Finance Committee Meeting

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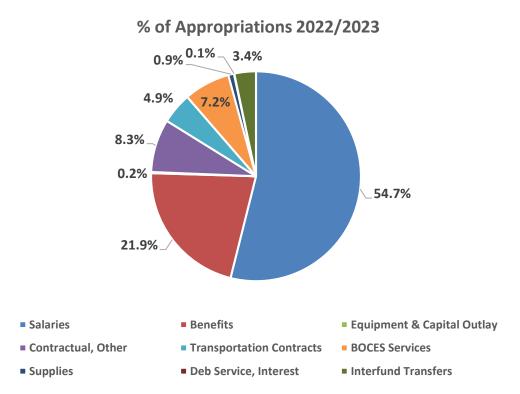
2022-2023 Year in Review & Forecast of Current and Future Years



- The focus of the October 11, 2023 Finance Committee meeting was the 2022-2023 Year in Review, where we examined the final financial results of the 2022-2023 Fiscal School Year, and various historical trends.
- The purpose of today's Finance Committee meeting is to recap some of the trends previously discussed, to forecast the current year, and to project, based on trends, the next three years.
- The primary focus of this presentation includes:
 - Salaries and benefits the largest annual expenditures of the District
 - State Aid and the tax levy the main funding sources of the annual budget
 - The impact of both on fund balance.



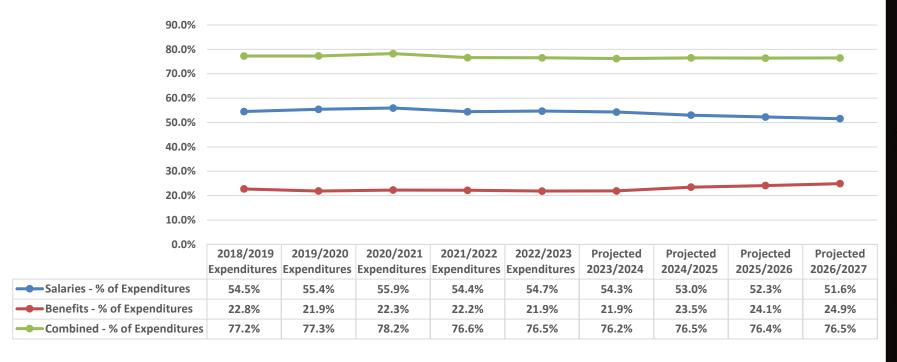
Appropriations



 Salaries and Employee Benefits make up over 75% of the District's annual expenditures.

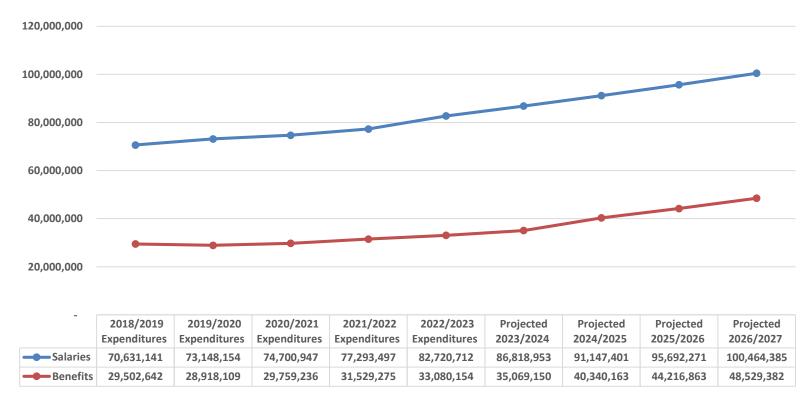


Salaries & Benefits in Relation to Overall Budget



This slide illustrates annual salaries and benefits relative to the overall expenditures. The growth in benefit costs, particularly in health insurance, consistently outpaces the growth of most other costs.

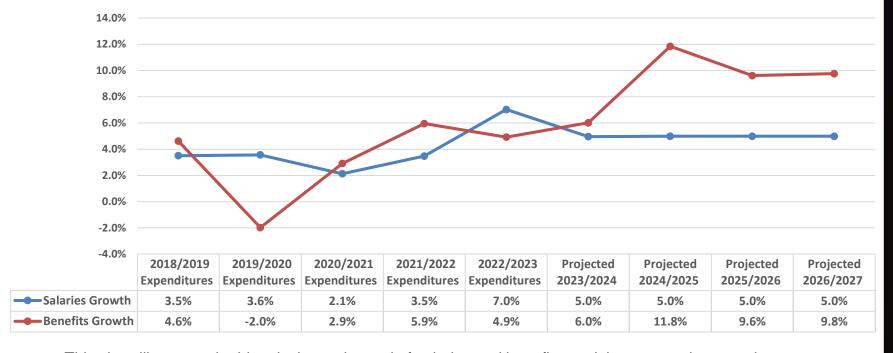
Salaries & Benefits



- Salary growth is reflective of contractual increases and staffing increases.
- Benefits growth is primarily reflective of health insurance premium increases, a larger base of insured employees, as well as anticipated increases in pension rates and the salary base for which these rates are applied.



Salaries & Benefits Growth

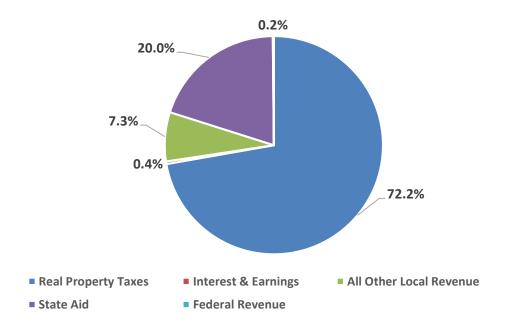


This chart illustrates the historical growth trend of salaries and benefits, and the assumptions used in our projection of the current and future years.



Revenues

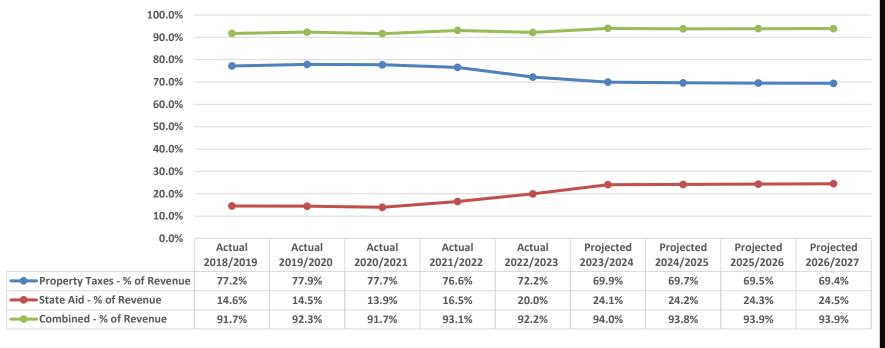
% of Revenue 2022/2023



Property Taxes and State Aid make up 90% of total annual revenues.



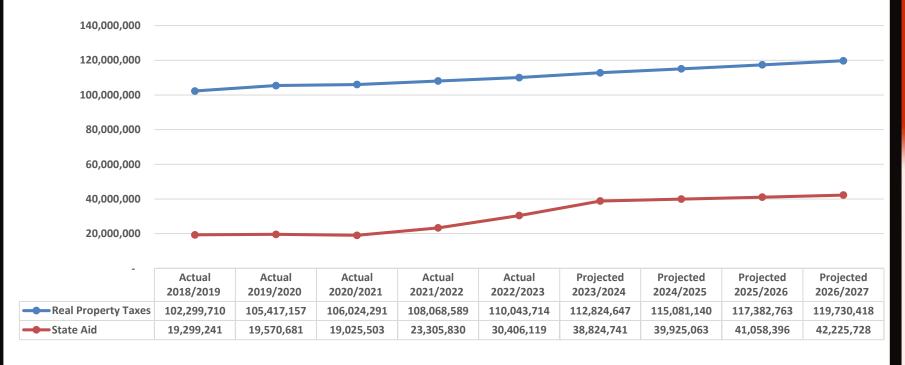
Property Taxes & State Aid in Relation to All Revenues



This slide illustrates the primary funding sources of revenue. State aid has increased significantly over the past few years, increasing the level of revenues from State Aid by more than 5%.



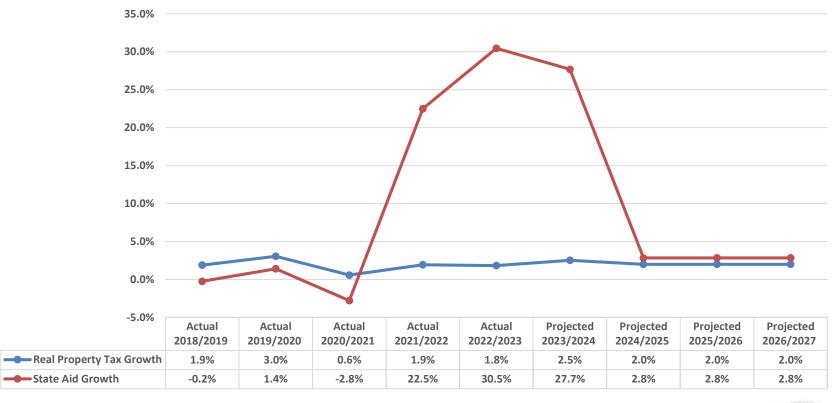
Property Taxes & State Aid



The chart above illustrates the growth in the District's two primary sources of revenue.



Property Taxes & State Aid Growth



The significant growth of State Aid is reflective of the State's 3 year plan to fully fund Foundation Aid from 2021/2022 through 2023/2024. Moving forward, we should expect a return to limited growth in State Aid.

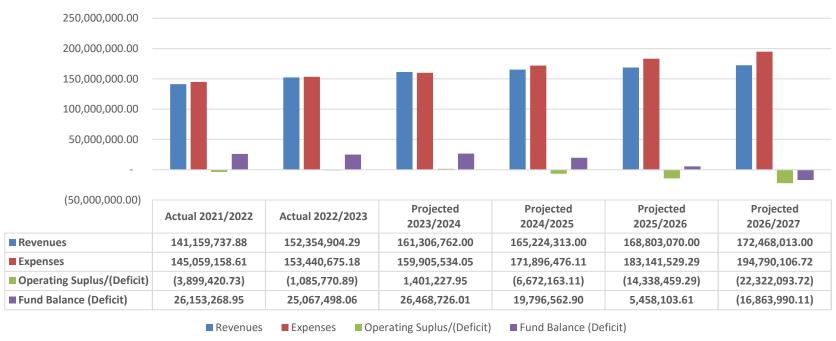
Revenue & Expenditure Growth



The Property Tax Cap, and limited growth of State Aid may impact the District's ability to raise revenue to fund the growth in the budget. While the correction in foundation aid has provided sufficient funding to offset costs in recent years, the limited growth going forward may not be sufficient to fund the continued growth of Salaries, benefits and other budgetary needs in the future.

Impact on Fund Balance

Total Revenues, Expenses & Changes in Fund Balance



Unless there is growth in revenue or a decline in expenditures, the result will be operating deficits, requiring continuous use of reserves, which is not sustainable.