

GATEWAY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

2023-2024 BUDGET PRESENTATION



MAY 4, 2023
7:00 P.M.



The Board of Education:

Robert Miller, Westville, President
Harry Bush, Westville, Vice President*

Michelle Edmund, National Park
Jeanette Iversen-Rattle, Woodbury Heights
Judi Pye, Woodbury Heights*
Connie Steedle, National Park*

Elizabeth Follis, Westville*
Christine Patrick, Wenonah
Tamar Shelov, Wenonah

Shannon Whalen, Superintendent
Janice Grassia, School Business Administrator

* term expires the end of 2023; 3 three-year terms and 1 one-year term open



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A-4394/S-3148 was signed into law on January 17, 2012, establishing procedures to move the date of the annual school district election from April to November as long as the budgeted general fund tax levy does not exceed 2% of the prior year, plus statutory adjustments.

School board candidates will be elected at the November 2023 general election and the board will re-organize the first week in January 2024.

Petition packets can be obtained at the County Clerks office or at www.gloucestercountynj.gov/400/
Under *Petitions for School Board*

The filing deadline is 4 PM Monday July 31, 2023.

STATE AID

2023-24 budget:

Increase - State Aid operating budget \$1,211,845

Increase – School Choice Aid \$ 38,988

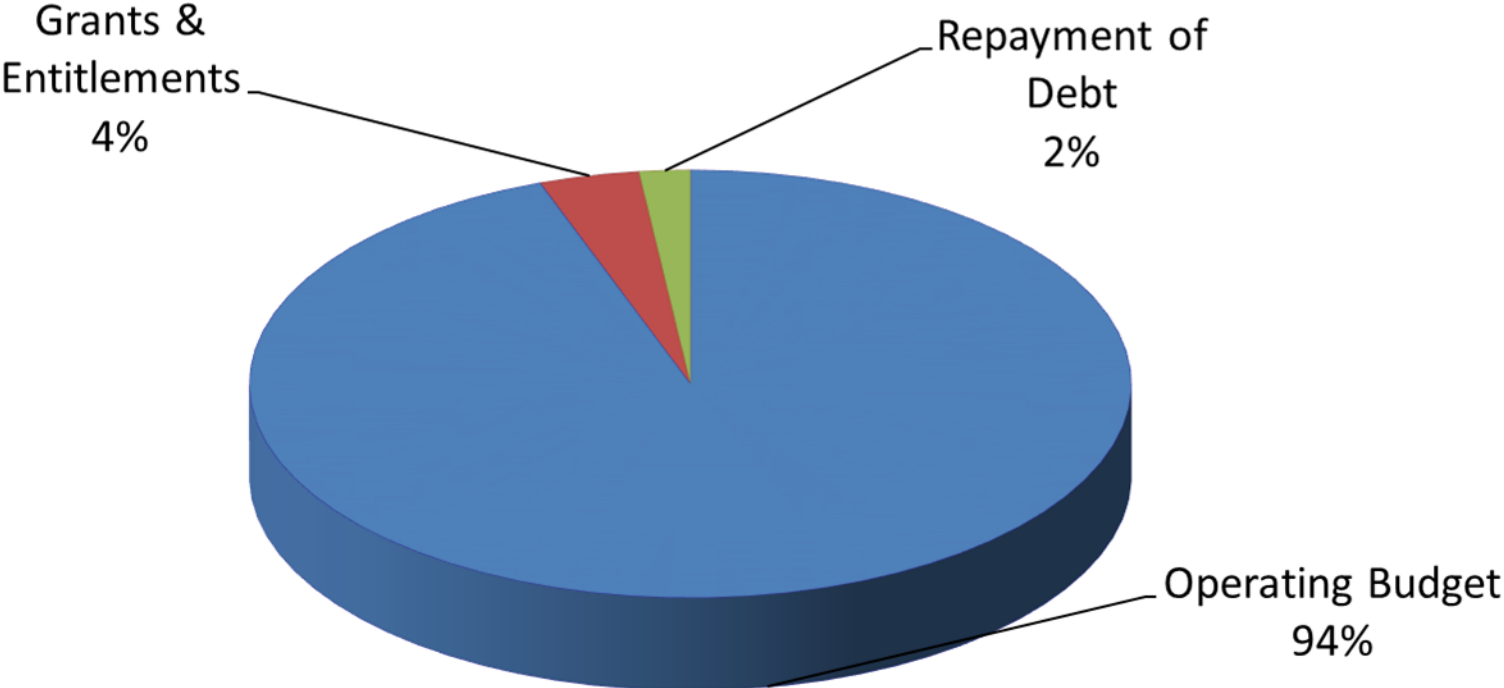
Total INCREASE in State Aid \$1,250,833

Prior year state aid:

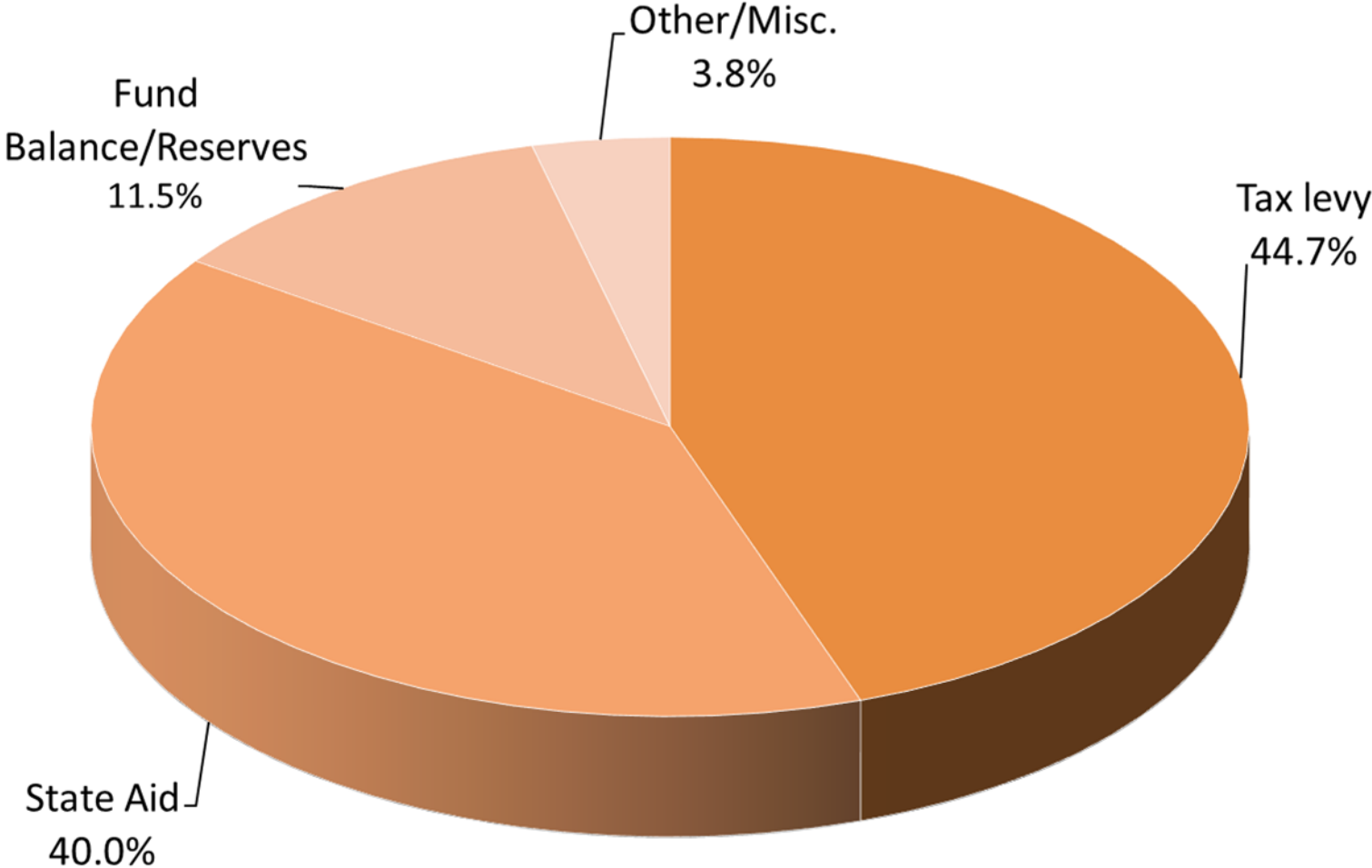
2022-23	\$373,504	INCREASE
2021-22	\$484,802	INCREASE
2020-21	\$188,167	INCREASE
2019-20	\$153,716	INCREASE
2018-19	\$497,673	INCREASE



TOTAL SCHOOL BUDGET



GENERAL FUND REVENUES

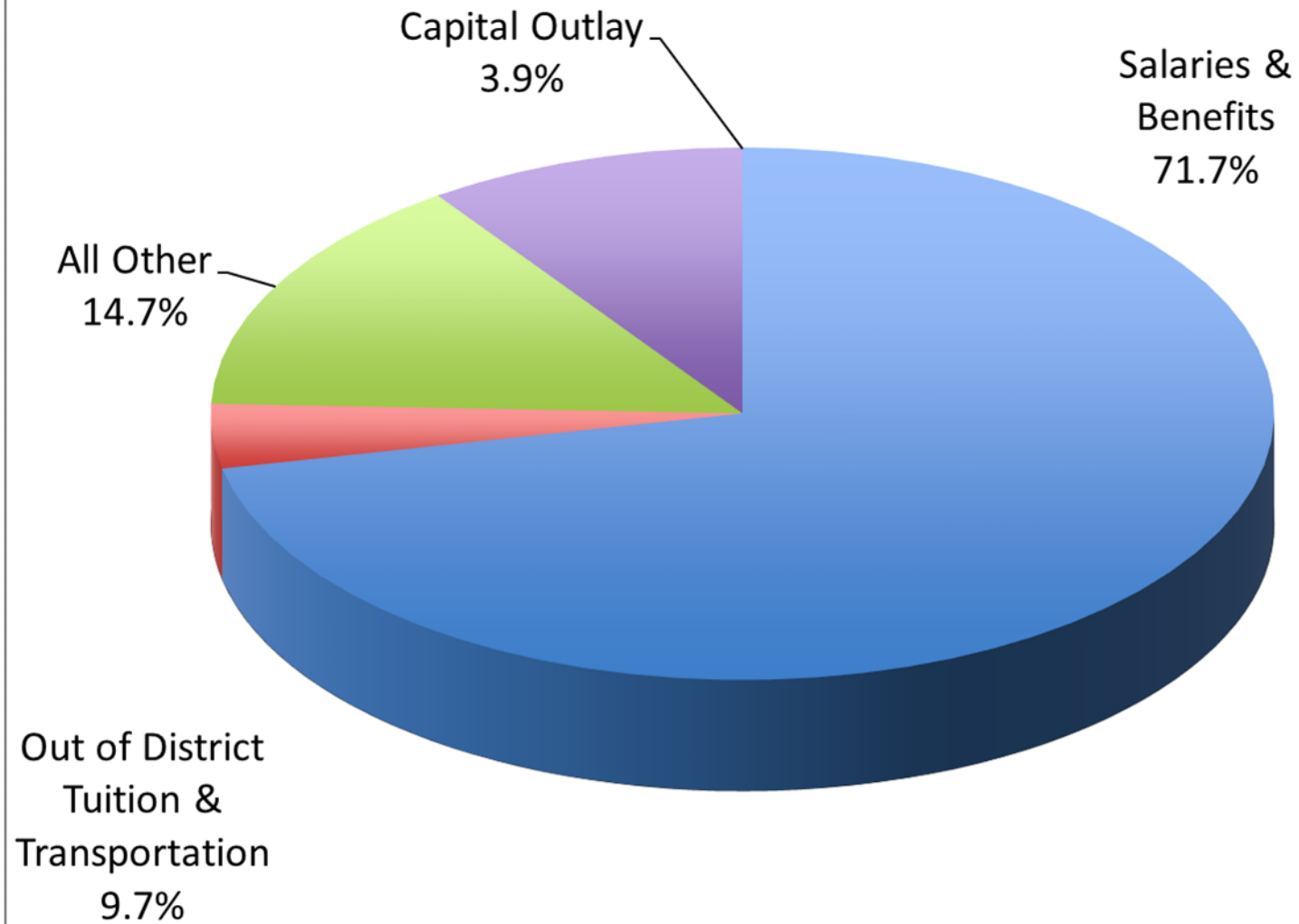




2023-2024 Budget Highlights

- ◆ Continue program with Orleans Technical College. Students participate in the general construction trades and receive certification
- ◆ Continue 18 – 21 year old (upper LLD) in-house program for special needs pupils
- ◆ Maintain Mental Health Coordinator
- ◆ Maintain School Resource/Security Officers (SRO)
- ◆ Continue Gateway 2 Careers (G2C) Program (internships, career technical education opportunities, field experiences)
- ◆ Continue co-curricular sports and student activities
- ◆ Continue 1:1 Chromebook initiative
- ◆ Continue School Choice Program for 81 students from other districts (increase from 80)
- ◆ Continue to offer online Personal Finance and Health classes in the summer
- ◆ Continue honors and advanced placement offerings
- ◆ Continue in-house behavioral and learning disabled special education programs keeping students in district, saving tuition and transportation costs
- ◆ Purchase new world language curriculum
- ◆ Replace one 54 passenger school bus that is at the end of its useful life (purchase)
- ◆ Facility improvements (finish health & weight room facelifts; determine possibility of energy savings project - LED lighting, boilers, roof, etc.; tennis court repairs and recoating; security upgrades; digital school sign)

General Fund Appropriations



GENERAL FUND INCREASES

Revenue	Increase		Appropriation	Increase
Tax Levy	\$ 235,550		Salaries & Benefits	\$716,130
State Aid	\$1,250,833		Capital	\$547,914
All Other	\$ 134,304		All Other	\$356,643
Total Revenues	\$1,620,687		Total Appropriations	\$1,620,687

LEARNING AT GATEWAY IS
MORE
 MEANINGFUL ONGOING RELEVANT ENGAGING



SHARED SERVICES



- ◆ Shared Superintendent with Westville and National Park
- ◆ Shared Business Services (School Business Administrator, Payroll, Accounts Payable & HR) with National Park, Westville, and Woodbury Heights Elementary Districts
- ◆ Shared Child Study Team Services (Director, Psychologists, LD/TCs, Social Workers) with National Park, Westville and Woodbury Heights Elementary Districts
- ◆ Gateway Curriculum Consortium between National Park, Wenonah, Westville and Woodbury Heights Elementary Districts
- ◆ Shared Facilities Management Services with National Park, Wenonah, Westville and Woodbury Heights Elementary Districts
- ◆ Provide transportation services, as needed, to the 4 sending elementary districts
- ◆ Provide food services through Sodexo with National Park, Westville, and Woodbury Heights
- ◆ Other – provide Media Specialist (library services) to the 4 sending elementary districts and a School Safety Specialist to National Park, Westville and Woodbury Heights

OTHER COST SAVINGS

- ❖ **HEALTH BENEFITS** - the district belongs to the School Health Insurance Fund for medical and dental coverage aligning itself with a large number of districts for better rates.
- ❖ **PROPERTY INSURANCE** - the district belongs to the Gloucester, Cumberland, Salem School Districts Joint Insurance Fund to get better pricing for property, legal liability and workers compensation insurance.
- ❖ **CO-OPS & CONSORTIUMS** - the district has joined various groups: ACES (utilities), ACT (telephone), MRESC (supplies and equipment), to name just a few, for maximum savings.



What is the **School Year** tax impact?

- Tax Levy Increase: **2%**
- **District has been able to maintain and expand programs while containing the tax increase to 2%**

Year	Tax Increase
2022-2023	2%
2021-2022	2%
2020-2021	2%
2019-2020	2%
2018-2019	2%

The proposed budget represents a total local tax levy (operating budget & debt service) of \$12,546,364 allocated over the four sending districts.

SENDING DISTRICT	MUNICIPAL % SHARE OF TAX LEVY *	AVERAGE HOME VALUE	REGIONAL TAX INCREASE/ (DECREASE)	TAX LEVY IMPACT
National Park	19.29%	\$140,168	3.8 cents	\$53
Wenonah	22.88%	\$260,238	(1.9 cents)	(\$50)
Westville	29.91%	\$127,250	6.1 cents	\$77
Woodbury Heights	27.92%	\$178,859	0.6 cents	\$11

* Percentages are apportioned among the municipalities in accordance with N.J.S.A. 18A: 13-23 and are provided to the district each year from the NJ Department of Education Office of School Facilities and Finance

COMPARATIVE REGIONAL PERCENTAGES

SENDING DISTRICT	MUNICIPAL % SHARE OF TAX LEVY 2023-2024	MUNICIPAL % SHARE OF TAX LEVY 2022-2023	MUNICIPAL % SHARE OF TAX LEVY 2021-2022	MUNICIPAL % SHARE OF TAX LEVY 2020-2021
National Park	19.29%	19.03%	17.90%	17.98%
Wenonah	22.88%	23.54%	25.62%	26.20%
Westville	29.91%	27.97%	28.36%	26.47%
Woodbury Heights	27.92%	29.46%	28.12%	29.35%

CHANGES TO BUDGET SINCE TENTATIVE ADOPTION ON MARCH 15, 2023

Withdraw from Capital Reserve account for Capital Projects

Original amount: \$0

Transfer \$170,000 from the capital reserve account for the auxiliary gym floor replacement

Revised withdraw from Capital Reserve account amount: \$170,000

Above change does NOT affect the tax levy or tax impact to any of the municipalities.



