

Freeport Public Schools



2021-2022 Budget Overview

Board of Education Meeting
February 10, 2021



Governor's Executive Budget Proposal Highlights of 2021-2022

- Total State Aid to School Districts to increase by +\$2.11billion or 7.1% increase in total funding, includes:
 - \$607 million reduction in state funding
 - \$2.72 billion increase in federal support
- State funding total includes STAR-\$1.9 billion
- \$1.35 billion “Local District Funding Adjustment”



Governor's Executive Budget Proposal

Highlights of 2021-2022

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- Foundation Aid would be frozen for a second straight year-at 2019-20 levels, the state would be \$4.06 billion behind in phasing in the formula.
- The Governor has repeatedly said that the state needs \$15 billion in additional federal assistance.
- As proposed, this budget assumes “only” \$6 billion in additional federal assistance for the coming school year and again the year after-any additional federal help could reduce proposed cuts.



Governor's Executive Budget Proposal

Highlights of 2021-2022

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Consolidation of Expense-Based Aids

As in past years, the Executive Budget proposes to consolidate the below aids into a single “Services Aid” block grant. A cut of \$693 million against current law.

- BOCES Aid
- Textbook Aid
- Software Aid
- Library Materials Aid
- Computer Hardware and Technology Aid
- Supplemental Excess Cost AID
- Transportation Aid, including Summer Transportation Aid
- Special Services Aid
- Academic Enhancement Aid
- High Tax Aid
- Charter school Transitional Aid



Governor's Executive Budget Proposal

Highlights of 2021-2022

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Future Concerns

- Concerns about fiscal “cliffs” remain-what happens after federal stimulus aid ceases? Department of Budget projects a \$1.19 billion increase in state support for School Aid in 2022-23, but with the loss of \$3.85 in federal aid being used in this budget, schools would experience a cut in total support of \$2.66 billion unless replaced from other sources.

School District Funding 2021-22 Governor's Proposed Budget

Aid Category	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
Foundation Aid	\$ 18,411,787,836	\$18, 411,787,836	-	0.0%
Services Aid	\$3,725,289,508	\$3,332,756,417	(\$392,533,091)	(10.5%)
Building Aid	\$3,036,196,391	\$3,045,429,569	\$9,233,178	0.3%
Reorganization Incentive Aid	\$19,001,946	\$17,651,115	(\$1,350,831)	(7.1%)
Reorganization Operating Aid	\$5,368,205	\$4,491,252	(\$876,953)	(16.3%)
High Cost Public Excess Cost Aid	\$619,769,941	\$666,931,747	\$47,161,806	7.6%
Private Excess Cost Aid	\$395,722,826	\$440,803,560	\$45,080,734	11.4%
Full-Day Kindergarten Conversion Aid	\$2,485,436	\$1,409,239	(\$1,076,197)	(43.3%)
Universal Prekindergarten Aid	\$836,119,279	\$848,613,111	\$12,493,832	1.5%
Pandemic Adjustment	(\$1,130,645,395)	-	\$1,130,645,395	(100.0%)
STAR	\$2,030,376,683	\$1,938,864,150	(\$91,512,533)	(4.5%)
Local District Funding Adjustment	-	<u>(\$1,352,361,404)</u>	<u>(\$1,352,361,404)</u>	<u>N/A</u>
State Subtotal	\$27,951,472,656	\$27,356,376,592	(\$595,096,064)	(2.1%)
Federal CARES Act Restoration	\$1,133,623,251	-	(\$1,133,623,251)	(100.0%)
Federal COVID-19 Supplemental Stimulus	-	<u>\$3,851,691,953</u>	<u>\$3,851,691,953</u>	<u>N/A</u>
Total Funding, with STAR & Federal	\$29,085,095,907	\$31,208,068,545	\$2,122,972,638	7.3%



Governor's Executive Budget Proposal Highlights of 2021-2022 Continued

New GAP Elimination Adjustment (GEA)

Local District Funding Adjustment

- Included in the Executive Budget, the reduction would not exceed any school district's Federal Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act allocation.
- Impact to Freeport a reduction of (\$6.5M) offset by an increase of \$6.5M- Federal COVID-19 Supplemental Stimulus.

**School District Funding
2021-22 Governor's Proposed Budget
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Aid Category	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	\$ Change	% Change
FOUNDATION AID	\$56,159,452	\$56,127,381	(\$32,071)	(0.06%)
SERVICES AID	\$14,525,703	\$14,802,431	\$276,728	1.91%
PUBLIC HIGH COST	\$4,478,499	\$4,098,737	(\$379,762)	(8.48%)
PRIVATE HIGH COST	\$1,472,830	\$1,294,188	(\$178,642)	(12.1%)
BUILDING AID	\$5,224,772	\$5,208,218	(\$16,554)	(0.32%)
PANDEMIC ADJUSTMENT	-	-	-	-
SUB-TOTAL	\$81,861,256	\$81,530,955	(\$330,301)	(0.40%)
LOCAL DISTRICT FUNDING ADJUSTMENT	-	(\$6,535,557)	(\$6,535,557)	N/A
COVID-19 SUPPL. STIMULUS	-	\$6,535,557	\$6,535,557	N/A
PANDEMIC ADJUSTMENT	-	-	-	-
SUB-TOTAL	\$81,861,256	\$81,530,955	(\$330,301)	(0.40%)
TOTAL AID	\$81,861,256	\$81,530,955	(\$330,301)	(0.40%)
STAR PAYMENT	\$7,820,181	\$7,474,312	(\$345,869)	(4.4%)
COMMUNITY SCHOOLS SET ASIDE	\$1,644,332	\$1,644,332	\$0	0.0%
UNIVERSAL PRE-K	\$1,080,418	\$1,827,589	\$747,171	69.1%



2021-2022 Proposed Budget Tentative Tax Levy Cap

- Allowable Tax Levy Growth Factor
(1.23% CPI Increase or Capped at 2.0%) = 1.23%
- After allowable exclusions and other adjustments and capital levy carryover, Tax Levy Cap provisions:
 - Maximum Allowable Tax Levy Cap: approximate range from 2.63% to 3.00%
- **The final tax levy amount will be determined following the adoption of the State Budget and a further review of State Aid, other revenue sources, proposed expenditures including capital projects and program needs.**

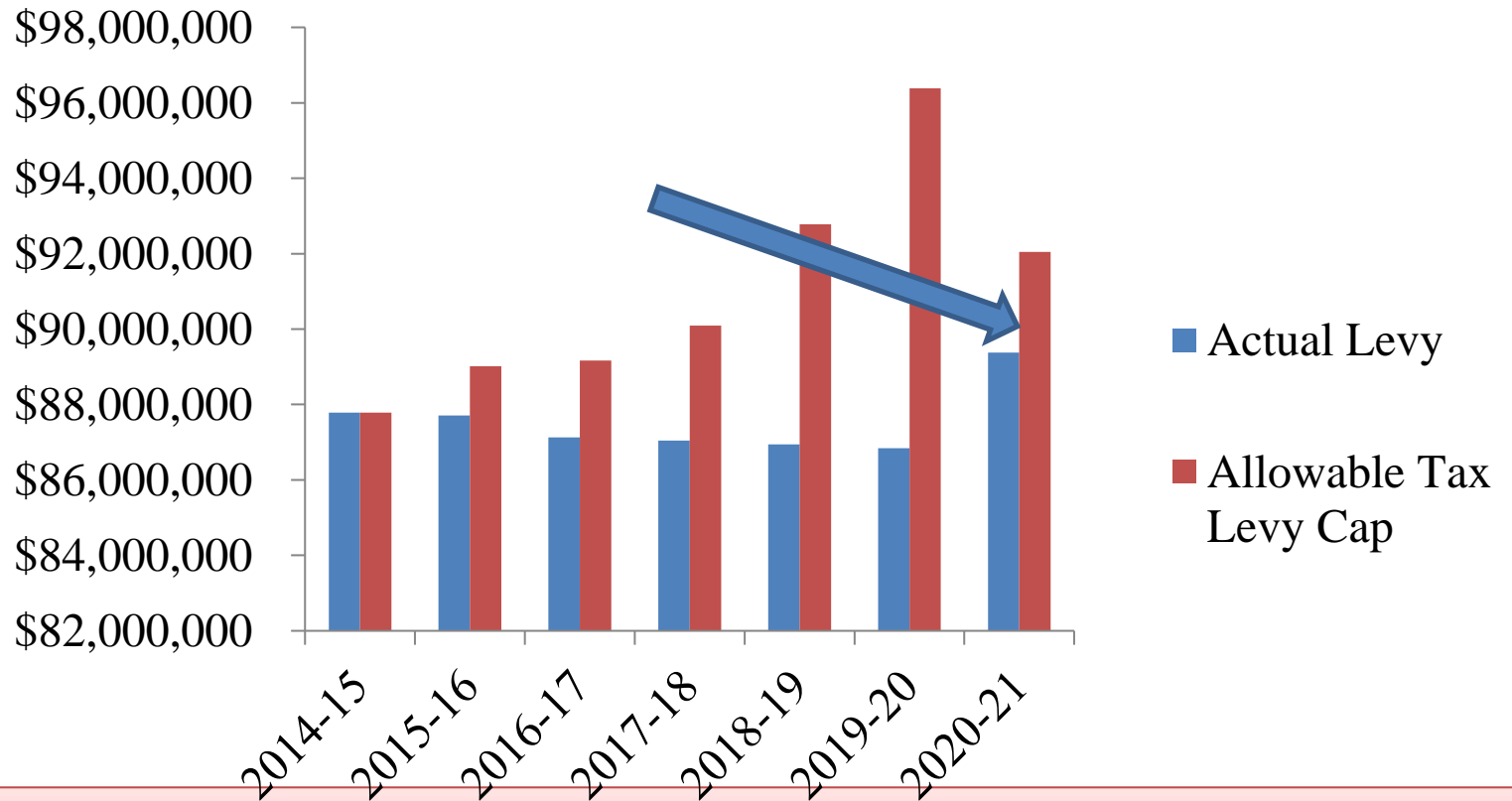


Freeport Tax Levy History

- **The Tax Levy has decreased from the 2015-16 school year through the 2019-20 school year.**
- **The Tax Levy has been decreased in 7 of the last 13 years**
- **The average Tax Levy increase for the past 13 years is only 1.29%**



Historical View – Tax Levy



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Proposition to Authorize to Expend From Capital Reserve Fund 2017

- Proposition for District-Wide Capital Projects from the Capital Reserve: \$2.5 Million

No additional cost to the taxpayers



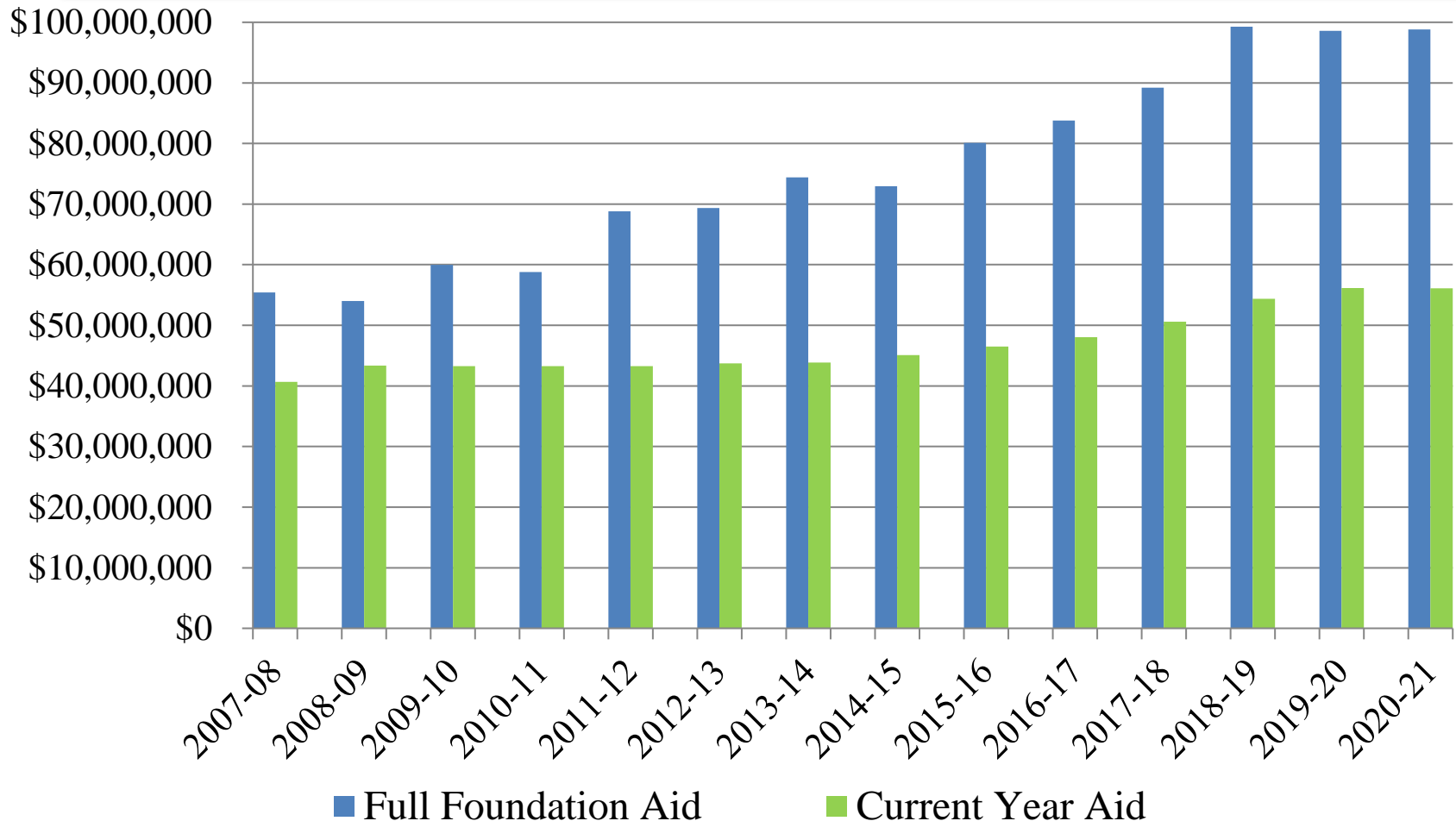
Foundation Aid Owed/Due to Freeport Public Schools

- **To date, if the Foundation Aid were fully restored, Freeport would receive over \$405 Million dollars.**

- **Annually, Freeport loses \$45 Million dollars.**



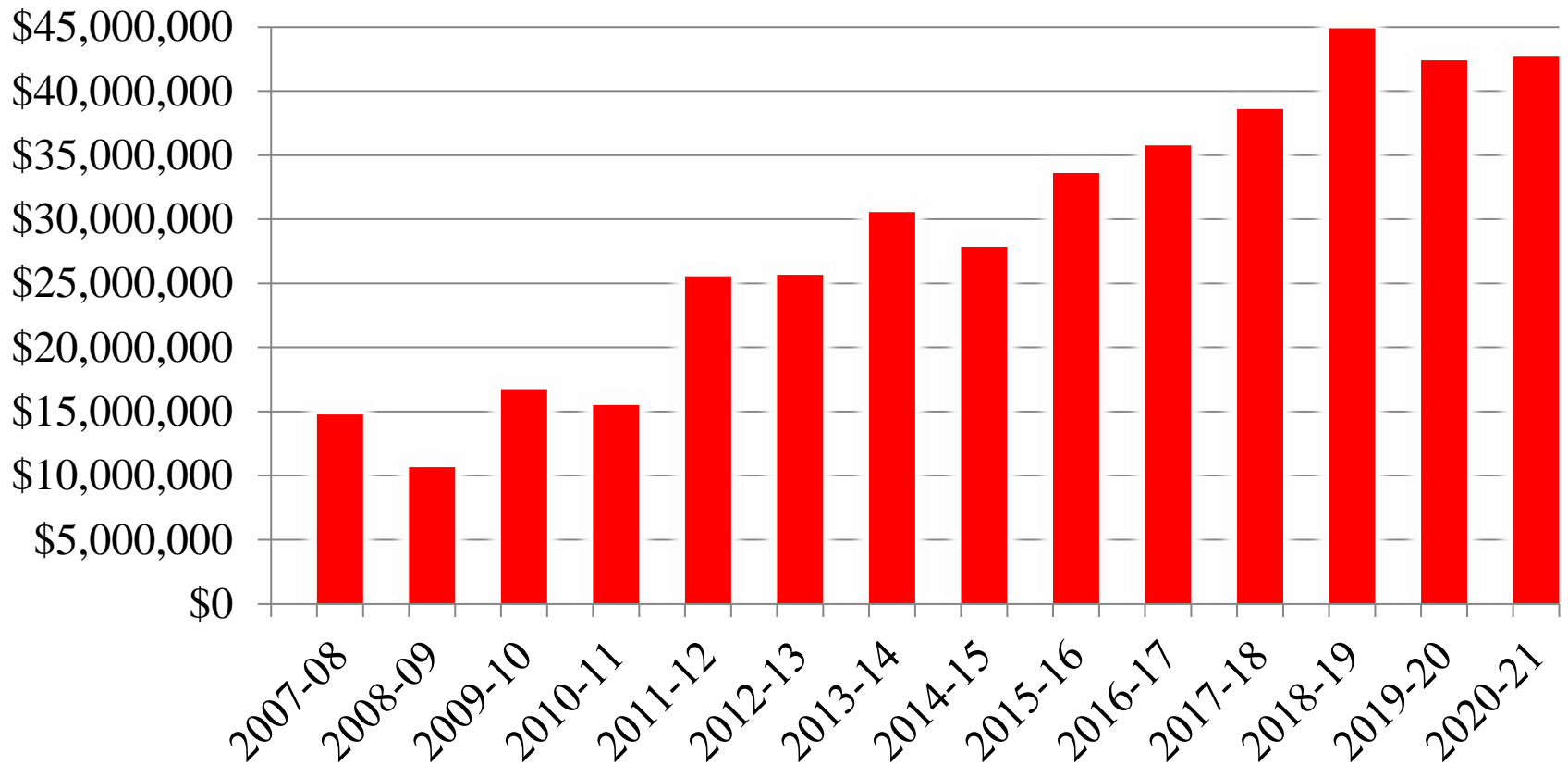
Foundation Aid vs. Current Year Aid





Foundation Aid - \$405 Million Owed to the Freeport Public Schools

Foundation Aid Lost





Advocacy

- Full Restoration of Foundation Aid
- Maintain expense driven aid categories; reject “Services Aid” consolidation
- Provide additional funding for COVID related expenses
- Reject proposal that eliminates prior year aid claims
- Provide additional funding for remote learning / high speed broad band
- Oppose combining and applying a fixed percentage change to the Expense Driven Aids including BOCES, Transportation and Special Education rather than being tied to expense
- Support Property Tax Levy Cap exemptions including accounting for enrollment increases, rising special education costs, etc.
- Provide Mandate Relief/No New Mandates



2021-2022 Important Budget Development Dates

- February 10, 2021: BOE Planning/Action Meeting
- February 24, 2021: BOE Action/Budget Meeting
- March 3, 2021: BOE Budget Workshop
- March 17, 2021: BOE Planning/Action Meeting/Budget Workshop
- March 24, 2021: BOE Action Meeting/Budget Meeting
- April 7, 2021: BOE Planning/Action Meeting/Budget Meeting
- April 20, 2021: BOE Action Meeting / Adoption of School Budget
- May 5, 2021: BOE Annual Public Hearing/Planning Meeting
- May 18, 2021: BOE Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

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Questions?