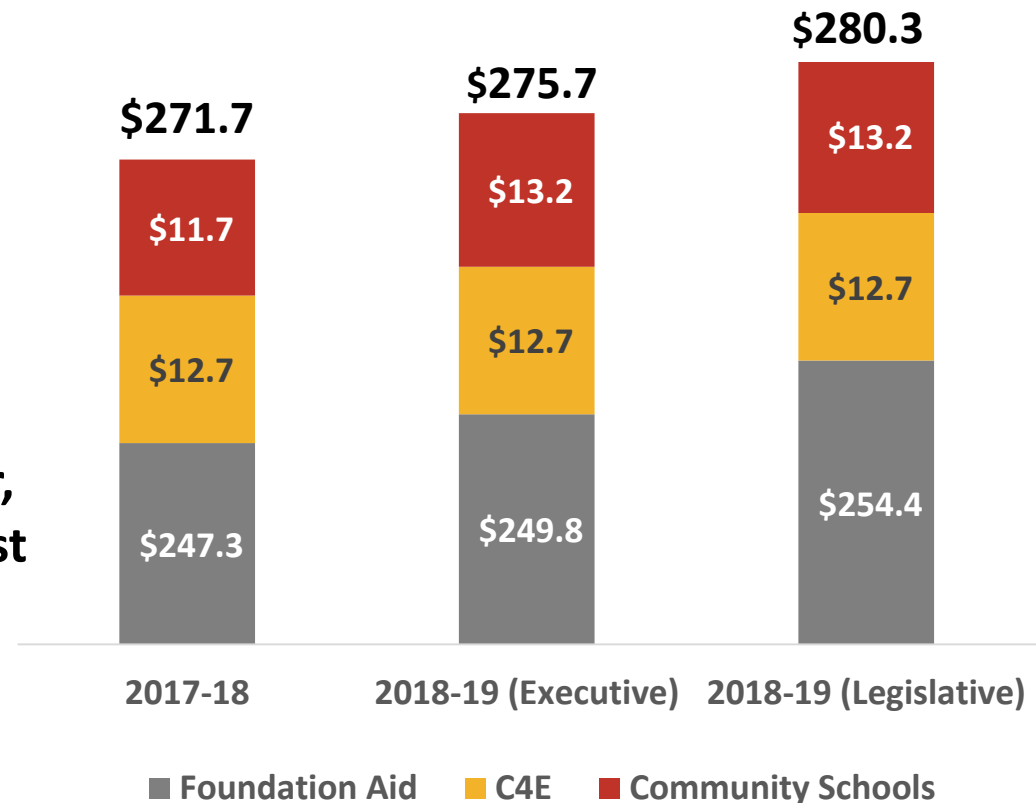
# Syracuse Foundation Aid Increase

## Foundation Aid Phase In:

<u>2017-18</u>	<u>2018-19</u>	
17.8 %	7.9%	NYC
12.7 %	8.0%	Buffalo
10.6 %	5.9%	Rochester
<b>19.1 %</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>Syracuse</b>
10.8 %	7.2%	Yonkers
10.3 %	3.2% – 4.6%	High Poverty
4.9 %	1.8%	All Others

**For the second consecutive year,  
Syracuse has received the highest  
Phase-In percentage**

## Foundation Aid in Millions



# State Aid Increase Over Prior Year

Sources of State Aid	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget	Increase
Foundation Aid	\$ 260.0	\$ 267.1	\$ 7.1
Community Schools Set Aside	11.7	13.2	1.5
Other Aids	<u>62.9</u>	<u>63.6</u>	<u>0.7</u>
<b>Total State Aid 2.8% Increase</b>	<b>\$ 334.6</b>	<b>\$ 343.9</b>	<b>\$ 9.3</b>

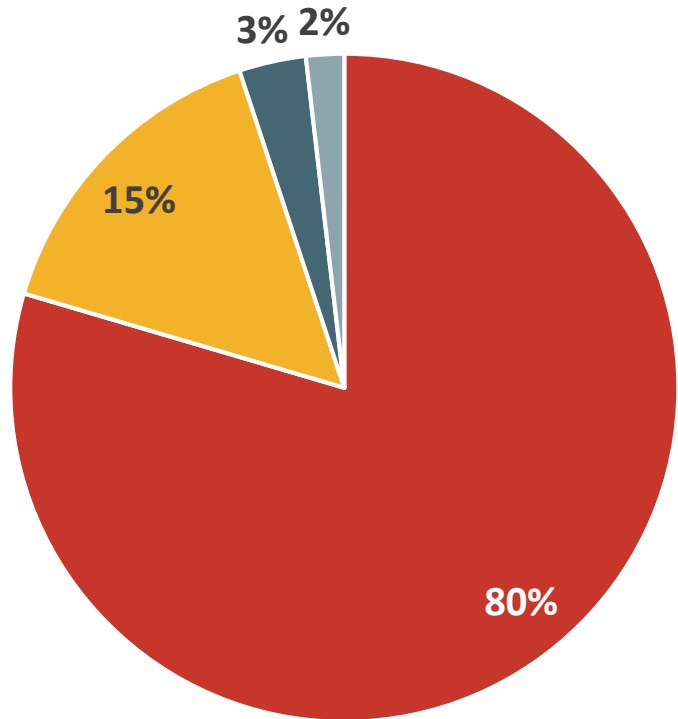
# 2018-19 Budget Revenue Sources

Revenue Sources	2017-18 Budget	2018-19 Budget	Variance
State Aid	\$ 334.6	\$ 343.9	\$ 9.3
Taxes (School, STAR, PILOT & Sales Taxes)	66.0	66.4	0.4
Use of Fund Balance	8.9	14.0	5.1
All Other	<u>8.1</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>- 0.1</u>
<b>Total Revenue (3.5% increase)</b>	<b>\$ 417.6</b>	<b>\$ 432.3</b>	<b>\$ 14.7</b>

*The 2018-19 Budget includes \$38,000 in Payment In Lieu of Tax (PILOT) revenue from Onondaga County*

# General Fund Budget Revenue Sources

Sources of Revenue



■ State Aid ■ Taxes ■ Fund Balance ■ Other

- 80¢ of every dollar is from State Aid
- 15¢ of every dollar is from Local Taxes (School, STAR, PILOT & Sales Taxes)
- 3¢ of every dollar budgeted as a revenue source is from Fund Balance
- 2¢ of every dollar received is from other sources including interest earnings, permit fees, insurance proceeds, scrap material sales and donations, commissions and other sources

# Fund Balance Projection

*(Based on March 2018 Financial Statements)*

**Projecting \$23.2 million available in June 2018 or 5.4% and  
\$21.2 million available in June 2019 or 4.9%**





# What Has Happened Since the Proposed Budget?

- February 14<sup>th</sup> Florida School Shooting
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Federal Budget Finalized
- March 30<sup>th</sup> State Finalized the NYS Budget including State Aid for Education
- April 9<sup>th</sup> City of Syracuse Budget Released
- Special Education Restructuring Finalized
- Revisited Montessori Planning
- Grant Funding Projections Updated
- Incorporate Stakeholder Input
- Actuarial Long-term Health Care Projections
- Charter School Enrollment Projections updated
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Results are favorable



# What Changed Since Proposed Budget?

- Reduced Health Care Estimate by \$3 million
- Updated projections for workers' compensation, transportation contracts and other expenses
- Reduced Charter School by \$1.7 million based on updated charter enrollment projections
- Updated Special Education Restructuring adding positions and reducing overall cost

## Added

- Family Engagement Parent Liaisons
- School Sentry Positions
- Teaching Assistants for Montessori
- CTE & Middle School Support
- \$75,000 for public relations campaign in lieu of adding graphics technician
- Enhanced Teacher Recruitment Efforts
- Use \$2 million more of Fund Balance than originally proposed

# 2018-19 Budget Includes Additional Investments

- ❑ Early Literacy & Writing
- ❑ Chronic Absenteeism
- ❑ English as a New Language (ENL)
- ❑ Career & Technical Education (CTE)
- ❑ Physical Education Compliance (Elementary)
- ❑ Maximizing Community Schools
- ❑ Extended Learning Time (ELT)
- ❑ Personalized Learning
- ❑ Culturally Responsive Practices
- ❑ Family Engagement
- ❑ Safe & Healthy Schools

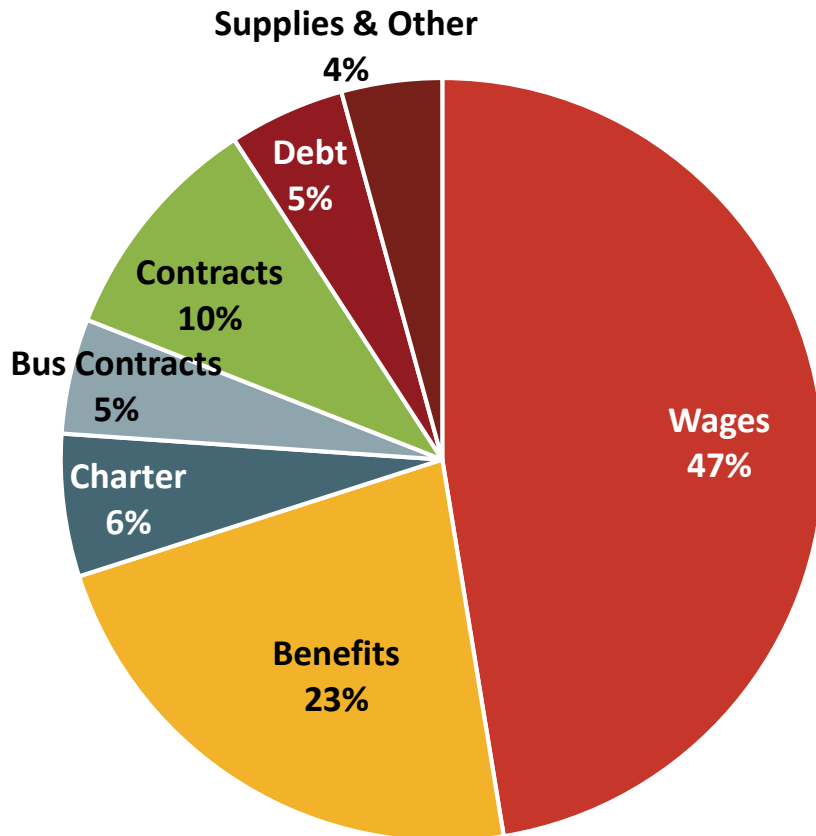


# SCSD 2018-19 Budget Changes Since Proposed

Expense Category	2017-18 Adopted	2018-19 Adopted	Variance	% Variance
Salaries & Wages	\$ 197.5	\$ 205.0	\$ 7.5	4%
Benefits	95.3	97.9	2.6	3%
Professional Services	42.9	42.6	( 0.3)	(1%)
Transportation	21.2	21.1	( 0.1)	-
Charter Tuition	24.3	26.1	1.8	7%
Debt	20.8	21.2	0.4	2%
Supplies & Other	<u>15.6</u>	<u>18.4</u>	<u>2.8</u>	18%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$ 417.6</b>	<b>\$ 432.3</b>	<b>\$ 14.7</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

*\$ In Millions (rounded)*

# 2018-19 Budget Expenditures



## Of every dollar spent,

- 70¢ pays for staff including both wages and benefits
- Charter School Tuition is estimated to cost 6¢
- Transportation is 5¢
- Contract Services are 10¢
- Debt Service (Principal & Interest) is 5¢

# Staffing Full-Time Equivalent Changes (All Funds)

Category	Added Positions
Teachers & Instructional Support	12.0
Assistants & Attendants	38.0
Building Leaders & Directors	1.0
Operations & Food Service	5.0
Nurses & Health Aides	3.2
Clerical, Supervisors & Analysts	<u>1.0</u>
Total Positions Added	60.2



## 2018-19 Budget



### ONGOING COMMITMENTS OF THE DISTRICT

- ☐ Maintain a laser focus on increasing graduation rates and student achievement at all levels
- ☐ Embed Culturally Responsive Practices throughout the District
- ☐ Continue Task Force work (Transportation, Class Size, Middle School Choice)
- ☐ Enrich our Career & Technical Education offerings
- ☐ Enhance Family Engagement activities
- ☐ Increase Academic Support at all grade levels with extra support for Early Literacy & English as a New Language
- ☐ Continue Pre K enrollment growth & Montessori at LeMoyne
- ☐ Ensure Vibrant and Supportive School Communities for our students and staff
- ☐ Enhance Safety and Security of Students and Staff
- ☐ Build on our Community Partnerships and Community Schools
- ☐ Engage in Personalized Learning Districtwide
- ☐ Continue to Redesign and Refine Professional Development
- ☐ Continue Progress with JSCB School Renovations
- ☐ Continuous Improvement, Fiscal Responsibility & Efficiency



# 2018-19 BUDGET NEXT STEPS

## Next Steps:

Monday April 16<sup>th</sup>

Work Session Budget Discussion and Q & A  
& Detail Budget Schedules

Wednesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2pm

Budget Presentation to Common Council

Tuesday May 8<sup>th</sup>

Board Meeting to Vote on Adopted Budget

Wednesday May 9<sup>th</sup>

Common Council has to take action

By Friday June 1<sup>st</sup>

Common Council acts on final budget