

Board of Education



2023-2024 BUDGET

Letter From Board of Education

Dear Members of the Orange Community:

We are pleased to present the 2023-2024 Orange Public Schools District Budget. The proposed budget continues to maintain our commitment to providing our students with high quality instruction and a well rounded school experience. The proposed budget request is \$23,447,185. This represents an increase of 3.37% or \$763,325 over the adjusted budget for the current year.

We continue to be mindful of the educational impacts caused by the pandemic as well as the economic burden placed on the town. With this in mind, this proposal reflects the need to bring forth a budget that minimizes the financial challenges to the community while focusing on the needs of our students. The board continues to assure all decisions represent the highest level of fiscal responsibility while maintaining continued commitment to our core value – providing children with the finest educational experience.

We strongly believe that this budget represents strong fiscal management while maintaining the best educational programming for the students in Orange. This budget continues the strong traditions of the Orange Public Schools while building on a foundation to support existing programs, contractual obligations, and providing learning to all students, utilizing various instructional strategies and leveraging technology to allow all levels of learning to succeed.

We believe that the leadership of our community – elected officials, civic leaders, business owners and others – understand the importance of addressing the funding needs of Orange Public Schools. Most importantly, our citizens expect the school system to have sufficient local funds to provide full and equitable educational opportunities for all children in a safe and nurturing learning environment. The Orange Board of Education respectfully submits the 2023-2024 budget request to the Orange Board of Finance for review, consideration and support.

Sincerely,



William Kraut, Board Chair



Dr. Vince Scarpetti, Superintendent of Schools

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Our Mission is to...

Inspire and empower each student to achieve academic excellence, embrace social and individual responsibility, and lead with integrity.

We believe all individuals should be valued and treated with respect.

“Together WE will make a difference.”

HIGHLIGHTS: CURRENT YEAR

Safe Environments
Social-Emotional Learning
Efficient Use of Grant Funds

OUR GOALS: 2023 - 2024

Ensure Safe and Healthy Environments
Engage and Empower Students
High Quality Instructional Practices

Enrollment History

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BUDGET SUMMARY

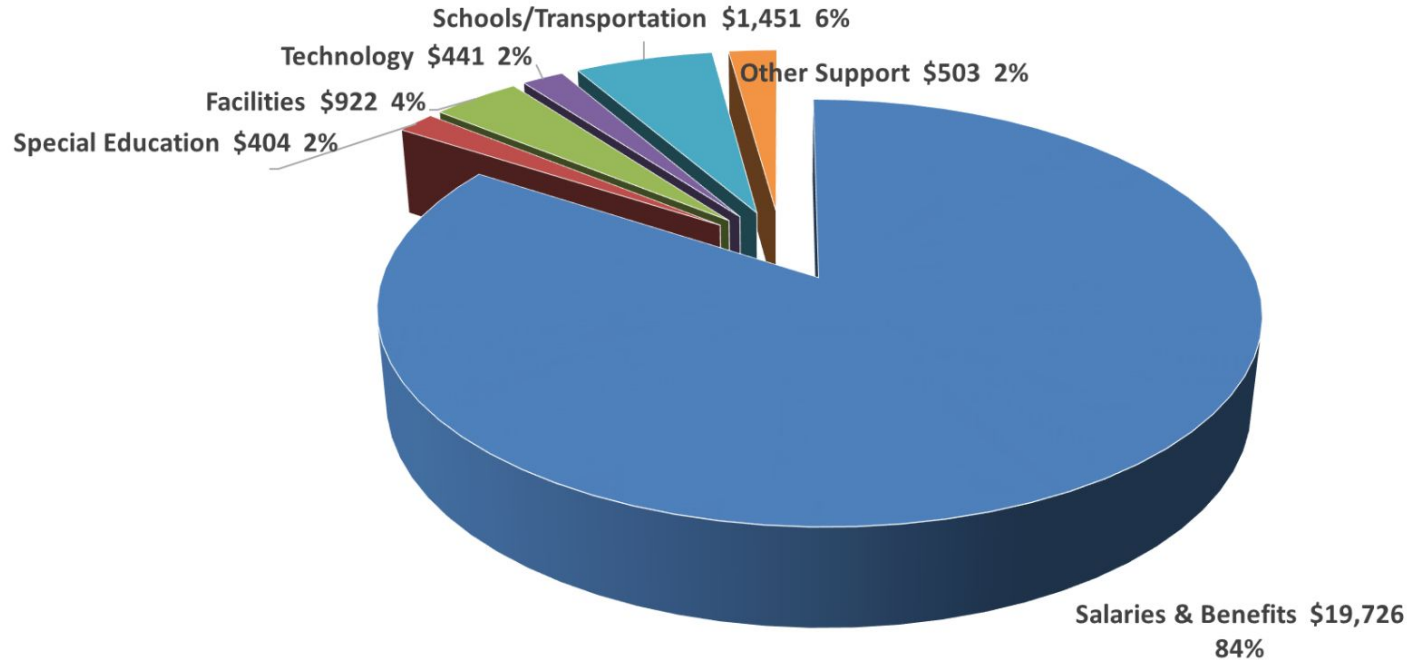
2022 - 2023 Adopted Budget
\$22,683,860

2023 - 2024 Proposed Budget
\$23,447,185

INCREASE: \$ 763,325 3.37%

%	Year
1.00	2012-2013
2.70	2013-2014
3.10	2014-2015
4.20	2015-2016
1.99	2016-2017
0.72	2017-2018
1.67	2018-2019
2.07	2019-2020
2.45	2020-2021
2.78	2021-2022
3.06	2022-2023
3.37%	2023-2024

2023 - 2024 EXPENSES

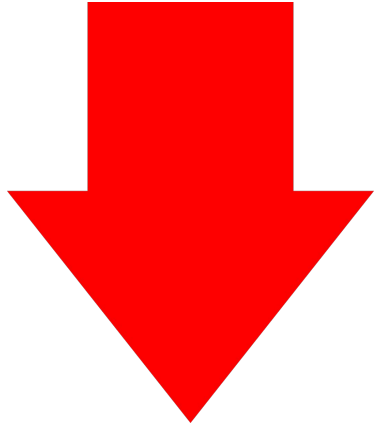


Major Drivers for Increase 2023 - 2024



- Salaries
- Support Staff
- Technology
- Curriculum Software
- Transportation & Gasoline
- Building Repairs & Maintenance
- Furniture
- Utilities

Major Drivers for Decreases 2023 - 2024



- **Special Education Tuition**
- **Special Education Transportation**
- **Health Insurance**

Possible Impact on Enrollment

Firelite Apartments

Total Unit Breakdown					
	Bedrooms				
	1	1+ den	2	2+ den	TOTAL
Floor					
First Floor	3 (2 ADA)	0	8	1	12 (2 ADA)
Second Floor	14 (1 ADA)	2	9 (1 ADA)	5 (1 ADA)	30 (3 ADA)
Third Floor	14 (1 ADA)	2	9 (1 ADA)	5 (1 ADA)	30 (3 ADA)
TOTAL	31	4	26	11	72
TOTAL ADA	4	0	2	2	8

Smith Farm Apartments

Six Buildings						
	Bedrooms					
	1 BR Flat	2BR	2 BR Flat	3BR	3 BR Flat	TOTAL
	21	18	3	3	1	46
ADA	21	0	3		1	25

BUDGET REQUEST: 2023 - 2024



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CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS: 1.21%

Thank You
for your
Continued Support!
