



2014-15 Budget Presentation

**Akron Central School District
May 2014**

The District is cautiously optimistic about it's financial position.....

Although we are still dealing with a \$ 1,293,517 GEA (Gap Elimination Adjustment)....this year we have been able to:

- REDUCE the annual budget by 2.21%**
- restore/add 5.775 instructional positions**
- restore/add 1.0 non-instructional positions**



How were we able to do this.....?

1. We have had a drop off in debt service of **\$ 842,193**
2. We will make our final payout of instructional retirement incentives this June/July
3. We continue to share positions with other Districts saving this district approximately **\$ 135,000** annually in salary and benefit costs
4. We have been successful in securing new grant funding for much needed programs
4. We have finalized a new 5 year contract with NYS for the education of our Native American students with updated tuition reimbursement rates
5. We continue to approach district spending with a very conservative approach



Increases to Positions

.475 Technology

1.0 Literacy Specialist

2.0 Special Education

1.0 Elementary Teacher

.475 Psychologist

.35 Science

.475 Library Media Specialist

1.0 Monitor (non-instructional)



The bottom line

2013-14 Final Budget

\$ 29,142,954

Proposed 2014-15 Budget

\$ 28,500,042

Budget DECREASE

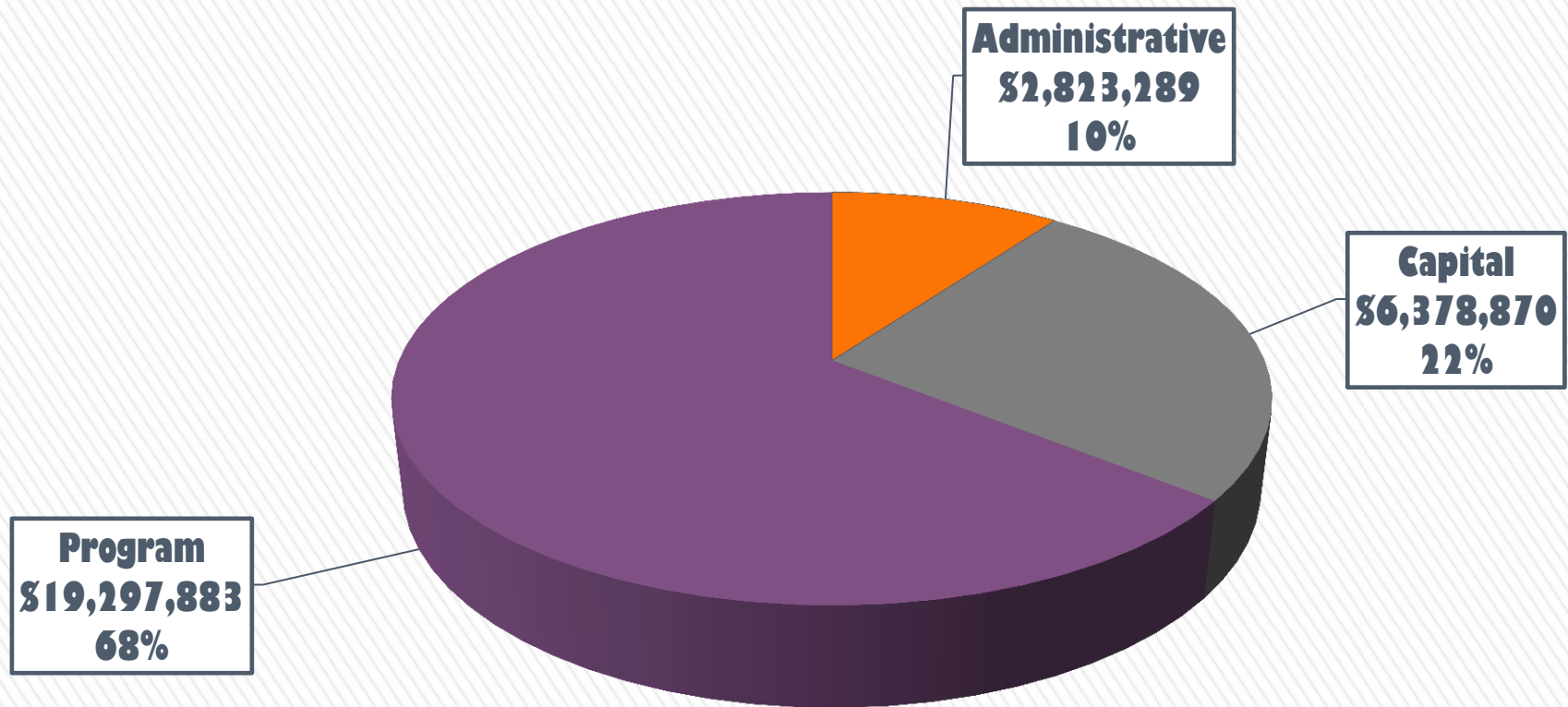
(\$ 642,912)

Percent DECREASE

(2.21%)



Three Part Budget Summary



Total Budget \$28,500,042



Detail of Expenditures

Administrative Component	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget
Board of Education & District Clerk	\$20,080	\$20,938
Central Office & District Services	\$1,114,562	\$1,210,386
Legal & Personnel	\$116,995	\$133,495
Instructional Administration	\$755,510	\$810,255
Employee Benefits	<u>\$825,688</u>	<u>\$648,215</u>
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE	\$2,832,835	\$2,823,289

Detail of Expenditures

Program Component	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget
Instruction	\$ 9,075,214	\$ 9,120,803
Exceptional Education	\$ 3,306,298	\$ 3,406,751
Co-Curricular & Interscholastic Athletics	\$ 390,822	\$ 406,050
Transportation	\$ 1,239,141	\$ 1,245,690
Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 5,084,579</u>	<u>\$ 5,118,589</u>
TOTAL PROGRAM	\$ 19,096,054	\$ 19,297,883

Detail of Expenditures

Capital Component	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 1,878,395	\$ 1,973,292
Bond Principal & Interest	\$ 4,817,445	\$ 3,975,252
Employee Benefits	<u>\$ 518,225</u>	<u>\$ 430,326</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL	\$ 7,214,065	\$ 6,378,870

Expenditures:

Comparison with Prior Years

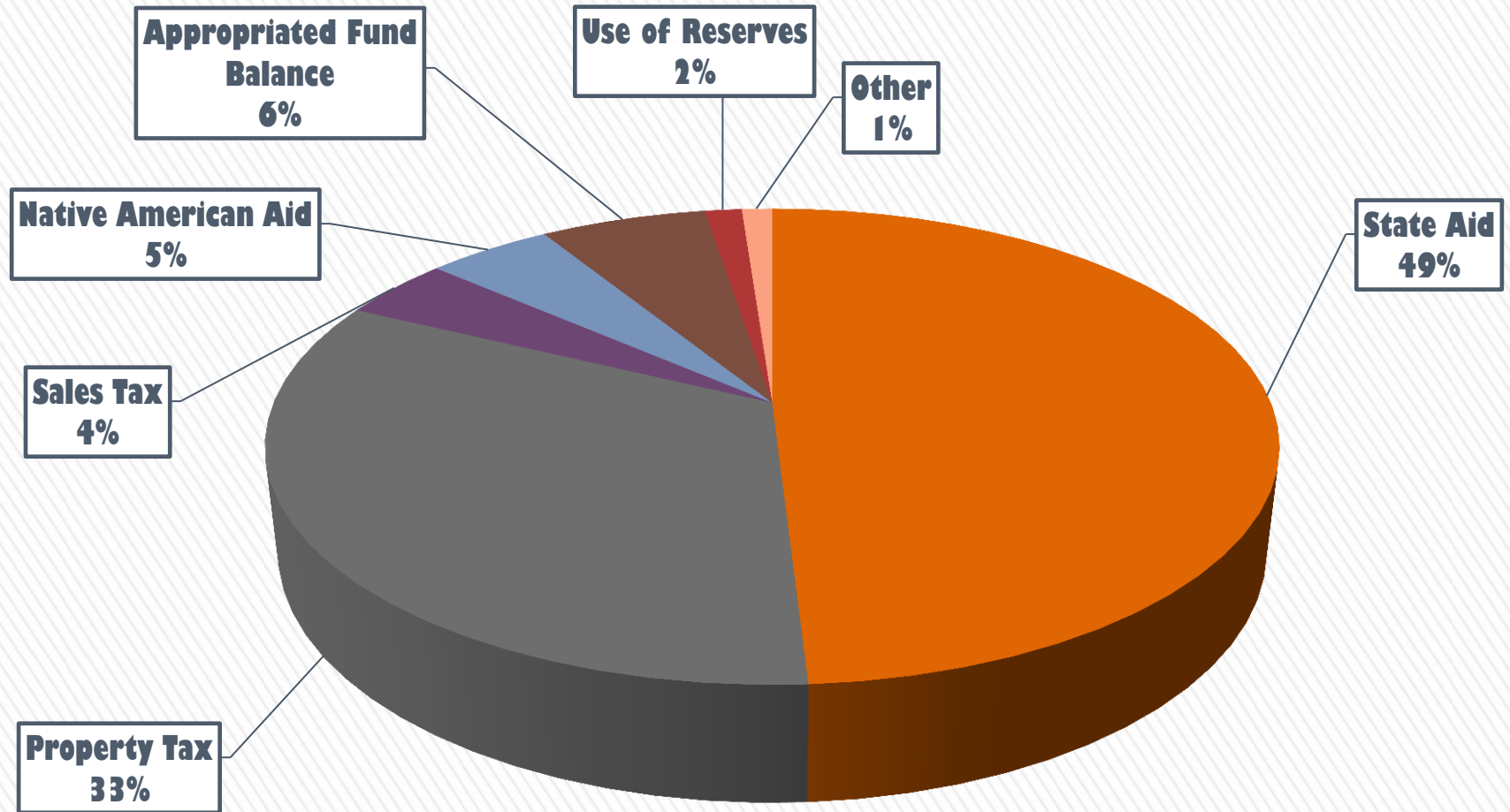
Component	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	Dollar Increase (Decrease)
Administrative	\$2,832,835	\$2,823,289	(\$9,546)
Program	\$19,096,054	\$19,297,883	\$201,829
Capital	<u>\$ 7,214,065</u>	<u>\$ 6,378,870</u>	<u>(\$835,195)</u>
Total Budget	\$29,142,954	\$28,500,042	<u>(\$642,912)</u>



Revenue Comparison with Prior Years

Revenues	2013-14 Budget	2014-15 Proposed Budget	Dollar Increase (Decrease)
State Aid	\$13,957,518	\$13,980,961	\$23,443
Property Tax	\$ 9,324,438	\$ 9,435,800	\$ 111,362
Sales Tax	\$ 1,100,000	\$ 1,200,000	\$ 100,000
Native American Aid	\$ 1,354,000	\$ 1,354,000	-
Other	\$ 348,998	\$ 329,281	(\$19,717)
Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 1,800,000	\$ 1,800,000	-
Additional Appropriated Fund Balance	\$ 500,000	-	(\$ 500,000)
Use of Reserves	<u>\$ 758,000</u>	<u>\$ 400,000</u>	<u>(\$358,000)</u>
TOTAL REVENUE	\$29,142,954	\$28,500,042	(\$642,912)

Anticipated Revenue



State Aid Details

<u>Category</u>	<u>2013-14</u>	<u>2014-15</u>
Foundation Aid	\$ 9,191,060	\$ 9,270,091
BOCES Aid	\$ 768,352	\$ 920,000
Excess Cost Aid	\$ 399,313	\$ 489,336
Building Aid	\$ 3,868,557	\$ 3,252,923
Transportation Aid	\$ 1,250,000	\$ 1,200,000
Computer Hardware Aid	\$ 27,407	\$ 25,374
Library/Software/Textbook Aid	<u>\$ 121,926</u>	<u>\$ 116,754</u>
Total Aid before NYS Reduction	\$15,626,615	\$15,274,478
GAP Elimination	<u>(\$ 1,669,097)</u>	<u>(\$ 1,293,517)</u>
Total State Aid	\$13,957,518	\$13,980,961

Use of Reserves

“Usable” Fund Balance/Reserves	Anticipated Balance Available	Amount to Budget for 2014-15	Balance to Carry Forward
Debt Service Reserve	\$ 1,700,000	\$ 62,523	\$ 1,637,477
Employee Retirement Reserve	\$ 600,000	\$ 337,477	\$ 262,523
Unemployment Reserve	\$ 340,000	\$ -	\$ 340,000
Total	\$ 2,640,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 2,240,000

Fund Balance – Not available to “Use”

Employee Benefit Reserve – \$1,185,000

- > Can only be used if audited by the NYS Comptroller's Office and found to be over-funded**

Tax Certiorari – \$35,000

- > Can only be used to fund the settlement of tax certiorari cases within the district**

Worker's Compensation – \$328,000

- > Can only be used to fund worker's compensation claims that exceed coverage amounts**



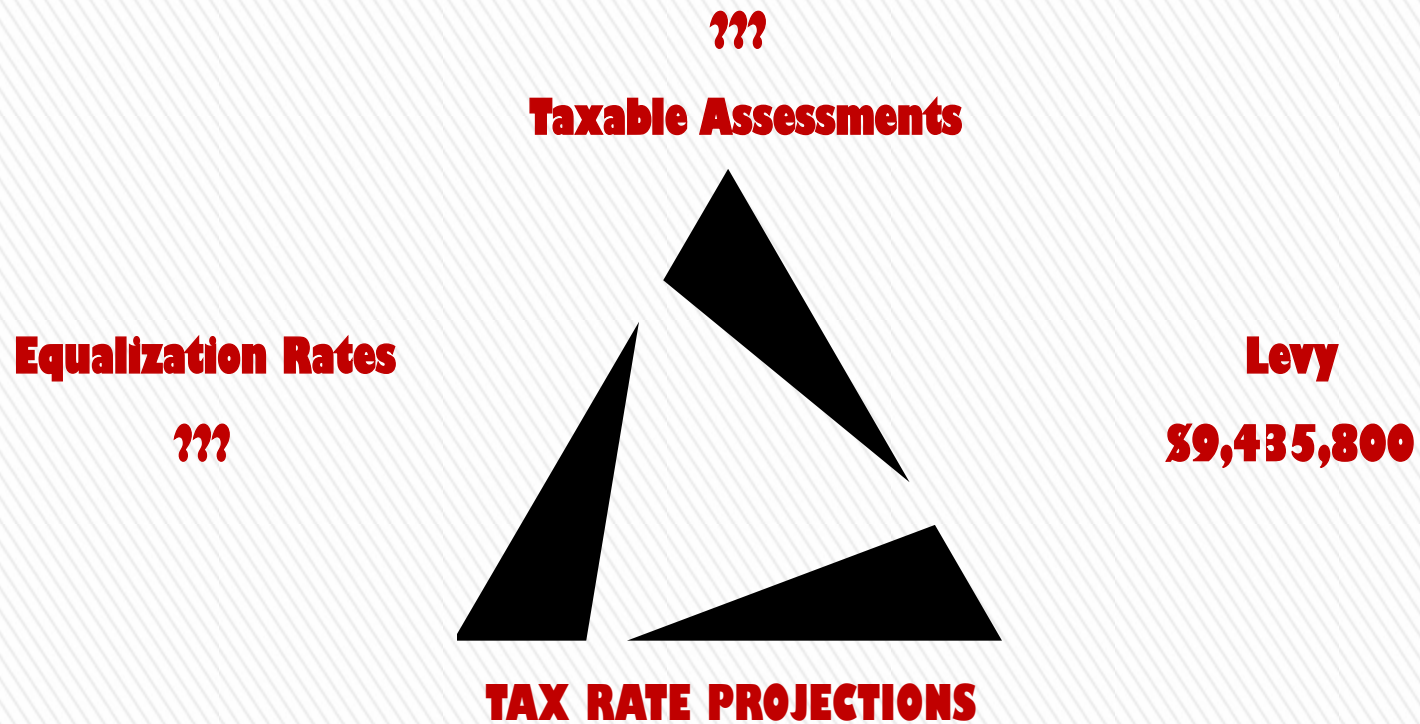
Capital Fund

Proposition 2:

Creation of Capital Fund Reserve

To be used to fund costs needed to maintain our facilities and/or to offset the local cost for an asset preservation project in the district.





Taxable Assessments become final from our 7 Town Assessors in July
Equalization Rates become available from NYS ORPS in late July



Projected Tax Rates

Town	2013-14 Rate	2014-15 Projected Rate	Change
Newstead	15.92	16.04	.12
Clarence	15.92	16.04	.12
Alden	31.83	32.08	.25
Royalton	19.84	18.57	(1.27)
Lockport	18.26	18.57	.31
Alabama	18.82	19.14	.32
Pembroke	18.26	18.57	.31

Tax Levy - \$9,435,800

Contingent Budget

If the budget is defeated, the Board of Education would be required to remove \$66,000 of contingent equipment expenditures from the budget.....

Proposed Tax Levy	\$ 9,435,800
Contingent Tax Levy	<u>\$ 9,324,438</u>
Difference	(\$ 111,362)

....and would finalize decisions regarding the removal of \$111,362 in non-contingent items if required in late May.

Under a contingent budget the district is required to charge for use of the facilities.



STAR Program

STAR provides New York homeowners with partial exemptions from school property taxes.

Basic STAR is available for owner-occupied, primary residences where the owners' total income is less than \$500,000. Basic STAR exempts the first \$30,000 of the full value of a home from school taxes.

Enhanced STAR provides an increased benefit for senior citizens with qualifying incomes and exempts the first \$64,200 of the full value of a home from school taxes.



Two Year Tax Freeze.....

2014-15:

**Our residents will qualify for a tax freeze!
We have stayed within the tax cap – so for
everyone who currently has a STAR exemption –
they will receive a freeze check in October 2014.**

2015-16:

**Our residents will qualify if we stay within
the tax cap and can demonstrate savings through
an approved efficiency plan (Continued sharing of
positions with other districts)**



Annual Budget Vote and Board Member Election

Tuesday May 20, 2014

Polls Open 12:00pm – 9:00pm

High School Orange Gymnasium

2 Board Member Seats Open

Candidates:

Jody Brege

Diane Snyder



Voter Qualifications

- » **A citizen of the United States**
- » **Eighteen years of age or older**
- » **A resident within the Akron Central School District for a period of thirty days (including the Tonawanda Indian Reservation)**



Questions

