



Cornwall Central School District

2023-24 Proposed Budget Overview

March 13, 2023

2023-24 Budget Goals

- Lowest possible tax levy increase, but above all -- stay within the Property Tax Cap.
- Maintain current programs.
- Continue to support and grow instructional and operational programs.

2023-24 Budget Process

- Identify the “roll-over” budget to continue serving the needs being addressed in 2022-23. If the need does not exist after 2022-23, it is not in the roll-over budget.
- Continue to seek out additional funding / cost savings in 2023-24 to address instructional and operational needs.

2023-24 Preliminary Expenditures (Budget)

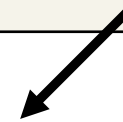
2023-24 Preliminary Budget <i>(roll-over budget)</i>	2022-23 Approved Budget	Budget-to-Budget Increase
\$ 85,803,957	\$ 81,451,598	\$ 4,352,359

Open Items:

- Various BOCES Co-ser costs
- Special education annual reviews
 - Out-of-district placements
 - Required related services (e.g., OT, PT, Speech, Counseling, 1:1 Aides)
 - Graduating students
 - Pre-school students moving up into District
- Final determination of Transfer to Capital projects

2023-24 Preliminary Revenue Projections

2023-24 Preliminary Revenue Projections	2022-23 Projected Revenue	Budget-to-Budget Increase
\$ 84,642,337	\$ 77,341,178	\$ 7,301,159



- Max. allowable property tax levy increase (2.82%) = \$1,436,605
- **1% property tax levy increase used in projection = \$509,652**
- Increase in state aid = \$6,083,490
- Increase in miscellaneous revenue = \$708,017

Open Items:

- Final state aid figures

2023-24 Preliminary Budget Summary

	Amount
Preliminary Budget (“roll-over” expenditures)	\$85,803,957
Preliminary Revenues:	
Property Tax Levy (1% increase)	51,474,895
State Aid	32,013,954
Miscellaneous	1,153,488
Total Preliminary Revenues	84,642,337
Current Shortfall – without Assigned Fund Balance	(1,161,620)
Preliminary Assigned Fund Balance	2,500,000
Current Surplus for Instructional and Operational Needs – with Assigned Fund Balance	\$1,338,380

2023-24 Budget – Proposed Expenditures

The following reflects the “roll-over” budget broken down by expenditure category:

Budget Expenditure	2023-24 Budget <i>(roll-over budget)</i>	2022-23 Budget <i>(Approved)</i>	Increase / (Decrease)
Salaries	\$41,118,579	\$39,772,897	\$1,345,682
Pensions (TRS, ERS, SS)	7,683,613	7,385,233	298,380
Health Insurance	10,514,861	10,843,335	(328,474)
Contractual/Supplies/Equip	8,999,245	7,662,460	1,336,785
Out-of-District Tuition	4,387,186	3,761,501	625,685
Debt Service (P&I)	3,539,571	3,664,611	(125,040)
Transportation	5,482,449	4,311,939	1,170,510
Utilities	1,153,567	900,336	253,231
Occupational Education	1,285,914	1,080,288	205,626
Insurance	678,447	566,998	111,449
Transfer to Capital Fund	960,525	1,502,000	(541,475)
TOTAL	\$85,803,957	\$81,451,598	\$4,352,359

2023-24 Budget – Proposed Expenditures

Salaries:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 41,118,579	\$ 39,772,897	\$ 1,345,682

- ✓ Consists of all **contractual** employee salaries, stipends, tutorials, homebound instruction, substitutes, and overtime hours.
- ✓ All six collective bargaining contracts are negotiated between the District and each bargaining unit and approved by the Board of Education. *Note:* the food service unit is paid out of the Cafeteria Fund, not the General Fund, so they are not reflected in the figures above.

Unit	# of Employees	Contract Expiration
Teachers / Nurses	278 F/T, 2 P/T	6/30/25
Para-Professionals	76 F/T, 30 P/T	6/30/23
Custodial / Maintenance	48 F/T	6/30/26
Clerical	30 F/T, 3 P/T	6/30/25

Unit	# of Employees	Contract Expiration
Administrative	19 F/T	6/30/25
Food Service	3 F/T, 29 P/T	6/30/23

Individual Contracts	13 F/T, 1 P/T	various
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2023-24 Budget – Proposed Expenditures

Pensions:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 7,683,613	\$ 7,385,233	\$ 298,380

- ✓ Reflects the District's employer contribution paid to the NYS Teachers' Retirement System (TRS), NYS Employees' Retirement System (ERS), and the Social Security Administration (SS). The rates are set annually by each of the respective pension entities.

Pension	2023-24 Employer Contribution Rate	2022-23 Employer Contribution Rate
TRS	9.76%	10.29%
ERS	12.76%	12.24%
SS	7.65%	7.65%

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Health Insurance:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 10,514,861	\$ 10,843,335	\$ (328,474)

- ✓ The District provides employee health benefits through the Orange-Ulster School Districts Health Plan (OUHP) and New York State Health Insurance Plan (NYSHIP). OUHP is a self-funded municipal health insurance cooperative comprised of 17 school districts and 1 BOCES. NYSHIP is a state-wide plan covering 1.2 million NYS public employees, retirees, and their families. The 2023-24 premium rate increases are:
 - OUHP:** Single – 3.8%, 2-Person – 4.4%, Family – 6.4%, Medicare – .5% to 6.1%
 - NYSIP:** Single – 12.5%, Family – 14.9%, Medicare – 11.9% to 22.7%
- ✓ Dental and vision benefits are provided through four different providers, in accordance with the employee’s respective bargaining unit contract.
- ✓ For those employees who forego health insurance coverage offered by the District and opt for coverage under another health plan (i.e., spouse’s health plan), the District pays them between \$2,300 – \$2,500 as a “buy-out” option, depending on their contract.
- ✓ Active employees’ contribution rate to the annual premiums ranges from 10% to 20% and retired employees contribute 0% to 50%.

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Contractual / Supplies / Equipment:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 8,999,245	\$ 7,662,460	\$ 1,336,785

- ✓ These expenditures reflect the various District-wide services, supplies, and equipment -- including, but not limited to:
 - BOCES co-ser agreements (non-special education services)
 - Professional services (e.g., legal, auditing, and security)
 - Equipment
 - Technology hardware and software
 - Repairs and maintenance / service contracts
 - Rubbish removal
 - Classroom textbooks and instructional supplies
 - Custodial and maintenance supplies

- ✓ Two key expenditures driving the 2023-24 increase:
 - 1:1 nursing services for two new special needs students -- \$246,486
 - OU BOCES capital project debt service pass-through -- \$407,408

2023-24 Budget – Proposed Expenditures

Out-of-District Tuition:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 4,387,186	\$ 3,761,501	\$ 625,685

- ✓ Reflects the cost of tuition and related services (e.g., OT, PT, speech, counseling, 1:1 aide) for those special needs students attending educational facilities out of district. Annual IEP student reviews are still underway, which will determine what changes, if any, need to be made to the 2023-24 Budget figures.

Student Placements:

Type of Placement	# of Locations	23-24 Students (projected)	23-24 Average Cost
BOCES (day programs)	3 (in 3 counties)	31	\$ 80,282
Out of District Day Programs (non-BOCES)	8 (in 5 counties)	18	\$ 83,032
Out of District Residential Programs	3 (in 2 counties)	3	\$ 134,621

2023-24 Budget – Proposed Expenditures

Debt Service:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 3,539,571	\$ 3,664,611	\$ (125,040)

- ✓ Reflects the principal and interest due on the District's outstanding borrowings.

Bond Description	Term	Balance @ 6/30/23	2023-24 Debt Service
High School – new building	10/04 – 10/29	\$ 16,675,000	\$ 2,822,000
New York Power Authority – District-wide Energy Project	2/16 – 4/30	2,501,924	432,571
2023 Capital Project – Bond Anticipation Note (BAN)	7/23 – 6/24	0	285,000
			\$ 3,539,571

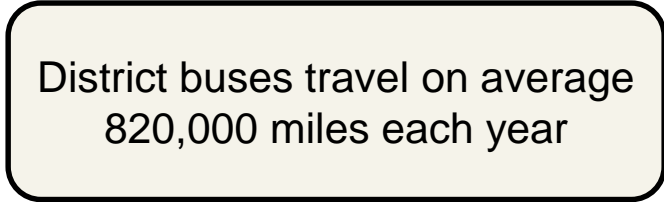
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Transportation:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 5,482,449	\$ 4,311,939	\$ 1,170,510

- ✓ 2023-24 reflects year 1 of a new 5-year contract with West Point Tours, including various changes in student transportation needs.

- ✓ Where exactly do our buses go?
 - In-District Public Schools
 - Non-Public Schools
 - Out-of-district Special Education
 - Out-of-district Vocational Programs
 - Athletic Team Travel
 - Special Programs



District buses travel on average
820,000 miles each year

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Transportation (cont.):

In-District Public Schools

- ✓ Reflects 25 buses and 1 van on a 3-tier system, where each bus has a High School route, a Middle School route, and an Elementary School route. Also includes 8 late run buses for after-school programs at the HS and MS.

Out-of-District Special Education

- ✓ Reflects 19 buses/vans to transport 52 special needs students to 13 out-of-district schools located in Orange, Rockland, Putnam, Westchester, and Sullivan County.

Vocational Programs

- ✓ Reflects 4 buses to transport 98 students to OU BOCES for vocational programs.

Non-Public Schools

- ✓ Reflects 9 buses/vans to transport 41 District students to 10 non-public schools. NYS Education Law requires districts to provide transportation to non-public schools within a 15 mile limit (between the student's home and the non-public school).

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Transportation (cont.):

Athletic Team Travel

- ✓ As needed transportation for 27 varsity teams, 15 junior varsity teams, 14 modified teams, 1 freshman team, and 2 unified sports teams athletic events.

Special Programs

- ✓ Includes:
 - Field trips to Black Rock and Sands Ring Homestead.
 - Regents testing days.
 - “Walking wounded” (i.e., van with wheelchair lift for injured students).
 - Homeless students – the McKinney-Vento Act requires transportation up to 50 miles each way.
 - Childcare pick-up / drop-off for Grades K-8 students. Non-family childcare location must be licensed pursuant to Social Services Law.
 - Community Based Instruction Program for special needs students (e.g., American Filter and Felt Company and The Hudson Valley Food Bank).

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Utilities:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 1,153,567	\$ 900,336	\$ 253,231

- ✓ The District’s utilities expenditures include electricity, natural gas, fuel oil, propane, water, and sewer.
- ✓ Each of the five school buildings have natural gas boilers, while the District Office uses fuel oil and the Buildings & Grounds building uses propane.
- ✓ As part of an energy consortium comprised of 25 school districts in Orange, Rockland, and Putnam County, the District benefits from a competitive bidding process on natural gas and electricity.

	Fuel Oil	Electricity	Natural Gas / Propane	Water / Sewer
2022-23	\$ 10,570	\$ 459,863	\$ 314,074	\$ 115,829
2023-24	11,121	617,952	418,417	106,077
Increase / (Decrease)	551	158,089	104,343	(9,752)

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Occupational Education:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 1,285,914	\$ 1,080,288	\$ 205,626

- ✓ Under NYS Education Regulations, districts have an obligation / requirement to offer High School students a vocational education option.
- ✓ The District currently utilizes Orange-Ulster BOCES to provide our students this option – which includes 34 programs within 11 different career and technical academies. These programs lead to careers in the field of construction, culinary arts, education, healthcare, visual arts, security, and transportation.
- ✓ For the current 2022-23 school year, 98 Cornwall students are enrolled. In consultation with the High School Guidance Department, the 2023-24 Budget projects a slightly higher participation rate of 102 students.

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Insurance:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 678,447	\$ 566,998	\$ 111,449

- ✓ As part of our risk management program, the District carries ten (10) different insurance policies (general liability, commercial property, commercial inland marine, boiler and machinery, commercial auto, school board liability, excess catastrophe liability, student accident, crime, and workers' compensation).
- ✓ For 7 of these 10 policies, the District is part of the New York Schools Insurance Reciprocal (NYSIR) – a non-profit, member-owned insurance provider that focuses strictly on NYS public schools. They currently represent 345 public schools in NYS.
- ✓ In addition to the insurance policies noted above, the 2023-24 insurance budget also reflects \$159,144 for NYS Unemployment Insurance, which accounts for 85% of the 2023-24 increase.

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Transfer to Capital Fund:

2023-24 Budget (roll-over)	2022-23 Budget (approved)	Increase / (Decrease)
\$ 960,525	\$ 1,502,000	\$ (541,475)

- ✓ These funds are included in the budget for small capital projects. As part of the General Fund budget process, they do not require a separate referendum or vote at the annual budget vote.
- ✓ The 2023-24 projects being reviewed by the District’s Facility Committee include these security needs and are included here pending their final recommendation to the Board.

Middle School and Elementary Schools classroom / corridor door replacement – Phase 1

- \$600,000 projected cost
- Replaces classroom / corridor doors with a fire-rated security hardened door, frame, and lockset.

District-wide security vestibule improvements

- \$360,525 projected cost
- Provides additionally funds needed to undertake security vestibule improvements currently funded by only a \$274,000 state grant.

2023-24 Budget Calendar / Agendas

March 27, 2023 -- BOE Budget Session (7 pm @ Cornwall Elementary)

- 2023-24 Projected Revenue and Fund Balance / Reserves Review.

April 10, 2023 -- BOE Budget Session (7 pm @ Cornwall Elementary)

- Review / Prioritization of Needs Assessment for 2023-24 Budget Inclusion.
- **NOTE** – Any item that a Board Member would like to have reviewed as part of the Needs Assessment must be emailed to the Brendan Carty, BOE President, no later than March 17. All items should include specific details and a needs rationale.

April 20, 2023 -- BOE Budget Session (7 pm – Cornwall Elementary)

- BOE adoption of the 2023-24 Budget.

May 16, 2023

Budget Vote and Board of Education Election
(6 am to 9 pm – Cornwall Middle School Gymnasium)