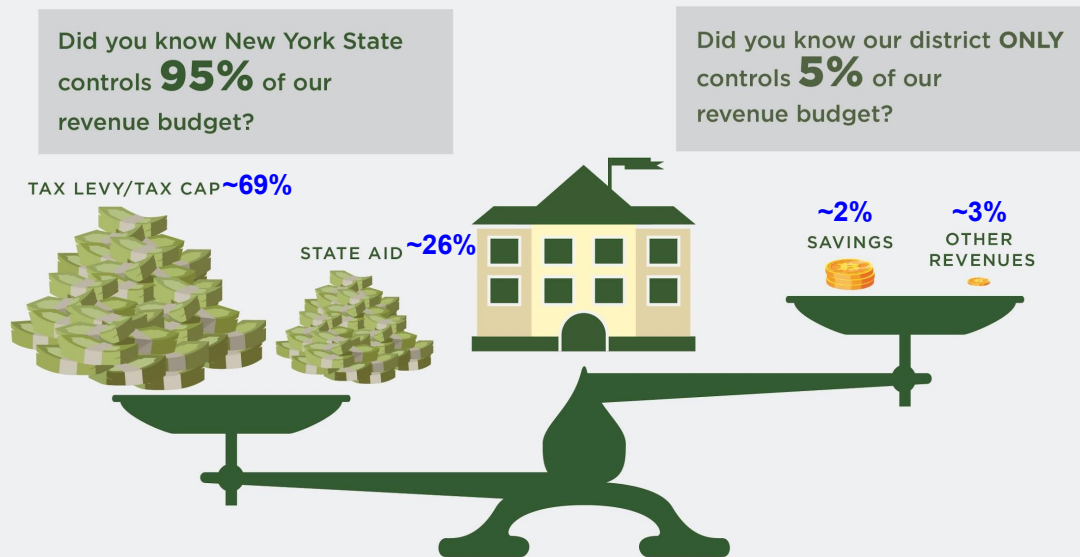


# 2025-26 Budget Development: Revenues

## REVENUE BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

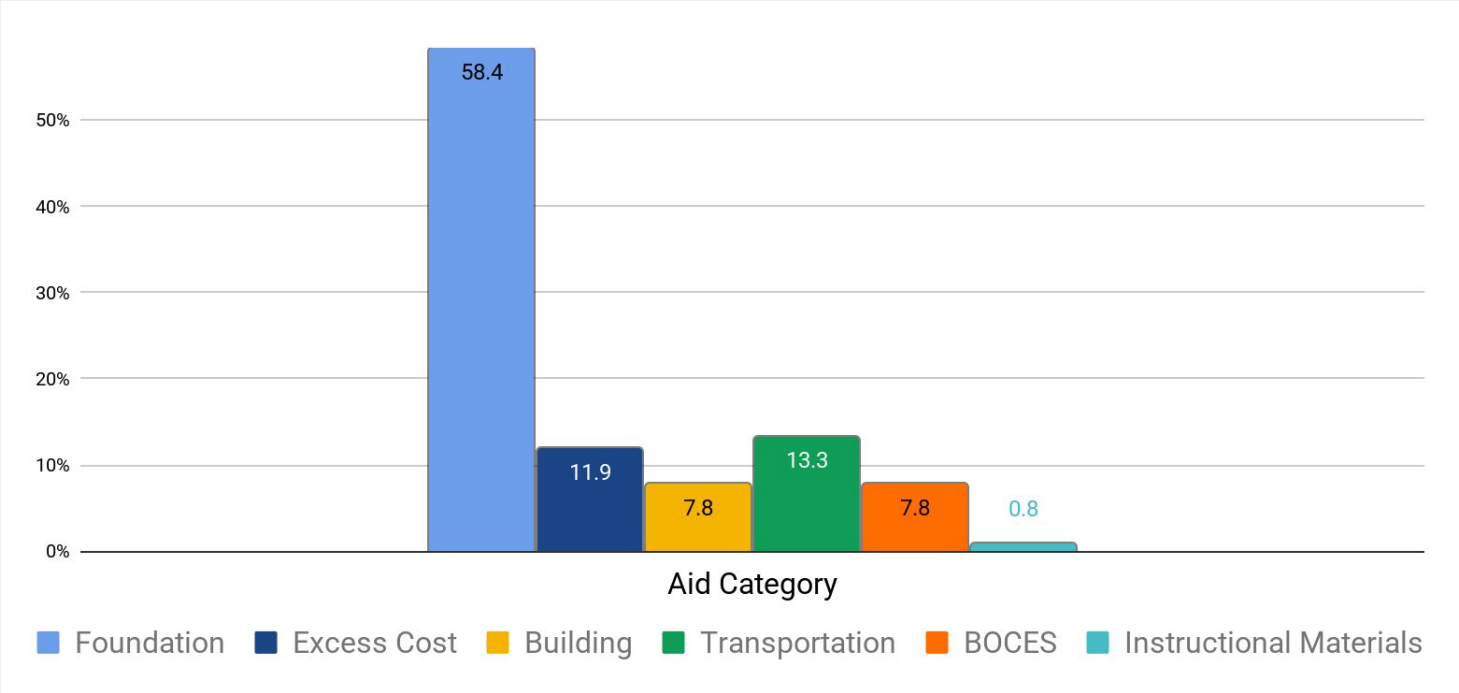


February 25, 2025

## NYS Executive Budget Proposal (1/21/2025)

- 4.8% increase in Education Aid state-wide
  - Incorporated two formula changes recommended in the Rockefeller Institute's study on Foundation Aid:
    - Census 2000 poverty data would be replaced with Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (SAIPE)
    - Free and Reduced Price Lunch (FRPL) data would be replaced with Economically Disadvantaged data
- No mention of Retiree Income Waiver Extension (expires 6/30/2025)
  - Since 2023-24, NYS authorized public sector retirees to return to work without reduction in retirement benefit in order to address staff shortages
- Brewster's overall State Aid increase, based on the NYS Executive Budget Proposal, is **9.7%**
  - Mostly due to Foundation Aid and BOCES Aid categories

# State Aid Components (~26% of Revenue Budget)



# Tax Levy / “Tax Cap” (~69% of Revenue Budget)



# “Tax Cap” Components

- Tax Base Growth Factor
- Allowable Growth Factor
- Changes to PILOT Agreements
- Changes to Capital Exclusion

## Tax Base Growth Factor

Derived using a “quantity change factor,” which is calculated by the NYS Department of Taxation and Finance based on information reported by local assessors

Measures “brick & mortar” new construction and/or significant additions to existing properties, which increase the size of the tax base

Historical High	Historical Average	Historical Low
1.87%	0.66%	0.24%

*2025-26’s Tax Base Growth Factor (1.0187) is the highest recorded during the “Tax Cap” era*

**Brewster CSD has no input/control over this factor**

\* Tentative, pending Taxable Status Date (March 1st)

# Allowable Growth Factor

Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) measures the change in the cost of basic goods and services in comparison to the prior year

Allowable Growth Factor is limited to the lesser of 2% or CPI-U

Can never be greater than 2%

Can never be less than 0%

<del>CPI-U</del> High	Historical High	Historical Average	Historical Low	CPI-U Low
<del>8.00%</del>	2.00%	1.68%	0.12%	0.12%

**Brewster CSD has no input/control over this factor**

# PILOT Agreement Changes

Payment in Lieu of Tax (PILOT) agreements are negotiated between the Putnam County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) and commercial businesses

**New** PILOTs **decrease** the “Tax Cap” because the exempt portion of the property is removed from the assessment roll

- The property is excluded from the levy apportionment and makes a separate payment according to the terms of the PILOT agreement

**Expiring** PILOTs **increase** the “Tax Cap” because the property becomes fully taxable on the assessment roll

- The property absorbs the impact of the increase in the levy

**Brewster CSD has limited input/control over this factor**

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# Capital Exclusion Changes

Capital Construction Debt & Transportation Capital Expenses, net of Building Aid & Transportation Capital Aid

- An increase to the Capital Exclusion increases the “Tax Cap”
- The voters already approved the tax increase to pay for the debt associated with construction costs in a prior referendum vote

- A decrease to the Capital Exclusion decreases the “Tax Cap”
- The debt is paid off so therefore no additional taxes are required

**Brewster CSD has *limited* input/control over this factor: effective long range financial planning and community support for capital improvement projects is critical to stabilizing the Capital Exclusion**

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## Summary of “Tax Cap” Components

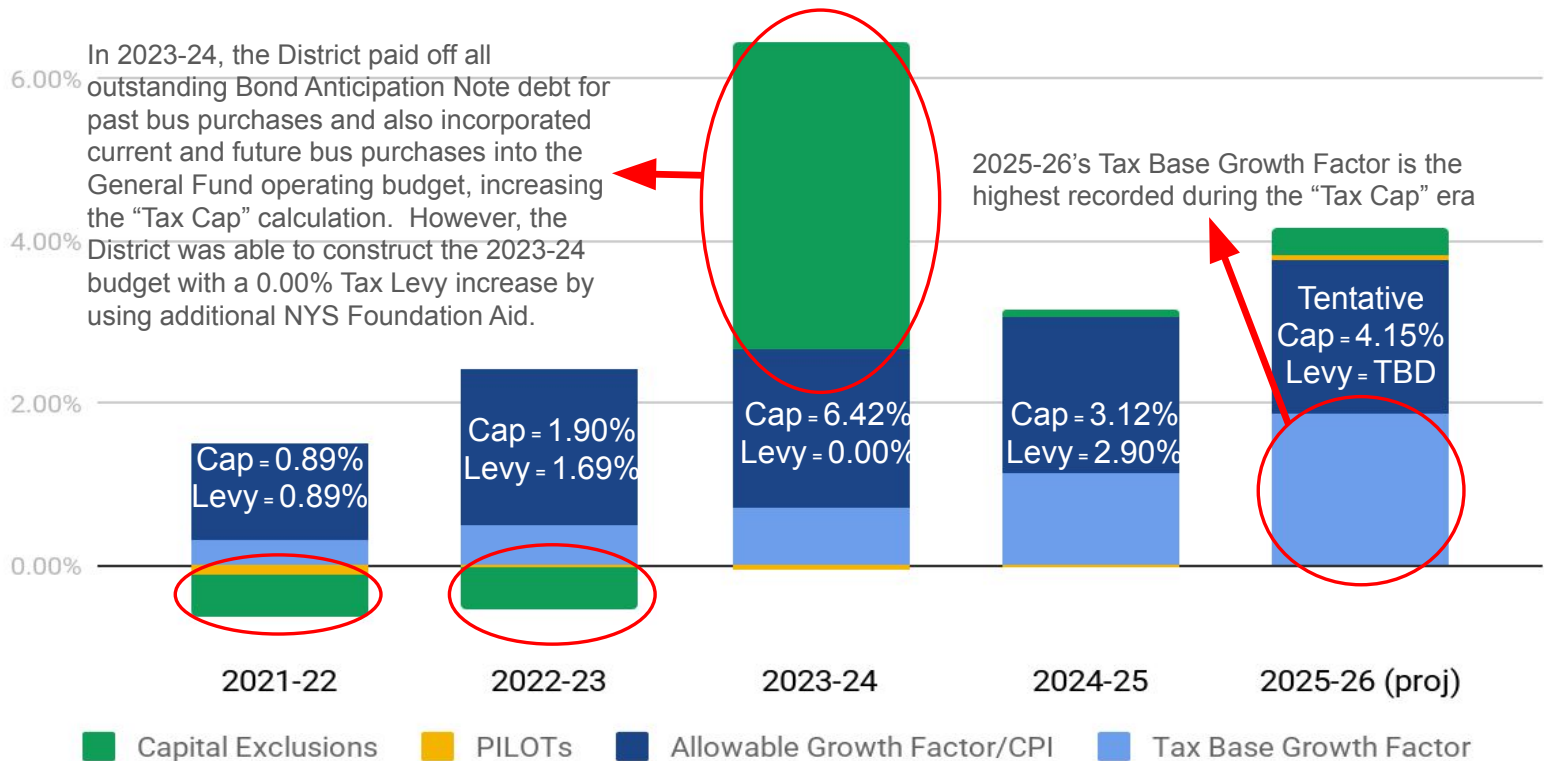
(rounded \$ in thousands [K])

Component	Incremental Impact (\$)	Incremental Impact (%)
Tax Base Growth Factor	\$1,545	1.87%
Allowable Growth Factor	\$1,580	1.91%
Changes to PILOTs	\$53*	0.06%*
Changes to Capital Exclusion	\$252*	0.31%*
Tentative “Tax Cap”*	\$3,430*	4.15%*

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## What's driving the "Tax Cap" increase? (Each year is unique!)




## Initial Revenue Budget Summary (rounded \$ in millions [M])

	2024-25	2025-26	Δ (\$)	Δ (%)
<b>Tax Levy</b> (including STAR)	82.6	*86.0	3.4	4.15%
<b>Local Sources</b> (PILOTs, Interest, Donations, Interfund Transfers, Misc Revenues, etc.)	3.0	3.8	0.8	28%
<b>State &amp; Federal Aid</b> (including BOCES Aid)	31.4	*34.5	3.1	9.7%
<b>Appropriated Fund Balance</b> (the unrestricted portion of accumulated savings)	2.3	1.3	-1.0	-44%
<b>Appropriated Reserves</b> (the <i>restricted</i> portion of accumulated savings)	0.2	0.2	0.0	0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$119.6</b>	<b>\$125.9</b>	<b>\$6.3</b>	<b>5.3%</b>

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# Important Dates to Remember

- 2/25:  **BoE Meeting / Revenues (Initial Budget Presentation)**
- 3/11: **BoE Meeting / Fixed Costs & Departmental Budgets**
- 3/25: **BoE Meeting / Enrollment & Staffing Recommendations**
- 4/8: **BoE Meeting / Superintendent's Proposed Budget**
- 4/22: **BoE Meeting / Budget Adoption**
- 5/13: **BoE Meeting / Informational Budget Hearing**
- 5/20: **Budget Vote & Trustee Election**



# Budget Resources

## Budget 101 Series

- [Budget 101: Basics of School Budgeting](#)
- [Budget 101: Revenues](#)
- [Budget 101: Expenditures \(Salaries & Benefits\)](#)
- [Budget 101: Expenditures \(Equipment, Contractual, Supplies, BOCES Services, Debt Service & Transfers\)](#)

## Long Range Financial Plan

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