



North Shore Schools

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CONTINGENT BUDGET



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WHAT IS A CONTINGENT BUDGET?

- Under NYS Law, if voters reject a School District's budget twice- the district is required to operate under a contingent budget
- Note! The BOE may choose to immediately adopt a contingent budget after the first budget vote is defeated OR hold a second budget vote
- If the Board decides to have a second vote, they may choose to submit the same budget or present a modified budget with cuts



WHAT ARE THE GENERAL LIMITATIONS OF A CONTINGENT BUDGET?

- Non-contingent expenditures generally must be removed from a contingent budget

EXAMPLES OF NON-CONTINGENT EXPENDITURES

- Equipment purchases and new capital projects not related to the health and safety of students and staff are prohibited



ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS OF A CONTINGENT BUDGET

TAX LEVY LIMITATION

The tax levy under a contingent budget cannot exceed the prior year's levy. The current year's tax levy is \$92,337,256.24 and the proposed levy is \$94,644,364.44 - a difference of \$2,307,108.20

ADMINISTRATIVE CAP LIMITATION

Administrative cap cannot be GREATER than the prior year's (21-22) or the defeated budget (22-23) Administrative cap



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- Only Ordinary Contingent Expenditures are permitted if a budget is defeated by voters

Note!

The Board of Education is permitted to determine what constitute ordinary contingent expenses with limitations



WHAT ARE ORDINARY CONTINGENT EXPENSES?

- Ordinary Contingent Expenses are expenditures necessary to provide the minimum services legally required to:
- *Operate and maintain school buildings and educational programs*
- *Preserve the property of the District and Ensure the health and safety of students and staff*



EXAMPLES OF ORDINARY CONTINGENT EXPENSES

- Legal Expenses including:

Debt Service - Interest and principal on District borrowings

Judgements-Court orders and orders of the Commissioner of Education

Other legal obligations including social security, payroll taxes and garnishments

Pre-existing contractual obligations



OTHER EXPENSES PERMITTED UNDER CONTINGENT BUDGET

- Interscholastic athletics, extra curricular activities, field trips, and related transportation
- Transportation to regular schools within the established limit
- Textbooks and transportation for private and parochial schools
- Expenses for membership in NYS School Board Association
- Convention and conference expenses
- District share of BOCES services
- Use of school buildings for school connected purposes



OTHER EXPENSES PERMITTED UNDER CONTINGENT BUDGET

- Classroom materials to ensure uniformity
- Summer School
- Expenses necessary to advise voters concerning school matters
- General Fund support for School Food Services
- Emergency repairs to District facilities
- Programs-such as art, music, band, orchestra, library, PE, MS and HS electives, extra services such as speech improvement, counseling and psychological services



OTHER EXPENSES PERMITTED UNDER CONTINGENT BUDGET

- **Note! Teachers, Administrators, Superintendent and other positions requiring SED certification, District Clerk, District Treasurer and Internal Claims Auditor may receive salary increases under a contingent budget**
- **Non-instructional salary increases-including, clerical, custodial, maintenance personnel are permitted under a contingent budget**



NON-CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Salary increases for management, confidential, civil service employees not covered by a collective bargaining agreement is a non-contingent expense

OTHER NON-CONTINGENT EXPENSES

Capital Construction Projects

School bus purchases and new multi-year bus leases

Most equipment

Rental of office equipment



NON-CONTINGENT EXPENSES

- Use of school buildings and grounds by outside organizations
(except where there is no identifiable added cost)



RECOMMENDED CUTS TO REACH THE CAP

1.5 FTE Administration

12 Teaching Positions-by seniority

AND

**Elimination of the High School Gym Floor
Replacement**

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