

# **FY25 Tentative Budget**

**Green Brook Township Public Schools**

**March 13, 2024**

# Timeline

- February 28, 2024 - Presentation of district goals
- **March 13, 2024 - Approval of tentative budget**
- March 20, 2024 - Deadline for submission to County for approval
- April 19, 2024 - Deadline for County approval of preliminary budget
- April 20, 2024 - Advertising of public hearing and preliminary budget
- **April 24, 2024 - BOE Meeting public hearing and adoption of the budget\***
- April 26, 2024 - Posting of User Friendly Budget for public inspection\*\*

\*This is the earliest possible date for adoption of the final budget; date may shift

\*\*Full budget will also be posted at this time and is available by request after submission to the County on 3/20/24

# Budget Basics

## Revenues = Appropriations

### REVENUES

- Revenues describe expected income and set the bounds for the budget
- Revenues come from multiple sources
- Local tax levy - by far, the largest portion of GBTPS revenues (2% cap, with some allowances)
- State aid
- Withdrawal from reserves and prior year surplus
- Received tuition
- Facilities usage fees, interest income
- Grants

### APPROPRIATIONS

- Appropriations describe how the district will use the revenues to effect its mission
- Driven by district goals, enrollment, and needs (long-term and emergent)
- Tuition
- Salaries and benefits and professional development
- Transportation
- Subscriptions and services
- Utilities, maintenance, and repairs
- Supplies, equipment, and capital projects



# Appropriations

**Total \$32,082,739**

- An increase of \$2,009,226 from FY24, 6.68% increase on \$30,073,513
- Includes \$1,463,000 of Debt Service (FY24 was \$1,466,540)
- Includes \$370,733 in grants, a decrease from \$665,996 in FY24
- General Fund appropriations of \$30,249,006, an increase of \$2,308,029 or 8.26% from FY24

# Appropriations

## What's included

- Items from last meeting's Goals presentation
  - Continued growth and preservation of programs
  - Minimize negative impacts to students, families, and staff
- Maintenance and Capital Projects
  - GBMS floor replacements, gymnasium bleachers, demolition of football field stands, field maintenance
  - IEF preschool playground
- Significant increase to WHRHS tuition
- Health benefits increases
- Increase to OOD and extraordinary services
- Contractual salary (3.2%) and CPI transportation increases (5.81%)
- What's removed: Late bus at WHRHS either reduced (3x/week) or removed

# Appropriations

## Budget movers

Appropriation	FY25 Total	\$ Change	% Change
WHRHS tuition	\$8,307,397	\$923,680*	11.4%
Capital Projects	\$792,699	\$736,000	n/a
Health Benefits	\$3,162,981	\$337,066	11.93%
Salaries	\$10,336,331	\$196,288	1.94%
Transportation	\$2,533,925	\$142,745	5.97%
Req. Maintenance	\$274,911	\$109,714	66.41%
Insurances	\$319,321	\$42,841	15.5%
OOD Private School	\$483,843	\$91,220	23.23%

\*Green Brook was owed \$400,000 in “true up” tuition in FY24; the loss of that refund is included in the net change.



# Tuition

## Agreement, based on enrollment projections

Contract Year	FY	GenEd % Increase	GenEd CPP	GenEd Enroll	GenEd Subtotal	LLD % Increase	LLD CPP	LLD Enroll	LLD Subtotal	RES RM % Increase	ResRm Rate	ResRm Hours	ResRm Subtotal	TOTAL
0	2023-24		\$18,727		<b>\$7,153,790</b>		\$32,252	6	<b>\$193,514</b>		\$18.73	23,300	<b>\$436,409.00</b>	<b>\$7,783,713.40</b>
1	2024-25	9.00%	\$20,412	<b>376</b>	<b>\$7,675,074</b>	55.03%	\$50,000	<b>3</b>	<b>\$150,001</b>	10.52%	\$20.70	23,300	<b>\$482,319.23</b>	<b>\$8,307,393.66</b>
2	2025-26	5.00%	\$21,433	367	<b>\$7,865,930</b>	5.00%	\$52,500	6	<b>\$315,002</b>	5.00%	\$21.74	23,000	<b>\$499,914.56</b>	<b>\$8,680,846.04</b>
3	2026-27	5.00%	\$22,505	343	<b>\$7,719,113</b>	5.00%	\$55,125	6	<b>\$330,752</b>	5.00%	\$22.82	23,000	<b>\$524,910.29</b>	<b>\$8,574,775.45</b>

# Appropriations

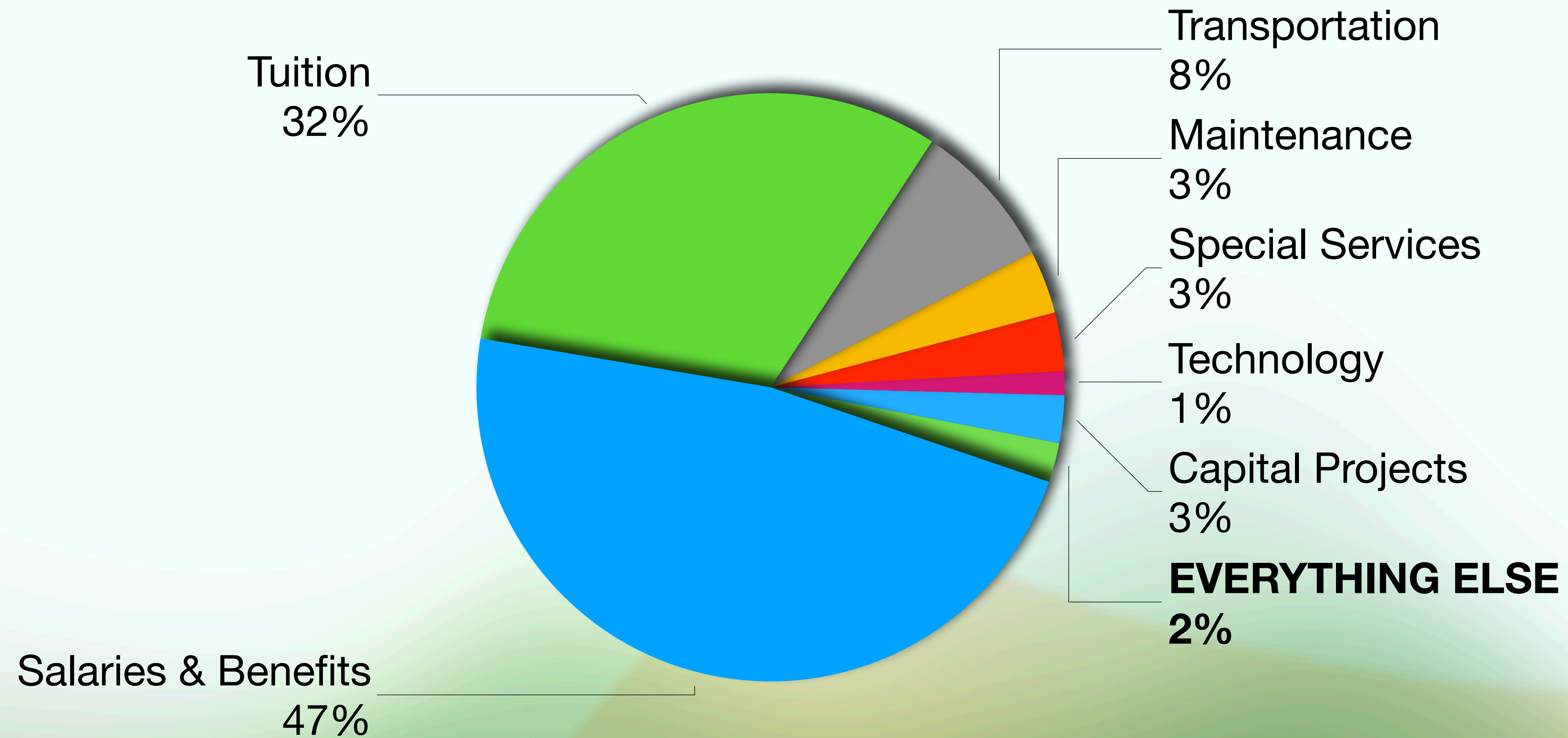
## General Fund, \$30,249,006

Appropriation	\$	Notes
Salaries and benefits	\$14,356,752	Includes contractual 3.2% increase
Tuition	\$9,554,381	Includes significant WHRHS increase
Transportation	\$2,465,654	CPI 5.81%
Maintenance	\$1,054,167	Includes flooring projects and 15.5% insurance increase
Special services	\$975,773	Includes projections for additional OOD students
Technology	\$394,337	YoY decrease
EVERYTHING ELSE	\$655,243	Programs, supplies, PD, professional fees, copiers, etc.
Capital projects	\$792,699	Bleachers, football stands (demo), preschool playground
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$30,249,006</b>	



# Appropriations

General Fund, \$30,249,006



# Revenues

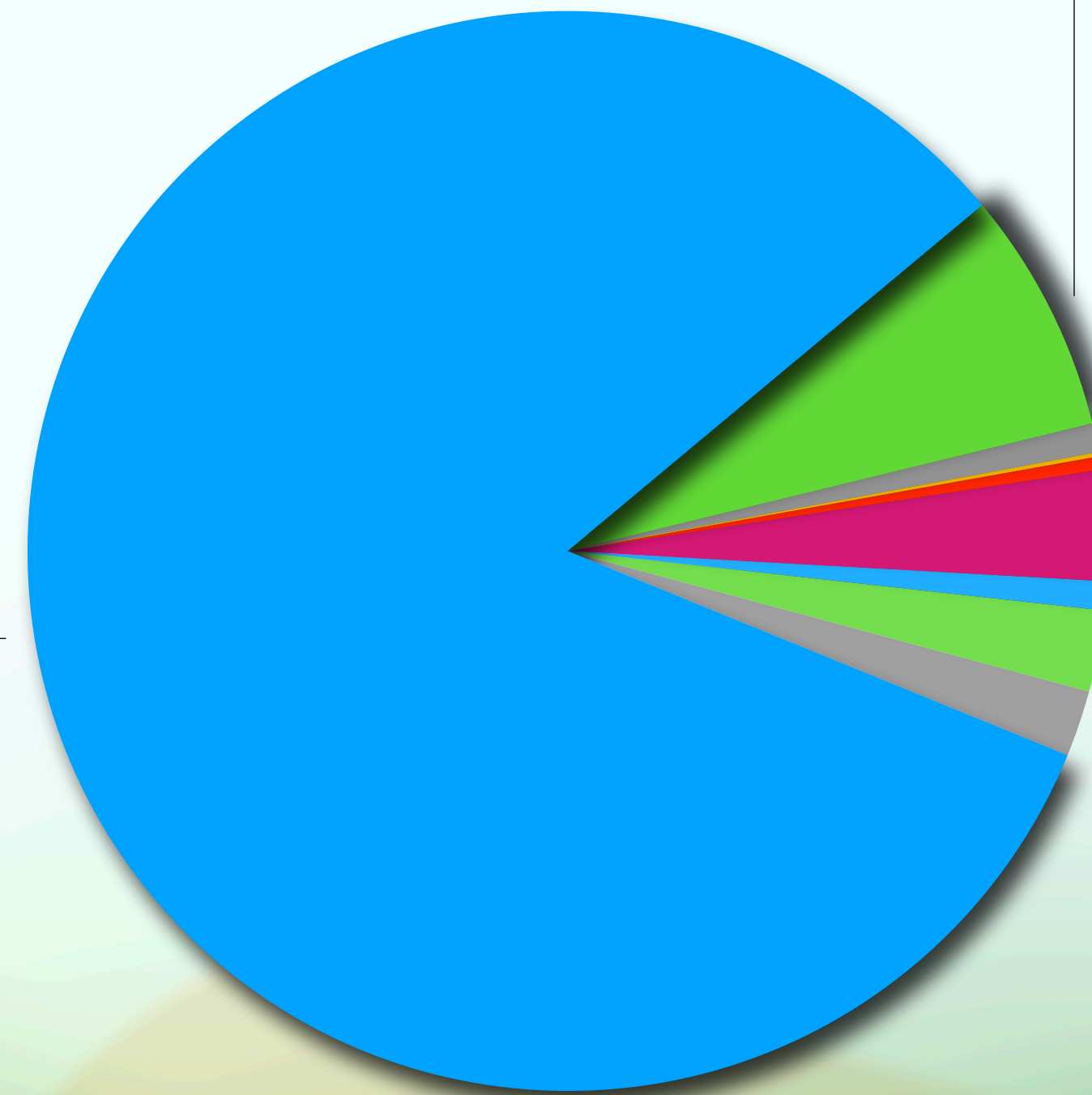
## General Fund, \$30,249,006

Revenue	\$	Notes
Local tax levy	\$24,909,113	2% increase
Levy allowance for health insurance	\$123,989	0.51% additional increase
State Aid	\$2,199,364	\$139,291 from prior year
Parent-paid tuition	\$259,000	Loss of \$110,000 in revenue from graduating students
Investment income	\$120,000	
Facility usage	\$39,600	
Tuition reserve	\$1,000,000	Increase of \$800,000, will need to be filled next 2 years
Maintenance reserve	\$261,940	To offset costs
Fund balance	\$600,000	Projected surplus
Capital reserve	\$736,000	To offset costs
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$30,249,006</b>	

# Revenues

General Fund, \$30,249,006

Tax Levy (Incl. Health Ins. Allowance)  
82.76%



State Aid  
7.27%

Tuition  
0.86%

Facilities Usage  
0.13%

Interest Income  
0.40%

Tuition Reserve  
3.31%

Maintenance Reserve  
0.87%

Capital Reserve  
2.43%

Fund Balance  
1.98%



# Grants and Debt Service

## Grants

- \$370,733, down from \$665,996 FY24
- This essentially pushed a net of \$300,000 into our FY25 budget
- Big ticket items include Rutgers clinician (\$70,000) and RBT (\$50,000), SEW programs and SE licenses (\$70,000), summer and tutoring salaries (\$20,000)

## Debt Service

- \$1,463,000 appropriations supported by \$1,399,562 levy (separate from general fun) and \$63,438 fund balance (from debt refinancing)

# Fund Balance and Reserves

- At the end of each FY, districts may retain up to 2% of their general fund budget as undesignated fund balance
  - This “surplus” is the difference between received revenues and expenses
  - Due to breakage we are projecting a healthy surplus (\$2M) in FY24
    - Vacancies, leaves, good luck with OOD placements
    - Not anticipated to repeat in FY25
- Of that, \$1,000,000 is needed to fund tuition reserve, \$350,000 for future year budgets (FY26), and \$129,000 to refill the maintenance reserve, for a total commitment of \$1,479,000
- \$300,000 is being committed to the FY25 budget (along with \$300,000 from prior year’s surplus)
- The remaining \$221,000 may be used for capital reserve or emergent expenses in the last quarter of the FY

# Details

- PDFs on website at [www.gbtps.org](http://www.gbtps.org) under Budget
  - Appropriations
  - Revenues



# Tax Levy Impact

Note: Taxes are based on calendar year; levy includes second half of 2023-24 and first half of 2024-25 school year.

	CY23	CY24	Net Change \$	Net Change %	Notes
<b>Local Tax Levy - Operating</b>	\$24,158,709	\$24,726,900	\$568,191	2.35%	Based on calendar year
<b>Local Tax Levy - Bond</b>	\$1,492,407	\$1,433,051	-\$59,356	-3.97%	
<b>Local Tax Levy (School Portion)</b>	\$25,651,116	\$26,159,951	\$508,835	1.98%	Total amount of local funding
<b>NVT</b>	\$1,729,503,000	\$1,853,063,000	\$123,560,000	7.14%	Net taxable valuation of Township
<b>Tax Rate</b>	0.01483	0.01411	-0.00071	-4.82%	Levy/NVT
<b>AHV</b>	\$599,856	\$646,290	\$46,434	7.74%	Average assessed home value
<b>Average Home Tax Bill</b>	\$8,897	\$9,124	<b>\$227</b>	2.55%	Tax Rate * AHV

# Summary

- Budget meets all the goals from 2/28/24 presentation
  - Protects programs, student opportunities, and staffing levels
  - Ensures the ability to meet emergent needs

# Q&A

## Board Questions