

Wappingers Central School District

2021-2022

Transportation and Undistributed Departmental Budget Requests 2021-2022

The Mission of the Wappingers Central School District is to Empower ALL of our Students with the Competences and Confidence to Challenge themselves, to Pursue their Passions, and to Realize their Potential while Growing as Responsible Members of their Community.

Empower, Challenge, Grow!



Transportation and Undistributed Departmental Budget Requests 2021-2022

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We believe embracing diversity in ALL its forms enriches the human experience.

Factors and Challenges - 2021-2022 Budget

Pandemic

- Education during unprecedented times
- Instructional models in the future

Instructional Program

- Hybrid learning model – current

Tax Cap

- Balancing a budget within tax cap parameters vs. piercing the tax cap

State Aid

- Developing projected budgets based on preliminary projections that are historically finalized in the spring

CARES Act

- Federal allocation for non budgeted pandemic related expenses July 2020 through September 2021



Current Budget Process

Use of Estimates

- Developing projected budgets based on feedback from vendors, departmental historical data, and municipal input

Stability of Economic Markets

- i.e., Debt service rates, health insurance contribution rates, NYS Retirement System rate of returns, Consumer Price Index (CPI)

Administrative

- Offices' and schools' initial local proposals and requests – maintaining high-quality student-centered programs and highly-qualified staff

Board of Education and Central Office Administration

- Compiling feedback
- Governance and decision-making to a final recommended budget



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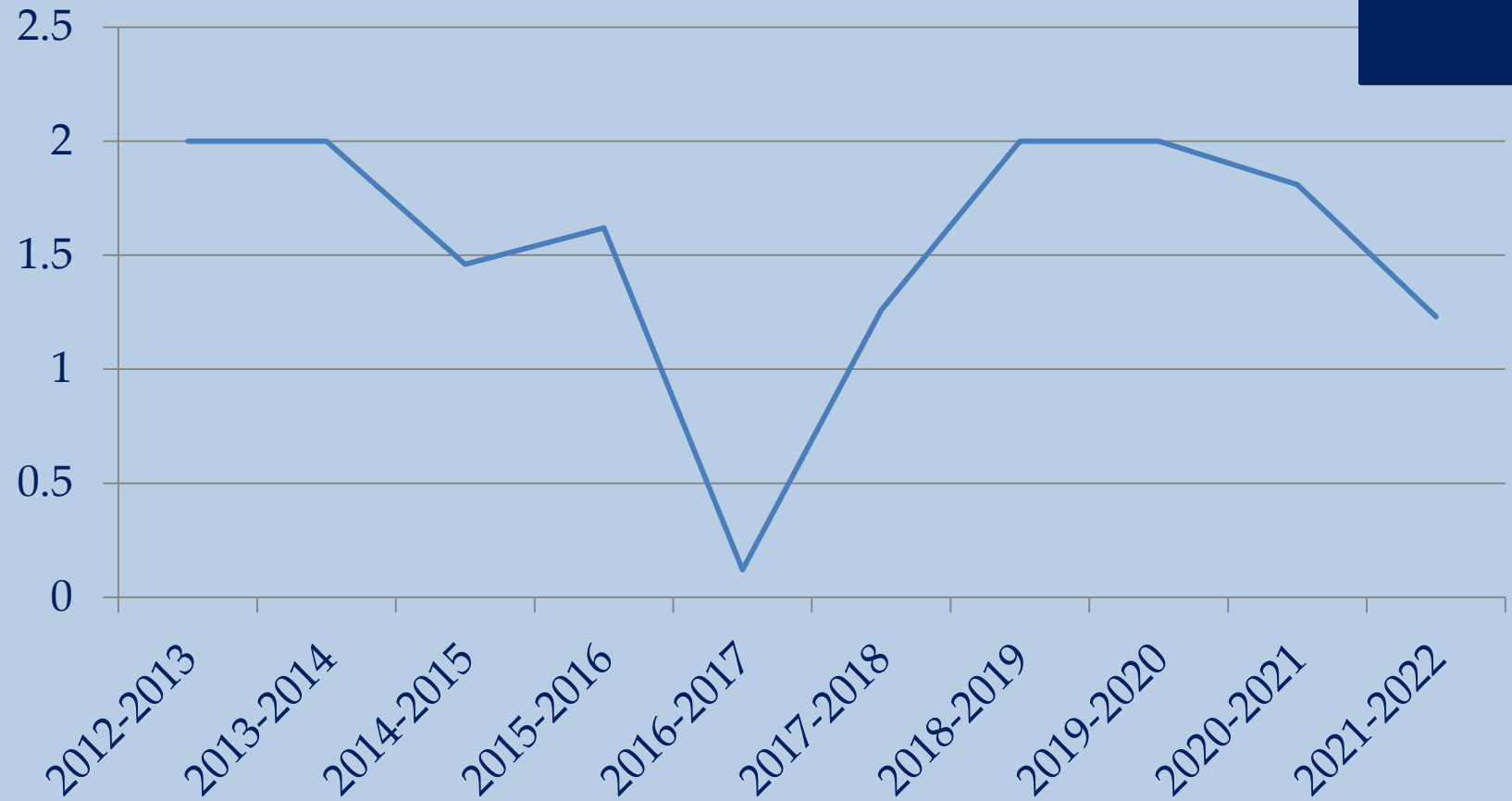
General Support

Instruction

Transportation

Undistributed

Tax Cap Rate History by %



2021-2022
1.23%

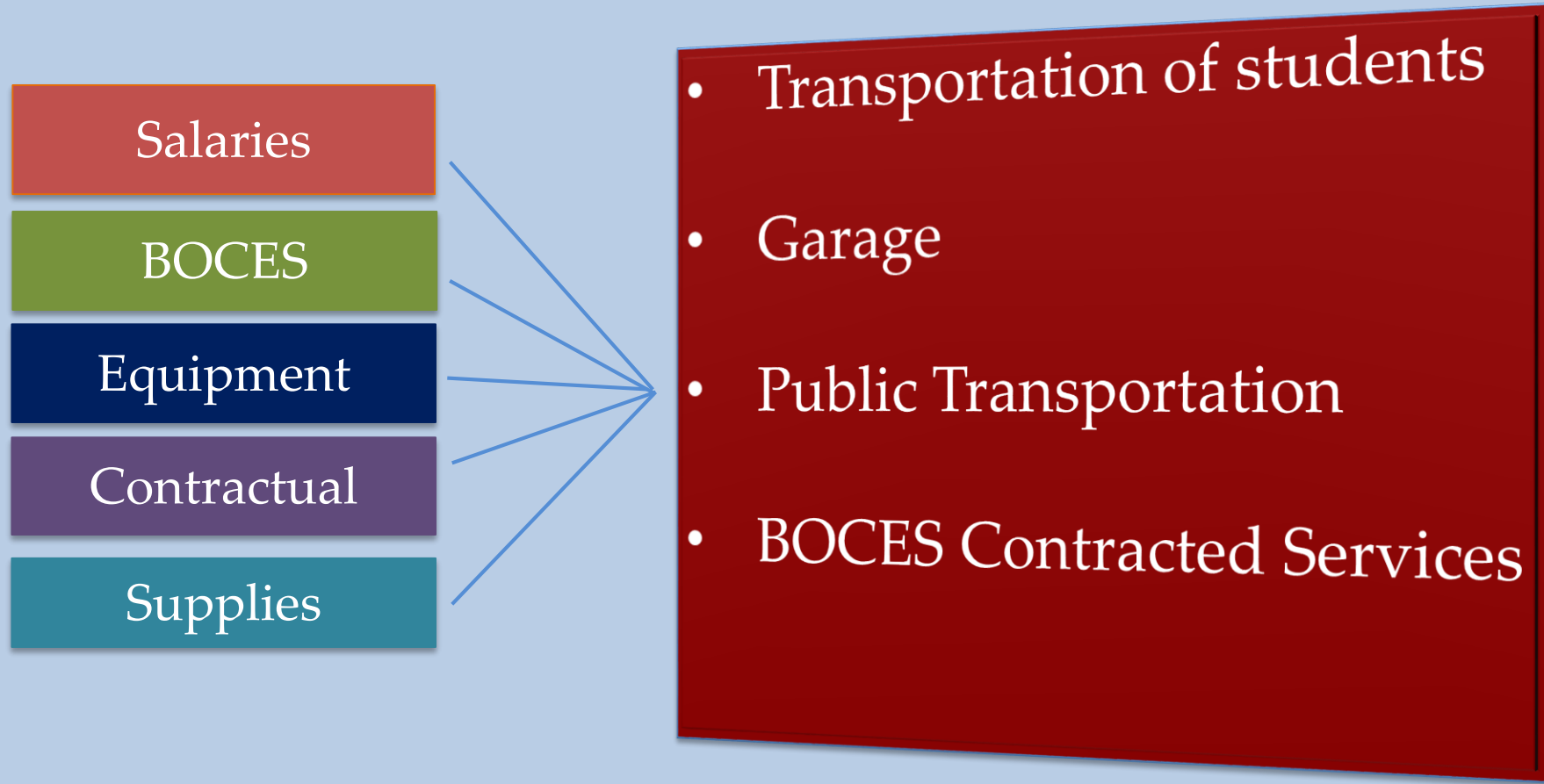


We believe the collaboration needed for meaningful change is built on honesty, trust and respect.

Transportation

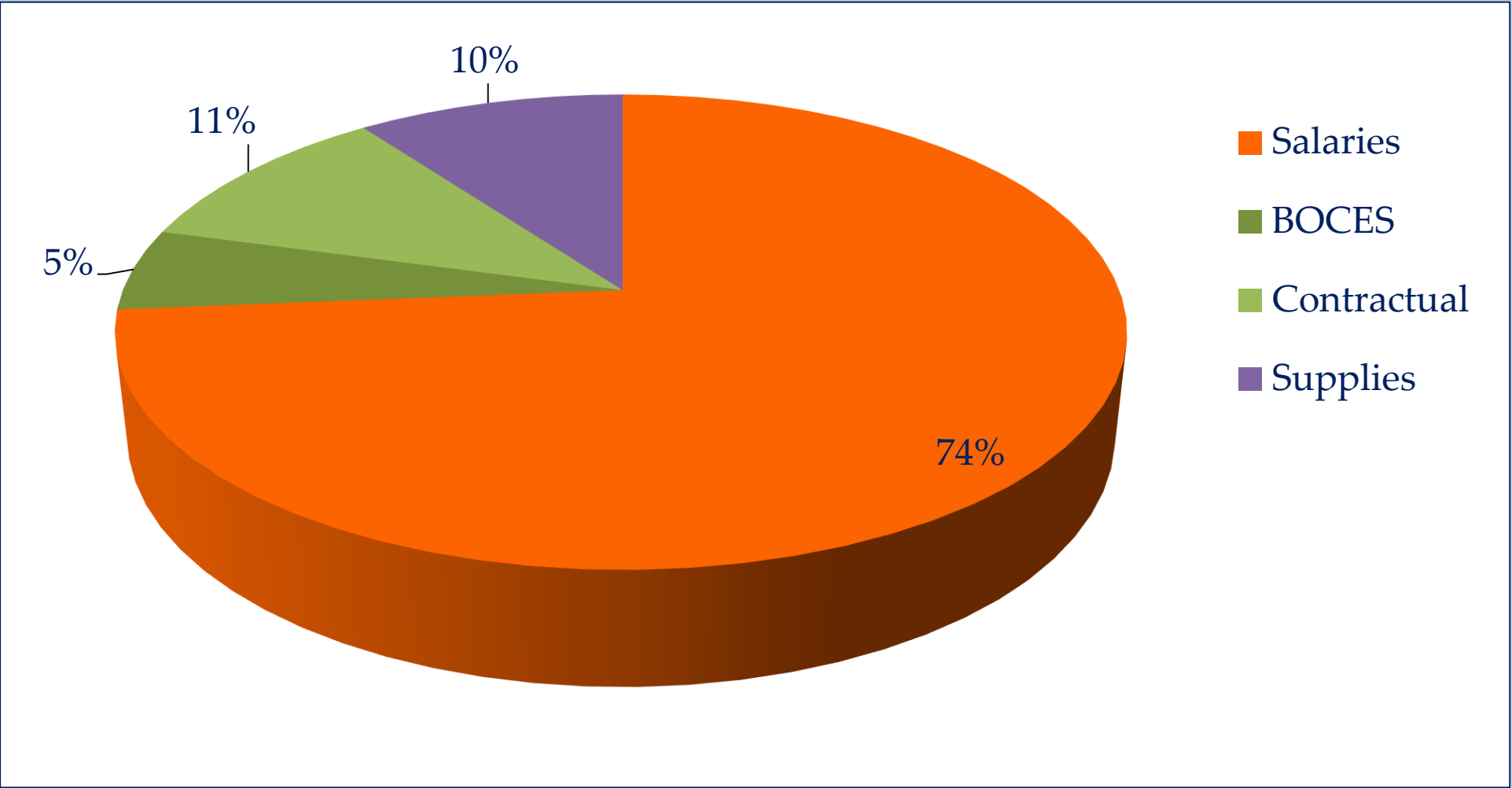
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Transportation Budget Items for Consideration

ALL Salaries Budgeted in General Fund NOT Inclusive of Requested New Staff

- NO NEW STAFF in this budget as presented
- Contract settlements for several bargaining units are reflected herein

Contractual Services

- New addition – Contracted Transportation has been included in the 2021-2022 budget
- Recoding of parent transportation contracts to correct code (net change of zero in budget)

BOCES

- *ESTIMATED* increase of 5% based on prior year increases and WCSD utilization of services
- District has had to increase number of contracted runs to meet the transportation needs of our students.

General Liability Insurance

- Conservative estimate of 3% increase used in lieu of renewal information

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Transportation 2020-2021 to 2021-2022

Total Component Change	\$1,221,265
Salaries per Contract	\$154,779
BOCES	\$43,022
Equipment	\$0
Contractual	\$903,051
Supplies	\$120,413



This line item includes a budgeted amount for Contracted Transportation amounts due to unprecedented times – subject to change.

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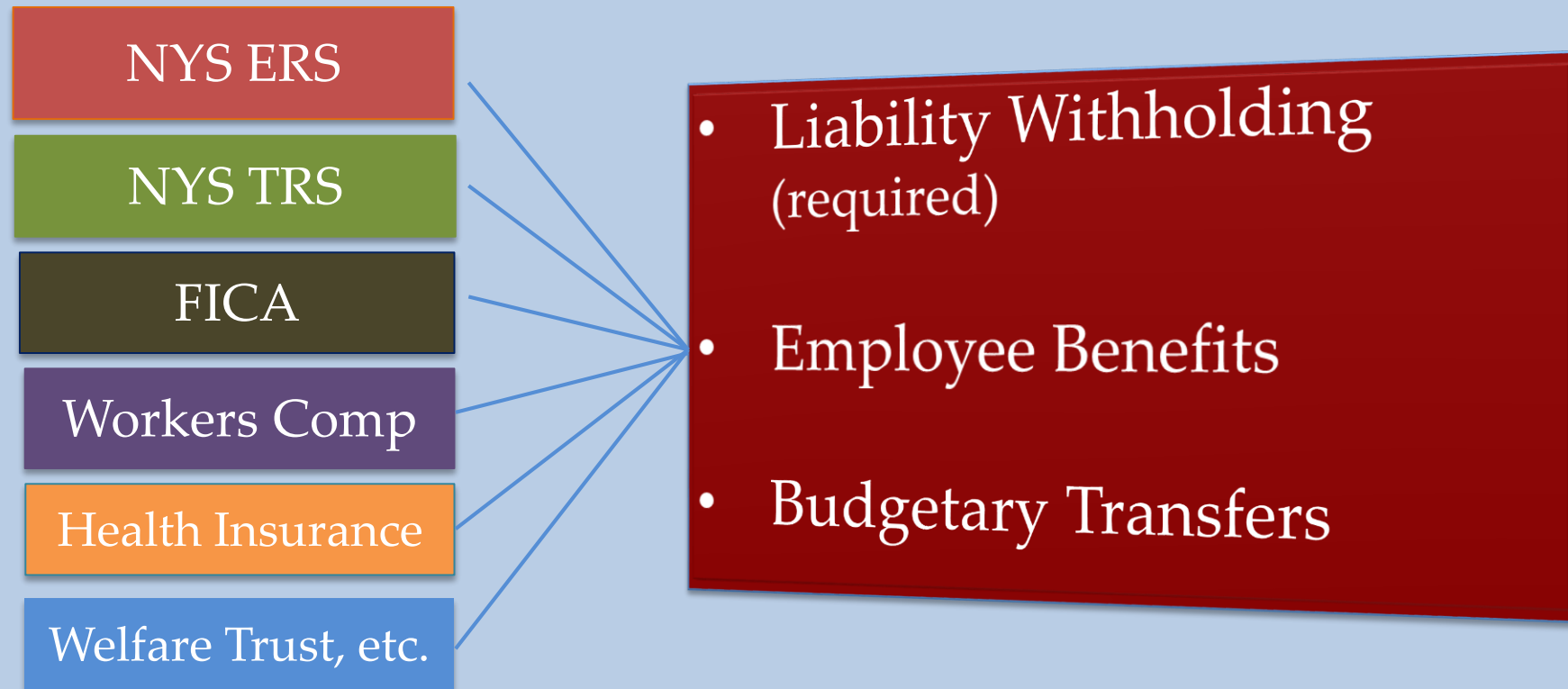


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Undistributed

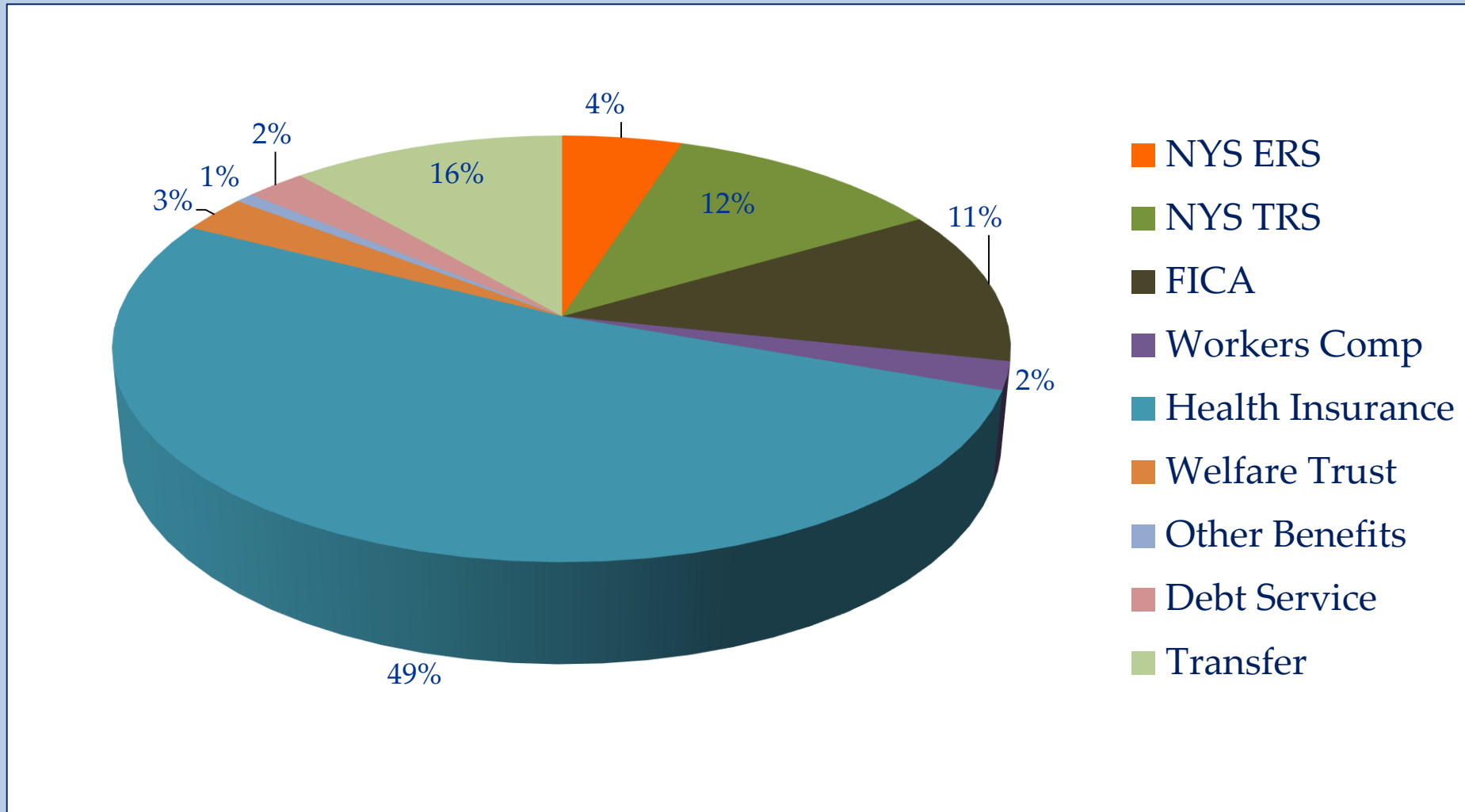
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Undistributed Budget Items for Consideration

NYS Employers Retirement System (ERS)

- The calculated expense is based on a preliminary rate provided by NYS of 16.2%, which is a 1.6% increase from 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The rate will be finalized in the summer of 2020.

NYS Teachers Retirement System (TRS)

- The calculated expense is based on a preliminary rate range provided by NYS between 9.5% and 10% (received in November 2020)
- WCSD utilized a rate of 9.53% in 2020-2021 and 2021-2022
- These rates will be finalized in the summer of 2020.

Health Insurance

- An estimated rate increase of 4% has been budgeted for 2021-2022. This is based on conversations at the Dutchess Educational Health Insurance Consortium (DEHIC) meetings. Rate will be finalized in March 2021.
- A premium holiday was received in December 2020, which is reflected in the 2020-2021 Projected Expenditures.
- Medicare rates increase close to 9% from 2020 to 2021. There is a significant increase in expense for WCSD in 2021-2022 between new enrollments, increased life expectancy, and percentage rate increases.

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Undistributed Budget Items for Consideration

Welfare Trust & Other Benefits

- These costs are related to contractual and regulatory obligations and are reflective of current contracts for 2021-2022.

Debt Service & Transfers to Other Funds

- Includes payments for long and short-term financing of WCSD capital work.
- Includes estimated principal and interest payments for DC BOCES Capital Project and Smart Schools Bond Act (SSBA) financing needs.
- Increase in Bus Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) as the Board of Education and taxpayers approved a slight increase in the 2020-2021 bus proposition.
- Increase in Transfers to Other Funds for 2020-2021 are directly linked to Debt Service needs due to:
 - DC BOCES Capital Project payment in summer 2021 (\$3,988,270 *FINAL PAYMENT*);
 - Serial bond principal and interest payments for existing capital projects that are “new” to the schedule. Once the projects are complete, serial bonding is done as a final step and subsequently the payments of principal and interest begin; and
 - Expected long-term serial bonding for both during 2021-2022.

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Undistributed 2020-2021 to 2021-2022

Total Component Change	\$3,490,209
NYS ERS	\$439,954
NYS TRS	\$555,698
FICA	\$128,186
Workers Compensation	\$390,000
Health Insurance	\$2,555,490
Welfare Trust & Other Benefits	\$81,757
Debt Service	\$1,394,034



Budget Process 2021-2022

- Questions, Comments, and Feedback: budget@wcsdny.org
- [Resources, Presentations and Reports](#) posted to BOE section of website
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) posted to budget website within two business days
- Use long-term planning to develop discussion points for administration and BOE
- Continued work on refining estimates and confirming data
- Evaluate BOE feedback for use in budget formulation



Upcoming Budget Events 2021-2022

Based on the BOE Approved Budget Calendar & Monthly Financial Updates

- ✓ January 11, 2021 – General Support & Instruction Budget Presentation to the BOE
- ✓ January 25, 2021 – Monthly Financial Update to include budget reporting
- ✓ February 8, 2021 – Superintendent Forum “A Budget Conversation”
- ✓ February 8, 2021 – Transportation & Undistributed Budget Presentation to the BOE
- ✓ February 8, 2021 – Vehicle Replacement Plan 2021-2022 Presentation to the BOE
- ❑ February 22, 2021 – Superintendent Forum “A Budget Conversation”
- ❑ February 22, 2021 – Monthly Financial Update to include 2021-2022 rollover budget
- ❑ April 19, 2021 – Deadline for BOE approval of 2021-2022 Budget
- ❑ May 10, 2021 – Community Forum – State Mandated Public Hearing on the Budget
- ❑ May 18, 2021 – Budget Vote



Help WCSD Build the 2020-2021 Budget...

Opportunities to share your feedback, ask us questions, and gain a further understanding through District-sponsored events:

Superintendent's Forum

A Budget Conversation held three times a year

budget@wcsdny.org

E-mail us with questions, concerns & feedback!

The e-mail is ready, steady, GO!

www.wappingersschools.org

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Prior year budget information is also available on the website.

Public Comment at Board of Education Meetings & Budget Public Hearings



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