



Welcome to Community Conversation
with District 57 Board of Education

February 9, 2015

Agenda

- **7:00 – 7:20 pm**

General information regarding
District 57 finances

- **7:20 – 7:40 pm**

Group questions and discussion

- **7:40 – 8:00 pm**

Sharing of discussion information
and wrap up



District 57 Board of Education

- Seven elected volunteer community members
- Serve four-year terms with the exception of appointments which vary
- Meet twice monthly at Fairview School
- Board discussions and decisions are based on data, best practices, District resources, community input and recommendations from administration



Why Are We Here Tonight?

- Two-way conversation with community stakeholders
- Provide general information and discussion about financial challenges and opportunities
- Gain insight into financial priorities from the community
- Note: All financial information provided tonight is from our financial projections, official District budget and the IL State Report Card



District 57 Statistics

- 4.3 square miles
- Four schools and one administration building
- Approximately 80% of property taxes the District receives are from homeowners
- Approximately 20% of property taxes the District receives are from corporate and industrial
- The District has been part of the Tax Increment Finance (TIF) since 1986
- Serves 2231 students aged Pre-kindergarten through 8th grade



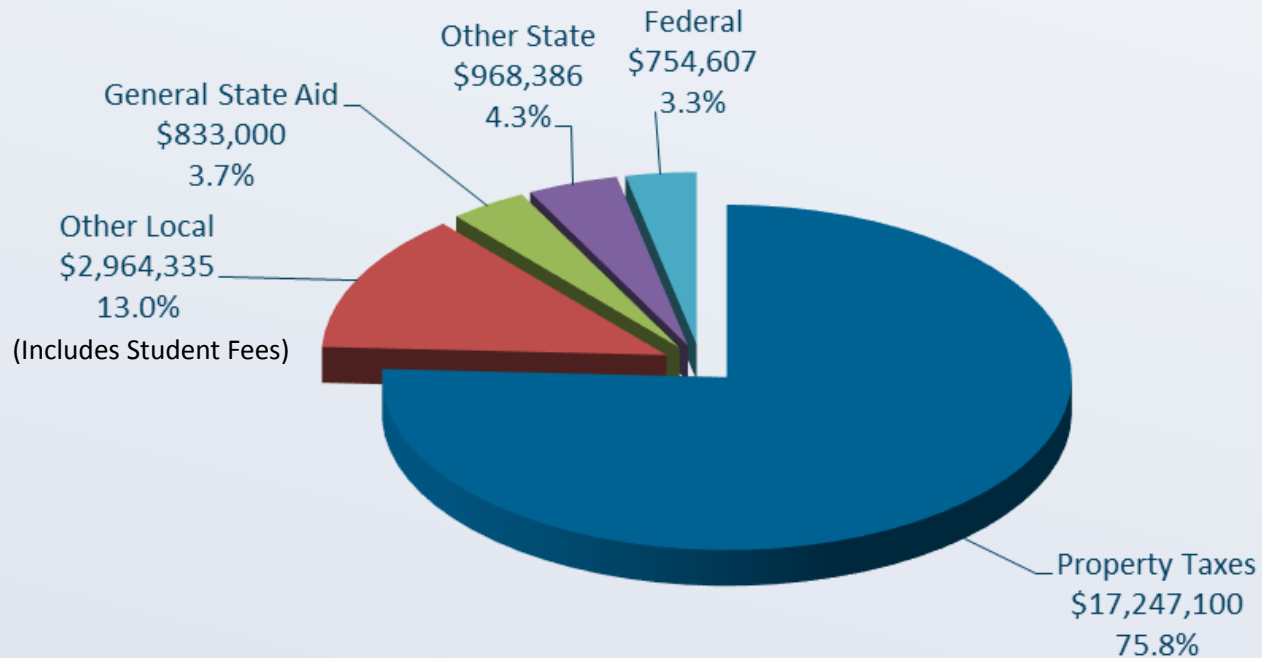
District Budget Process

- Review of budget projections and assumptions: November and June
- Tax levy approval: December
- Preliminary budgeting central office: March/April
- Tentative budget approval: August
- Legal notice of tentative budget: September
- Public hearing and budget approval: September
- Budget filed with IL State Board of Education (ISBE) and Cook County Clerk office: no later than October 31



District Revenue by Source

REVENUE BY SOURCE DETAIL - FY 2015

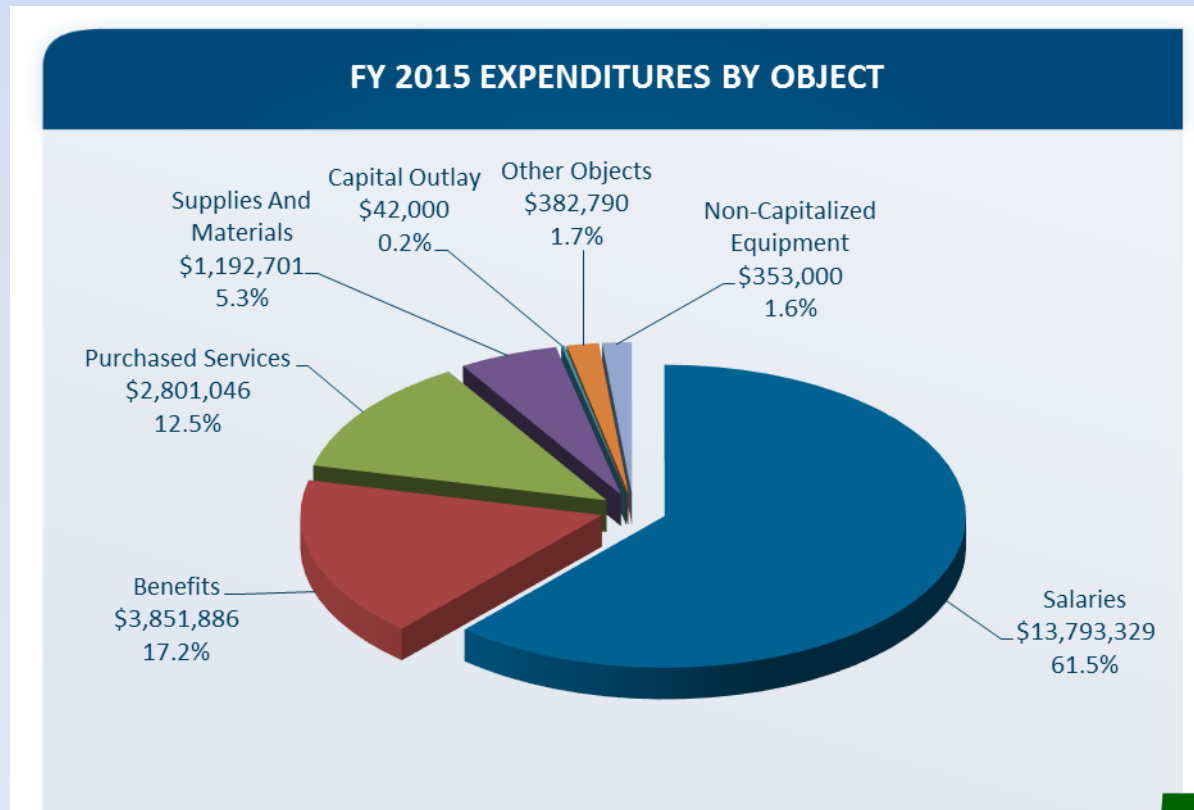


PROPERTY REVENUE COMPARISON

	REVENUE	STUDENT ENROLLMENT
Elk Grove D59	\$73,468,263	6,385
Arlington Hts. D25	\$56,502,889	5,347
MP D57	\$17,024,475	2,231
River Trails D26	\$20,174,863	1,423
Prospect Hts. D23	\$16,860,549	1,549



District Expenditures by Object



Student Expenditures

	District 57	State Average
Instructional spending per pupil	\$5,596	\$7,084
Operational spending per pupil	\$9,943	\$12,045



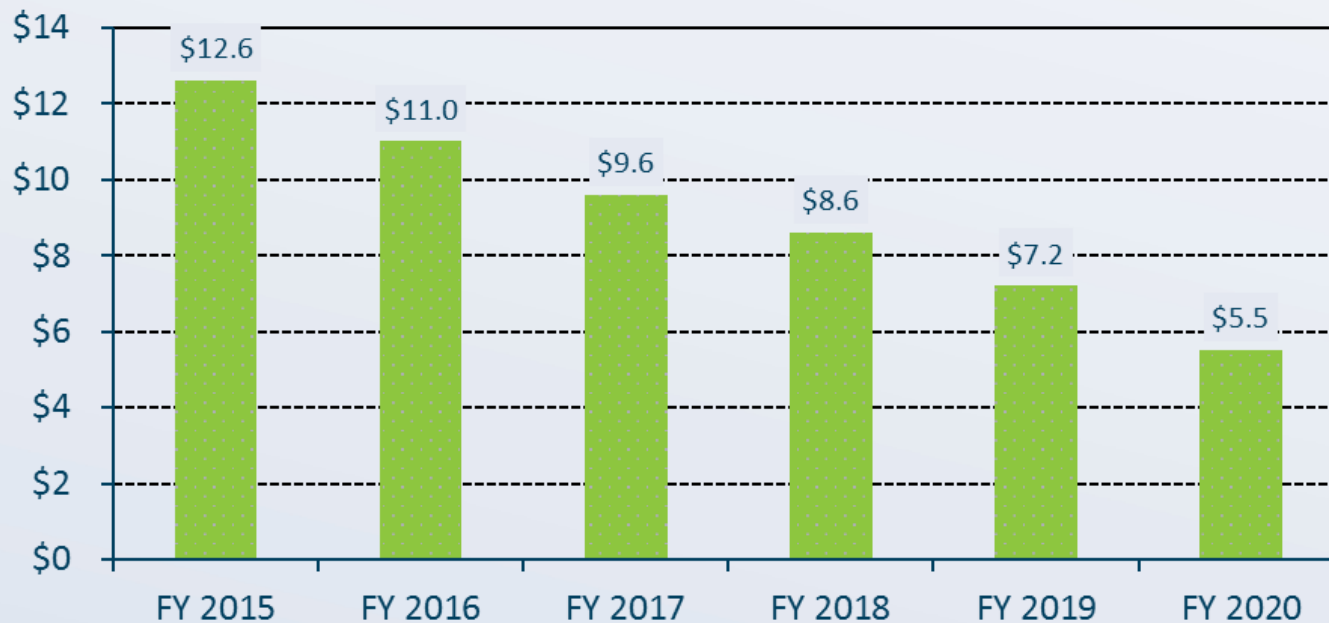
Factors that Affect the Budget and the District's Financial Situation

- Unfunded mandates and diminishing General State Aid
- Consumer Price Index (CPI)
- Property Tax Appeals
- Potential state legislation: Pension reform and Senate Bill 16
- Limited business within District 57 boundaries



Fund Balances

- What are the fund balances?
- Why do school districts have fund balances?
- District 57 Board Policy 4:20 (Goal is 30-50% with a 40% target)
- Current fund balances: 66% (FY15 projected 56.29%)
- Projected fund balances by year 2020: 21.72%



Ways to Use Fund Balances

- Capital projects (as determined by District's Master Facilities Plan)
- Increase programs and services for students
- Districts use fund balances to support school operations



How Do School Districts Increase Revenue?

1. TIF (Tax Increment Finance)
 - Economic development in specific locations within a town
2. Borrowing
 - Bonds
 - Debt services
3. Referendum
 - A question placed on a ballot that is a proposition or measure submitted to the voters
 - Last successful referendum in District 57 in 1994 to rebuild Fairview and Lions Park: building bonds
 - Several failed referenda, last 2004



Community Questions

1. Where would you as a taxpayer want to see fund balances used: Student service expansion, capital projects or something else?
2. In what areas would you reduce spending, if necessary?
3. Would you be willing to support a referendum to maintain student programs and services in the next 5 years?
Why or why not?



Next Steps

- Thank you for attending and for your input
- Presentation will be posted on District website
- Ways to get in touch with the Board of Education are
 - email
 - Board Submission Form on the District website
 - attend Board of Education meetings
 - attend PTA meetings
- Future forum in spring, topic to be determined
- Please take the survey regarding the format of this forum before you leave
- Any additional questions posed here tonight will be answered and posted on the website





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