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Summit Public Schools

Annual School Budget 2021-2022

About Us

Highly Ranked Community and School District

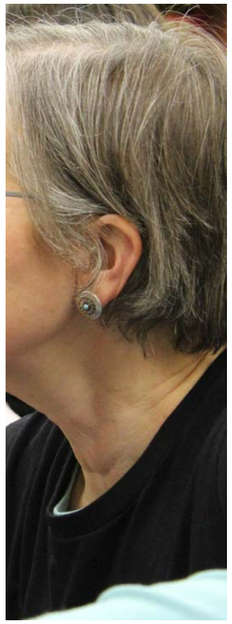
We consistently rank among the top school districts in NJ as well as best places to live.

Our Highly Qualified Teachers

We continue to recruit, develop, retain, empower, and support the highest caliber educators to provide outstanding educational experiences for all students.

Our Commitment to Excellence

For more than 200 years, the tradition of excellence in the Summit Public Schools has been supported by an involved community and strong and effective Boards of Education.



Our Strengths as a District

Academic Rigor K-12

Comprehensive Curriculum
Advanced Placement Courses
Honors Courses
National Merit Scholars
Continuing Education

Athletics & Co-Curricular

30 Varsity Sports - Conference, County, sectional group Championships approximately 900 student participate
Over 40 Co-Curricular Activities
Awarding-winning performing Arts Department and Forensics Team

The Arts

53 Music, Theater, and Visual Arts offerings
Full & Half Year courses
Nearly 500 students participate

Keep up with our progress on social media

Our Shared Values Reflected in This Budget

Technology, STEAM, New Opportunities

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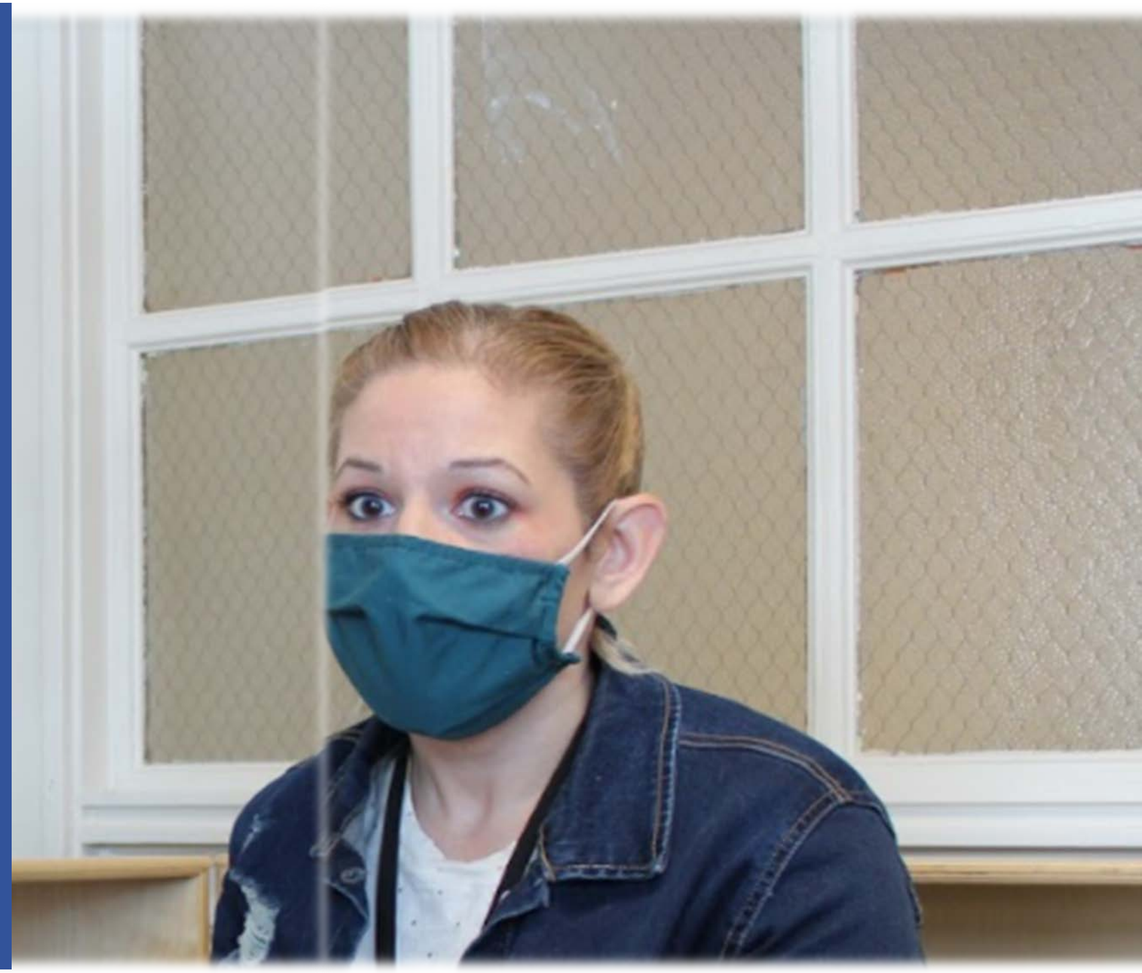
Social-emotional wellness and Mental Health



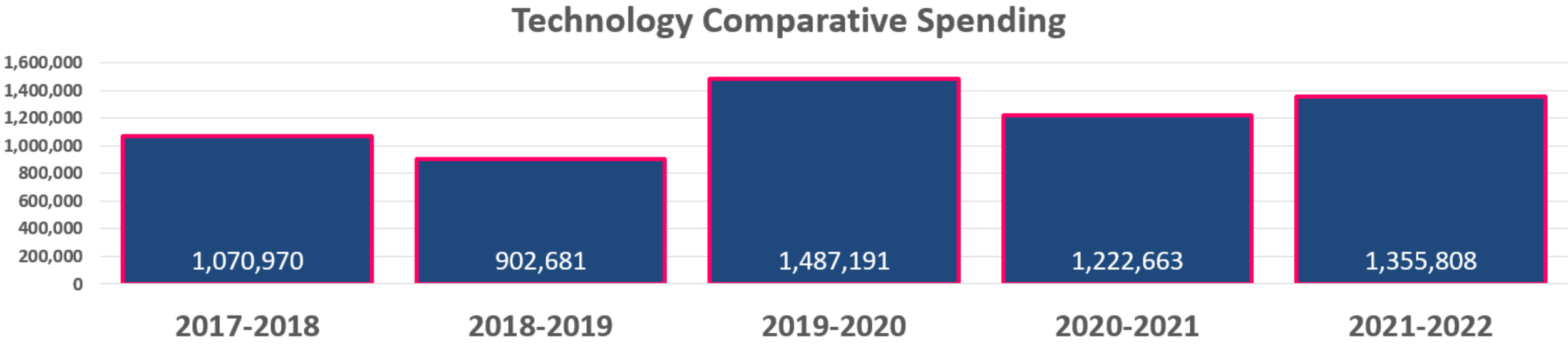
Our Shared Values Reflected in This Budget

Inclusivity and Anti-bias teaching and learning

Maintaining our digital learning environment in-person as well as remote

We now have achieved a 1:1 device ratio for every student Grades 1-12

This budget allows for replacement cycles to be met as well as maintaining our network infrastructure



Zero Based Budgeting

continuing to challenge cost positions

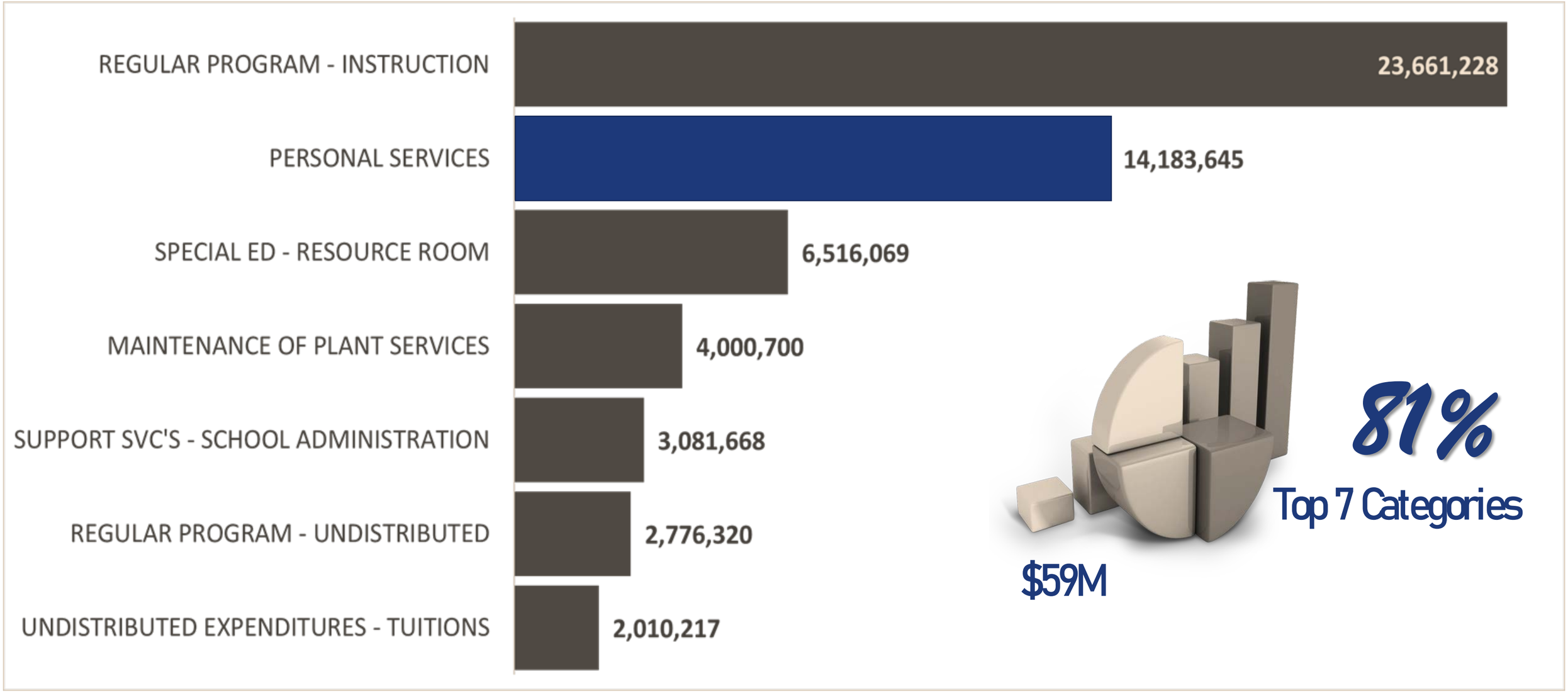
District-wide Priorities

Needs-focused rather than department or program perspective

Cross Curriculum perspective to ensure value add in addressing student needs

Strict adherence to Board Goals

THE COST OF EDUCATION IN SUMMIT



81%

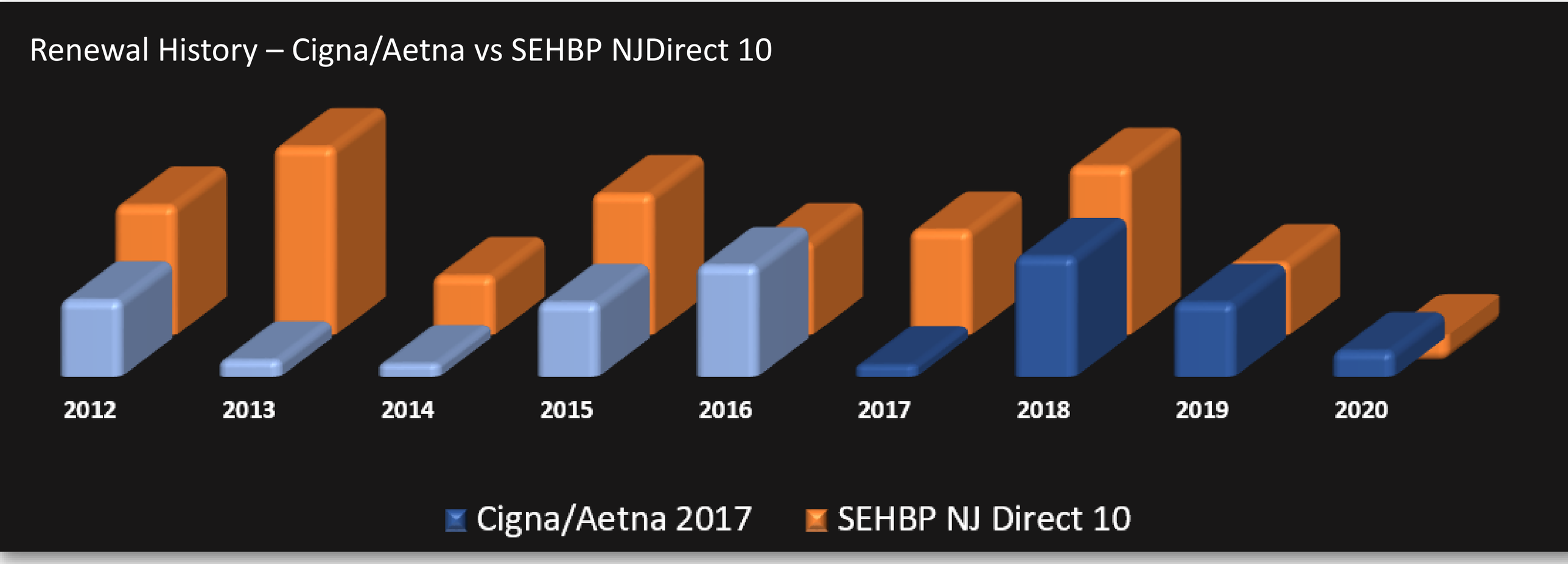
Top 7 Categories

$59M

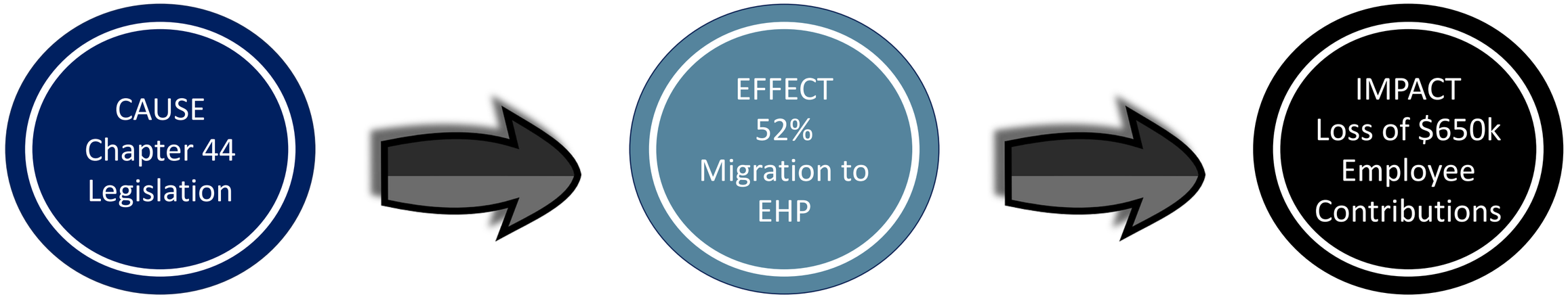
Managing Healthcare Costs $10.2M

- Annual Renewal Rate 4-7% range = $402,310
- Contribution Reductions = $650,000

Combined Increase est.
1,052,310 11.61%



Significant Loss of Employee Contributions



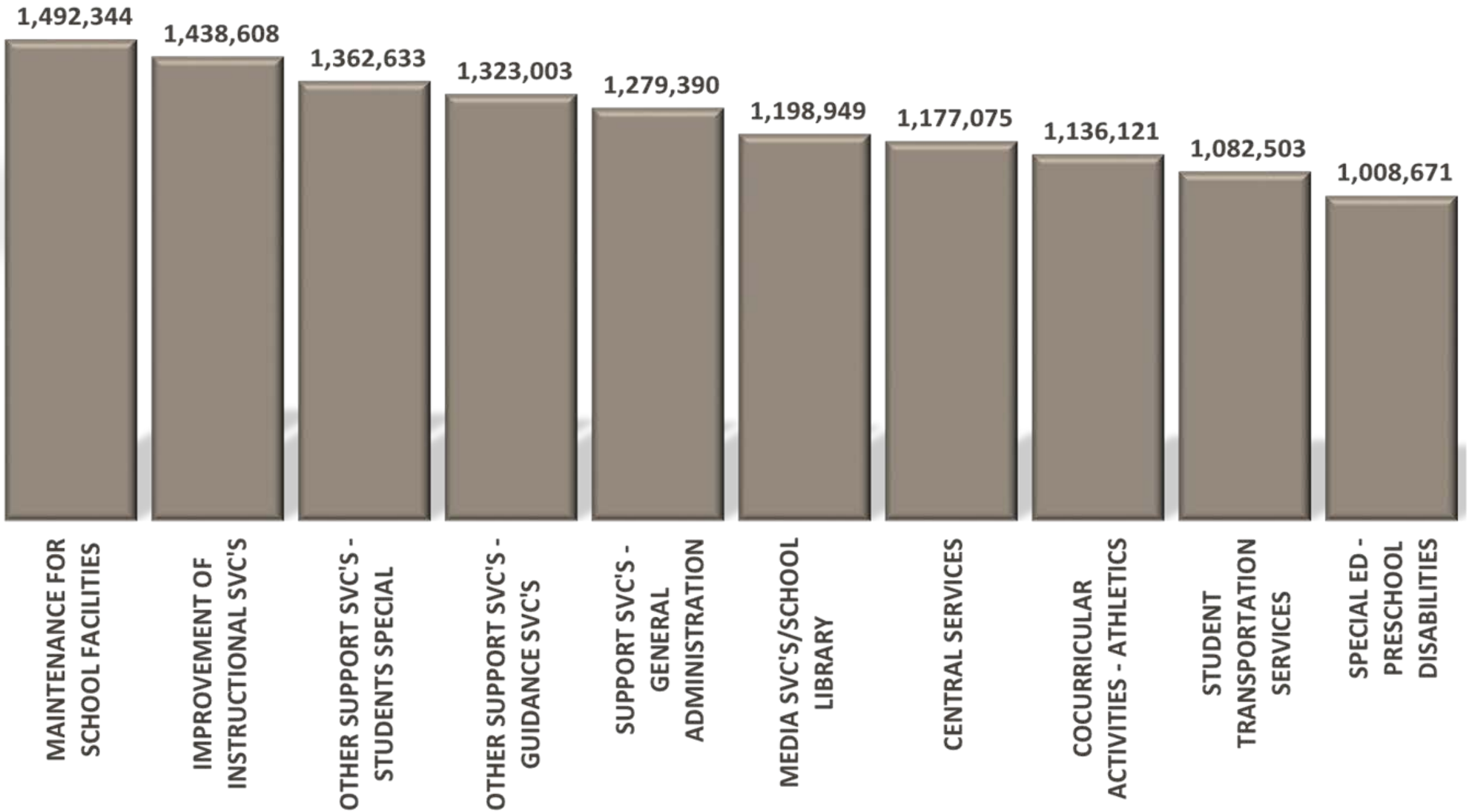
January 1, 2021 Chapter 44 went into effect creating the NJ Educator's Health Plan to provide relief from Chapter 78 Contributions

- increase in copayments including emergency room visits
- Higher out-of-network costs
- Significant reductions in out-of-network benefits

Trade Off – Less "Out of Pocket" coupled with significant reductions on contributions for those employees

Remaining 19% - categories under $2M

$18.4M

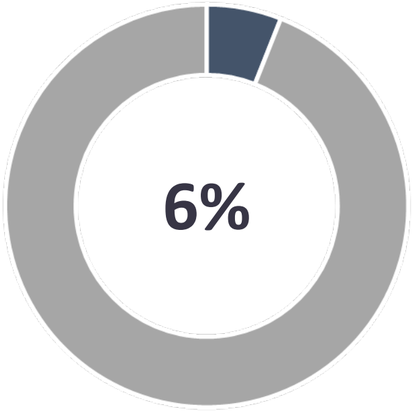


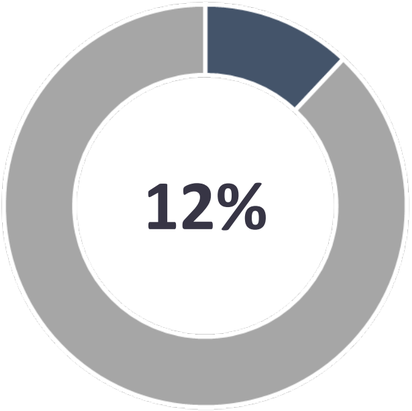
Categories not shown under $1M total $6M

STATE AID ACTUAL – *Released February 25th following Governor's Budget Address*

$3.3 Million or 4.5% of Budget

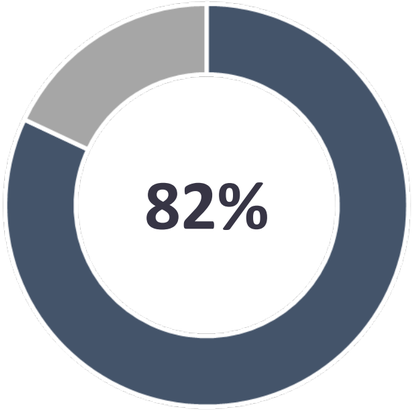
$203,264
Transportation Aid
Same as previous years – no increase





$391,879
Security Aid
Same as previous years – no increase

$2,747,521
Special Education Categorical Aid
Increase of $636,676 from revised State Aid issued July 2020 reducing our allotment by $296,968 for a
Net Increase of $339,708



$261,345
Debt Service Aid
Aid turned over to the City of Summit for School Debt as a result of Bonds

STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY – *Revenues beyond State Aid*

$1.7 Million - $1,654,206
Budgeted Fund Balance

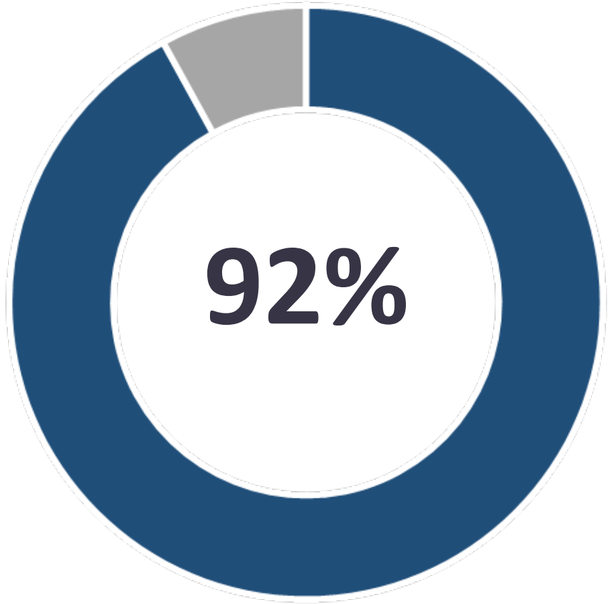
Audited Excess funds reserved for taxpayer relief in 2021-2022 budget.

$.5 Million - $479,684
Tuition from other Districts

- Special Education In-house programs $395,984
- Pre-K $83,700

$.5 Million - $489,571
Withdraw of Reserves

- Capital Reserve Projects $162k MS Paving, Franklin 5th grade wing AC
- Maintenance Reserve $328k Washington and SHS Floors/Masonry Repairs



$68.5 Million - $68,506,754
Local Tax Levy

Taxes levied for school purposes to support the 2021-2022 Annual Budget.

Tax Comparison Year over Year

"Maintaining quality programs by …

Effectively managing resources."

	2020-2021	2020-2021	% Change	$ Change
2021	66,872,641	68,506,754	2.444%	$ 1,634,113.04

$114.91
per year

Need for Use of Banked CAP – $296,660
From available $1.6M

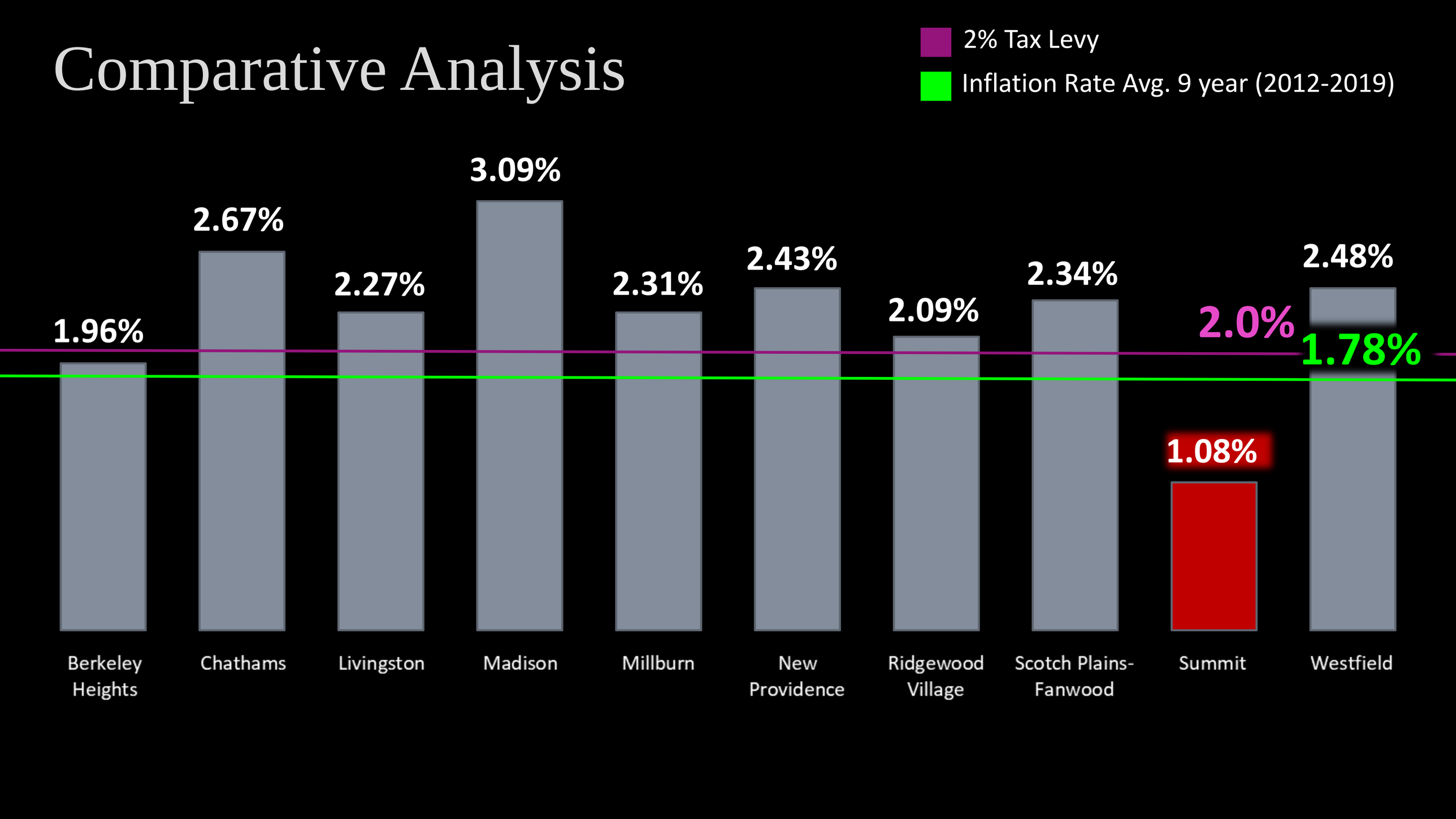
It is spending authority – the ability to raise taxes in future budgets beyond 2%

2%

Prior Year Budgets under 2% **$0**

2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021
expired	-$860,964		-$775,084
-$1,074,273			

Comparative Analysis



Q&A

BOSE Budget Hearing – March 29th – 7:00 PM