



Preliminary Tax Levy 2024

Tonight's Presenters

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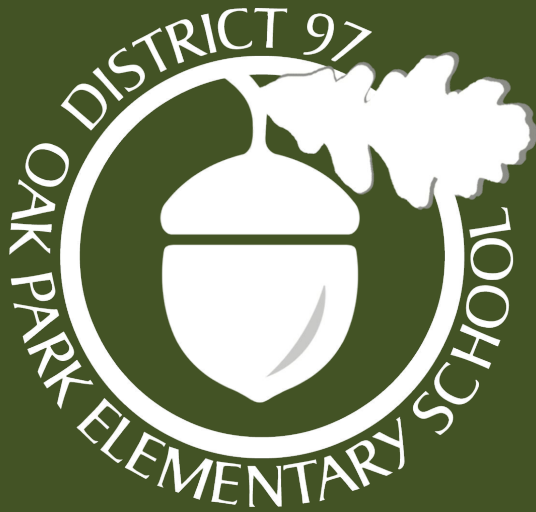
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Tax Levy Presentation

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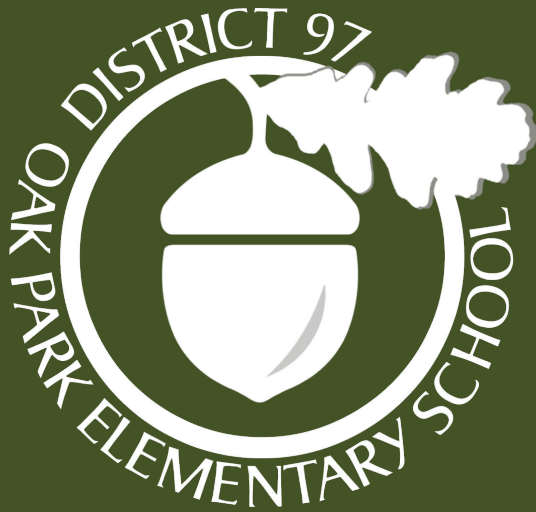


FINANCIAL STRATEGY & PHILOSOPHY

Financial Strategy & Philosophy



- Maintain balanced operating budgets each fiscal year
- Continue to maintain sufficient cash reserves according to **Section B. Standards and Measures of [Board Policy 4:12](#)**
- Structure programs and services accordingly to generate an operating surplus each fiscal year
- Use operating surpluses to invest in capital projects and avoid the need for additional debt or referendums
- Continue to pay down existing referendum-approved debt until fully paid off in 2037



TAX LEVY INFORMATION



Tax Levy Information

- **Tax Levy** - A tax levy is the amount of money a school district requests from the County to meet the District's operating expenses
- **Tax Extension** – A tax extension is the amount of money that a school district receives from property taxes
- **Property Tax Extension Limitation Law (PTELL)** - limits an amount of increase in taxes from year to year to the lesser of 5% or CPI, whichever is less
 - Commonly referred to as “**tax cap**”
- Oak Park School District 97 receives approximately **79% of revenue from local property taxes**



TIMETABLE FOR 2024 TAX LEVY ADOPTION

Tax Levy Timetable



November 12, 2024

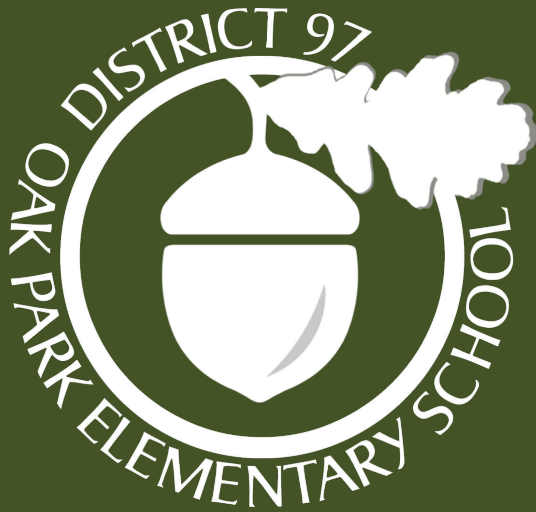
Estimated aggregate tax levy presented to the Board of Education

December 10, 2024

Board of Education approves 2024 tax levy

December 31, 2024

Last day to file necessary documents with the County Clerk

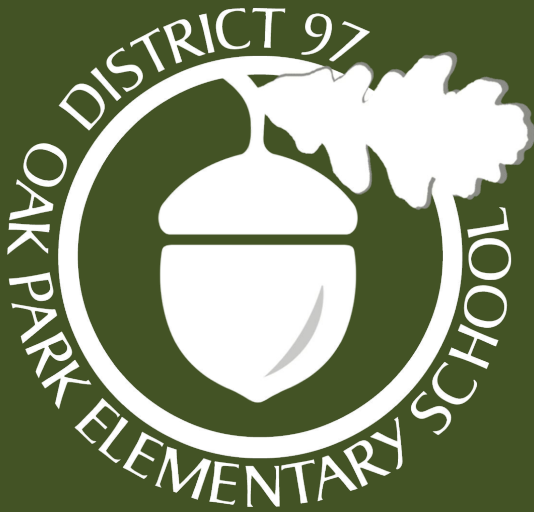


TAX LEVY FACTORS TO CONSIDER

Factors to Consider in Making Levy Decision



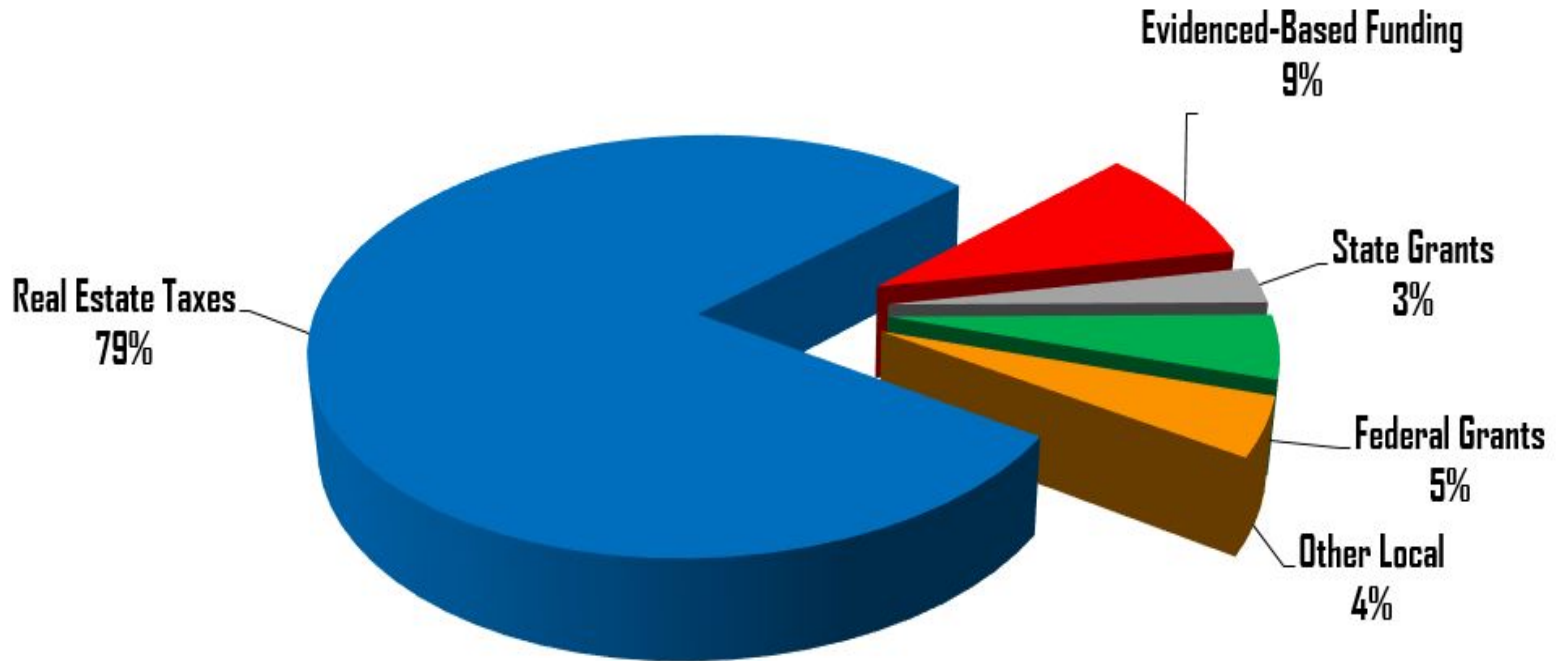
- **Impact of the decision on the long-term financial condition of the district**
How does the levy decision impact projected fund balance reserves?
 - Declining revenue growth
 - Uncertainty with Federal and State funding
 - Expiration of ESSER funding
- **Impact of the decision on long-term quality of educational services in the district**
- **Impact of the decision on the condition of the district's facilities**
Will the District be able to address capital needs and wants while both maintaining fund balance reserve targets and desired educational services?
- **Will the District be able to maintain fund balance reserve targets (3-6 months of expenses) without adversely impacting staffing and programming?**



BASIS FOR 2024 TAX LEVY

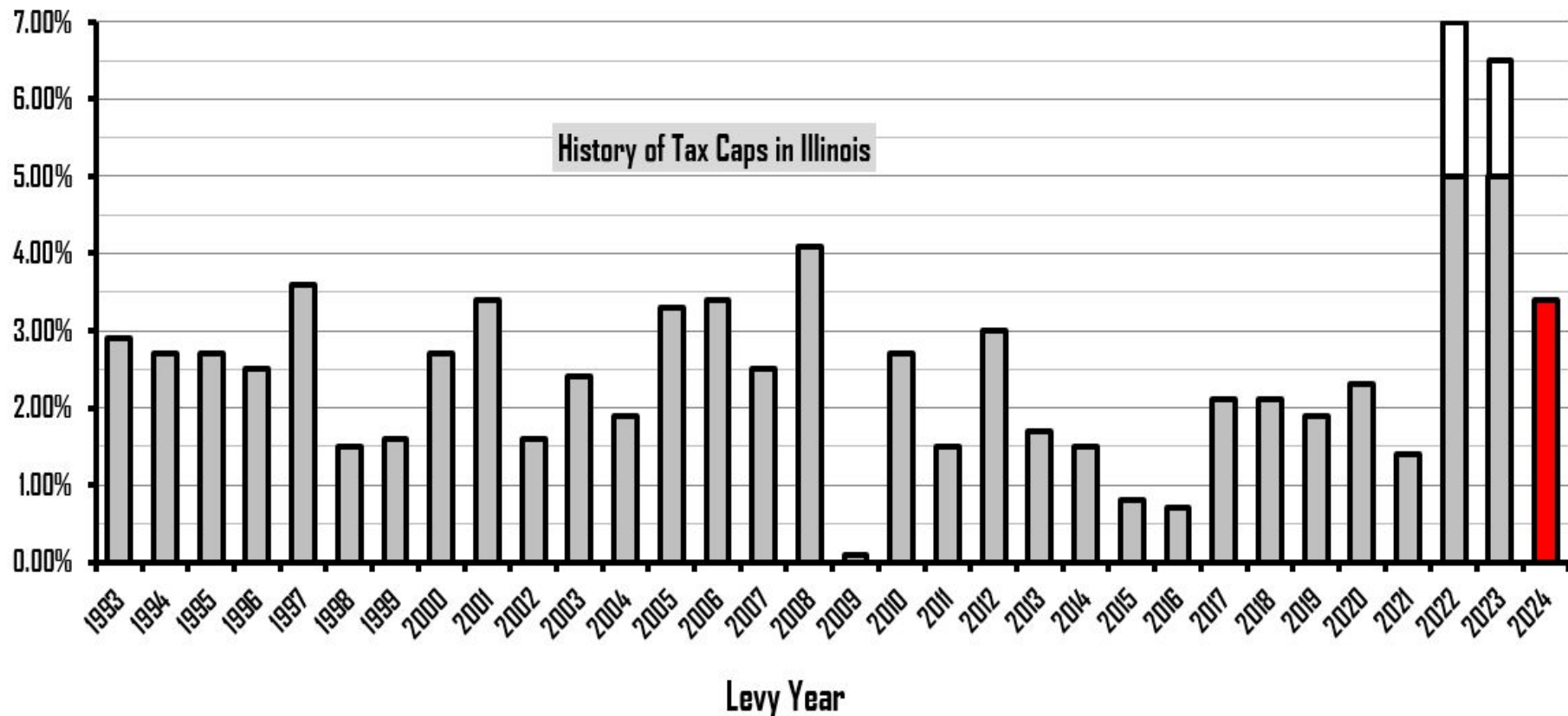
Breakdown of Revenues - FY 2025 Budget

Real Estate Taxes Comprise 79% of D97's Total Revenue Budget



CPI History (Applicable CPI is **3.4%** for 2024 Tax Levy)

R/E Tax Revenue Growth Capped by Lessor of Rate of Inflation or 5%





New Taxable Property Growth in District

New Taxable Property Allows for Tax Revenue Growth to Exceed CPI

Rule of Thumb:

Each \$1 million in new property EAV (\$3 million in market value) generates approximately \$40,000 of additional revenues above tax cap limits to D97.

Estimated New Taxable Property:

For the 2024 Tax levy, new taxable property is estimated at \$10,000,000. This would generate approximately \$400,000 in additional revenues to the District.

Levy Year	New Property EAV
2008	10,100,000
2009	1,509,000
2010	2,043,000
2011	17,136,000
2012	827,000
2013	806,000
2014	3,317,000
2015	553,000
2016	1,470,000
2017	8,225,000
2018	7,937,000
2019	134,904,000
2020	25,093,000
2021	8,186,000
2022	8,431,000
2023	12,557,000



RECOMMENDED LEVY 2024



Recommended Tax Levy for Levy Year 2024

**Captures Maximum Allowable Growth Within Tax Cap Restrictions (3.4%)
Plus Anticipated Revenues From New Taxable Property**

Fund Description	2024 Levy Request
Education Fund	\$ 75,580,000
Operations and Maintenance Fund	9,500,000
Special Education Fund	5,000,000
Transportation Fund	4,000,000
Social Security Fund	3,000,000
IMRF Fund	<u>800,000</u>
Total Levy	\$ 97,880,000

2024 tax levy request is 3.4% above prior year tax extension

Public Act 103-0394 Report



Annual Expenses				
Operational Funds	FY 2022 Audit	FY 2023 Audit	FY 2024 Unaudited	3-Year Average
Education (10)	\$ 86,321,000	\$ 89,259,000	\$ 91,127,000	\$ 88,902,000
Operations & Maintenance (20)	9,053,000	9,189,000	8,111,000	8,784,000
Transportation (40)	4,465,000	5,435,000	5,492,000	5,131,000
Total	\$ 99,839,000	\$ 103,883,000	\$ 104,730,000	\$ 102,817,000

Unaudited Fund Balances – June 30, 2024	
Operational Funds	Fund Balance
Education (10)	\$ 26,057,000
Operations & Maintenance (20)	7,501,000
Transportation (40)	3,306,000
Total	\$ 36,864,000

Fund Balance / Average Expense	
Operational Fund Balance (6/30/24)	\$ 36,864,000
Three-Year Expense Average	\$ 102,817,000
Fund Balance/Average Expense	35.9%



ESTIMATED IMPACT TO TAXPAYER

2024

Estimated Impact to the Taxpayer

(Assuming \$400,000 Market Value Home)

- The tax extension for the limited funds will increase 3.4% versus the prior year.
- The tax extensions for the bond fund will be flat versus the prior year.
- The estimated annual increase for a \$400,000 market value homeowner is \$150.



Estimated Impact to the Taxpayer

(Assuming \$400,000 Market Value Home)

2023 Compared to 2024

Estimated Impact to the Taxpayer 2023	Estimated Impact to the Taxpayer 2024
The total estimated increase to the portion of the tax bill due to Oak Park Elementary School District 97 will be approximately \$262.	The total estimated increase to the portion of the tax bill due to Oak Park Elementary School District 97 will be approximately \$150.
Assuming the levy adjustment (PA-0519) is the same as the previous year, the estimated increase would be an additional \$57.	Assuming the levy adjustment (PA-0519) is the same as the previous year, the estimated increase would be an additional \$31.