# THE FINANCIAL REPORT

**INCLUDING FINANCIAL FORECAST** 



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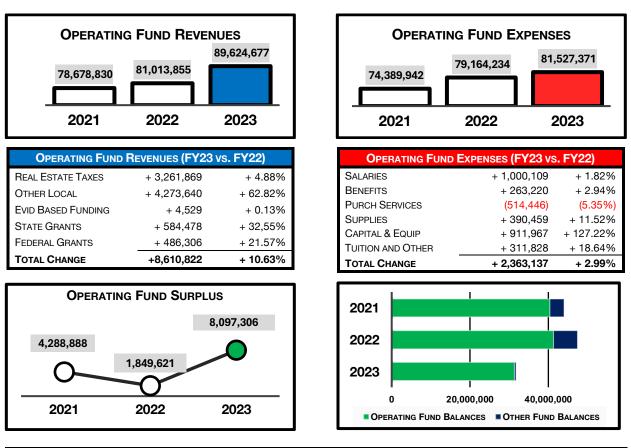
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## FISCAL FLASH

#### SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE – FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

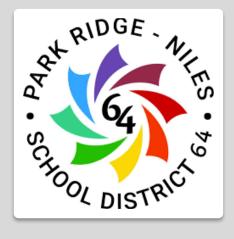
	BEGINNING BALANCE	Revenues	Expenses	OTHER SOURCES/USES	Ending Balance
EDUCATION FUND	36,882,054	76,189,876	69,829,417	(19,382,903)	23,859,610
O&M FUND	2,166,572	8,050,246	8,074,079	1,315,957	3,458,696
TRANSPORTATION FUND	460,959	4,777,425	3,623,875	-	1,614,509
Working Cash Fund	1,829,786	607,130	-	-	2,436,916
OPERATING FUNDS	\$ 41,339,371	\$ 89,624,677	\$ 81,527,371	\$ (18,066,946)	\$ 31,369,731
BOND AND INTEREST FUND	1,574,865	2,201,658	3,516,749	2,919	262,693
IMRF/SS FUND	468,867	2,081,763	2,362,997	-	187,633
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND	3,604,659	11,243	23,396,236	19,385,685	(394,649)
TORT IMMUNITY FUND	412,740	578,066	662,402	-	328,404
FIRE PREVENTION/SAFETY		-	-	-	-
ALL FUNDS	\$ 47,400,502	\$ 94,497,407	\$ 111,465,755	\$ 1,321,658	\$ 31,753,812

Per ISBE, the four operating funds of a school district are the **Educational Fund**, **Operations & Maintenance Fund**, **Transportation Fund and Working Cash Fund**. These are the primary funds used by ISBE to assess the financial strength of a school district.



FY 2022	FINANCIAL PROFILE SCORE	4.00/4.00	FINANCIAL RECOGNITION
FY 2023	FINANCIAL PROFILE SCORE	<mark>3.90</mark> /4.00	FINANCIAL RECOGNITION

SOURCE: All data presented under the section obtained from the District for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023



## HISTORICAL OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

FISCAL YEAR 2016 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2023

# SUMMARY OF FISCAL OPERATIONS

## HISTORICAL FINANCIAL ACTIVITY BY MAJOR CATEGORIES - ALL FUNDS

	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019
BEGINNING BALANCE	56,889,419	57,264,498	61,663,688	59,820,671
REVENUES:				
REAL ESTATE TAXES	65,643,845	65,154,005	65,798,706	65,995,567
OTHER LOCAL SOURCES	5,900,005	5,113,008	5,975,281	7,840,472
EVIDENCED-BASED FUNDING	1,572,924	1,682,678	3,357,483	3,362,248
OTHER STATE SOURCES	2,779,276	2,321,387	1,926,980	1,791,971
FEDERAL SOURCES	1,658,758	1,962,666	1,916,335	1,764,155
TOTAL REVENUES	77,554,808	76,233,744	78,974,785	80,754,413
EXPENSES:				
SALARIES	47,495,213	48,640,045	48,637,583	50,274,516
BENEFITS	9,112,301	10,384,752	9,857,901	10,130,019
PURCHASED SERVICES	8,391,150	8,485,397	10,028,522	9,963,758
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	2,987,339	2,863,381	3,077,872	2,821,262
CAPITAL (CAPITAL FUNDS)	3,585,347	5,097,217	2,988,336	7,897,086
CAP & EQUIPT (OTHER FUNDS)	292,947	775,030	350,720	700,893
DEBT PAYMENTS	3,592,523	3,592,420	3,833,179	3,061,635
OTHER OBJECTS	1,811,551	1,463,647	1,459,340	1,790,922
NON-CAPITALIZED EQUIPMENT	211,858	457,704	584,349	303,043
TOTAL EXPENSES	77,180,229	81,759,593	80,817,802	86,943,134
REVENUES VS. EXPENSES	374,579	(5,525,849)	(1,843,017)	(6,188,721)
OTHER SOURCES/USES	500	9,925,039	-	-
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 57,264,498	\$ 61,663,688	\$ 59,820,671	\$ 53,631,950

	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023
BEGINNING BALANCE	53,631,950	48,199,652	44,040,386	47,400,502
REVENUES:				
REAL ESTATE TAXES	68,657,409	70,078,672	70,026,299	74,754,991
OTHER LOCAL SOURCES	6,605,942	4,346,139	7,004,075	11,245,259
EVIDENCED-BASED FUNDING	3,367,111	3,367,111	3,371,486	3,376,015
OTHER STATE SOURCES	1,429,281	1,515,394	1,795,533	2,380,011
FEDERAL SOURCES	1,805,681	2,493,346	2,254,825	2,741,131
TOTAL REVENUES	81,865,424	81,800,662	84,452,218	94,497,407
EXPENSES:				
SALARIES	51,980,468	51,603,981	54,812,775	55,812,884
BENEFITS	10,643,770	11,120,472	11,359,933	11,583,150
PURCHASED SERVICES	9,032,372	7,751,766	13,440,162	11,114,864
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	2,855,342	4,495,598	3,389,631	3,780,090
CAPITAL (CAPITAL FUNDS)	7,390,200	5,389,942	18,747495	22,044,079
CAPITAL (OTHER FUNDS)	388,848	391,524	463,784	1,324,108
DEBT PAYMENTS	3,019,008	3,052,817	3,183,544	3,516,749
OTHER OBJECTS	2,144,518	1,873,586	1,673,289	1,985,117
NON-CAPITALIZED EQUIPMENT	325,419	280,242	253,071	304,714
TOTAL EXPENSES	87,779,945	85,959,928	107,323,684	111,465,755
REVENUES VS. EXPENSES	(5,914,521)	(4,159,266)	(22,871,466)	(16,968,348)
OTHER SOURCES/USES	482,223	-	26,231,582	1,321,658
ENDING BALANCE	\$ 48,199,652	\$ 44,040,386	\$ 47,400,502	\$ 31,753,812

## **DESCRIPTION OF FUND CATEGORIES**

For analytical purposes, District fund types are categorized into three major categories as follows:

#### **OPERATING FUNDS**

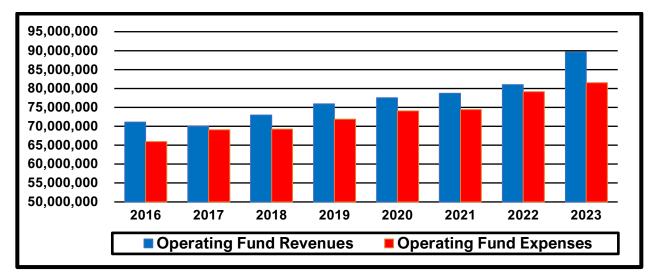
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#### **CAPITAL FUNDS**

This category of funds includes the **Capital Projects Fund** and the **Health/Life Safety Fund**. These are the funds where major capital project activity is generally recorded.

#### SPECIAL FUNDS

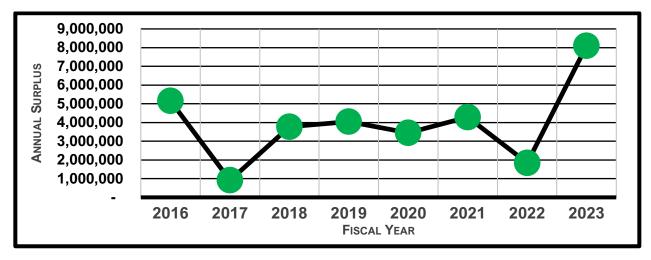
This category of funds includes the **Bond and Interest Fund**, the **IMRF/Social Security Fund**, and the **Tort Immunity Fund**.



#### **HISTORICAL PATTERN OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES – OPERATING FUNDS**

#### **ANNUAL SURPLUSES – OPERATING FUNDS**

REVENUES VS. EXPENSES (BALANCED OPERATIONS EQUALS ZERO)

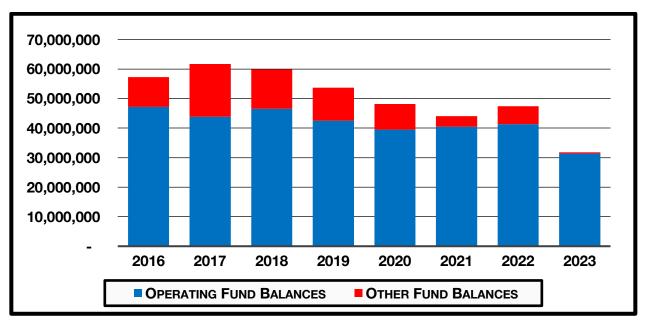


## FACTORS IMPACTING FUND BALANCES

In addition to Operating Fund surpluses and deficits, other activity also impacts fund balances, including Capital Fund activity, surpluses and deficits in Other Funds and Other Sources and Uses, which primarily include bond proceeds.

FISCAL YEAR	OPERATING FUND SURPLUS/DEFICIT	CAPITAL FUND ACTIVITY	SPECIAL FUNDS SURPLUS/DEFICIT	Other Sources/Uses	NET IMPACT ON FUND BALANCES
2016	5,161,902	(4,886,640)	99,317	500	375,079
2017	910,406	(6,187,577)	(248,678)	9,925,039	4,399,190
2018	3,773,964	(4,729,734)	(887,247)	-	(1,843,017)
2019	4,046,575	(9,285,400)	(949,896)	-	(6,188,721)
2020	3,440,778	(7,872,358)	(1,482,941)	482,223	(5,432,298)
2021	4,288,888	(5,730,358)	(2,717,796)	-	(4,159,266)
2022	1,849,621	(22,011,771)	(2,709,316)	26,231,582	3,360,116
2023	8,097,306	(23,384,993)	(1,680,661)	1,321,658	(15,646,690)





## **ISBE FINANCIAL PROFILE SCORE HISTORY**

BASED ON ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION RUBRIC

			SBE DEFINITION	S		
CATEGORY	DEFINITION	WEIGHT	CATEGORY 1	CATEGORY 2	CATEGORY 3	CATEGORY 4
FBRR	Fund Balance to Revenue Ratio	35%	less than 0%	0% - 10%	10% - 25%	Greater than 25%
ERR	Expenditure to Revenue Ratio	35%	greater than 1.2	1.1 – 1.2	1.0 – 1.1	less than 1.0
DCOH	Days Cash on Hand	10%	less than 30 days	30 – 90 days	90 – 180 days	greater than 180
STB	% of S-Term Debt Remaining	10%	less than 25%	25% - 50%	50% - 75%	greater than 75%
LTD	% of L-Term Debt Remaining	10%	less than 25%	25% - 50%	50% - 75%	greater than 75%

#### **ASSIGNMENT OF CATEGORIES**

CATEGORIES	RANGE	ISBE ACTION
Financial Recognition	3.54 - 4.00	Little or no involvement by ISBE unless requested by the district
Financial Review	3.08 - 3.53	Limited review by ISBE. Monitored for potential downward trends
Financial Early Warning	2.62 - 3.07	Closely monitored and assisted by ISBE. May qualify for Financial Oversight Panel
Financial Watch	1.00 – 2.61	Closely monitored and assisted by ISBE. May qualify for Financial Oversight Panel

#### HISTORICAL PROFILE SCORES - THE DISTRICT

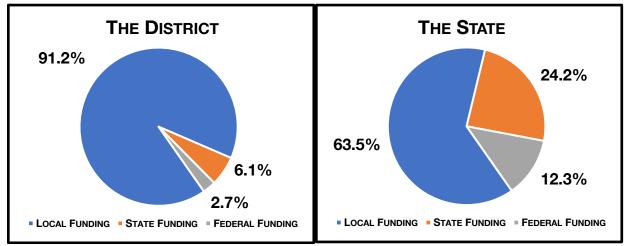
FISCAL YEAR	FBRR	ERR	DCOH	STB	LTD	TOTAL	DESIGNATION
2018	1.40	1.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	4.00	RECOGNITION
2019	1.40	1.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	4.00	RECOGNITION
2020	1.40	1.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	4.00	RECOGNITION
2021	1.40	1.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	4.00	RECOGNITION
2022	1.40	1.40	0.40	0.40	0.40	4.00	RECOGNITION
2023	1.40	1.40	0.30	0.40	0.40	3.90	RECOGNITION

**Source:** All data presented under the section "Summary of Fiscal Operations" obtained from District audits, except for "ISBE Financial Profile Score History" section, which was obtained from ISBE website.

## P ILLUMINATING MAJOR SOURCES OF REVENUES

## **COMPARING FUNDING SOURCES – FY 2022**

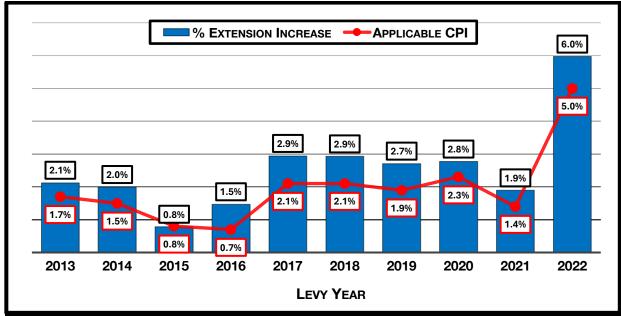
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Source: Illinois State Board of Education Website

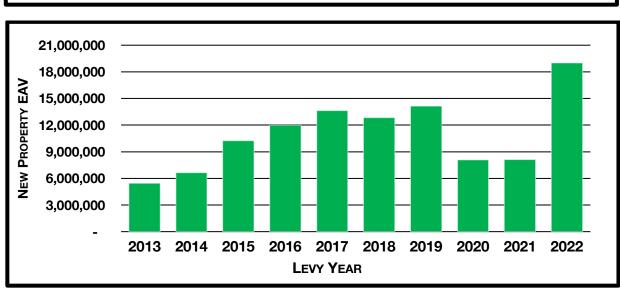
## **REAL ESTATE TAX REVENUE ANALYSIS**

## ACTUAL TAX EXTENSION GROWTH (LIMITED FUNDS) COMPARED TO CPI CAP LIMIT



Sources: County Clerk's Office and Illinois Department of Revenue

## NEW TAXABLE PROPERTY (EAV) IN THE DISTRICT

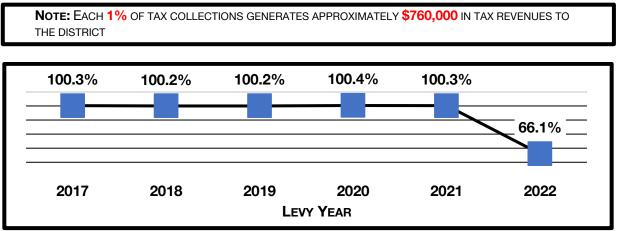


**NOTE:** EACH **\$1** MILLION IN NEW TAXABLE PROPERTY (EAV) GENERATES APPROXIMATELY **\$36,000** IN ADDITIONAL TAX REVENUES ABOVE CPI LIMITED INCREASE

Source: County Clerk's Office

## HISTORICAL GROSS TAX COLLECTION PERCENTAGES (EXCLUDING TAX REFUNDS)

As of November 30, 2023



SOURCE: County Treasurer's Office. Tax collections for the 2022 levy year are in progress.

## EVIDENCED-BASED FUNDING ("EBF") ANALYSIS - FISCAL YEAR 2024

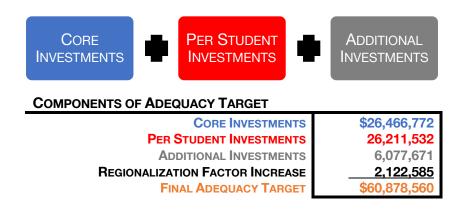
THE DISTRICT AND ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE EBF FUNDING FORMULA

The Evidenced-Based Funding Formula is designed to allocate dollars to school districts based on a complex formula that compares the district's calculated available resources to its calculated targeted resources necessary to be "adequately funded" to support evidenced-based student needs. The District's **ADEQUACY TARGET** is weighted based on the percentage of low-income and English language learner students in the District. **AVAILABLE RESOURCES** are primarily based on a school district's tax base, its current state funding level and corporate personal property tax receipts.

The distance a school district is from its funding target will determine how much additional EBF dollars the district will receive each year. ISBE places a school district in one of four Tier levels based on this funding gap. Most of the new EBF dollars goes to school districts assigned to Tier 1 (farthest away from adequacy), with minimal dollars going to school districts assigned to Tiers 3 and 4.

#### STAGE ONE OF THE EBF FORMULA: ESTABLISH THE DISTRICT'S ADEQUACY TARGET

DETERMINE THE COST OF EDUCATING ALL STUDENTS BASED ON DEFINED COST FACTORS IN FORMULA



STAGE TWO OF THE EBF FORMULA: CALCULATE THE DISTRICT'S AVAILABLE RESOURCES

BASED ON THE FORMULA, CALCULATES RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS ALL STUDENT NEEDS.



#### **COMPONENTS OF AVAILABLE RESOURCES**

LOCAL CAPACITY TARGET	
<b>CPPRT (FROM 2022)</b>	4,173,687
Adjusted Base Funding Minimum	3,364,996
<b>AVAILABLE RESOURCES</b>	\$76,987,839

#### STAGE THREE OF THE EBF FORMULA: DETERMINE TIER LEVEL AND EBF ALLOCATION

DISTRIBUTE NEW EBF DOLLARS BASED ON % OF AVAILABLE LOCAL RESOURCES VERSUS ADEQUACY TARGET

Available Resources \$76,987,839	÷	ADEQUACY TARGET \$60,878,560	=	Final % of Adequacy 126.5%
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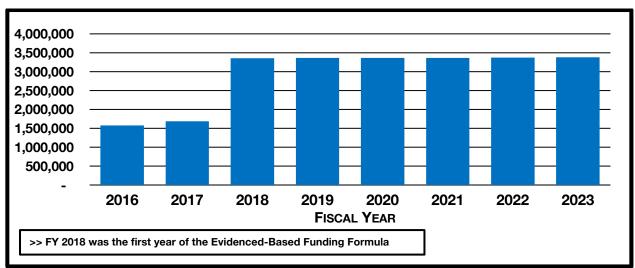
	FINAL % OF	% of New EBF	STATEWIDE NEW	DISTRICT NEW EBF
TIER	ADEQUACY	DOLLARS	EBF DOLLARS	DOLLARS
TIER 1	$< 73.2\%$ of $AT^{(1)}$	50%	\$150,000,000	-
TIER 2	$\geq$ 73.2% AND < 90%	49% (TIERS 1&2)	\$149,000,000	-
TIER 3	≥ 90% AND < 100%	0.9%	\$2,700,000	-
TIER 4	≥ 100%	0.1%	\$300,000	\$3,878
TOTAL			\$300,000,000	\$3,878

(1) Maximum Adequacy % for Tier 1 is recalculated annually by ISBE.

The following is a summary of the District's historical tier assignments and new EBF dollars received based on such assignments:

FISCAL YEAR	TIER ASSIGNMENT	New EBF \$ - STATEWIDE	INCREASE IN EBF TO DISTRICT
2018	TIER 4	\$300 MILLION	\$1,674,805
2019	TIER 4	\$300 MILLION	\$4,765
2020	TIER 4	\$300 MILLION	\$4,863
2021	TIER 4	Freeze	0
2022	TIER 4	\$300 MILLION	\$4,375
2023	TIER 4	\$300 MILLION	\$4,529
2024	TIER 4	\$300 MILLION	\$3,878

## HISTORICAL ANNUAL EBF REVENUES



**Source:** All data presented under the section "Evidenced-Based Funding Analysis" obtained from the Illinois State Board of Education website.

## **MAJOR STATE AND FEDERAL GRANT REVENUES**

	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
TOTAL TRANSPORTATION - STATE	1,668,387	1,238,637	1,259,336	1,614,869	2,189,479
TOTAL SPECIAL ED - FEDERAL	1,203,780	1,234,142	1,277,113	625,803	1,297,246
OTHER FEDERAL (ESSER)	-	-	702,647	885,480	625,100
MEDICAID	244,479	325,627	300,767	298,574	492,428
TITLE I – LOW INCOME	218,089	158,706	147,183	300,634	155,812

SOURCE: District audits

## **COMPOUND ANNUAL GROWTH RATES OF REVENUES**

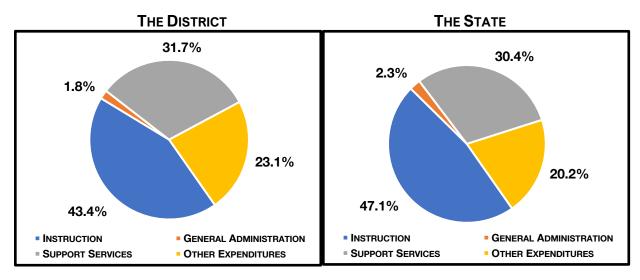
	7-Year Growth Rate	5-Year Growth Rate	3-Year Growth Rate
R/E TAXES	+1.87%	+2.59%	+2.86%
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	+9.65%	+13.48%	+19.40%
EVIDENCED-BASED FUNDING	+11.53%	+0.11%	+0.09%
STATE GRANTS	- 2.19%	+4.31%	+18.53%
FEDERAL GRANTS	+7.44%	+7.42%	+14.93%
TOTAL REVENUES	+2.86%	+3.65%	+4.90%

SOURCE: District audits

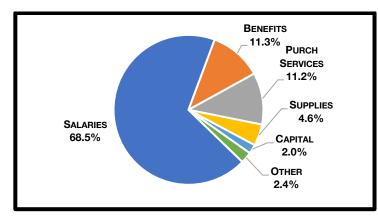
# PILLUMINATING DISTRICT EXPENDITURES

## COMPARING OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES BY FUNCTION - FY 2022

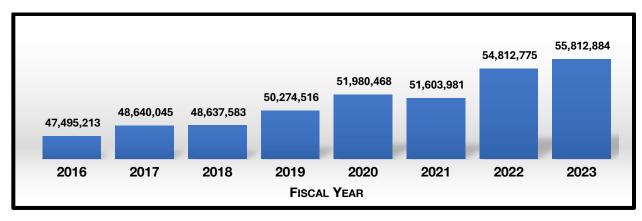
THE DISTRICT VS. STATE AVERAGE



## COMPOSITION OF OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES BY OBJECT - FY 2023



## DISTRICT-WIDE SALARY EXPENSES



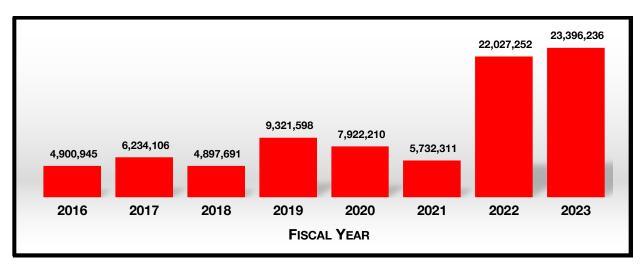
## **OTHER OPERATING FUND EXPENSE TYPES**

FISCAL YEAR	Employee Benefits	PURCHASED SERVICES	SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT	TUITION AND OTHER
2016	6,824,587	6,341,928	2,987,339	292,947	1,811,551
2017	8,151,254	6,742,092	2,838,819	775,030	1,463,647
2018	7,613,677	7,515,935	3,076,629	350,720	1,459,340
2019	7,947,516	8,083,828	2,771,076	700,893	1,790,922
2020	8,363,761	8,033,885	2,834,105	388,848	2,144,518
2021	8,837,937	7,408,459	3,994,243	391,494	1,873,586
2022	8,954,933	9,616,751	3,389,631	463,784	1,673,289
2023	9,218,153	9,102,305	3,780,090	1,324,108	1,985,117

## COMPOUND ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF MAJOR OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES

	7-Year Growth Rate	5-Year Growth Rate	3-Year Growth Rate
SALARIES	+2.33%	+2.79%	+2.40%
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	+4.39%	+3.90%	+3.30%
PURCHASED SERVICES	+5.30%	+3.90%	+4.25%
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	+3.42%	+4.20%	+10.08%
CAPITAL AND EQUIPMENT	+18.22%	+12.72%	+31.62%
OTHER (TUITION)	+1.32%	+6.35%	- 2.54%
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	+3.07%	+3.33%	+3.25%

## **MAJOR CAPITAL EXPENSES – CAPITAL FUNDS**





## FINANCIAL FORECAST FISCAL YEAR 2024 THROUGH FISCAL YEAR 2029

All projections are based on assumptions and should be considered as such when making financial decisions. Actual figures may be significantly different than projections and projections need to be updated as actual and anticipated events change.



## **MAJOR REVENUE ASSUMPTIONS**

#### **REAL ESTATE TAX REVENUES**

VARIABLE IMPACTING R/E TAXES	2023 LEVY	2024 Levy	2025 LEVY	2026 Levy	2027 LEVY	2028 LEVY
APPLICABLE CPI LIMIT	5.0%	3.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%	2.3%
"New Property" Taxes	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000	\$450,000
PA 102-0519 TAXES	\$427,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000	\$650,000
TAX ABATEMENT	-	-	-	-	-	-
COLLECTION PERCENTAGE	98.13%	98.13%	98.13%	98.13%	98.13%	98.13%

#### **OTHER REVENUE SOURCES**

SOURCE	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
CORPORATE PROPERTY TAXES	-\$1,112,000	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT
OTHER LOCAL REVENUES	-\$1,622,000	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT
EVIDENCED-BASED FUNDING	+\$4,000	+\$4,000	+\$4,000	+\$4,000	+\$4,000	+\$4,000
STATE GRANTS	\$1,780,000	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT
FEDERAL GRANTS	\$2,200,000	-\$200,000	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT

PROJECTED ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF REVENUES >>> 2.5%

## **MAJOR EXPENDITURE ASSUMPTIONS**

#### SALARY EXPENSES

VARIABLE IMPACTING SALARIES	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
% INCREASE PER FTE	5%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%
CHANGE IN STAFF SIZE	-	-	<mark>-9.5 FTE</mark>	<mark>-2.0 FTE</mark>	<mark>-5.5 FTE</mark>	-3.5 FTE
SAVINGS FROM RETIREMENTS	\$500,000	\$660,000	\$605,000	\$1,045,000	\$550,000	\$550,000

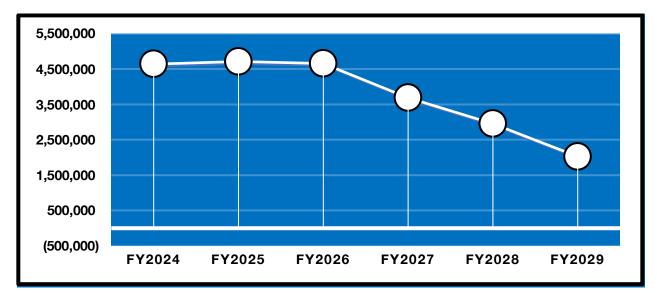
#### **OTHER EXPENSE OBJECTS**

OTHER OBJECTS	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	10%	6%	6%	6%	6%	6%
TERMINATION BENEFITS	\$1,400,000	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT	FLAT
PURCHASED SERVICES	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%
SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
CAPITAL (OPERATING FUNDS)	\$1,900,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
CAPITAL (CAPITAL FUNDS)	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	\$2,500,000	2,500,000	\$2,500,000
TUITION AND OTHER	\$1,750,000	+\$100,000	+\$100,000	+\$100,000	+\$100,000	+\$100,000

PROJECTED ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF EXPENSES >>> 3.4%

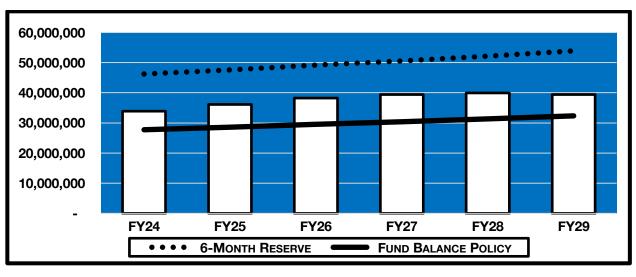
## **PROJECTED ANNUAL SURPLUSES**

EXCLUDING EXPENSES IN CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND



	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
Revenues	97,093,000	99,917,000	103,036,000	104,857,000	107,313,000	109,834,000
EXPENSES	92,453,620	95,203,674	98,379,163	101,166,647	104,355,889	107,807,281
SURPLUS/DEFICIT	4,639,380	4,713,326	4,656,837	3,690,353	2,957,111	2,026,719

## **PROJECTED FUND BALANCES – ALL FUNDS**



	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
FUND BALANCE	33,891,000	36,105,000	38,262,000	39,452,000	39,909,000	39,436,000

\*D64 fund balance policy recommends a minimum fund balance reserve of 30% of annual expenditures (108 days). ISBE requires a six-month reserve level (180 days) to earn highest score on its financial profile rubric.

## **MAJOR EVENTS THAT COULD IMPACT PROJECTIONS**

#### EVENTS THAT COULD ADVERSELY IMPACT PROJECTIONS

1. Some economists express concern about the long-term structural financial condition of the State of Illinois and its pension systems. A strategy by the State to mitigate financial challenges could be a pause in the targeted EBF funding growth of \$300 million annually.

#### PROBABILITY LEVEL: MODERATE LIKELY IMPACT TO DISTRICT'S OVERALL FINANCIAL CONDITION: MINIMAL

**2.** Events such a recession, a significant decline in asset valuations within the State's pension systems, or changes in the budgetary philosophy in Springfield could trigger more dramatic action by the State such as decreasing EBF funding or shifting pension costs to school districts.

PROBABILITY LEVEL: LOW LIKELY IMPACT TO DISTRICT'S OVERALL FINANCIAL CONDITION: SIGNIFICANT

**3.** A dramatic decline in inflation could generate a scenario whereby future real estate tax revenue growth declines while district-level expenses continue to rise due to committed contracts or the competitive strains of a labor market crisis in public education.

PROBABILITY LEVEL: MODERATE/HIGH LIKELY IMPACT TO DISTRICT'S OVERALL FINANCIAL CONDITION: SIGNIFICANT

#### EVENTS THAT COULD POSITIVELY IMPROVE PROJECTIONS

**1.** Higher than expected future inflation levels could create a scenario that real estate tax revenue growth, which is tied to inflation, would continue to exceed historical growth rates.

PROBABILITY LEVEL: LOW/MODERATE LIKELY IMPACT TO DISTRICT'S OVERALL FINANCIAL CONDITION: SIGNIFICANT



### **ALTERNATE PROJECTION ASSUMPTIONS**

#### REALISTIC WORST-CASE SCENARIO

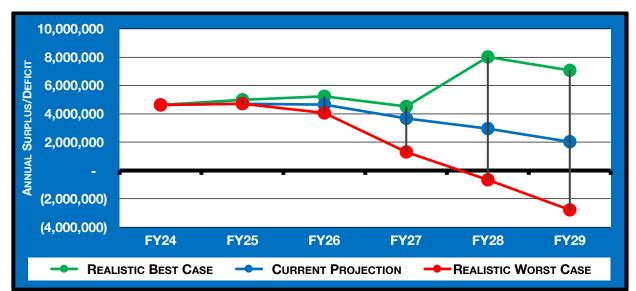
- The consumer price index tied to tax extension growth will drop to 1.5% (versus the 2.3% projection rate) beginning in the 2025 levy year.
- District total salaries will increase by 5% annually from FY27–FY29 (current forecast is 4%)
- The District does not experience projected enrollment declines and consequently FTE does not decrease during the projection period.

#### REALISTIC BEST-CASE SCENARIO

- The consumer price index tied to tax extension growth will remain high at 3.0% due to inflationary pressures within the economy (versus the 2.3% projection rate) beginning in the 2025 levy year.
- Non-salary expenditure growth will increase 1% less than current projection levels.
- Park Ridge Uptown TIF expires after 2026 levy year. R/E taxes increase \$2.1 million, District no longer receives annual TIF surplus of \$950,000.

## THE PROJECTION ZONE

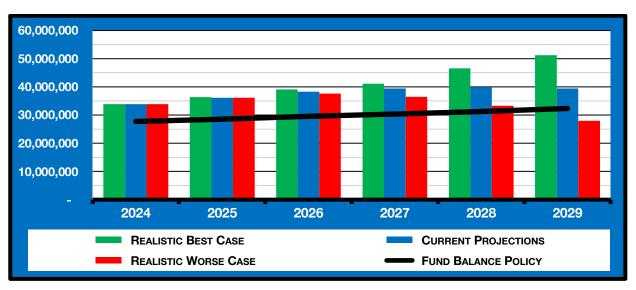
PROJECTED ANNUAL SURPLUSES/DEFICITS INCLUDING ALTERNATE SCENARIOS – EXCLUDING CAPITAL EXPENSES



	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
REALISTIC BEST CASE	4,639,380	4,989,203	5,229,927	4,522,472	8,015,113	7,076,365
<b>CURRENT PROJECTION</b>	4,639,380	4,713,326	4,656,837	3,690,353	2,957,111	2,026,719
REALISTIC WORST CASE	4,639,380	4,713,326	4,056,912	1,302,126	(663,410)	(2,776,513)

## **PROJECTED FUND BALANCES – ALL FUNDS**

INCLUDING ALTERNATE SCENARIOS



	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29
REALISTIC BEST CASE	33,891,380	36,380,583	38,512,010	38,099,629	43,339,450	49,493,331
<b>CURRENT PROJECTION</b>	33,891,380	36,104,706	37,661,619	38,099,629	37,425,615	35,550,696
<b>Realistic Worst Case</b>	33,891,380	36,104,706	37,661,619	36,463,745	33,300,335	28,023,822



## DEBT PROFILE AND DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS

"Debt Profile of the District" and "District Characteristics -Tax Base and Other Local Economic Data" Section Prepared by PMA Securities, LLC





## SUMMARY OF OUTSTANDING BONDED DEBT

(AS OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024)

ISSUE DESCRIPTION	Dated Date	Original Issue Size	Current Amount Outstanding	Final Maturity	Call Date
Debt Certificates, Series 2017	04/27/17	\$ 8,795,000	\$5,870,000	06/01/32	06/01/27
G.O. Limited School Bonds, Series 2022	01/13/22	22,780,000	18,220,000	12/01/35	12/01/30
G.O. Limited School Bonds, Series 2024	02/21/24	9,250,000	9,250,000	12/01/38	12/01/33
Total			\$ 33,340,000		

## DEBT REPAYMENT SCHEDULE – INCLUDING SERIES 2017 DEBT CERTIFICATES

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DATE	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	
06/01/24	560,000	584,343.06	1,144,343.06
12/01/24	1,370,000	667,787.50	2,037,787.50
06/01/25	580,000	640,387.50	1,220,387.50
12/01/25	1,410,000	628,787.50	2,038,787.50
06/01/26	605,000	600,587.50	1,205,587.50
12/01/26	1,515,000	588,487.50	2,103,487.50
06/01/27	630,000	558,187.50	1,188,187.50
12/01/27	1,615,000	549,525.00	2,164,525.00
06/01/28	645,000	517,225.00	1,162,225.00
12/01/28	1,720,000	504,325.00	2,224,325.00
06/01/29	670,000	468,925.00	1,138,925.00
12/01/29	1,830,000	455,525.00	2,285,525.00
06/01/30	700,000	417,850.00	1,117,850.00
12/01/30	1,945,000	403,850.00	2,348,850.00
06/01/31	725,000	363,825.00	1,088,825.00
12/01/31	2,065,000	349,325.00	2,414,325.00
06/01/32	755,000	306,825.00	1,061,825.00
12/01/32	2,190,000	291,725.00	2,481,725.00
06/01/33	-	246,675.00	246,675.00
12/01/33	2,320,000	246,675.00	2,566,675.00
06/01/34	-	198,950.00	198,950.00
12/01/34	2,460,000	198,950.00	2,658,950.00
06/01/35	-	159,200.00	159,200.00
12/01/35	1,980,000	159,200.00	2,139,200.00
06/01/36	-	111,600.00	111,600.00
12/01/36	2,120,000	111,600.00	2,231,600.00
06/01/37	-	58,600.00	58,600.00
12/01/37	2,270,000	58,600.00	2,328,600.00
06/01/38	-	13,200.00	13,200.00
12/01/38	660,000	13,200.00	673,200.00
Total	\$ 33,340,000	\$10,473,943.06	\$43,813,943.06

## FUTURE BUDGET INFORMATION – DEBT SERVICE FUND EXPENDITURES

(INCLUDES ONLY DEBT LISTED IN THIS SECTION)

BUDGET YEAR	PRINCIPAL	INTEREST	TOTAL DS
FYE 6/30/24	2,085,000	1,080,881	3,165,881
FYE 6/30/25	1,950,000	1,308,175	3,258,175
FYE 6/30/26	2,015,000	1,229,375	3,244,375
FYE 6/30/27	2,145,000	1,146,675	3,291,675
FYE 6/30/28	2,260,000	1,066,750	3,326,750
FYE 6/30/29	2,390,000	973,250	3,363,250
FYE 6/30/30	2,530,000	873,375	3,403,375
FYE 6/30/31	2,670,000	767,675	3,437,675
FYE 6/30/32	2,820,000	656,150	3,476,150
FYE 6/30/33	2,190,000	538,400	2,728,400
FYE 6/30/34	2,320,000	445,625	2,765,625
FYE 6/30/35	2,460,000	358,150	2,818,150
FYE 6/30/36	1,980,000	270,800	2,250,800
FYE 6/30/37	2,120,000	170,200	2,290,200
FYE 6/30/38	2,270,000	71,800	2,341,800
FYE 6/30/39	660,000	13,200	673,200

Note: Additional debt payments from other borrowing instruments such as leases are not included in this report. Also, other bond fees could also affect expenditures within the debt service fund.

## FUTURE TAX LEVY INFORMATION - BOND LEVY

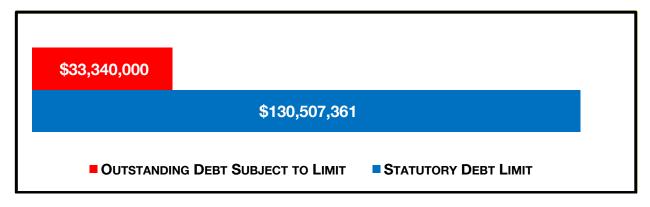
(INCLUDES ONLY SERIES 2022 AND SERIES 2024 BONDS – DEBT CERTIFICATES ARE NOT PAID FROM TAX LEVY)

Levy Year	<b>Collection Year</b>	Total Tax Levy
2023	2024	2,406,406
2024	2025	2,486,250
2025	2026	2,534,850
2026	2027	2,574,250
2027	2028	2,614,650
2028	2029	2,653,850
2029	2030	2,693,500
2030	2031	2,733,450
2031	2032	2,773,450
2032	2033	2,813,350
2033	2034	2,857,900
2034	2035	2,298,400
2035	2036	2,343,200
2036	2037	2,387,200
2037	2038	686,400

## STATUTORY DEBT LIMIT

(AS OF FEBRUARY 21, 2024)

Generally, the *debt limit* for elementary and high school districts is 6.9% of the equalized assessed valuation of the district and for unit school districts it is 13.8% of the equalized assessed valuation of the district. There are numerous exceptions to the debt limit. Excluding these exceptions, the following graph compares the District's current statutory debt limit to its current outstanding debt subject to this limit:



The District's current available debt margin (amount under its statutory debt limit) is **\$97,167,361**. The type of debt that can be issued to capture available debt margin is subject to other statutory limitations including the Debt Service Extension Base for those school districts subject to the Property Tax Extension Limitation Law.

For school districts that seek approval from the voters for an amount of referendum bonds greater than this calculation, a school district may request legislative approval from the General Assembly to lawfully exceed its statutory debt capacity. However, if approval is received, Public Act 100-0503 requires the Board of Education to hold a public hearing prior to the sale of referendum bonds for an amount that exceeds a district's debt capacity.

Additional information must be included in the notice for hearings as follows:

- The date, time and location of the meeting
- The purpose of the hearing
- A description of the project for which the bonds will be issued
- An estimate of the number of years during which the bonds will be outstanding
- An estimate of the total debt service to be paid on the bonds, including principal, interest and costs of issuing the bonds
- An estimate of the average annual property tax needed to pay the principal of and interest on the bonds extendable against property containing a single-family residence and having a fair market value of \$100,000
- The notice shall state that the information listed in points (4)-(6) above are subject to change based on many factors, including market conditions at the time the bonds are sold

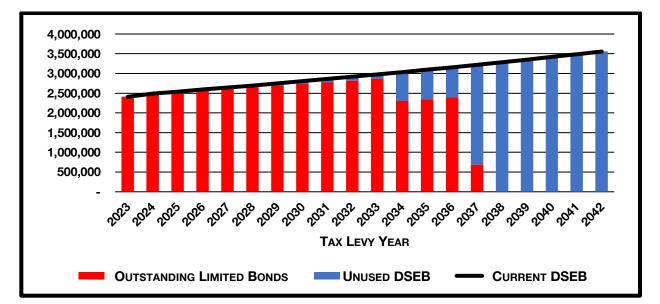
## LIMITED BONDS

School districts subject to the Extension Limitation Law are permitted to issue limited bonds. They are payable from a separate tax levy that is limited by the Extension Limitation Law. Limited bonds are payable from a school district's debt service extension base (the "base"), which is an amount equal to that portion of the district's extension for the applicable levy year for the payment of non-referendum bonds (other than alternate bonds or refunding obligations issued to refund or to continue to refund obligations of the District initially issued pursuant to referendum), increased by the lessor of 5% or the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index during the 12-month calendar year preceding the levy year. School districts subject to the Extension Limitation Law may only issue non-referendum general obligation bonds as limited bonds. To school district may establish or increase a Base pursuant to referendum.

#### **DEBT SERVICE EXTENSION BASE ("DSEB") ANALYSIS**

(AS OF JANUARY 2024)

The District's current DSEB is **\$2,489,275**. This figure represents the current maximum tax extension for payment of principal and interest on Limited Bonds issued by the District without referendum. This limitation compares to the District's current outstanding bonds subject to such limitation to an assumed growth rate of 2% on the DSEB as follows:



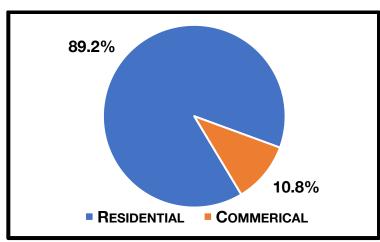


**DISTRICT CHARACTERISTICS** 

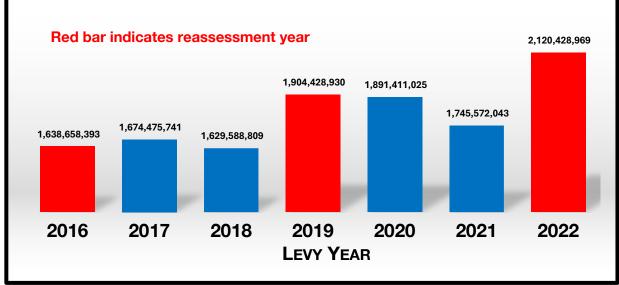
TAX BASE AND OTHER LOCAL ECONOMIC DATA

**COMPOSITION OF EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION** 

2022 TAX YEAR



Source: County Clerk's Office



## TREND OF EQUALIZED ASSESSED VALUATION

**Source:** County Clerk's Office

## **TIF DISTRICTS LOCATED WITHIN THE DISTRICT**

A portion of the District's EAV is contained in tax increment financing ("TIF") districts, as detailed below. When a TIF district is created within the boundaries of a taxing body, such as the District, the EAV of the portion of real property designated as a TIF district is frozen at the level of the tax year in which it was designated as such (the "Base EAV"). Any incremental increases in property tax revenue produced by the increase in EAV (the "Incremental EAV") derived from the redevelopment project area during the life of the TIF district are not provided to the District until the TIF district expires. The District is not aware of any new TIF districts planned in the near future.

NAME OF TIF	YEAR Established	BASE EAV	2022 EAV	INCREMENTAL EAV
Niles – Milwaukee/Oakton	2018	22,477,072	30,994,113	8,810,327
Park Ridge – Uptown	2003	37,158,476	91,693,188	58,665,874
Total Incremental EAV				\$ 67,476,201

Source: County Clerk's Office

## **TEN LARGEST TAXPAYERS**

TAXPAYER NAME	2022 EAV	% OF DISTRICT'S Total EAV
Park Ridge Bldg. LLC	10,915,117	0.50%
Albertsons	9,515,229	0.43%
HSE Park Ridge LL	8,023,446	0.37%
Uptown Station LLC	7,793,005	0.36%
Gale T. Landers	7,916,149	0.36%
Imperial Realty Co.	7,404,008	0.34%
Tau Operating Partners	6,812,475	0.31%
Rushmore Village Green	6,142,516	0.28%
1300 Higgins Co GNP	6,068,715	0.28%
Park 205 Multifamily D	5,996,936	0.27%
Total	\$ 76,587,596	3.50%

**Source:** County Clerk's Office.

Reasonable efforts have been made to seek out and report the largest taxpayers. However, many of the taxpayers listed may own multiple parcels and it is possible that some parcels and their valuations may not be included.

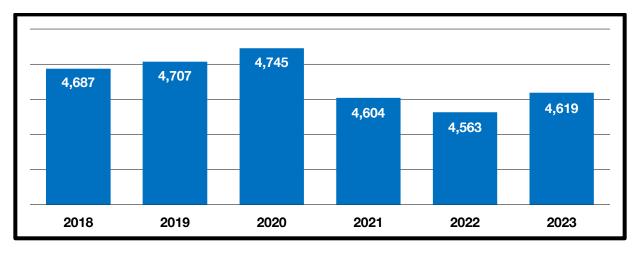
### **INCOME AND HOUSING**

CATEGORY	THE DISTRICT	THE COUNTY	THE STATE	UNITED STATES
MEDIAN HOME VALUE	\$ 518,500	\$ 293,700	\$212,600	\$ 244,900
MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME	137,964	78,304	72,563	69,021
MEDIAN FAMILY INCOME	172,255	97,520	91,408	85,028
PER CAPITAL INCOME	69,765	45,646	39,571	37,368

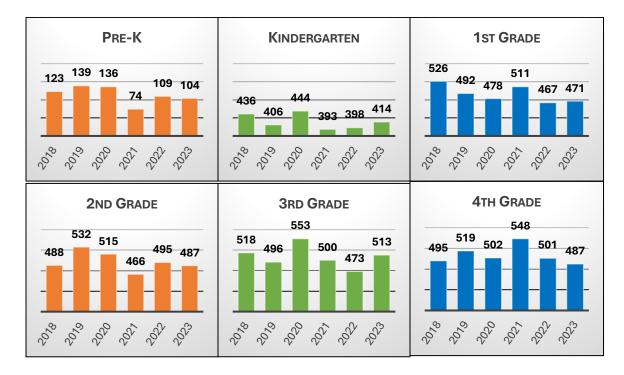
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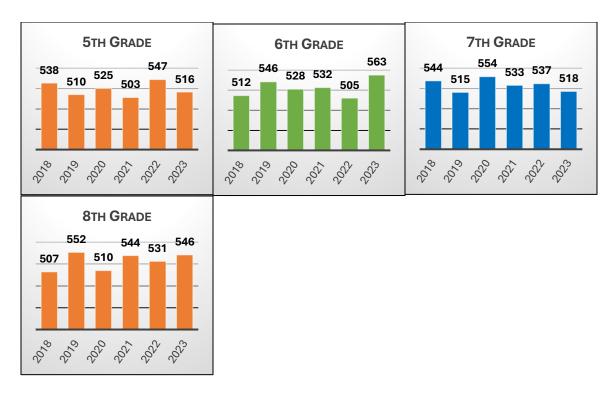


## **STUDENT ENROLLMENT TRENDS – DISTRICT-WIDE**



## STUDENT ENROLLMENT – GRADE-LEVEL TRENDS

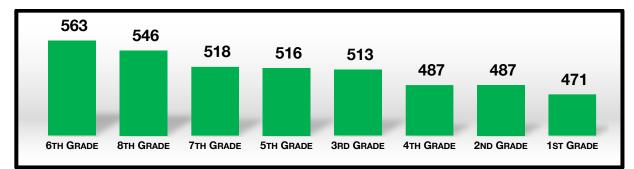




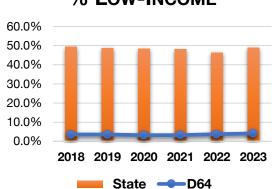
## **GRADE LEVEL ENROLLMENT BY SCHOOL YEAR - SUMMARY**

	Pre-K	K	1sт	<b>2</b> ND	3rd	4тн	5тн	6тн	7тн	8тн	TOTAL
2018	123	436	526	488	518	495	538	512	544	507	4,687
2019	139	406	492	532	496	519	510	546	515	552	4,707
2020	136	444	478	515	553	502	525	528	554	510	4,745
2021	74	393	511	466	500	548	503	532	533	544	4,604
2022	109	398	467	495	473	501	547	505	537	531	4,563
2023	104	414	471	487	513	487	516	563	518	546	4,619
Change	-19	-22	-55	-1	-5	-8	-22	+51	-26	+39	- <b>6</b> 8

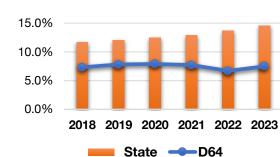
## GRADE ENROLLMENT LEVELS BY RANK ORDER - 2023 SCHOOL YEAR



## **STUDENT CHARACTERISTICS**

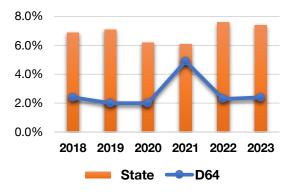


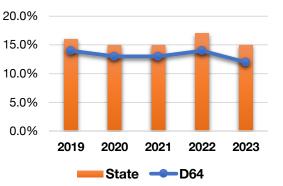




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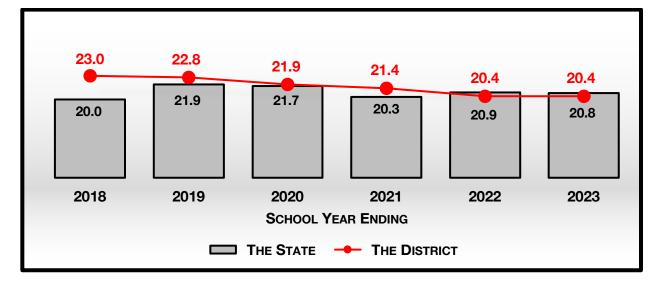






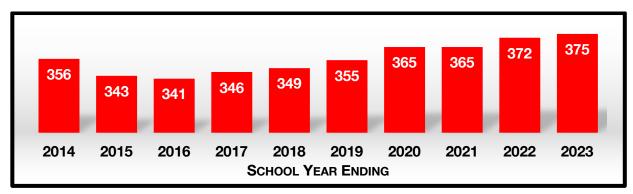
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## AVERAGE CLASS SIZE

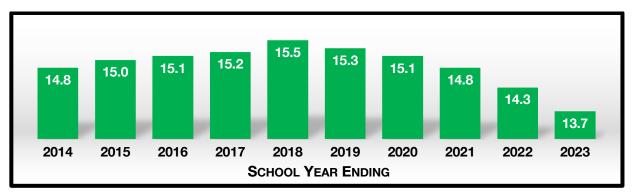


## % ENGLISH LEARNERS

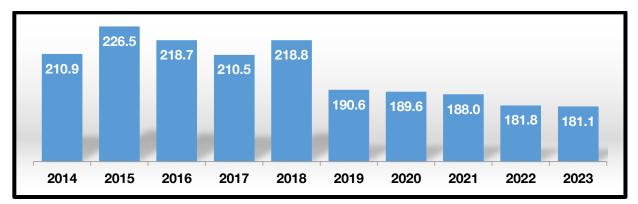
## TOTAL TEACHERS (FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT)



## **STUDENT/TEACHER RATIO**



## **STUDENT/ADMINISTRATOR RATIO**



## STATUS OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

BARGAINING UNIT	CONTRACT START YEAR	CONTRACT END YEAR
SUPPORT STAFF COUNCIL	2022	2025
PARK RIDGE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION	2021	2026
PARK RIDGE TEACHER ASSIST ASSOCIATION	2022	2027

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#### What is the CPI (Consumer Price Index)?

A measure of the weighted average change over a period of time in prices paid by urban consumers for a market basket of consumer goods and services.

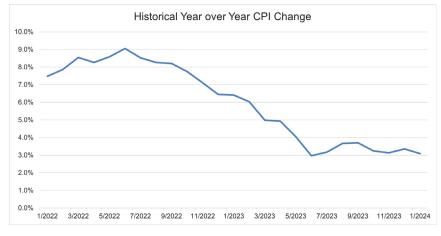
#### Year over Year CPI:

CPI slowed to 3.1% on a year-over-year basis in January following a rise of 3.4% in December. On a month-over-month seasonally adjusted basis, CPI rose 0.3% in January, which is somewhat faster than the 0.2% median forecast by economists. Note that on an unadjusted basis, January CPI rose 0.5%, which is the version of CPI used for PTELL calculations, but over the course of a year the seasonal adjustment has no major impact on CPI. Core CPI, excluding food and energy, also increased a larger than expected 0.4% for January and 3.9% over the past year. The larger than expected increases in CPI and Core CPI were caused primarily by a larger increase in the cost of shelter. Other services including car insurance, airfares and medical care also increased.

#### The data on the right reflects the YoY change in the unseasonally adjusted CPI, and the YTD cumulative change in the CPI.

#### Different ways to measure CPI:

The most commonly reported measure of CPI is the year-overyear (YoY) percentage change to the non-seasonally adjusted CPI Index. YoY CPI is a 12-month moving rate of change meaning the calculation includes the prior 12 months of CPI. Therefore, with each new month of CPI data, the previous beginning month is no longer included in the YoY calculation. Focusing only on YoY CPI can be misleading to Illinois tax capped entities in the middle of the year since it includes monthly data from the prior year. PTELL limiting rate calculations always uses December YoY CPI. To focus on current year CPI, PMA calculates year-to-date (YTD) CPI. We believe this calculation provides an important representation of current trends most beneficial to tax capped entities. An analysis of the prior 12 months of monthly CPI, YoY CPI and YTD CPI together offer some insight into the annual December YoY CPI print, and the YTD CPI data becomes most meaningful as we near the end of the year and get closer to the December CPI report.



**PMA CPI Report** 

February 2024

			Month Over	Year over	Compounded
Short Date	Date	Index	Month	Year	Year To Date
01/31/22	January 31, 2022	281.148	0.8%	7.5%	0.8%
02/28/22	February 28, 2022	283.716	0.9%	7.9%	1.8%
03/31/22	March 31, 2022	287.504	1.3%	8.5%	3.1%
04/30/22	April 30, 2022	289.109	0.6%	8.3%	3.7%
05/31/22	May 31, 2022	292.296	1.1%	8.6%	4.8%
06/30/22	June 30, 2022	296.311	1.4%	9.1%	6.3%
07/31/22	July 31, 2022	296.276	0.0%	8.5%	6.3%
08/31/22	August 31, 2022	296.171	0.0%	8.3%	6.2%
09/30/22	September 30, 2022	296.808	0.2%	8.2%	6.5%
10/31/22	October 31, 2022	298.012	0.4%	7.7%	6.9%
11/30/22	November 30, 2022	297.711	-0.1%	7.1%	6.8%
12/31/22	December 31, 2022	296.797	-0.3%	6.5%	6.5%
01/31/23	January 31, 2023	299.170	0.8%	6.4%	0.8%
02/28/23	February 28, 2023	300.840	0.6%	6.0%	1.4%
03/31/23	March 31, 2023	301.836	0.3%	5.0%	1.7%
04/30/23	April 30, 2023	303.363	0.5%	4.9%	2.2%
05/31/23	May 31, 2023	304.127	0.3%	4.0%	2.5%
06/30/23	June 30, 2023	305.109	0.3%	3.0%	2.8%
07/31/23	July 31, 2023	305.691	0.2%	3.2%	3.0%
08/31/23	August 31, 2023	307.026	0.4%	3.7%	3.4%
09/30/23	September 30, 2023	307.789	0.2%	3.7%	3.7%
10/31/23	October 31, 2023	307.671	0.0%	3.2%	3.7%
11/30/23	November 30, 2023	307.051	-0.2%	3.1%	3.5%
12/31/23	December 31, 2023	306.746	-0.1%	3.4%	3.4%
01/31/24	January 31, 2024	308.417	0.5%	3.1%	

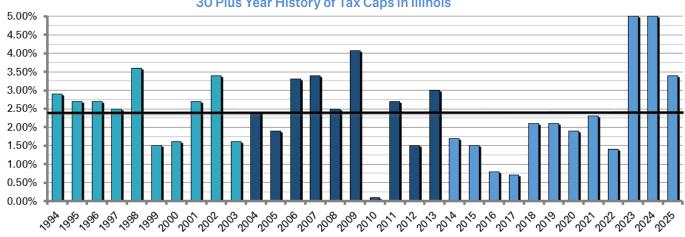


#### **2024 CPI Projections**

Economists expect CPI to continue its downward trajectory in 2024 ending in the mid to high 2% range. The Bloomberg survey of economists' median projection for 2024 CPI is 2.7%. Market expectations as of December 31, 2023, calculated using data from the Treasury Inflation Protected Securities (TIPS) market, indicated 2024 CPI would be near the Federal Reserve's 2% target. Between December 2023 and January 2024, market inflation expectations began to rise based in part on economic data received during the period. Market inflation expectations on where CPI will end 2024 are now closer to 3%. At PMA, we expect inflation to continue to come down in the year ahead, but recognize risks around energy prices, labor and other components of CPI could delay a return to the Fed's 2% target.

#### **CPI Application to PTELL**

The graph below reflects the 30 plus year history of CPI since tax caps were applied to both Cook and the collar counties. The average for the first 10-year period was 2.52% and the second 10-year period was 2.49%. For the most recent 10 plus vear period, the average has been 2.3% in spite of the recent historically high inflation. This is due to the really low inflation from 2014 through 2017 and 2022 in addition to PTELL capping the increase at 5%.



#### **30 Plus Year History of Tax Caps in Illinois**



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## **Economic Data Reduces Rate Cut Expectations**

The latest round of jobs and inflation data came in hotter than consensus estimates, and markets have reacted accordingly by increasing bond yields and revising projections for when the Federal Reserve will have its first rate cut in 2024.

#### **Inflation Measures:**

On Tuesday of this week, the January consumer-price index (CPI) was released and the data came in higher than markets were expecting. The all-items CPI showed a seasonally adjusted monthly increase of 0.3%, and an increase of 3.1% over the past 12 months. The core CPI rose 0.4 % on a month-overmonth basis, which is higher than the 0.3% for the previous two months, and on an annual basis gained 3.9%, the same as last month. The index for shelter was the main contributor to the increase in core CPI. January marked the eleventh month in a row of annual core-CPI exceeding the all-items index.

#### Stock and Bond Markets:

Prices of government bonds fell (prices down means yields up) in response to the January CPI release. Soon after the release, the yield on 10-year US treasury increased by approximately nine basis points (bps) to 4.27%, with the 2-year experiencing a similar basis point increase to 4.59%.

Beginning on November 1 last year, the 10-year US treasury enjoyed a massive rally on expectations of Federal Reserve rate cuts in 2024, but has given back some of the those gains since the start of the year. The 10-year moved from 4.88% on Halloween to 3.88% at the end of 2023, and closed at 4.31% on February 13.

#### Labor Market:

The January jobs report was released on February 2 and it estimated an increase in nonfarm payrolls of 353,000, which was almost double an economist survey estimate of 185,000. Furthermore, December's payroll gains were revised upwards to 333,000 from 216,000. According to the Department of Labor, the last time there were this many new jobs created over a two-month period was January and February 2023.

Hourly wages for January grew by 4.5% over the past 12 months, which was substantially higher than the previous two monthly increases of 4.1% and 4.0%. For the third month in a row, the unemployment rate was 3.7%, and the labor force participation rate, at 62.5%, was unchanged. The narrative of a job market

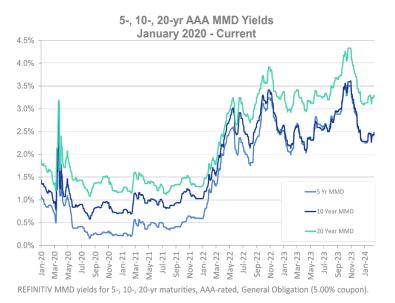
slowly losing momentum was firmly put on hold for at least a month.

#### The Fed:

Market expectations for the number of Federal Reserve rate cuts in 2024 have changed quite a bit over the last two months. At the Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting that concluded on December 13, the Fed's Summary of Economic Projections had the median member estimating three 0.25% rate cuts during 2024. However, interest rate traders seized on dovish comments by Chair Jerome Powell and subsequently priced in six 0.25% rate cuts by the end of 2024. After the January jobs report, markets priced in five 0.25% rate cuts for the year. Shortly following Tuesday's CPI release, the futures market has a 60% probability of four or more quarter point rate cuts, with the first cut moving from the March 20 FOMC meeting to the May 1 meeting.

#### **Municipal Market Update:**

Similar to US treasuries, tax-exempt municipal yields enjoyed a substantial decline in rates beginning on November 1 last year but have given a little back in 2024. That stated, the 10year benchmark yield is currently well over 1.00% lower than it was on Halloween, which has been a major benefit to municipal borrowers. The following chart provides Municipal Market Data (MMD) AAA yields since the start of 2020 for 5-year, 10year, and 20-year maturities.



#### Illinois School District Case Study: Hinckley Big Rock CUSD 429

On Monday, February 12, Hinckley-Big Rock CUSD 429 in DeKalb, Kane and Kendall Counties achieved a successful pricing of its \$4,015,000 Series 2023 General Obligation Limited Tax School Bonds via a competitive sale. With an average life of 3.98 years, the transaction garnered significant interest from 11 bidders. The winning bid provided a True Interest Cost of 3.05%, the cover (second place) bid was 3.09% and the last place bid was 3.69%. As the District's municipal advisor, PMA recommended to the District a few months ago that it pursue a competitive sale. Despite recent upward pressure on municipal bond rates, the favorable pricing results were due to several factors, including the District's strong underlying credit rating ("Aa3" from Moody's Investors Service), short average life, and lack of Illinois school district bond supply. In addition, the spread between the 11 bids demonstrates the effectiveness of the competitive sale process. As municipal advisor to more Illinois school districts that any other firm, PMA evaluates each transaction separately to determine the most appropriate method of sale, which helps our clients achieve the lowest cost of borrowing given current market conditions.

Diddey Nama	TIC (0/)	Spread to
Bidder Name	TIC (%)	Winner*
Hilltop Securities	3.048757	
Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.	3.093934	0.05
Mesirow Financial, Inc.	3.104499	0.06
Piper Sandler & Co	3.118657	0.07
StoneX Financial Inc.	3.156443	0.11
The Baker Group	3.168247	0.12
<b>BNYMellon Capital Markets</b>	3.209855	0.16
Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., Inc.	3.262867	0.21
Huntington Securities, Inc.	3.292532	0.24
Loop Capital Markets, LLC	3.315690	0.27
Bernardi Securities, Inc.	3.688202	0.64
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