

Buffalo Public Schools

2023-2024 Annual Budget Process – Update
ARP/ESSER Update



Finance & Operations Committee Meeting – Wednesday March 8, 2023

Dr. Tonja Williams - Superintendent

Jim Barnes – CFO

2023 – 2024 Budget - Level 1 Projection

Item	22-23 CY Revised Budget	23-24 Level 1 Projection	Variance	Notes
Revenues:				
State Aid	843,689,481	921,633,773	77,944,292	Estimated increase in FA (\$71.1 million) and all other State Aids
Sales Tax	48,720,000	48,720,000	-	MOE budget.
City of Buffalo	70,822,758	70,718,966	(103,792)	MOE budget.
All Other	22,267,761	22,267,761	-	Includes Invoicing to other districts, refunds of prior year exp, medicaid and Interfund transfers.
Total Revenues	985,500,000	1,063,340,500	77,840,500	
Expenditures:				
Salaries and OT	349,578,876	361,505,975	11,927,099	This includes all contract, step and longevity increases on current budgeted staff levels.
Contingency	19,191,360	59,200,000	40,008,640	This includes a \$50.9 million contingency for a BTF settlement.
Contracts	31,211,472	35,130,979	3,919,507	MOE budget.
Facility Rentals	7,130,000	8,130,000	1,000,000	This includes all current leases plus additional space on Chippewa
Charter Tuition	154,640,013	166,281,885	11,641,872	Based upon projected enrollments and tuition rates.
Benefits	196,535,500	204,396,920	7,861,420	Increases based upon projected Salary related increases
Transfers & Debt Service	111,778,324	120,732,749	8,954,425	Debt service is decreasing but Transfers to Capital are projected to increase.
All Other	150,034,455	147,819,138	(2,215,317)	MOE budget.
Total Expenditures	1,020,100,000	1,103,197,646	83,097,646	L1 Projection estimates an \$83 million increase in total exp.
Projected Surplus/(Deficit)	(34,600,000)	(39,857,146)	(5,257,146)	L1 Projection estimates a \$39.9 million deficit

2023-2024 Budget – Revenue Update

- The Governor’s Budget proposal was released on February 1, 2023. The Level 1 revenues were based upon the November data base. Based upon the updated February 2023 data base our projected State Aid revenues for 2023-24 have decreased by \$3.9 million mainly due to a drop in enrollments (TAFPU Count) and thus Foundation Aid.
- However, total State Aid is projected to increase by \$73.7 million and Foundation Aid by \$69.2 million from 22-23.

DESCRIPTION	22-23 STATE AID REVENUES 3-6-2023	23-24 Governors Executive Budget 2/1/2023	23-24 State Aid Database Run 2/15/2023	Change in State Aid Nov vs. Feb Data Base	Change in State Aid 23-24 (proj) vs. 22-23
Foundation Aid.	619,626,315	692,123,031	688,802,175	(3,320,856)	69,175,860
Charter School Transitional Aid	10,122,063	10,163,961	9,627,321	(536,640)	(494,742)
PUBLIC HIGH COST (STAC) - EXCESS COST	1,482,696	963,298	967,883	4,585	(514,813)
PRIVATE HIGH COST (STAC)	23,813,762	26,941,183	26,896,776	(44,407)	3,083,014
TRANSPORTATION AID	42,090,098	51,525,051	51,525,051	-	9,434,953
BUILDING AID	116,798,182	110,949,217	110,949,217	-	(5,848,965)
SPECIAL SERVICES AID COMPRISED OF COMPUTER ADMIN AID, CAREER ED AID AND ACADEMIC IMPROVEMENT AID	13,671,053	12,908,462	12,883,816	(24,646)	(787,237)
TEXTBOOK AID	2,494,498	2,520,419	2,450,461	(69,958)	(44,037)
SOFTWARE AID	637,250	629,085	628,591	(494)	(8,659)
HARDWARE & TECHNOLOGY AID	885,343	847,577	846,910	(667)	(38,433)
LIBRARY MATERIALS AID	264,215	262,469	262,263	(206)	(1,952)
Chapter One Advance	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	-	-
Charter School - Supplemental Aid	10,021,000	10,000,000	10,000,000	-	(21,000)
Bullet Aid - Health Services -	1,450,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	-	(250,000)
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TOTAL STATE AID	845,156,475	922,833,753	918,840,464	(3,993,289)	73,683,989

2023-2024 Budget – Expenditure Update

- In person group training sessions are completed and were attended by approximately 60 staff.
- **Department Budget Entry:**
 - The due date for all Level 2 department budget requests is March 17th.
 - All departments are required to:
 - Review staff that is Munis.
 - Enter detailed budget requests for non staff items.
 - Submit New Spending Request Forms.
- **School Based Budgets:**
 - SBB books are due back to the ASL's March 10th.
 - SBB approval meetings will be conducted April 10th to April 14th.
 - Please note all unbudgeted SBB request will be collected by the ASL's, consolidated and turned into the Budget department.
- During April, the Superintendent will receive the first analysis of the Level 2 department budgets, SBB books, New Spending Requests and SBB unbudgeted requests.

ARP/ESSER UPDATE – Revised 3 Year Plan

ARP/ESSER REVISED 3 YEAR BUDGET PLAN

(in millions)	21-22 (actual)	2022-23	2023-24	TOTAL
ESSER II - CRSSA	39.9	49.3	-	89.2
ESSER III - ARP	19.9	109.1	71.4	200.4
TOTAL	59.8	158.4	71.4	289.6

1. The 2021-22 year has been closed out and audited.
2. All unspent 21-22 budget dollars & encumbrances have been carried forward and/or repurposed into the 2022-23 budget.
3. The 2022-23 budget is still being revised. However, any additional items must be offset by cuts in other items.
4. ***The ESSER II Grant ends this Fiscal year. It must be closed out by September 2023 and submitted to the State by October 2023. This will take up to 60 days to complete.***

ARP/ESSER UPDATE – CY 2022 -2023 BUDGET

ARP/ESSER 2022-2023 BUDGET (at 3/6/23)

(in millions)	REV BUDGET	ACTUAL EXP.	ENCUM	AVAILABLE
ESSER II - CRSSA	48.9	15.3	5.9	27.7
ESSER III - ARP	109.5	32.2	23.8	53.5
TOTAL	158.4	47.5	29.7	81.2

1. Building Improvements/Plant Related - \$17.9 million
2. IT Equipment/Network Services - \$27 million
3. After School Programming - \$11.7 million
4. Summer School - \$9 million
5. Security Equipment and Supplies - \$5.3 million
6. Security Guards – 50 FTE at \$2.75 million
7. Other FTE's (Teachers, BCSA, Guidance, Attendance, Trades, PCTEA) – 230 FTE at \$19.8 million
8. RFPQ - Community Organizations - \$1.1 million

ARP/ESSER - Important Dates

- On 3/1/23 – we submitted the Revised ESSER II budget to the State for approval.
- On 3/15/23 - we will submit the Revised ESSER III budget to the State for approval.
- The ESSER II grant ends 9/30/23. The ESSER II grant must be closed out and submitted to the State for reimbursement by October 30, 2023. This part of ARP/ESSER is over. Only the ESSER III grant will remain open in 23-24.
- April 2023 – as part of the 2023-24 Budget Process the Grants department will meet with all departments to review the current revised ESSER III budget.
- April 1, 2023 – all Requisitions must be entered for the ESSER II grant. This is a hard deadline.
- Fall of 2023 – The State will begin audits of the ARP/ESSER budgets and spending.

ARP/ESSER – Final Comments

- Field Improvement projects are NOT allowed under ARP/ESSER guidelines. These projects are being funded through General Fund transfers to Capital.
- A portion of the remaining ARP/ESSER funds may be used in a BTF contract settlement.
- Further revisions to the 2022-23 budget may occur. However, any additional items must be offset by cuts. This has become a balancing act between budget requests, Capital Spending needs and projected spending.
- All revisions must be submitted to NYSED for approval.
- We need to begin discussing the phase out of all ARP/ESSER funds at the end of next year (23-24). However, it is premature to move ARP/ESSER funded positions to the General Fund until the BTF contract is settled, ARP/ESSER spending projections are updated and alternative funding sources (General or Other) are identified for summer school, after school and other programs that are currently ARP/ESSER funded.

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