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# **EAST ROCKAWAY**

## **SCHOOL DISTRICT**

2015-2016

Budget Development:

Current Status & Next Steps

Budget Advisory Committee Meeting  
April 15, 2015

# Budget Advisory Committee Meeting Dates

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1)  Wednesday, January 7, 2015


**Location: High School Band Room**

**(Snow Date: Thursday, January 15, 2015)**

2)  Wednesday, February 4, 2015

**Location: High School Library**

**(Snow Date: Monday, February 9, 2015)**

3)  Wednesday, March 4, 2015

**Location: High School Band Room**

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- **Meetings with Staff / Analyzing Needs Continues**
- **State Budget has been adopted!**

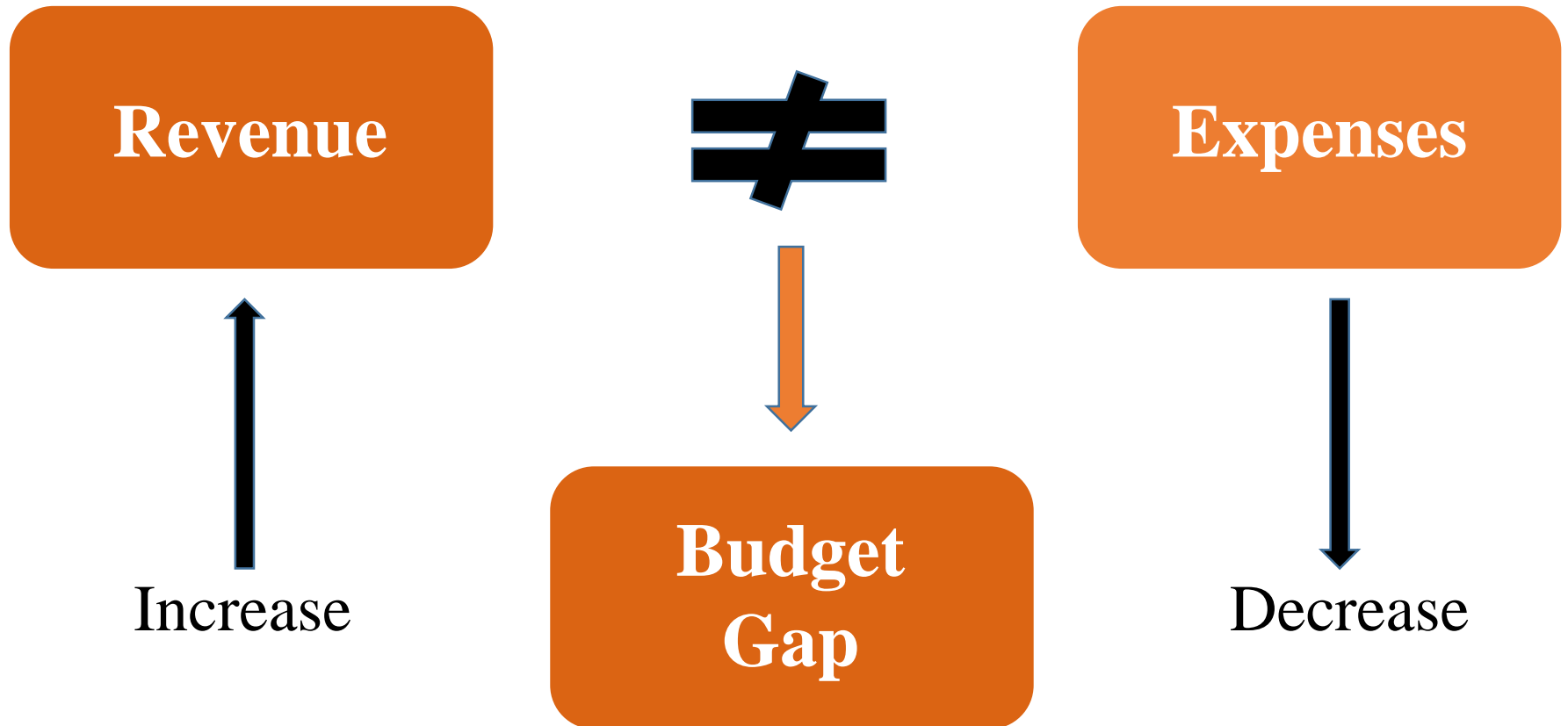
**State Aid Runs have been released and provide our District with an Aid “increase”**

- **GEA Status – “Partially” restored**
- **Tax Levy Cap Filed March 1<sup>st</sup> (Within TLC limit)**
- **Tonight’s Agenda:**
  - **Brief review of District Revenue (adjustments made as a result of State Aid Increase)**
  - **Revised Budget Proposal (no increased impact on the Tax Levy)**
  - **Summary of Budget impact allocations**
    - \* Some allocations are still being discussed and finalized
  - **A review of District reserve accounts**

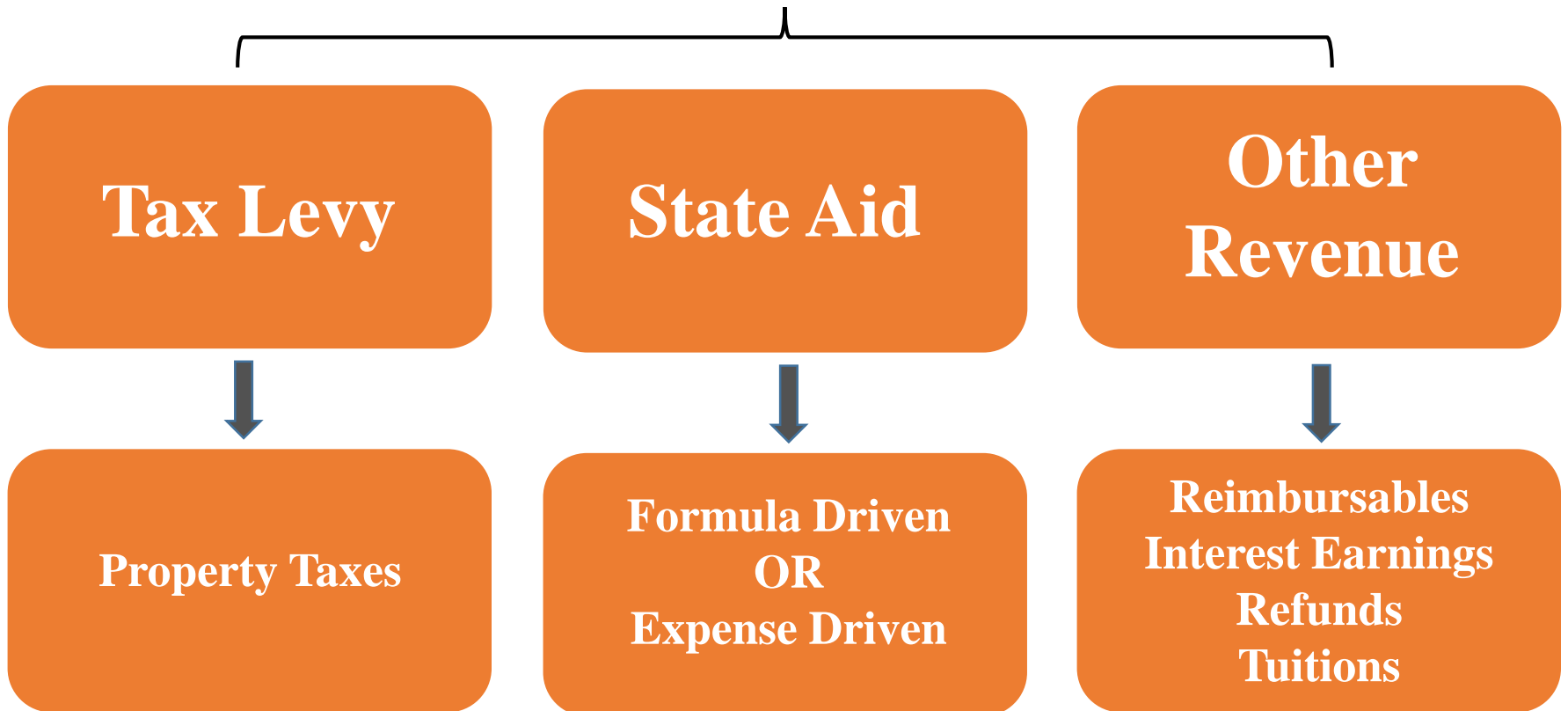
Revenue

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Expenses



# Revenue



## Base Formula

$$\left( \left[ \left( \begin{array}{l} \text{Prior Fiscal Year} \\ \text{Tax Levy} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Prior Year} \\ \text{Reserve offset} \end{array} - \begin{array}{l} \text{Reserve Amount} \\ \text{(including interest earned)} \end{array} \right) \times \begin{array}{l} \text{Tax Base} \\ \text{Growth Factor} \end{array} \right] + \begin{array}{l} \text{PILOTs} \\ \text{Receivable in} \\ \text{the prior fiscal} \\ \text{year} \end{array} - \begin{array}{l} \text{Tort Exclusion} \\ \text{Amount, prior} \\ \text{fiscal year} \end{array} \right)$$

$$\times \begin{array}{l} \text{Allowable} \\ \text{levy} \\ \text{growth} \\ \text{Factor} \end{array} - \begin{array}{l} \text{PILOTs} \\ \text{receivable} \\ \text{in coming} \\ \text{fiscal year} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Available} \\ \text{carryover} \end{array} = \text{Tax Levy Limit}$$

### + Transfer of Function

### + Exclusions

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Tax Levy} \\ \text{Limit} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Net of Transfer} \\ \text{of Government} \\ \text{Function} \\ \text{(as determined} \\ \text{by OSC)} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Tax Levy necessary for} \\ \text{expenditures from} \\ \text{court orders/judgments} \\ \text{resulting from tort actions} \\ \text{for any amount in} \\ \text{excess of 5\% of the} \\ \text{total taxes levied in the} \\ \text{prior fiscal year} \end{array} + \begin{array}{l} \text{Levy necessary to pay} \\ \text{for increases to the} \\ \text{system average actuarial} \\ \text{contribution rate} \\ \text{(or normal contribution rate)} \\ \text{of pension funds over} \\ \text{2 percentage points} \end{array} = \begin{array}{l} \text{Tax Levy} \\ \text{Limit,} \\ \text{Adjusted for} \\ \text{Transfers, Plus} \\ \text{Exclusions} \end{array}$$



Actual CPI was finalized at 1.62%

After allowable exclusions and other adjustments allowed under the tax levy cap provisions:

2015-2016 Tax Levy:	1.58%
2015-2016 Tax Levy Increase:	\$454,546
Maximum Allowable Budget:	\$37,667,948
Budget-to-Budget increase:	1.0%

*As of March 31*

Forecasted Levy increase of \$450,000 (Slightly less than last year)

**\*State Aid report indicating forecasted building aid is needed to finalize this calculation!**

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2015-2016 Tax Levy:	1.58%
2015-2016 Tax Levy Increase:	\$454,546
State Aid Increase:	\$466,154*
REVISED Proposed Budget:	\$37,994,804
REVISED Budget-to-Budget Increase:	1.88%

\*GEA restoration / \$ > 14k in Foundation Aid / > Expense Driven Aid forecast

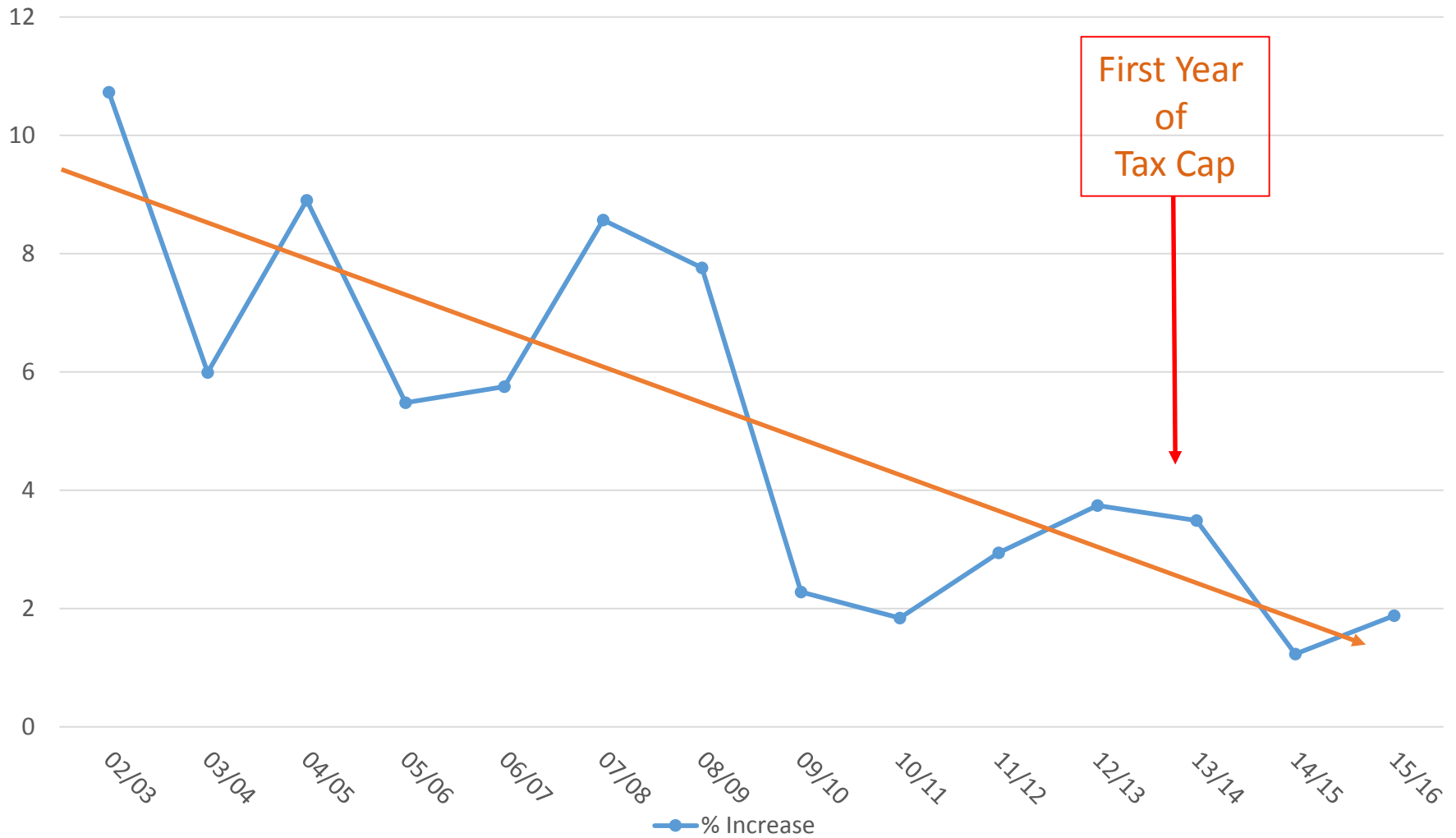
*As of April 1st*

### Note on strategic use of increased State Aid:

- Ability to maintain and bolster several areas of academic concern
- Tax Levy Increase within the Tax Levy Cap limit
- Long term ability to address recent “Moderate Fiscal Stress” designation
- Prudent use of reserves to offset current/future levy increases

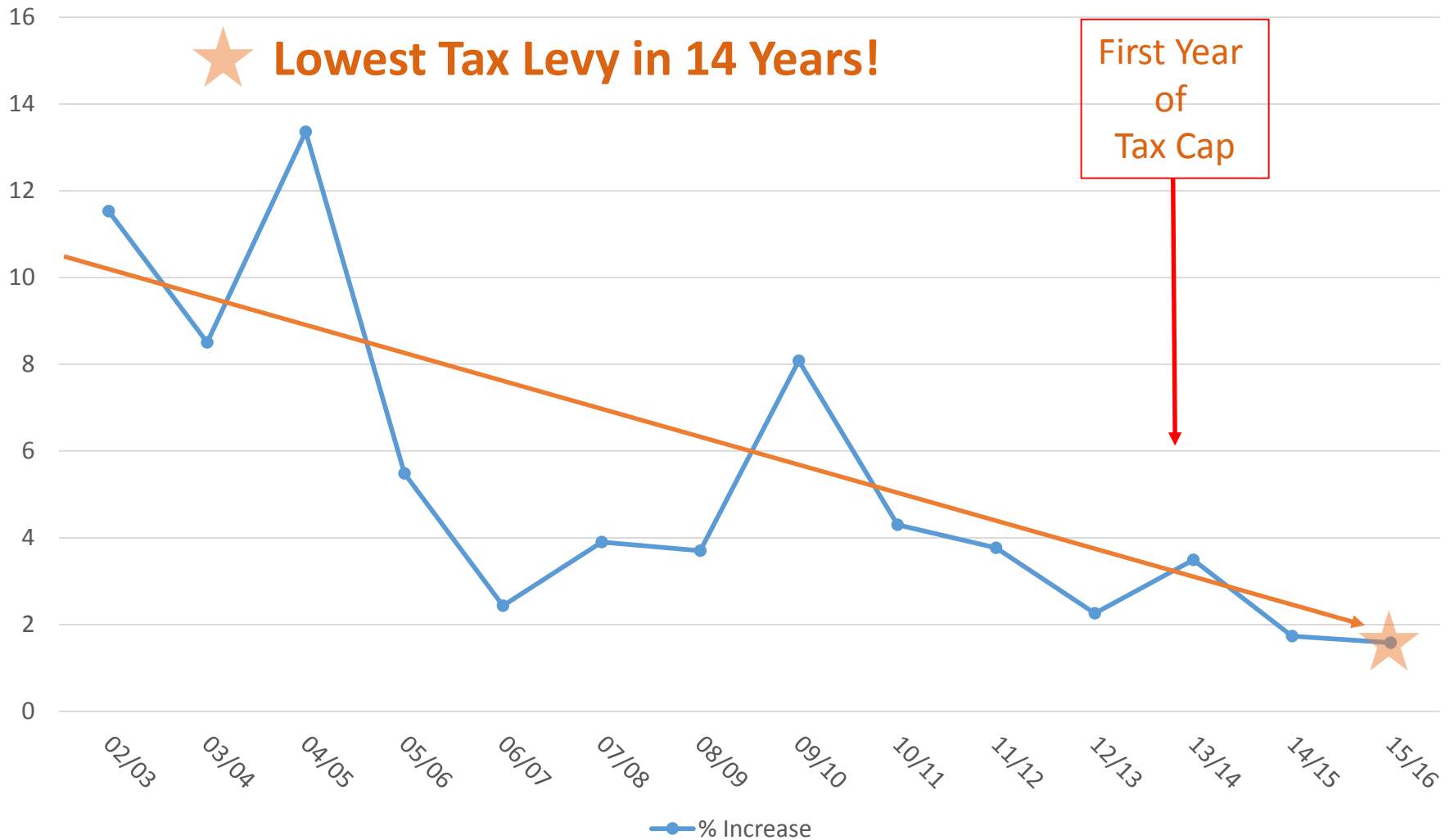
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## Budget to Budget Trend (% Increase)



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## Levy to Levy Trend (% Increase)



Current Year Budget:	\$ 37,295,028	
<b>Proposed Budget:</b> <b>(April, 2015)</b>	<b>\$ 37,994,804</b>	<b>1.88%</b>
<b>Final Tax Levy Increase:</b> <b>(Within the Tax Levy Cap)</b>	<b>\$ 454,546</b>	<b>1.58%</b>

- Restoration of the Nassau County Sewer Tax Budget Forecast
- Additional Teacher (AIS Support at ERHS)
- Additional CTE Opportunities for Students (BOCES)
- Read 180 Program at Elementary Level (and Associated PD)
- Increase in Legal Fees based on various needs
- Increase in Health Insurance (ACA forecasted Impact)
- FEMA Coordinator (Mitigation projects with FEMA continue)
- Additional Programs currently under consideration
  - Afterschool / Summer enhancements to benefit student development

	BUDGET 2014/15	BUDGET 2015/16	VARIANCE
STATE AID	\$5,977,740	\$6,234,706	\$256,966
CHARGES FOR SERVICES	\$475,000	\$475,000	\$0
PILOT	\$95,000	\$102,089	\$7,089
INTEREST	\$25,000	\$25,000	\$0
MISCELLANEOUS	\$144,375	\$148,640	\$4,265
TRANSFER FROM RESERVE	\$1,057,283	\$1,034,193	(\$23,090)
APPROPRIATED FUND BALANCE	\$760,000	\$760,000	\$0
TOTAL NON TAX REVENUE	\$8,534,398	\$8,779,628	\$245,230
TAX LEVY REVENUE	\$28,760,630	\$29,215,176	\$454,546
TOTAL REVENUES	\$37,295,028	\$37,994,804	\$699,776

Component	2014/2015	2015/2016	Variance: \$	%
Administrative	\$4,673,199	\$4,892,967	\$ 219,768	4.70%
Program	\$27,286,158	\$27,755,901	\$ 469,743	1.72%
Capital	\$5,335,671	\$5,345,936	\$ 10,265	0.19%
Total:	\$37,295,028	\$37,994,804	\$ 699,776	1.88%



<b>Reserve Account</b>	<b>2013-2014</b>
Unemployment Insurance Reserve	\$ 172,260
Post Retirement Benefits Reserve	\$ 660,347
ERS Reserve	\$ 3,270,685
Capital Reserve - Technology	\$ 486,894
Capital Reserve - Building Improvements	\$ 296,183

The effect of this loss is cumulative!

*\*UPDATED for 2015-2016*

GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT	
2010-11	\$ (508,020)
2011-12	\$ (847,914)
2012-13	\$ (728,934)
2013-14	\$ (628,934)
2014-15	\$ (540,066)
2015-16	\$ (326,856)
<b>Total Loss:</b>	<b>\$ (3,580,724)</b>

**This is a NYS deficit being passed on to School Districts!**

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GAP ELIMINATION ADJUSTMENT

**In the last six years,  
East Rockaway has lost over  
\$3.5 Million in  
State Aid!**

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# Rules for a Contingency Budget

- If the budget is defeated twice, pursuant to NYS Tax Cap Legislation, there can be no increase in the tax levy - **0.0%**
- A defeated budget would require additional reductions of \$454,546
- These reductions would include: Academic Programs, Athletics, Music and Art, Clubs, Equipment, and further staff reductions...

- Additional Proposition for District-wide Capital & Technology Reserve Projects

2015-2016

Capital Projects: \$200,000

Technology Projects: \$200,000

No additional cost to the taxpayers

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## 2015-2016 Budget Discussions

NOV 18

Budget  
Development  
Calendar

JAN 20

Budget  
Development  
Status Report

MAR 17 24

Budget  
Revenue

MAY 5

Budget  
Hearing

DEC 16

Budget  
Fundamentals

FEB 24

Discussion on  
Capital &  
Technology  
Reserves

APR 21

Budget  
Adoption

MAY 19

Budget VOTE  
ERHS  
6:30am-9:30pm

**Budget Advisory Committee Meetings are ongoing**

- **Based on the conclusion of our last meeting...**
  - **“Exit Survey” to be published for Committee**
  - **Thoughts for other forums?**
  - **After Budget Adoption: Other Community meetings or “Coffee Talks”**



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Questions?





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