

# CALENDAR

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APR. 2	½ DAY FOR STUDENTS	APR. 11	NYS 3-8 ELA ASSESSMENT WINDOW - THROUGH 4/19
APR. 2	REPORT CARD ELEMENTARY (SECONDARY APRIL 23)	APR. 19	HIGH SCHOOL SELECTION NOTIFICATION BEGINS
APR. 8	½ DAY FOR STUDENTS & STAFF	APR. 26	½ DAY FOR STUDENTS



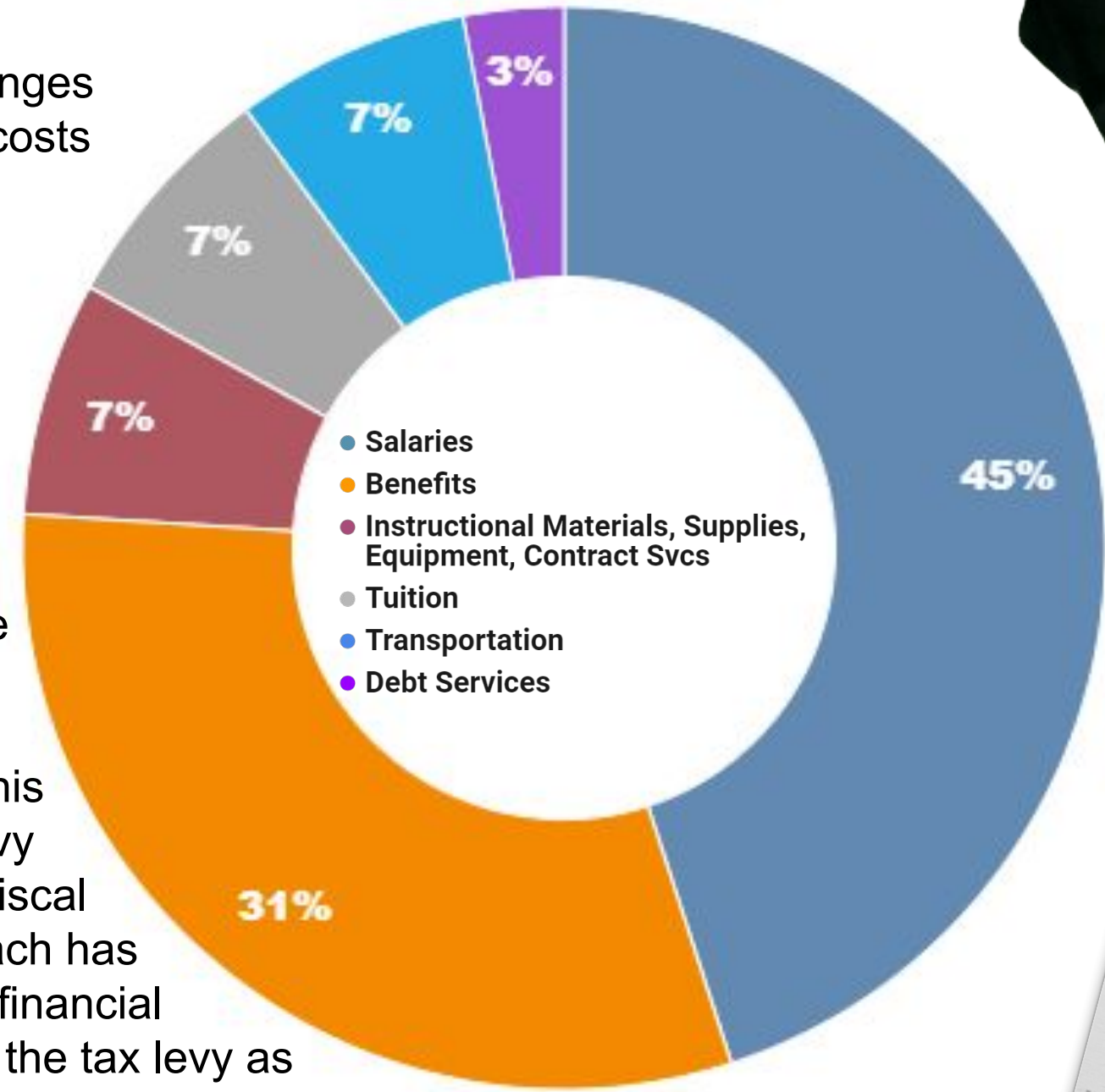
APRIL 2024

## NECSD BUDGET

The budget development process always presents different sets of challenges and this year is no different. As you know, we all feel the impact of rising costs on our personal budgets. The school district budget is no different. Costs are rising in almost every aspect of our spending.

In addition to rising costs, small city school districts across New York State celebrated receiving full foundation aid just last year, only to have that same formula in jeopardy this year.

As of the March 19 BOE meeting, the district is facing a \$9.03M gap for FY25. In addition to the factors listed above, the district has not raised the tax levy for 9 consecutive years. This means the total percent the district has collected from local taxpayers has not changed in that time. We are the only district in NYS that has been able to accomplish this. However, this has not come without its downside. If our district had increased the tax levy by just 1% each year over the last nine years our revenue, for the 24-25 fiscal year, would be over \$10 million dollars higher than it is today. This approach has forced the district to make tough choices and factors into the challenging financial position we face today. The district will continue to work diligently to keep the tax levy as low as possible for our taxpayers while being able to provide the educational programs environment we believe our children deserve.



As the educational leader for our district, my priorities that will focus on this budget are: the literacy of all scholars, supports for our English Language Learners (18% of our scholars), and our Exceptional Learners (special education). I recognize that our human capital is our most valued resource to achieve those goals. As such, all contracts are settled with one currently in negotiations before it expires at the end of June.

Budget development presentations for the 2024-2025 school year that have been given to date can be found on the district website's budget page. These presentations will continue to evolve following the timeline required by the state and adopted by our Board of Education. I encourage you to watch the entire meeting section and follow along with the presentation to better understand the process and the proposals that are being made. Developing opinions from soundbites and summaries from others who have their own agendas will not properly inform you of this process and even worse, may confuse and upset you unnecessarily. Budget development meetings and presentations can be found at [NewburghSchools.org/budget](http://NewburghSchools.org/budget)

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Dr. J. Manning Campbell, Superintendent of Schools

### HAIRSPRAY MUSICAL DEBUTS AT NFA

Performing three shows, with special performances for senior citizens and elementary students, the NFA spring musicals welcome alumni and community for hair, wigs, make-up, set design, videography, and to perform in the live band! Mr. Marc Shaiman, songwriter and composer of the original Broadway musical Hairspray, visited a dress rehearsal of NFA's spring musical performance of Hairspray, offering words of inspiration and high praise to our high school performers.



### 5TH GRADE MATH MEET WINNERS

Each year, nine students are selected from each elementary school to participate in the annual NECSD Math Meet competition. During each of these meets, students are mixed up into nine teams so each team has a representative from all nine elementary schools, facilitating relationships before the students enter middle school. The students are scored on mathematical knowledge, strategic thinking, and communication. This year's winning team includes students: Tyron Stevenson, Noa Cenizal, Riley Soper, Biana Smith, Olivia McGowan, Caitlin Cao, Sir Jedeon Paulinis, Avalyn Skakel, and Nayeli Rodriguez.



### STATE CHAMPIONS

Six athletes earned the title of State Champion this winter. For NFA Wrestling, Will Soto (101lbs.) and Cooper Merli (108lbs.) won their respective weight classes. Soto had a perfect season, breaking two school records. Merli secured his second consecutive State Championship title. Merli was the first NFA Wrestling State Champion since Al Favata in 1968. The NFA Boys Track & Field team placed first for the 4x400m relay with a time of 3:19:48. Kendy Georges (alternate - ran in the semifinals) David Pinnock, Anthony Burnett, Anthony Barrett, and Brady Danyluk broke school records all season leading up to the final meet. This year's State Championship title is the 32nd state title for the NFA Boys Track & Field team.

NECSD HAPPENINGS

# NECSD BY THE NUMBERS

## STAFFING

**1081**

Teachers in the district & 179 Teaching Assts. (TAs)

**579** CSEA

Members

**72**

SEL Staff Members  
30 School Counselors  
20 School Psychologists  
22 School Social Workers

**88**

Security Personnel

**31**

Technology Support Staff

## OPERATIONS

**210**

School buses from 5 different bus companies.

**12,500**

Miles driven per day by our buses.

**17**

Buildings in the district

### Did you know?

The Career and Technical Education (CTE) building on West Street is scheduled to break ground in the spring of 2024.

**6,300**

Breakfasts served per day (95,000 per month)

**7,500**

Lunches served per day (113,000 per month)

## ACADEMICS

**23**  
**17**  
**63**  
**23**

Advanced Placement (AP) courses available

Honors courses available

CTE Courses available

CTE Pathways to Graduation

## ATHLETICS

**117**

Sports teams in the district

### Did you know?

The NFA Valedictorian and/or Salutatorian has been a Varsity athlete for the last several graduating classes.

**3**

Languages taught in the district

**43**

Music, Dance, and Drama classes

**24**

Art classes

**23**

Math classes offered in HS alone. (includes 13 AP/College credit courses.)

**30**

Science classes offered in HS alone. (includes 9 AP/College credit courses.)

**33**

Social Studies classes in HS alone. (includes 7 AP/College credit courses.)

### Did you know?

NFA had the most students recognized for New York State's Seal of Biliteracy in 2023.

### Did you know?

Students can take dance to fulfill their physical education requirements.

### Did you know?

Students can take Photography, Fashion, and Visual Communications and Design as pathways to graduation.

### Did you know?

60 opportunities are offered throughout the year for our students to showcase their work.

## STUDENTS & FAMILIES

**42**

Languages spoken in the district

**60**

Pre-K openings still available for our families.

### Did you know?

The Pre-K program was established in 1974 and is celebrating 50 years. It is a free resource for all of our families.

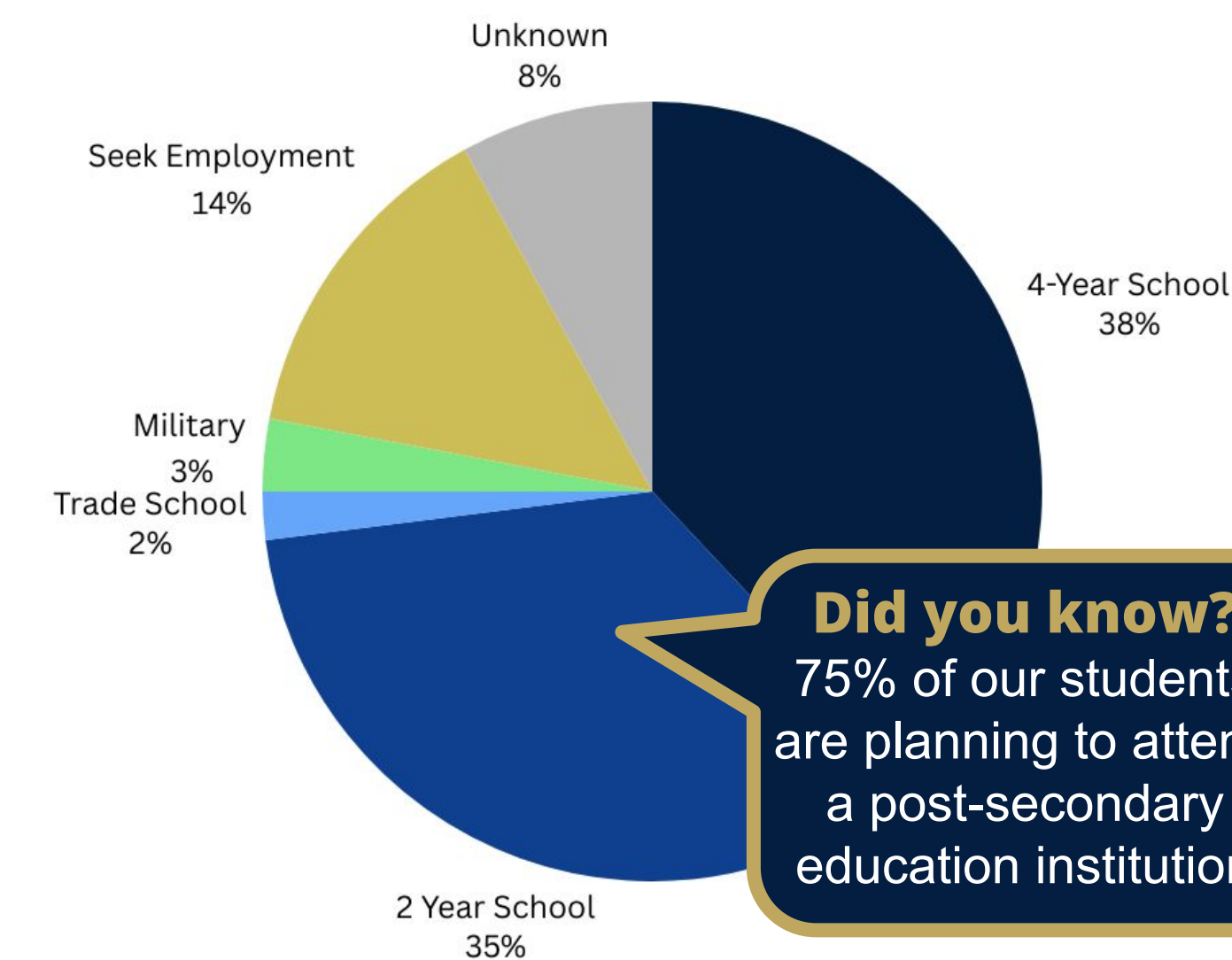
**13**

College credit partnerships

### Did you know?

We partner with Syracuse University, Marist College, Mount St. Mary College, University at Albany (SUNY), SUNY Orange, Mercy College, SUNY New Paltz, Alfred State College, SUNY Delhi, Rockland Community College, Bryant and Stratton, Mohawk Community College, Niagara County Community College.

## AFTER GRADUATION PLANS



### Did you know?

75% of our students are planning to attend a post-secondary education institution