

VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

*2024-25 Budget Discussions:
Executive Proposal & Strategic Plan*

January 30, 2024



3-Year Long Range Projection

Vestal Central School District

Long Range Projection January 3, 2024 updated for EP's FA

Summary Report

	2022-2023	2023-2024	2024-2025	2025-2026
Total Fund Balance Beginning of Year		25,244,382	24,633,854	22,937,591
Revenues				
Tax Levy Limit Estimate		50,982,122	51,885,596	53,080,934
State Aid		32,637,327	32,423,348	35,214,994
All Other Revenues		5,053,021	4,726,452	4,241,096
Total Revenue Projection		88,672,470	89,035,397	92,537,025
Expenditures				
Salaries		38,338,398	40,219,102	41,936,114
Benefits		20,630,351	22,279,014	23,485,416
Debt Service/Interfund Transfer to Capital		5,874,707	4,779,917	7,287,014
All Other Expenditures		24,439,542	23,453,627	24,499,991
Total Expenditures Projection*		89,282,998	90,731,660	97,208,536
Total Projected Operating Surplus/(Deficit)		(610,528)	(1,696,263)	(4,671,511)
(\$1,640,000) is due to tax cert cases				

Basic Assumptions:

-Tax Levy at Estimated Tax Levy Limit with a 2% growth factor

-Foundation aid- changes to formula and historical practice

-Salaries are based on current staff of record with expected contractual increases



NYS Executive Proposal

Foundation Aid Changes

- Removal of “Save Harmless” calculation
 - This removes the provision of the law that states school districts must receive at least what they have in prior year. This means if a district has a change in demographics or declining enrollment the state is going to reduce foundation aid accordingly.
- Change in inflation Figure
 - Inflationary increases has historically been based on the average CPI change over previous calendar year, for calendar year 2023 that figure was 4.1%- for 23-24 aid it was 8%
 - Proposed change from Governor was to take an average of the last 10 years, dropping the high and low figure which means inflation factor will always hover around 2-3%
- Removal of Minimum Increase
 - No minimum increase but rather a reduction based on removing the “save harmless” as stated above

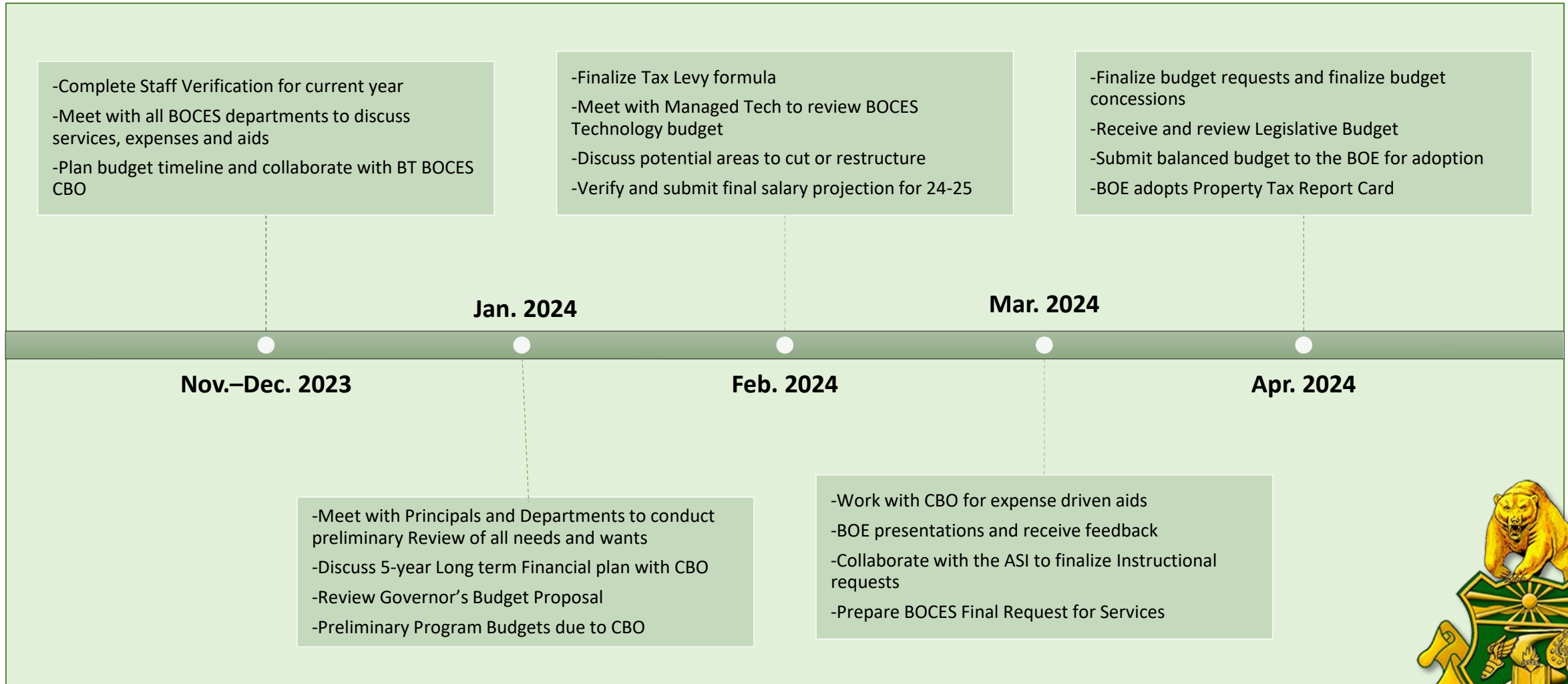


Budget Discussions

- Tentative Vestal Tax Levy is 1.77% or about \$900K increase over 2023-24 – only revenue item proposed to increase
- Currently we are looking at an approximate \$1.7 million deficit for 24-25
- Awaiting the Legislative Proposal- A lot of what the Governor has proposed is un-popular and harms about 45% of school districts in NYS. It is believed that at least 1 of the 3 measures proposed will not make it through the budget process. Removing the “Save Harmless” and the Inflation figure is the most detrimental to our district.
- District is analyzing the following as options to close the gap:
 - Positions that can remain unfilled and or be removed because of attrition
 - Trimming areas of contractual expense and Materials and Supplies expense
 - Possibility to decrease BOCES services or bring services in house
 - Possibility to add BOCES services for things that could then be aid-able
 - Removal of non-essential items from the budget



Budget Timeline



Questions?

